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NEARLY HALF CHEAT STATE INCOME TAX

Big Percentage of Persons Subject to Levy Said to Falsify Returns.

CITY AIRS FIRST CASE

Woman Held Despite Plea She Did Not Intend to Evade Law.

FORCES ARE INADEQUATE

Actress Who Charged Off Silk Stockings Every Day Cited as Typical Dodger.

Twenty per cent. of the persons subject to taxation under the State personal income tax law are dodging this obligation deliberately, and a similar or even greater number are falsifying their income tax statements in deliberate violation of the law.

These estimates were made yesterday by Deputy State Tax Commissioner James S. Y. Ivins in discussing the case of Mrs. Jennie M. Robinson, 29 years old, a dress designer of 264 Fort Washington avenue, who was arraigned in Tombs court charged with violation of the State income tax law and held in \$200 bail for the Court of Special Sessions by Magistrate Nolan. The complaint was made by Niles R. Becker, district director of the State Income Tax Bureau, 233 Broadway, who alleged that Mrs. Robinson failed to file a return to the State on her income of \$4,175 in the year 1920.

In support of his allegation Mr. Becker filed an affidavit by Helen Guert, bookkeeper for A. Trains & Co., dress manufacturers of 135 Madison avenue, which indicated that Mrs. Robinson, then Miss Jennie Moskowitz, had been paid that amount in salary during the year 1920. Assistant District Attorney Purcell said that this case was the first of its kind brought in New York city.

Now Earns \$100 Daily.

Sol Friedland, 291 Broadway, attorney for Mrs. Robinson, pleaded not guilty for her, waived examination and said that the woman, who now earns a salary of \$100 a day, had not intentionally violated the law.

In making his estimate of the number of tax dodgers Mr. Ivins said that fewer than a dozen persons have been reported by the auditors for prosecution and of this number only a few actually have been brought into court. "The great trouble we have," he said, "is that our corps of investigators, not to mention our clerical force, is entirely inadequate. We have only fourteen men covering six counties, included in which is the city of New York. Why, it would take these fourteen men half a year to cover the Equitable Building property. The Federal Government has 300 men covering the same territory. Wherever we can get affidavits or other papers from employers or other sources showing that the persons have deliberately attempted to defraud we are going to prosecute vigorously, but of course there are many ways of concealing incomes. "A good example of what we are up against might be shown in a case which I have under consideration. There is an actress living on Riverside Drive who has an income something like \$40,000 a year, and yet by various means she is able to cut her statement of net income down to about \$2,000. One of these means is the cost of her silk stockings. According to her income statement, she wore out so many pairs of stockings as part of the expense of her profession, and she wore up and down a pair of stockings to each performance. Of course, if she were a dancer, that might be believed, but she has a society party which does not appear to be especially hard on footwear. Besides this, there was an item of several hundred dollars to keep these stockings in repair. And this lady, with her \$2,000 net income, lives in a \$4,000 apartment and comes into my office wearing a \$10,000 fur coat.

Many Pinch Off Part.

"Our greatest loss in tax dodging comes not from those who avoid the tax altogether but from those who conceal the greater part of their incomes. I am unable to put any estimate on these amounts but I should say they are very large.

"The Legislature does not handle the tax collecting in a business way. It would be very good business for them to increase the number of investigators and to increase the number of clerical forces. I mentioned the fourteen men I mentioned are turning in eight times their salaries with expenses. If we had 140 men, each would earn equally well. Last year, with our office force of 140 men, we succeeded in obtaining \$45,000 which would have been lost to the State. With three times that force we could increase that amount to \$150,000.

"Setting the clerical hire at \$1,000 for each person the return would be about \$2 for each dollar expended. It would be mighty good business, but the Legislature doesn't look at it that way. They like to go before the people with a record of low appropriations. Even if the return is only paid for the increased expense of investigating the moral effect on the populace would be worth while."

UNITED HOSPITAL FUND ADVANCES TO \$275,000

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Head Contributors With \$5,000.

Contributions received to date in the forty-fourth annual collection of the United Hospital fund total \$275,000, according to a statement issued from headquarters, 105 East Twenty-second street, last night. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. headed the list of contributors yesterday with a donation of \$5,000. Other contributors include: Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, the L. & W. Coal Co. and Henry K. McHarg, each gave \$1,000.

The following persons contributed \$500 or more: National Biscuit Company, Leroy Frost, Crowell Hadden, Emily Trevar, Peirles Buhler & Co., Louis S. Stroock, Goldman, Sacks & Co., Mrs. Louise D. Vanderbilt, Victor Morris, United Piece Dye Works, P. J. Goodhart & Co., Arthur K. Salomon, Vacuum Oil Company, Francis L. Hine, John A. Black, West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., W. H. Leberstein, John T. Underwood, Shearson Hamill & Co. and Charles S. Fairchild.

CAPT AHEARN ENDS TRAFFIC JAM IN THEATER DISTRICT

Solves Problem by Getting Forty-fifth Street Shows to Let Out at Different Times and Then Clearing Street of Motors for Each Show.

Only a few nights ago the prize theater block of New York—the block of Forty-fifth street between Broadway and Eighth avenue—was, any time between 10:30 and 11:30, a howling, swearing, struggling, chaos and tangle of indignation, anger, hopeless and disgusted human beings. Then, en masse, 12,000 persons were poured almost simultaneously from the seven glittering theater fronts of the block, while hundreds of motor cars, chugging and blocking each other's way, literally jammed the roadway. The tangle caused more profanity, probably, than any other traffic problem of anything like similar size.

Many important persons had tackled this problem, brass hats of the F. D. and experts translated into officialdom from civil life, but none of them had come within a mile of solving it. Until Capt. Mike Ahearn came along the problem had baffled them all. But Capt. Mike looked the bad block over, scratched his head and said he guessed there must be a way. He ruminated and then went to Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Harris with the results of his cogitation. The head of traffic saw the scheme and warmly approved of it. It was so simple that when it was put into practice everybody said, "Gosh, why didn't they think of that before?"

Every night now automobiles depositing patrons at the theaters go to the block of Forty-fifth street, between

FAKE DRY RAIDERS GET \$200 IN GRAFT

Four Men Show Search Warrant at Silver Beach Yacht Club.

Four men went into the Silver Beach Yacht Club at Fort Schuyler road and Long Island Sound, The Bronx, last night, showed Harry Hanson of 1857 Vyse avenue, The Bronx, the club steward, a search warrant signed with the name of United States Commissioner Hitchcock and said they were prohibition enforcement agents.

According to Hanson, they said that they would not make the raid if Hanson would give them \$300, and Hanson compromised with them for \$200, which he said he gave to Peter Boylan of 851 West Fifty-first street. The men then started from the club, but meanwhile a friend of Hanson's had telephoned the Westchester police station, and the men were arrested as they reached the street by Detectives Reilly, Rice and Thompson. They also arrested a fifth man, William Gordon of 473 Ninth avenue, who was in an automobile waiting for the others.

When the detectives searched the men at the police station they found eight search warrants in the pockets of the prisoners, some of them signed with the name of Commissioner Hitchcock, and others with that of William Hayward, United States Attorney. The prisoners were charged with forgery, extortion and impersonating Federal officers. Besides Gordon and Boylan, they are John Murphy of 14 West Fifty-first street, Thomas McCabe of 360 West 141st street and John McGrady of 168 Amsterdam avenue.

SEIZED BEER BARRELS FILLED WITH WATER

Police Blame Peevish Bootlegger for Trick.

Some bootlegger who, the police believe, has been annoyed by the activities of the police of the West Forty-seventh street station in seizing all the beer they can lay hands on lately, drove up in a van in front of 356 West Fifty-third street late Monday night and left thirteen half barrels labeled "beer" on the sidewalk. At any rate, it was about midnight that Lieut. McGowan got a telephone call from a man who said he had seen the mysterious cargo deposited there.

A patrol wagon and half a dozen strong patrolmen took the kegs to the West Forty-seventh street station and stored them in a back room. A test for scientific purposes showed that they were filled with water.

NOLAN SEES REPEAL OF MULLAN-GAGE LAW

Al Smith's Neighbor Predicts Legislature's Action.

The Mullan-Gage liquor law will be repealed "within a month or two," Magistrate Thomas J. Nolan, neighbor and friend of Governor-elect Smith, said yesterday in Tombs court when Harry Gardino of Donagan Hills, Staten Island, was arraigned on a charge of violating that act. To Robert Barron, a detective attached to the First Inspection District, Magistrate Nolan said: "It will be only a month or two until this law will be repealed by the State Legislature. In the meantime I don't appreciate that head of this law brought before me unless the police officers have procured a search warrant to enter the places where arrests are made. This man is dismissed."

HILLMAN PUTS FAITH IN SOVIET BACKING

Defends Russian-American Industrial Venture.

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, gave out a statement last night telling why he and his colleagues consider the Russian-American Industrial Corporation "a safe and profitable investment, and answering the arguments put forth against the corporation and its Russian investments by William C. Thompson, who resigned recently as financial adviser of the corporation. Mr. Hillman said that the contracts with the Russian Government called for the investment of \$200,000 immediately in the syndicate that heads the national clothing industry and does its buying and selling.

"Mr. Thompson," said Mr. Hillman, "speaking according to his expertise and his lights, had a right to come to the conclusion which he has indicated. We are not offering stock in the Russian-American Industrial Corporation to those whose principal interest is in obtaining the largest possible security in an investment for purely money making purposes. We are offering it to those who are interested in Russian industrial reconstruction and wish to help. The chief need of Russia's industries is working capital, and we believe that investors in our corporation will be protected by the stability and good faith of the Soviet Government."

NEW SERUM STOPS GANGRENE ADVANCE

Physician Announces Success After Years' Experiment and Research.

Through the use of a newly discovered serum, an isotonic solution used to arrest the progress of gangrene, successfully checking of a serious case, was effected in the case of Edward Trainer, of 28 Broad avenue, Ossining, who was discharged from St. Mark's Hospital in this city yesterday.

The case of Trainer was more advanced than the average case heretofore checked by use of the serum. Ten years ago both of Trainer's feet were frozen, and as the gangrene progressed he lost both legs and several fingers by amputation. He was in a very serious condition when admitted to St. Mark's Hospital last March. Since then he has received thirteen injections of the new serum, and yesterday he was sent to his home. He will report to Dr. Jablons for the next seven weeks, and will have a single treatment each week until remaining symptoms of gangrene have been destroyed.

BROKER GOES TO JAIL ON BUCKETING CHARGE

Esra Read Vail Faces 17 Indictments at White Plains.

Esra Read Vail, the first man to be indicted in Westchester county for bucketing and stock swindling, went to jail at White Plains yesterday when he was arraigned before Judge Bleakley in the County Court and was not able to give the bail demanded by the District Attorney. He was arrested in New York Monday night. There are seventeen indictments against him, sixteen charging bucketing and one charging grand larceny.

Vail was a member of the firm of Brooks & Co. of New Rochelle, which he established with Frederick T. Brooks, a Bronx garage owner. Brooks was not active in the company and put auditors on the books when Vail crossed the year ago. He had been bucketing, Brooks is said to have paid \$18,000 out of his own pocket to satisfy creditors.

GIRL NOT TO TESTIFY IN DILLON & CO. CASE

Accused Secretary Says Such Action Might Degrade Her.

Ruth Smith, secretary of "Dandy Phil" Kastel, alleged broker of Dillon & Co., bankrupt stock broker, and a fugitive from justice, refused to testify yesterday before Referee Peter B. Olney on the ground that it might degrade and incriminate her. She is under indictment with Kastel and three others of the Dillon company in Montgomery county upon charges of grand larceny in connection with stock transactions. She told the referee that if she is permitted to testify in Montgomery county she will absolve herself.

S. H. WOOLWORTH VERY ILL

Chain Store Head in Critical State in London.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 5.—S. H. Woolworth, head of a chain store organization, is critically ill at his home in London, according to a cablegram received today by Mrs. C. S. Hatley of this city, mother of Mrs. Woolworth.



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SERUM CURES BOY IN DIABETIC COMA

Victim Gains 20 Pounds in Two Weeks—Said to Be First Case Here.

George Van Haasel, aged 16, of 271 Irving avenue, Brooklyn, was removed from the Sweeney Hospital to the New York Hospital three weeks ago in a diabetic coma—the last stages of diabetes and the forerunner of death. George received the new insulin treatment from the pancreas of a pig, which is being tried out by the New York Hospital, and came out of his coma, the first case on record in this city, and left the hospital a few days ago in good physical condition. During the last two weeks he has gained approximately twenty pounds.

"This boy," said Dr. Thomas Howell, superintendent of the hospital, yesterday "will always have to diet, and will from time to time have to receive injections of pancreas extracts. But he will live indefinitely by taking proper precautions. Until now a vast majority of youthful diabetics died, and certainly all did that reached the coma state. "The pancreas extract does not cure though the same as antitoxin does in diphtheria cases. Diabetes once acquired is always with a patient, but by means of these and insulin injections life may be indefinitely prolonged."

WANAMAKER MUCH BETTER.

Doctors Will Issue Only One Bulletin a Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—The condition of John Wanamaker, III at his home with a heavy cold, showed such marked improvement to-night that the attending physicians announced only one bulletin a day would be issued in the future.

"Mr. Wanamaker's condition throughout the day," said the doctors' bulletin, issued at 5 P. M., "showed gradual improvement."

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