

BROKERS FIND BALM

IN WAR TAX LAW

Highly Pleased With Provision Just Discovered, Permitting Income Deductions.

AID FOR FLOOR TRADERS

Stock Exchange members were greatly pleased yesterday to learn that, through a provision of the income tax as applied to the new "war" tax of \$2 on the transfer of each 100 shares of stock, traders will be relieved of much of the burden of the income tax this year.

The general provision of the income tax, which is applied to the Federal, State and municipal taxes paid from further Federal taxation applies not only to the Federal tax on transfers of stock and the similar State tax, but to the amount of the income tax paid last year and to all of the special revenue "war" taxes.

Wall Street was chiefly interested in the application of the provision to stock transactions and to the income tax paid on last year's income tax levy. The income tax for 1914 was not paid until before the end of January, 1914, so that it comes within the deductions allowed on Government taxes paid within the last calendar year.

Special interest on the Stock Exchange centered on the permission for deduction of the stock transfer taxes, Federal and State. These taxes, totalling \$4 for each 100 shares of stock traded in, amount to large sums in the cases of important traders and floor traders who in and out of the market many times during the day, relying for his profits on fractional differences in the market prices between his purchasing and selling prices.

TAX BLANKS SCARCE

Rush to Pay on Income Exhausts Supply—Minimum of Confusion.

With two and a half business days yet to go before all income tax returns must be filed, a staff of about twenty-five clerks is busy at the window through which a immense heap of returns in the Internal Revenue Collector's office in the Custom House after closing hours yesterday afternoon looking office from which received the returns last year.

Better organization, made possible by the first year's experience, has reduced confusion to a minimum. The desks of last year have given way to rows of flat desks behind a glass and wood screen, with the clerks' hard hats and windows designated for the various branches of the work.

One feature prevalent last year was in the case of the supply of the supply of individual tax blanks, the form known as "1040," was exhausted. Collector Anderson received 10,000 of these blanks last week.

A large contribution to the smoothness with which the returns are being handled this year is the result of the education of the tax paying public. Although queries in person and by telephone are numerous, the experience gained last year has familiarized the public with the law to an extent which has reduced the number and the difficulty of these queries enormously, with a consequent lessening of the general confusion.

One point still is not clear to many persons, according to the collector's deputies. This is the requirement that all persons having an income in excess of \$1,000, whether the taxpayer or the recipient, must file a return. The fact that the exemption for married couples is \$4,000 has led many to believe that if they are married and their income is between \$2,000 and \$4,000 no return is required.

Monday, March 1, is the last day under the law for receiving returns. It was stated at the collector's office yesterday afternoon that returns must be in before Monday midnight. In case they are made by mail, the envelope is postmarked at midnight the returns will be considered as having been received on March 1.

Through the law says returns may be made either in the district in which the taxpayer resides or in the district where the recipient of the money or the business men are making their returns in the downtown Manhattan district.

Loss Newport Summer Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas have leased through De Blos & Elders the summer place of Dr. and Mrs. Victor B. Clark, known as "Gull Rock" on 1915 season. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas passed last summer in Europe.



MISS DUNCAN SCOLDS THE RICH FROM STAGE

Tells Audience She Found Only True Appreciation on the East Side.

Miss Isadora Duncan, the dancer, caused a sensation yesterday afternoon at her performance at the Metropolitan Opera House when toward the close of the dancing she made a speech from the stage in which she said that her art was not being appreciated in this country as much by the wealthy class as by the poorer class of the East Side.

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MR. MARTIN'S REENTRY.

American Tenor Heard Once More in "La Boheme."

The fact that he came forward last night for Mrs. Caruso's departure might be construed to mean that he was engaged to take the famous tenor's place; but since he could hardly be expected to do that the inference must be set aside.

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LUNCHEON FOR DEBUTANTES.

Mrs. Bloodgood Entertains at Home—Mrs. Neilson at Plaza.

Mrs. Frederic Neilson gave a luncheon yesterday in the main restaurant of the Plaza. Among her guests were Mrs. Henry A. Wood, Mrs. George C. Knapp, Mrs. Richard A. Butler, Mrs. William C. Frasier, Mrs. John G. Sweeney, Mrs. Charles H. Bowers, Mrs. Edward S. Knapp, Mrs. Richard A. Butler, Mrs. William C. Frasier, Mrs. John G. Sweeney, Mrs. Charles H. Bowers, Mrs. Edward S. Knapp.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

In the ballroom of the Gotham this evening will be held the first for this season of the College Women's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slade, who were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, in Paris, on February 14, are in the Adirondack. They intend to sail for Paris next week.

There was a meeting of the Thursday Morning Sewing Class yesterday at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, 632 Fifth avenue. The efforts of the class are for the benefit of the Babes' Hospital.

The Thursday Evening Dancing Class held a meeting last night in the Waldorf apartment of the Waldorf-Astoria.

A new series of dances under the auspices of the Paul Jones Club will begin to-night in the Della Robbia room of the Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Henry Gaylord Elliott, Mrs. Charles P. Looser, Mrs. Edward S. Coy, Mrs. Harold M. Ward and Mrs. Howard M. Nixon are among the patronesses of a dance to be given to-night in the veterans' room, Seventh Regiment armory. The room will be handsomely decorated.

NEW PLANS FOR BLANCHE RING

Klaw & Erlanger Associated in the Management of Her Tours.

Klaw & Erlanger announced yesterday that they have become associated with Frederic McKay in the tours of Blanche Ring. Several plays are under consideration for her use.

Following a New York engagement Blanche Ring will make a tour of the large cities of the country.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Edith Taliaferro will make her debut in vaudeville at the Palace Theatre next Monday in "A Breath of Old Virginia" by Tom Barry.

Mrs. Leslie Carter and Lilian Lorraine are to be seen at the Colonial Theatre next week. Mrs. Carter will appear in the fourth act of "Zaza."

Extensive alterations in the Liberty Theatre are being made for the presentation of the new play, "The Birth of a Nation."

The Russian Symphony Society, Modest Altschuler conductor, will give a series of popular Sunday night concerts at the Park Theatre, beginning on March 7.

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Bogen County Bar Association dinner, at the Waldorf-Astoria, 7 P. M.

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For the first time, it was said, the Astor home was used for an undertaking of semi-public nature. Mrs. John Jacob Astor received her guests in the picture gallery, where are displayed the famous paintings collected by several generations of the Astor family.

Pritz Kreidler, lately returned from service with the Austrian army, was the violinist and played four numbers in surroundings distinctly unusual. As the large company present listened to Mr. Kreidler's delightful music they enjoyed at the same time the opportunity of seeing the Astor picture gallery.

The particular object of the concert was for the benefit of the woman's wing of the hospital which supports the St. Nicholas Morning Bible Class, under whose auspices the concert was organized. The financial results were very satisfactory. Nearly \$3,000 was derived from the sale of 600 tickets.

The arrangements of the afternoon were in personal charge of a committee that included Mrs. Nathaniel Boardman, Mrs. William C. Frasier, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Francis C. Bishop, Mrs. Lewis Iselin, Miss Martha McCook, Mrs. John G. Sweeney, Mrs. Henry A. Wood, Mrs. George C. Knapp, Mrs. Richard A. Butler, Mrs. William C. Frasier, Mrs. John G. Sweeney, Mrs. Charles H. Bowers, Mrs. Edward S. Knapp.

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Following the last number on the programme Mr. Kreidler played as an encore Dvorak's "Humoresque." Carl Lamson was at the piano.

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The Sale Will Be Conducted by MR. JAMES F. SMO.

DR. JAMES F. DONNELLY DIES ON DUTY IN SERBIA

American Red Cross Surgeon Had Adventurous Career in Many Lands.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—A despatch from Sarajevo says that Dr. James F. Donnelly of the American Red Cross mission, which has been serving in Serbia, died of cholera at Nish and that his body will be sent to the United States.

Dr. Donnelly was a resident of New York on a grant from the University of Louisville. He went to Serbia last November with other physicians and twelve nurses sent by the American Red Cross. He had soon been ordered to go to Louisville and held a royal medical degree in Holland.

Dr. Donnelly had an adventurous career. In 1887 he entered the British transport service and saw active service in South Africa. The next year he spent on the west coast of Africa studying tropical diseases. Following this he entered the employ of the Holland-America Line and for nearly five years was ship surgeon and port physician at Rotterdam.

In 1907 he was sent by the Holland-America Line, upon the outbreak of cholera in Hamburg, to study conditions in various European ports. Later he spent a year in the Far East studying tropical diseases and then continued his studies in South Africa, Central America and the West Indies.

During a year in Haiti Dr. Donnelly had the duty of bettering sanitary conditions and in 1912 he was sent to the United States to study the conditions in the port of New York, having been appointed by Dr. James O'Donnell of the quarantine station.

William H. Baker.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—William H. Baker, aged 64, a chocolate manufacturer, who had a factory in Brooklyn, died at his home here to-day of liver troubles after eight months' illness.

Living Strong Upon.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 25.—Living Strong Upon, registrar and treasurer of Rutgers College, died of heart trouble in his office this morning.

He had been registrar of the college for twenty-two years. Mr. Strong was born at Marlton, N. J., on February 6, 1855, and entered Rutgers College in 1877.

Three years after his graduation he took his master's resolution. In 1912 he became registrar and treasurer of Rutgers College. In the sixty-first year of his age.

Services at Riker's Island. Butcher's College, Saturday, February 27, at 2:30 P. M.

Funeral private.

COOK.—On February 25, at his late residence, 404 Union place, Brooklyn, John Sumner Cook, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

JORDAN.—Louis, aged 72, formerly of THE FUNERAL HOME, 241 West Twenty-third street, died at his late residence at 8155 Madison street, Brooklyn, on February 25, at 11:30 A. M.

MATHEW.—Sally, daughter of the late Mrs. Broome Mathey, aged 72, died at 223 Seventh avenue, New York, on February 25, at 11:30 A. M.

Services Stephen Mathey's chapel, 223 Seventh avenue, New York, on Wednesday, February 25, at 11:30 A. M.

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