

LUXURY BUYING DONE ON BIG SCALE IN U. S.

Taxes Show That \$1,200,000,000 Worth of Luxuries Are Sold in Year.

New York, May 11.—Luxury buying in New York is now going on at the rate of \$1,200,000,000 a year. Judged by the amount of luxury taxes—amounting to \$10,500,000 a month—which are being collected by William H. Edwards, United States collector of internal revenue for Manhattan, in February, according to the collector, the government received from his office \$2,900,000 more in luxury taxes than was paid in any previous month in the history of the department. The month of April probably will exceed them.

"The receipts, he says, have been mounting higher and higher for six months.

"What some people call the 'orgy of spending' has not exhausted itself," said Mr. Edwards today, "but my men, in their talks with merchants and others who pay the great bulk of the taxes, have been told that the 'peak' of extravagance seems to have been reached and that a period of retrenchment is close at hand.

No Grumbling.

"We hear a lot about the income and excess profits tax which falls due in the spring of every year and about the hardships of meeting it but that fact is that the steady tax, and one which is least felt by the public and of which we hear very little, is the luxury impost. The poorer chap who buys his girl an ice cream soda doesn't grumble at the penny or two tax any more than does the rich youth who presents his fiancée with a diamond tiara or a touring car. Neither misses it as the item is so small as compared with the expenditure.

"A king's ransom was spent for candy last December but the biggest revenue came from jewelry, furs and automobiles. The theaters showed that in January they did an unusually prosperous business. When persons start to economize they usually cut out amusements but in January, in the borough of Manhattan alone, \$782,891.43 was paid in taxes. Multiply that by ten and you will get some idea of how much Father Knickerbocker and his guests are paying to be entertained at just the theaters. There are no indications of any panic in these figures. The man who said:

BRINGING UP FATHER

By GEORGE M'MANUS



"Always be a bull on the great U. S. A." seems to be vindicated.

Small Sales Count.

"An interesting thing about the luxury tax is that more revenue is being derived from ice cream sodas and other small sales which carry a penny or two of tax than there is from the sale of motor cars, diamonds and other luxuries. Druggists paid a large sum on expensive perfumes and cosmetics. Every manufacturer, producer or importer is required to make such returns as will clearly show each taxable transaction in the sale of certain goods and these are verified by revenue officers. Section 904 of the revenue act of 1918 provides that 'on and after May 1, 1919, the tax of 10 per cent shall be levied and collected on luxuries, including many kinds of expensive articles in daily use. In the sale of these articles the dealer acts as a collection agent for the government. Other taxes are paid in the form of stamps.

"One of the reasons for the falling off in the receipts of income and excess profits taxes this year is the deduction which the tax payer made for sums which he paid to the government for luxury, proprietary and other taxes. Here is an illustration: Let us say that a man takes his wife to the theater twice a week. He pays \$6 each time he goes for two tickets. The tax on each of the seats is 30 cents. On four seats a week he pays \$1.20 and in one year \$62.40. He is privileged to deduct that from his net income before computing his income tax. The same rule would apply to any other tax he may have paid to the government during the year. A person, however, is required to prove that he actually expended the money for luxuries if any question is raised on his return. There have been comparatively few attempts at evasion. In fact, the amount received by this office in luxury and other taxes is a monument to the honesty of the majority of the people of this great city."

PERMANENT MERCHANT MARINE POLICY GETS APPROVAL OF SENATE

Washington, May 10.—Without a record vote and virtually without debate, the senate tentatively adopted today committee amendments to the house bill providing for a permanent merchant marine policy.

Senator Jones, Republican of Washington, in charge of the measure, hopes for its passage before the end of the week.

Among amendments adopted were those providing for a private ownership policy and authorizing the permanent shipping board which the board creates to sell the merchant fleet built by the government during the war, "as soon as practicable, consistent with good business methods and the objects and purposes to be attained by this act."

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THEY SEEM TO LIKE IT.

Kansas City, Mo., May 11.—Since January 16, when the eighteenth amendment became effective, it has been necessary to remove Worcester sauce from restaurant tables, according to the proprietor of a middle class restaurant here.

"We found that a great many of our customers, who had been in the habit of getting an 'appetizer' before

eating a meal, substituted Worcester sauce," the restaurant keeper said. "So many of them drank an 'eye-opener' of the sauce while waiting for their meals that we have taken it off the tables."

MANY CONTRACTS LET.

Pierre, S. D., May 11.—Contracts for federal aid in road work in South Dakota totalling more than \$1,052,787 have been let by the state highway commission, according to Frank G. Peck, engineer of the commission.

Of this amount \$80,000 will be expended in Minnehaha county where ten miles of road graveling will be done, under direction of Mr. Peck. The high cost of construction in that county is attributed to the large amount of broken rock and gravel which must be placed on two miles of road.

Telephone Equipment Shortage Is Becoming Serious

There is a world-wide scarcity of raw materials, especially wood, paper and metals. These products are very essential in the manufacture of telephone supplies.

This shortage of material, in addition to the steadily increasing demand for telephone service, is making it impossible for the factories to meet promptly the need for telephone instruments, wire, switchboard parts, and other equipment.

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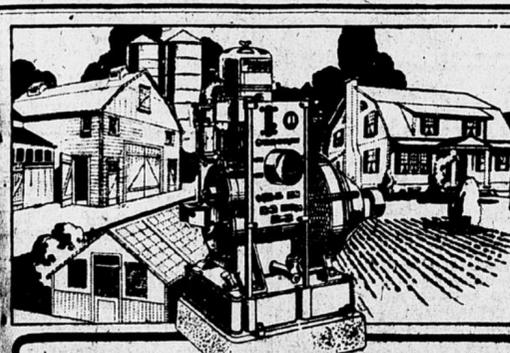
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"I am in hopes that this will be the means of aiding some who are suffering."—MRS. MARY GOODRICH, 218 W. Rock St.

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Kennebec, S. Dak.—"A few years ago during expectancy I got all run-down and felt that I needed something to strengthen me. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it soon had me feeling fine. I did not suffer and my baby was a strong, healthy child, and always has been the picture of health, which I think I owe to this medicine. I think there is no better medicine made than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."—MRS. G. W. COX.



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LESS GRAIN TO BE SEEDED.

Winnipeg, Man., May 11.—The acreage seeded in Manitoba this year will be from 10 to 15 per cent lower than the average acreage for a number of years past, according to Valentine Winkler, minister of agriculture for Manitoba.

The decrease, according to Mr. Winkler, is due to the shortage of feed, the lateness of spring and general labor conditions.

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Baby Shunned Because of Eczema!

John H. Hamilton, 601 Main St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:

"My baby had eczema all over his face and head. Before he was born I had used Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets (a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil) and I had heard that they were good for eczema. I bought a box and gave my baby one every night. In a few days the eczema was gone and my baby was as healthy as a horse. I have since given my wife a box and she has had no trouble with her skin since. I have since given my wife a box and she has had no trouble with her skin since. I have since given my wife a box and she has had no trouble with her skin since."

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