

150,328 WOMEN PAY STATE INCOME TAX

One-fifth of Number Filing Returns Here and in Whole Country.

MANY HEAD FAMILIES 331,464 Joint Reports Made for 1919—\$3,290,000,000, Subject to Levy.

FEW WOMEN DODGERS Head of Investigation Department Praises Fair Sex for Honesty.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, June 19.—Of many interesting facts contained in records of the New York State Income Tax Bureau concerning tax returns filed in 1919, the most striking are those given out yesterday showing the important part played by women in bearing the tax burden of the Empire State.

Announcement that 150,328 women filed State income tax returns in 1919, contributing very materially to the cost of State government, will be surprising to many. This was one-fifth of the total reporting.

That New York State women lead their sisters in other States as income taxpayers is indicated by the latest published Federal figures, which show that in 1918 a total of 274,854 women filed income tax returns in the entire United States, and 120,017—more than one-fifth—were residents of New York State.

Figures given out by State Comptroller Wendell show that 107,603 single women not heads of families filed returns and paid taxes aggregating \$2,159,781. Their average net income subject to tax was \$2,322.

Single males not heads of families reporting numbered 192,981. Single men paid a tax totalling \$10,445,976, and their average net income subject to tax was \$3,429.

Income Nearly Alike.

As an illustration of the extent to which women are sharing the cost of Government, it may be pointed out that 29,210 single women filed returns as supporting heads of families, as against 37,998 single males who made similar returns. The women in this group receive average net income subject to tax of \$2,599, and the amount received by men averaged \$2,970—not such a wide margin.

While the income tax law provides that husbands and wives may file separate returns, the joint return was, as expected, the more numerous. Husbands and wives filed 331,464 joint returns for 1919, and a close up on statements attached to returns tells the story of how devoted husbands were assigned the privilege of spending sleepless nights toiling with income tax figures and blanks.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about statistics on men and women concerns married females who filed separate returns, some with dependents and others without. This class included a very large number of wealthy women whose names are familiar to residents of the metropolis. The number totalled 12,815 and exceeded those of married males, with or without dependents, who totalled 12,584.

Records show that \$4,500,000 of the 1919 tax aggregate came from single and married women who filed individual returns. This amount would be greatly increased if the joint returns filed by husbands and wives could be separated to show what part of the combined incomes should be credited to women.

Single Men Not Heads of Families Paid Average Tax of \$54.22, While Single Women in Same Class Paid \$20.17.

Husbands and wives filing joint returns paid an average tax of \$36.15. Heads of families, male and female, unmarried, ran a close race: males paid an average tax of \$19.11; females \$18.10. "A very odd thing," said James T. Somers, chief of the investigation division, "is that few women are tax dodgers. Since April 15, which was the last day for filing State income tax returns, field investigators have conducted over 10,000 individual investigations from New York to Buffalo, and of the \$50,000 or more collected from delinquents only an insignificant amount has been collected from women who neglected willfully or through ignorance of the law to make 1920 returns. They have willingly shared the tax burden and shown themselves to be honest citizens."

Information Showing the Distribution of Returns of Residents of the State by Marital Relationship Follows:

Single male, not head of family—Total number of returns, 192,981; total tax paid, \$10,445,976; total income subject to tax, \$700,401,846; average payment per return, \$54.22; average net income subject to tax, \$3,629.

Single female, not head of family—Total number of returns, 107,603; total tax paid, \$2,159,781; total income subject to tax, \$255,250,899; average payment per return, \$20.07; average net income subject to tax, \$2,322.

\$3,290,000,000 Subject to Tax.

Married male filing separate return, with or without dependents—Number of returns, 12,815; total tax paid, \$8,490,491; total income subject to tax, \$385,205,655; average payment per return, \$657.63; average net income subject to tax, \$3,610.

Married female filing separate return, with or without dependents—Number of returns, 12,584; total tax paid, \$1,917,483; total income subject to tax, \$119,282,749; average payment per return, \$149.63; average net income subject to tax, \$2,970.

Married, joint return of husband and wife—Total number of returns, 331,464; number of dependents, 449,083; total tax paid, \$1,061,799; total income subject to tax, \$1,589,771,738; average payment per return, \$32.03; average net income subject to tax, \$4,789.

Head of Family (Male), Unmarried—

Total number of returns, 37,998; number of dependents, 8,171; total tax paid, \$1,198,623; income subject to tax, \$172,260,826; average payment per return, \$19.11; average net income subject to tax, \$2,970.

Head of family (female), unmarried—Number of returns, 39,910; dependents, 38,779; total tax paid, \$481,426; income subject to tax, \$77,729,351; average payment, \$18.10; average net income subject to tax, \$2,322.

The total income subject to tax in New York State in 1919 was \$3,290,000,000.

DIVERSE CAREERS CHOSEN BY RADCLIFFE GRADUATES

Twenty-four Occupations Represented in Census Taken This Year Among Graduates; Chief Idea of Those in Class Is Interesting Service.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BOSTON, June 19.—Twenty-four occupations are represented in the census of careers taken at Radcliffe College among the 104 young women in the graduating class. Their chief idea is interesting service.

Teaching, which claims 31 per cent. of the 1921 class, includes more than ever the romance of service because of the present teacher shortage. One Radcliffe daughter will go to Porto Rico to teach, two will be nurses, two will be librarians and one will teach college astronomy.

In the remaining twenty-three fields the 9 per cent. taking up secretarial work is the largest number staying at home. Seven per cent. are to continue their studies—one with a fellowship at Vassar, one at Bryn Mawr, one at Boston University and four at Radcliffe.

Six per cent. will enter the field of business—one as a department store buyer, two as personnel directors and three as office executives.

Five per cent. will take up some form of commercial art work. One will do nursery decorating and another make advertising posters. Five per cent. will go into social work—one to make a study of abnormal children.

Three per cent. will study music and three per cent. will teach it, giving lessons and leading choruses. Four per cent. have already entered the field of matrimony. Three will study to become doctors of medicine, three will take a training course for nursing and three per cent. will do laboratory work.

Two graduates will go into the newspaper field. Among the other fields that will claim at least one graduate alumnæ are physical education, medical dietetics, scientific farming, zoological research and the drama.

FREE LUMBER MEN WILL DEFY HARDING

Farm Bloc's Leaders Threaten to Carry Fight to Floor of House.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The President's yacht Mayflower, with the President and Mrs. Harding and their party of friends aboard, spent today anchored off Point Lookout, in Chesapeake Bay just off the mouth of the Potomac. A wireless message received here at 9 o'clock to-night from the yacht said, "Fine weather. All well."

PRESIDENT'S YACHT AT MOUTH OF POTOMAC

Mayflower With Notables Expected at Capital To-day.

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The Mayflower is expected to reach here about 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Among those with the President and Mrs. Harding are Myron T. Herrick, newly appointed Ambassador to France; the Under Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry P. Fletcher, Senator and Mrs. New Senator Knox, Senator Cummings, Representative and Mrs. Longworth and Brig. Gen. Sawyer. The yacht left late yesterday and no shore stops were planned.

It is now proposed to apply the 25 per cent. duty on finished lumber that is tongued and grooved, which the opponents of the schedule say includes virtually all of the high class building material. Other kinds of finished lumber it is proposed to admit free.

Representative Young of North Dakota and Representative Newton and Anderson of Minnesota say they will take the fight to the floor—a decision that is regarded as a defiance to President Harding, who is assumed to have approved the proposed lumber schedule, indirectly, by favoring a "bartering tariff."

The opponents of the lumber schedule have lined up all the farming while Eastern members who are in touch with the housing needs of their section are allying themselves also with the opposing group.

The situation presents singular embarrassment to the Administration, which realizes the importance of the political support of the farming and which would take the teeth out of the radical agrarian propaganda of the West.

Political leaders are earnestly recommending that the Administration walk carefully in the situation and call attention to the firm organization that the agricultural industry is assuming. In addition to the Department of Agriculture, the so-called agricultural bloc, the demands of agriculture have resulted in the formation of a special committee of economists in the Department of Agriculture, fostered by Secretary Wallace. This committee aims to study the agricultural problem scientifically and will especially consider such questions as transportation, rural credit and finance, tariff and foreign market investigations.

HELD FOR SHOOTING IN WHICH WOMAN DIED

Cino Accused of Firing Shots at Policemen.

Raffael Cino of 597 President street, Brooklyn, alleged to have been one of the Italians who fired at policemen late Friday night just before Mrs. Grace Richards was killed at the house in President street, was arraigned before Magistrate Steers in Flatbush court yesterday and held in \$5,000 bail for examination Thursday.

An affidavit by Detective Thomas Downes of the Bergen street station charged Cino with felonious assault upon Policeman Thomas Conroy. Cino was arrested Saturday night. He denied he fired any shots at the policemen. Assistant District Attorney Salvaggi of Kings county believes that Mrs. Richards was killed by the policeman, who mistook her in the darkness for Cino.

BOY, 16, SENT TO JAIL FOR KILLING HIS MOTHER

Declares Gun Was Discharged Accidentally.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., June 19.—Lywood Weibert, 16 years old, son of John Weibert, a truck farmer near Griggstown, is locked up in the Somerset county jail charged with the murder of his mother.

Mrs. Weibert was killed yesterday when her husband was in New Brunswick. Her son picked up a double-barreled shotgun, belonging to his father, saying that he was going out to shoot a crow. She ordered him to return the gun to the kitchen corner, and in attempting to obey her he allowed the gun to slip from his grasp. It was discharged and a load of shot struck Mrs. Weibert in the upper part of the body. She died before medical assistance could reach her.

The boy is heartbroken over his mother's death and insists that it was accidental.

CARNEGIE ESTATE AS SCHOOL

Shadow Brook May Be Sold to Lake Placid Institution.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LEXINGTON, Mass., June 19.—Shadow Brook, owned by Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, may be sold to the Lake Placid School for boys at Lake Placid, N. Y. Its purchase is favored by Herbert L. Malcolm, head master, who has found it suitable.

Sixty boys are now attending the school, which has a year's lease yet to run. Double that number could be accommodated at Shadow Brook.

An estate of 450 acres goes with Mrs. Carnegie's mansion, with a large boat house and shore frontage on Lake Mahoche.

Close for the season on July 1st.

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Photographer of Men.

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FIRE IN BIG MOOSE CAMP.

ULICA, June 19.—Fire which destroyed the main buildings and the adjoining cottages of the Higby camp, the oldest camp in the Big Moose section, early today, caused \$50,000 damage and endangered a large number of other cottages and camps in the vicinity.

TAX FRAUD SCANDAL COVERS WIDE AREA

Jail Terms to Be Demanded for Swindlers, Declares Internal Revenue Bureau.

EX-OFFICIALS INVOLVED

Millions of Dollars Lost to Government and Victims—Indictments Expected.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, June 19.—

Jail terms will be the punishment for bogus tax experts, some of whom formerly were in the employment of the Government for tax frauds on taxpayers and the Government, it was announced today at the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Losses to taxpayers in stupendous sums, it is now disclosed, have been suffered by taxpayers who were fooled by the talk of alleged Government tax advisers and their assurances that "influence" could effect reductions in normal tax liability.

Revenue Commissioner Blair, amazed at the disclosures of skilled investigators, has decided on the most far reaching investigation, and declared that both fines and imprisonment will be insisted on by Government prosecutors in cases now being developed.

Mr. Blair said the tax fraud scandal, which first showed in Kansas and Missouri, now has reached into practically all larger cities of the Eastern States and in many cities of the middle and central West. Millions of dollars in revenue have been lost to the Government, reports show, through activity of the fake tax experts, and taxpayers themselves have lost millions more by what officials declare to be the "slippery methods" adopted by the fakery.

The reports revealed that tax swindlers have preyed with success in practically every State. It is further revealed that the activities of the "tax experts" have been directed from central offices located in different parts of the United States.

Complicity of former government employees in the frauds provides one of the astonishing chapters now being developed. Mr. Blair said that several individuals who formerly held posts of responsibility and who had access to confidential files of the Treasury Department have used such information illicitly piling up fortunes for themselves.

The methods employed, Mr. Blair said, have varied somewhat, but generally have followed the line of the bogus solicitors offering to use "influence" at Washington to obtain deductions in large amounts from the tax returns.

Mr. Blair expressed amazement that such a large number of people have been fooled by the operations of the swindlers. The swindlers actually have caused thousands of taxpayers to underestimate their tax liability, and usually have so manipulated their clients that they have been able to rake off a large percentage of the difference between the amount due and the amount actually paid to the Government. In the process the Government has been a heavy loser, though as the records of this form of fraud are incomplete, it is not now possible for officials to even estimate the full extent of the Government losses.

The disclosures of Gov. Allen of Kansas first brought to Mr. Blair's attention were found to lead into still larger scandals. Soon after Secretary of the Treasury Mellon directed the fullest inquiry into the situation in Kansas it was said the skilled investigators picked up trails leading into large Eastern cities.

Later search has shown that the operations were country wide, with many ramifications.

Most of the former Government employees whose direct connection with the frauds now seems to have been established have been investigated and in many instances found to have served only short tenure in the Government service. It was the game of many of them, it now appears, to get into the revenue service long enough to become familiar with files of the chief offices.

After brief service many resigned and continued to use the inside facilities of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and are suspected of having attempted to bribe some of the minor officials to help their game along.

Just how much help they got from officials who had the power of approval or rejection on important tax questions wherein the points of legal deductions were in dispute, is not officially made known. This part of the scandal, however, is expected to take a sensational turn within a few days, when indictments are returned.



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