

LUXURY TAX IS EFFECTIVE MAY 1; TOILET ARTICLES HIT

Bemidji Merchants Preparing to Carry New Law Into Force Next Thursday.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN ONE OF TWO WAYS

Manufacturers' Tax to Expire April 30 and That on Consumer Then is Required.

Bemidji merchants are preparing for the so-called luxury tax which goes into effect May 1, and which covers practically all toilet preparations, with the exception of toilet soaps and powders, and proprietary medicines and imposes a revenue of 4 per cent or 1 cent on each article of a value of 25 cents or fraction thereof, according to the orders issued to collectors of internal revenue by the treasury department.

The new tax governing practically all manufactured medicines, commonly known as patent medicines, does not affect serums or anti-toxins, or vaccines and bacterines that are not advertised to the lay public, or sales made by a physician in personal attendance upon a patient of medicinal preparations not so advertised.

The taxes imposed are to be collected either by stamp affixed to the article by the dealer, the cost of which shall be reimbursed to the dealer by the consumer, or by the payment to the dealer at the time of the sale. The retailer is responsible for the collection of the tax.

The manufacturer's tax of 2 per cent of the price for which the goods are sold expires on April 30, and the tax to the consumer goes into effect the day following. No refund will be allowed on articles sold by a manufacturer before May 1, and on which the manufacturer's tax has accrued and been paid. While the law provides that the stamps shall be affixed by the retailer, no objection will be made to the manufacturer or importer affixing the stamps as the agent of the retailer. Goods thus properly stamped are not subject to tax upon resale at the time, or at a lesser price.

Where Tax Applies.

Toilet soaps and soap powders are not included in the tax to be paid by stamps, but remain taxable by assessment and is payable by the manufacturer, producer and importer and is at the rate of 3 per cent of the amount for which the goods are sold. Goods which are included in the tax payable by the consumer are as follows: Perfumes, essences, extracts, toilet waters, cosmetics, petroleum, jellies, hair oils, pomades, hair dressings, hair restoratives, hair dyes, tooth pastes, aromatic cauchous, toilet powders (other than soap powders) or any similar articles used or applied for toilet purposes.

In the medicinal lines are included: Pills, tablets, powders, tinctures, troches or lozenges, syrups, medicinal cordials or bitters, ointments, salves, tonics, plasters, liniments, ointments, pastes, drops, waters, essences, spirits, oils and other medicinal preparations compounds, or compositions to which the manufacturer or producer claims to have any private formula, or claims to have the exclusive right to manufacture, and expose for sale under letters patent or trade mark, or proprietary medicines or specifics for any disease affecting the human or animal body.

The tax stamps are in the denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, and 40 cents and will be ready for distribution and sale prior to May 1.

MALONE AND BRITTON CLASH AT ST. PAUL THIS EVENING

St. Paul April 25.—Jack Britton, new lightweight ring champion of the world, will show his wares to northwest fight fans here tonight when he mixes with Jack Malone, cleaver St. Paul boxer.

Dan Moran, Britton's manager, claims Jack can give away twelve or fifteen pounds any time and whip Mike O'Dowd or Mike Gibbons.

Jack Malone while rare among the best, realizes that he has the chance of a life time tonight and has been training harder than ever for the bout. It is scheduled for ten rounds.

WILLIAMS OFFICER HERE.

J. B. Valentine, one of the bustling farmers of Williams, and who is constant in that vicinity, is in Bemidji today, having brought a lad, who is considered as being incorrigible, for hearing before Judge J. E. Harris, judge of probate.

RETURNS FROM NORTH.

O. M. Skivik, deputy sheriff of Beltrami county, returned to Bemidji this morning from the north end of the county where he had been on official business.

FOR JAMESTOWN ISLAND



This fine bronze statue of Pocahontas, made by William Ordway Partridge, will be placed on the site selected for it on Jamestown Island just as soon as the Pocahontas Memorial association raises the balance of \$1,200 due on its purchase. The statue is now in the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington.

BLACK BASS SEASON SHORTENED; BAN ON PRAIRIE CHICKENS

Fishing Zones are Eliminated.—Trout Season Opened April 15 Over State.

Bemidji sportsmen are much interested in changes which have been made in the state game and fish laws by the last legislature. The usual spring trip to the favorite fishing place in an effort to hook black bass will not be started this season on the night of May 29. It will be postponed until the middle of June. The season on black bass throughout the state will open this season on June 15. Under the old law the lid was off on May 30.

Zones which divided the state into two sections, have been eliminated. The angling season for many varieties will open on May 1. The trout season opened on April 15, which now applies to the entire state.

An important change in the game birds laws is a closed period on prairie chickens until September 16, 1922. The partridge law was left the same with the season to open in 1920. Shooting will be allowed every other season. The duck season, as usual, will open on September 16, but will close on December 31, giving the gunners three and one-half months of sport.

Scarcity of pickerel in many of the lakes brought about a closed spearing season. It is now unlawful to spear pickerel in March and April.

The new law creates an open season for partridge from October 15 to November 30 in alternate years, starting in 1920, and fixes the open season for deer and moose as November 15 to December 5, instead of November 15 to 30, as heretofore.

COMEDY STARS KNOWN HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hayes of the "Mutt and Jeff" musical comedy company which is to appear at the Grand this evening, while they are in the city. The quartette were close friends in New York several years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Van resided in that city. Under the team name of Hayes and Wynn the visitors will present several specialties during the show tonight. They are entertainers of ability and have performed in England where they were popular in vaudeville.

HONOR RETURNED FIGHTERS

Lavinia and Bass Lake are doing honor to their returned soldiers this evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Prather of Lavinia.

PAYMENT AT RED LAKE AGENCY IS STARTED

Under the supervision of George W. Cross, superintendent of the Red Lake Indian reservation, the annual spring payment of the Chippewas is now being held. The Indians are paid \$92.50 per capita, the total amount of the payment being \$137,736.98. The payment will continue for ten days.

FULLERTON NAMED AS HUMANE SOCIETY HEAD

Samuel F. Fullerton of St. Paul has been elected state agent of the Minnesota Humane society, of which Rev. A. W. Ryan, D. D., of Duluth is president. He succeeds Robert D. McKercher of Duluth, who resigned the position several months ago. The society this year receives \$11,000 for its work during the next biennium, a considerable increase over the sum granted by the legislature of 1917.

BEMIDJI MUST ADD MORE 'PEP' IF LOAN QUOTA TO BE REACHED

Seriousness of Shortage Not Realized by Citizens Who Have Not Met Allotment.

SENATOR KELLOGG ASKS FOR UNITED SUPPORT

Calls Attention to Benefits of Investment.—Follow-up Committee Now Ready

Through the failure of about one hundred of its citizens to realize fully the seriousness of Bemidji's not subscribing its full quota to the Victory loan, pledges of approximately \$20,000 are needed today for the city to reach the \$135,000 mark which has been set.

All persons who subscribed to the last loan and have not filed allotment pledges for the Victory loan are urged to do so immediately. If they will subscribe the same amount now that they did in the Fourth loan Bemidji's quota will be oversubscribed. The county districts are reporting slowly, but it is expected that all will go "over the top."

It is planned to start the follow-up committee at work Tuesday. It will not be the effort of this committee to compel anyone to subscribe for Victory notes, but simply to bring out the absolute necessity of immediate action that Bemidji may be saved from the humiliation of being classed among the slacker communities of the great campaign. Bemidji must show a greatly increased interest, if it is to reach its quota.

Kellogg's Statement. Senator Frank B. Kellogg has issued the following statement in behalf of the Victory loan:

"I know that in this last appeal to the patriotism of the nation, Minnesota will more than contribute her share. It is as much our duty to subscribe our quota to this loan as it was during the darkest days of the war. It is necessary to pay our debts to Minnesota's sons who have given so much upon the fields of France and elsewhere. It is necessary to preserve the honor of our country which never breaks its faith.

"Not only is it a patriotic duty, but it is an act of self-interest. Victory loan bonds are the best security to which the savings of the people can be devoted, for they are assured by the pledge of this great nation with all its wealth, resources and the energy and enterprise of its people.

"Nothing can be more instrumental than the success of this Victory issue in maintaining the world's confidence in the United States, giving impetus to our industries, encouraging thrift and enterprise and insuring our prosperity.

"Every individual will benefit by this investment and should feel not only a personal interest but a personal responsibility in subscribing to this issue. It is not a gift—it represents the highest and best form of investment.

"I do not feel that an appeal to the people of Minnesota is necessary, for I am convinced that they will eagerly subscribe more than their share."

DRY ZONE BOUNDARY MISTAKE MAY MEAN JAIL FOR CURTIS

Big Falls Settler Takes Agents Into Confidence and Tells Secrets of Treaty Line.

"That river is the boundary line of the Indian territory dry zone," explained L. M. Curtis, a settler residing on the north shore of the Big Fork river near Big Falls, yesterday in telling two strangers of his methods of bootlegging. "I can sell all the liquor I want to here," he added, "and not fear the Indian agents, but across the river I would be in immediate trouble."

But today Curtis is not so certain of his point. For after his explanation yesterday he was informed that his guests, to whom he had so freely talked, were W. J. Johnson and Charles Benson, federal Indian agents, and they quickly convinced Curtis that he was four miles within the confines of the treaty dry zone.

The agents confiscated six quarts of whiskey and have reported the case to the United States attorney, and the arrest of Curtis will probably be made during the next week.

WILL BUY VICTORY BOND.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid society is to add its bit toward putting Bemidji "over the top" by buying a hundred dollar Victory bond. At the meeting held yesterday plans were made to beautify the church lot by planting trees and seeding for grass and flower beds. Lunch was served by Mrs. A. A. Warfield, Mrs. N. E. Given and Mrs. A. E. Hanson.

THRESHING SCHOOL PLANS NEARLY READY

The program for the threshermen's school to be held at university farm, St. Paul, June 16 to 21, has been completed and will soon be in circulation. This school is the outgrowth of the efforts of the United States food administration last year to prevent waste in threshing. It was discovered that the average avoidable waste by every machine operating in Minnesota was something like five bushels of wheat a day, worth approximately \$10, and nine bushels of oats worth nearly \$5.50. Some machines were found to be wasting as much as fifty bushels a day.

The program will call for the study of the operation of tractors and of separators, and will include visits to factories in the two cities and vicinity.

The registration will be \$2; board and room will be obtainable at university farm at about \$1.25 a day. Those in charge urge threshermen who cannot take the full course to take such part of it as they can. Detailed information may be had by writing to L. B. Bassett, University Farm, St. Paul.

TANK CORPS IS NOW OPEN TO RECRUITS BASS ANNOUNCES

Interesting Training is Provided Enlisted Men at Camp Meade, Maryland.

Enlistment in the United States Tank Corps is now open to men of the robust type who possess sufficient physical qualities to pass, announces Sergeant R. V. Bass, who is in charge of the Bemidji recruiting station.

Sergeant Bass expects that the tank corps will attract a large number who contemplate enlisting. It is a distinctive service. The tank corps is located at Camp Meade, Maryland, near Baltimore and but a short distance from Washington.

Tank corps recruits are upon their arrival in camp taught the school of the soldier and then their training of the handling of great battle machines is begun. They are required to learn the structural design of both light and heavy tanks, and are given detailed instruction in gas engines, carburetors, ignition, transmission, oiling and cooling and minor repairs. Then there is the tank driving school where instruction in the best methods of driving, swinging and controlling the machine is given.

In the gunnery department the recruits are taught the nomenclature and care of the revolver, machine gun and small calibre cannon. Instruction is also given in reconnaissance work and in the elements of telegraphy, radio and visual signals.

It is a very attractive service and Sergeant Bass will be pleased to give information to all who desire it. His office is in the Army and Navy club.

HOME MAKERS WEEK PROVING SUCCESS

Miss May Secrest, leader of home demonstration work in the state, was in Bemidji today, being en route to Virginia from Quiring and Kelliher where splendid meetings of the "Home Makers Week" were held Wednesday and Thursday. She was assisted at both places by Mrs. Coe.

Today and tomorrow meetings are to be held at Blackduck and Solway, the speakers being Mrs. Coe and Miss Lucy Cordier. The meetings arranged by A. W. Amold, agricultural agent in the southern Beltrami county and are given under the auspices of the Farm Bureau.

Next week there will be meetings at Hines, Turtle River and Debs.

MOTOR INN WILL SELL CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILES

The Motor Inn garage of Beltrami avenue, has accepted the agency for the Chevrolet automobiles, and now have three handsome five passenger cars of the 490 type on display here. The 1919 Chevrolet cars are superior in every manner to the cars that have been manufactured previously by that concern. One of the most appealing features of the cars is the valve in head motor. The rear axle of the Chevrolet car is made stronger this year than ever before, and this is said to be a good feature. The Motor Inn will operate a Chevrolet service station and will keep a large supply of parts on hand at all times.

MUCH INTEREST IS TAKEN IN GOLF CLUB

With a new club house, the course in splendid playing condition and the ever fascinating yell of "fore" as the chief attractions, much interest is being taken in golf this season, and at last evening's meeting of the board of governors of the Bemidji Country club thirteen applicants were elected to membership.

It is expected that Orville Chapin, professional golfer of Minneapolis, who is to have charge of the Bemidji course this year, will arrive in the city during the next week, and under his instruction several improvements which are being contemplated will be rushed to completion.

A family patch of asparagus is easily grown and furnishes a delightful addition to the spring-time table.

PEACE DELEGATES CONFIDENT ITALY WILL NOT LEAVE PARIS CONFERENCE

By Fred S. Ferguson (United Press Correspondent)

Paris, April 25.—Premier Orlando has left Paris. The Big Three meeting scheduled for this morning was suddenly called off, and it is believed a session will be held this afternoon.

The Big Three, which includes, America, France and Great Britain, are confident Orlando will return to the conference or that some other Italian statesman will be substituted for him. Accompanied by Signora Barzilia, the Italian leader departed from Care de Lyon at 10:30 o'clock last evening. Foreign Minister Sonnino, scheduled to leave for Rome today, has postponed his departure until tonight. General Diaz, commander in chief of the Italian armies, left with Orlando. Italian officers, soldiers and children cheered them and sang the national anthem.

Confidence of the allied representatives that Orlando will return or be replaced by another was based on developments at yesterday afternoon's session of the Big Four which both Orlando and Sonnino attended.

Despite Orlando's statement that the conference was fruitless and that the Italian delegation is withdrawing as a matter of principle, owing to President Wilson's statement that Italy cannot have Fiume, the Americans and British refused to interpret the action as a break.

An official communication was issued declaring that all the conferees displayed the strongest desire to reach a satisfactory solution to the problem and expressed the hope that the Italian parliament will aid in the settlement. From confidential American sources it was learned that Orlando has given his word to the Big Three that he was going home to consult parliament which will be convened immediately.

Ambassador Matsui, Japanese representative in France, was called to Italian headquarters this morning. Cooperation of the Italians and Japanese at this critical time was regarded as deeply significant in view of the similarity of their respective claims for Fiume and Shantung peninsula.

WAR HERO VISIT MILL CITY TO BOOST LOAN

Minneapolis, April 25.—One of the war's greatest heroes arrived in Minneapolis today to tell folks why the Fifth Liberty loan should be over the top by now.

He is Colonel William A. Bishop, of the Canadian aerial forces and credited officially with bagging 72 German aviators and their planes and credited unofficially with having shot down 110 enemy planes.

Bishop wears nearly all the medals that the allied governments can award for exceptional courage. He wears more decorations than any other living man for valor in the world war.

INSPECTING SCHOOLS

R. B. McLean, graded school inspector, is spending several days in Beltrami county inspecting consolidated schools. Yesterday he visited the schools at Kelliher and today he is at Tenstrike.

RAINBOW TROOPS REACH NEW YORK

(By United Press.)

New York, April 25.—Delegations from many parts of the United States were on board boats today going down the bay to greet returning troops. More than 20,000 soldiers are arriving today on five ships. The transport Leviathan is due to dock at five o'clock with Rainbow division units numbering more than 12,000. The first transport to arrive today was the Mount Vernon with 5,000. The North Carolina, Montana and Liner Latoveraine, also reach here today.

MUTT AND JEFF IN OUR MIDST—AT GRAND TONIGHT

Once again those two bonifide humorists, "Mutt and Jeff," are in our midst—this time appearing as seekers after gold—and they will be seen at the Grand theatre, their musical comedy and adventures taking place in the golden west.

It is in three acts and three scenes with a plot permitting of innumerable surprises, features, novelties and irresistible hilarity, plausible action and the introduction of specially written songs and singing, dancing ensembles, and other bits calculated to place the auditor in a state of infectious laughter from start to finish. The story briefly relates to a scheming lawyer who tries to enbroil little Jeff into forming a martial alliance with an old maid whom he cares nothing about a valuable piece of mining property is involved, which according to a will left by his late brother, reverts to him in the event of his marrying the widow. The lawyer endeavors to palm off another woman, with the result that deliriously funny situations and complications arise.

LODGE ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN BEMIDJI TONIGHT

Odd Fellows to Hold Ceremonies This Evening.—Other Towns Send Delegates.

Bemidji Odd Fellows will entertain delegates from Grand Rapids, Pine River, Tenstrike, Mispah, Akley, Park Rapids and Bagley this evening in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

Several candidates will be initiated into the Bemidji lodge by the Bemidji initiatory degree team. At 11 o'clock a supper will be served by the Rebekahs in the basement of the Presbyterian church, and following this the Odd Fellows will return to the lodge hall where a smoker will be held and a social session enjoyed.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized in Baltimore, Maryland, April 26, 1819, and the membership throughout the country has grown to 2,250,000. The principles upon which the order is founded are to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, comfort the widow, and educate the orphan. Last year over \$6,000,000 was spent in relief work alone.

JUVENILE BAND WILL MEET THIS EVENING

Oliver Riggs, director of the Juvenile band, announces that there will be a meeting of that organization in the city hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Director Riggs urges that all members of the band be present. It will not be necessary for players to take their instruments to the meeting.

TURTLE RIVER VILLAGE SUBSCRIBES LOAN QUOTA

By more than \$1,000 the village of Turtle River has gone over its quota to the Victory loan, according to report filed with C. A. Huffman, district campaign chairman.

TENNIS PLAYERS TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

Tennis enthusiasts of the city are to re-organize their club at a meeting to be held in the Commercial club rooms tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. It is urged that all tennis players, also those who contemplate participating in the playing this season, attend the meeting.

CAMPAIGN STARTS.

Under the supervision of the Women's Community and Civic club the clean-up campaign will start tomorrow. All residents of this city are urged to aid in the movement.