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TAX ON LUXURIES IN EFFECT MAY 1

UNNECESSARY ARTICLES HIT
HARD BY GOVERNMENT
REGULATIONS

WEARING APPAREL EXEMPTED
INSIDE A REASONABLE
COST LIMIT

May 1st, the new tax law on the use of luxurious articles in the United States went into effect. Nothing escaped the eyes of the law makers in Congress, who were searching up and down the land, to find the necessary money to pay the big government bills in this and the coming years.

On and after May 1, 1919, there shall be collected and paid a tax of one cent for each ten cents or fraction thereof paid to any person conducting a soda fountain, ice cream parlor for drinks commonly known as soft drinks, compounded or mixed at such place of business; or ice cream sodas, sundaes or other similar articles of food or drink; when any of the above are sold on or after such date for consumption, in or in proximity to such place of business, such tax shall be paid by the purchaser to the vendor at the time of the sale, and shall be collected, returned and paid to the United States by such vendor.

Miscellaneous and Wearing Apparel.
On and after May 1, 1919, there shall be collected and paid a tax, equivalent to ten per cent of so much of the amount paid for any of the following articles, as is in excess of the price hereinafter specified as to each such article.

Above Certain Figure Tax Applies.
On the following articles a tax of ten per cent applies on all amounts above those given below:

- Carpets and rugs, \$5 per square yard.
- Fans, \$10 each.
- Trunks, \$50 each.
- Traveling bags, suit cases, etc., \$25 each.
- Purses, shopping and hand bags, \$7.50 each.
- Umbrellas and parasols, \$4 each.
- Fans, \$1 each.
- House or smoking coats, bath and lounging robes, \$7.50 each.
- Men's waist coats, sold separately from suits, \$5 each.
- Women's and Misses hats, bonnets, \$15 each.
- Men's and Boys' hats, \$5 each.
- Men's and Boys' caps, \$2 each.
- Men's, women's and children's boots, shoes, slippers, \$10 per pair.
- Men's and Boys' neckties, \$2 each.
- Men's and Boys' silk stockings, \$1 per pair.
- Women's and Misses' silk stockings \$2 per pair.
- Men's shirts, \$3 each.
- Men's, women's, misses' and boys' pajamas, nightgowns, underwear, kimono, petticoats, waists, \$15 each.

All Jewelry Is Taxed.
On and after April 1, 1919, there shall be levied, collected and paid on all articles commonly and commercially known as jewelry, whether real or imitation; pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, and imitations thereof, articles made of, or ornamented, mounted or fitted with precious metals or imitations thereof, watches, clocks, opera glasses, lorgnettes, marine glasses, field glasses; upon any of the above, when sold by or for a dealer, or his estate, for consumption or use, a tax, equivalent to five per cent of the price for which so sold shall be collected and paid.

Toilet Articles.
On and after May 1, 1919, there shall be levied, assessed, collected and paid a tax of one cent for each 25 cents or fraction thereof of the amount paid for any of the following articles, when sold by or for a dealer or his estate,
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**HOFMEISTER BAND AT ITS BEST
IN SPRING AFFAIR; COMEDY
WELL RENDERED.**

An entertainment of real merit was presented by Hofmeister's band and by the Current News Club and the Ladies' Literary Society, last Wednesday evening, at the Armory. A full house was attracted by the announcement and nobody regretted having braved the rainy weather that evening. The band, having such a high record in all parts of the state that everybody expects to hear only the best, was in splendid form. By every number played it again furnished proof of its high standard, leaving no doubt that it was able to satisfy the highest expectations. The audience showed their appreciation by generously

applauding every number and several times asking for encores.

Surprisingly well-acted was the comedy playlet "Old Songs Served in New Style" from the pen of M. J. Bieber. All characters were in the best hands who not only mastered their own parts fully, in singing as well as in acting, but also succeeded in keeping the whole playing above the usual average on the amateur stage. Those participating were: Eunice Starr, stenographer; M. J. Bieber, office idler; Clyde Hennick, bookkeeper; George Bromley, office boy, Jos. Schuster, office manager.

Following the comedy Hofmeister's orchestra furnished the music for a social dance.

POSTMASTER HAAS FREED BY JURYMEN

"NOT GUILTY" IS THE VERDICT
AFTER TEN MINUTES
DELIBERATING.

ALL INDIRECT TESTIMONY IS
RULED OUT BY JUDGE
CONVERSE.

The case of John Haas, postmaster of Lamberton, who was tried at the May session of the Redwood County District court on the charge of having violated the Federal Espionage law of 1917, was brought to a quick ending by a verdict of "Not Guilty." The jury was out only a little more than ten minutes. The evidence of T. F. Moloney who had sworn out the complaint proved too weak against the testimony of John Haas, his daughter Hattie and W. G. McGee, and it was a great vindication for Mr. Haas that the jury came to an agreement in record-breaking time.

Proves Loyalty.
In his defense, Attorney W. H. Demsey of New Ulm dwelt at length on the patriotic attitude of his client during the wartime period, showing especially that Mr. Haas always subscribed his full allotment to the different liberty loans, that he was instrumental in having over a score of boys enlist with the colors, that he was active in other official and unofficial war drives and finally pointed out that Mr. Haas never would have been appointed postmaster of Lamberton had he not been an influential and well-respected citizen in the community.

The statement of Mr. Moloney that the defendant had told young men it would be foolish to enlist was further contradicted by Miss Hattie Haas, daughter of Mr. Haas, who was at the postoffice when the alleged remarks were said to have been made.

Indirect Testimony Ruled Out.
Judge Converse of Dakota county, who was sitting for Judge Frank Clague sustained objections raised against all indirect testimony. This ruling was responsible for the fact that only one supporting witness, Pliny Terry, was heard. He had not proceeded far when objections were raised and sustained by the court.

The case was called Tuesday, April 29, and given over to the jury the following day in the afternoon, with the result mentioned above.

Another disloyalty case against Mr. Haas of a similar nature has been continued until the October term of the court.

Fined \$50.
Carl Struckmann, from near Lamberton was fined \$50 by Judge Clague. He pleaded guilty to the charge of having discouraged people from subscribing to the liberty loans of the government. His penalty was suspended, however, by the court.

The handling of these and similar cases seems to show that the country is getting over the wave of war hysteria, with the exception of some people at Lamberton whose mental balance apparently has suffered a complete break down.

NEW ULM BOY WINS MARATHON

Ben Alwin of New Ulm, a Junior at Hamline University, was the mainstay of the relay team which won third place in the State Meet at Des Moines, recently. Running last on his team he regained the lead from Parsons College after the last change of the baton.

Alwin also finished first in a Marathon of four miles against a field of thirty-two contestants in St. Paul. Judging from his recent performances, Alwin is expected to be a large factor in winning the meets with Carleton and Macalaster for the Red and Gray.

GOVERNMENT HITS FLOUR GAMBLERS

HEAD OF GRAIN CORPORATION
WOULD SELL HOLDINGS IN
LOCAL MARKETS

PRICES OF CORN AND OTHER
GRAINS DROPPED AND SO
DID PROVISIONS

Aroused by sky-rocketing flour prices, Julius H. Barnes, president of the grain corporation of the United States food administration, issued an announcement last week that the grain corporation would buy no more white flour for export.

The announcement created consternation among the millers and speculators in food. Corn and other grains dropped and so did provisions.

Fearing that the food administration might refuse to buy high-priced meat for the starving millions of Europe, the packers ran to cover.

Flour prices began going up as soon as the food administration removed all price restrictions except on the price it would pay for wheat. Cash wheat also soared away above the government-fixed price and sold as high as \$2.95 on the Minneapolis market.

Notwithstanding that the mills bought practically all of their wheat for \$2.18 and less, they based their price for flour on the fancy prices being paid for a few carloads of cash wheat that came to market six months after the regular crop movement had ended.

Bought Government Grain.
That the millers were not obliged to replenish their stocks from \$2.95 cash wheat is made clear by the following statement from Mr. Barnes:

"In the past two months the grain corporation has resold from accumulations 75,000,000 bushels of wheat to mills of the country. These sales, with no idea of profit but regardless of the market price obtainable outside the grain corporation, were at actual cost, plus an allowance representing accrued expenses."

Tremendous Decrease.
The action of the president of the federal grain corporation in cutting off the export trade has resulted in a tremendous decrease in the demand for flour and the mills have cut down their output. The mills had been grinding 11,000,000 bushels of wheat weekly. Domestic consumption has not exceeded 8,000,000 bushels.

In reply to the charge of speculation directed at the millers by Mr. Barnes, H. P. Gallaher, vice president and general manager of the Consolidated Milling company, Minneapolis, asserted that the farmers have to blame for the high flour prices. "The demand for flour has been very heavy and we have been obliged to pay almost any price for wheat," he said.

Mr. Gallaher's alibi for the millers is not regarded seriously, for it is well known that practically all of the farmers' wheat was marketed months ago. The farmers haven't any terminal elevators in which to store their wheat for an advance in price.

May Remove Restrictions on Imports.

In the event that removal of the export trade does not sufficiently reduce flour prices, the president of the grain corporation makes a veiled threat in his announcement that restrictions may be removed on the entry of Canadian wheat.

"The steady advance in the market price of flour is not justified by any scarcity, actual or impending," Mr. Barnes says, "as reserves have been carefully preserved for the demands of the country."

"The grain corporation, fortunately, is supplied with sufficient food stocks to carry out its obligations, including the large relief program abroad, and is able to and will discontinue wheat flour purchases for export as long as domestic prices make this desirable."

AUTO THIEF FORFEITS BAIL.

Roy Bouers of Huron, S. D., who was brought here by Chief of police Harming and Deputy Sheriff Jahnke on the charge of having stolen Dr. G. B. Weiser's Oldsmobile Roadster on the night of December 5th last did not appear at the hearing set for Monday, May 5th, at ten o'clock in Justice N. Henningsen's court. Bouers had been at liberty since Tuesday, April 29, his bail being fixed at \$1,500 by the Justice the day before. Dr. Weiser's car is still at Huron, S. D., in custody of the Sheriff. It will be brought to New Ulm in a few days.

E. A. PFEFFERLE SELLS DRUG STORE

SCHMUCKER & BURK ARE THE
NEW PROPRIETORS OF THE
"RELIABLE."

ILL-HEALTH CAUSES "GENE" TO
RETIRE FROM HIS LIFE
WORK.

After thirty-one years in the drug business and proprietor of a drug store of his own, Eugene A. Pfefferle, has retired from business. The deal which retires Mr. Pfefferle from New Ulm's business world was consummated Wednesday of last week. He is succeeded by Rudi Schmucker and Otto Burk who have for years been his able assistants. Ill-health caused Mr. Pfefferle to sell out. With his retirement New Ulm loses one of its most aggressive and progressive business men. Regret is



general that he retires from business and that such a step should be necessitated by ill-health. "Gene" as he has been generally known by young and old has been a familiar figure in the drug business in this community for over a quarter of a century and he will be sorely missed by all his friends.

Handicapped as he was by a frail body, he certainly has made a remarkable success. He started to learn the drug trade at the old Pioneer Drug Store thirty-one years ago under the tutelage of Andrew J. Eckstein. For him he worked eight years and then for O. M. Olsen for two years before he launched into business for himself.

He had a natural aptitude for window decoration and he always took a special pride in decorating his show windows. His ideas were always unique. By close application he developed into a past master in this art and no one in New Ulm has been able to hold a candle to him. Every incident, whether local or national, he utilized in his window decorations and in such a manner as to attract interested attention.

When he launched in business for himself he started on moderate lines in the Masonic Block in the store room now occupied by John Backer's Shoe Store. He applied himself closely to his business and he had the satisfaction of seeing his venture grow and this helped to keep alive his enthusiasm to own a real up-to-date drug store. His ambitions in this direction were gratified six years ago when he purchased the business block adjoining the Brown County Bank and remodeled this store room to meet with his ideas of what a drug store should look like. After he got thru with it everybody was agreed that he had the finest drug store, not only in the city but also in this section of the state.

As a side line, Mr. Pfefferle has been carrying the Edison photographs. In fitting out his new drug store he had in mind to prepare a home there for the "Edison" and succeeded in doing this most admirably. Mr. Pfefferle was instrumental in putting more Edison's into the homes of people of New Ulm and vicinity than any other dealer in Edison's in any other community the size of New Ulm. He felt proud of his work in this line and he had every reason to be satisfied and gratified. He has at different times received the most flattering letters from the Edison people because of the splendid work he was doing for them.

The subject of this sketch was born in Dodge County in this state 46 years ago as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pius Pfefferle. When four years old he came to New Ulm with his mother and has lived here ever since. He was married twenty-two years ago to Miss Lucy Weschke and their home life has been

a most happy one. He was always modest and his success in life did not turn his head one bit. Always ready and willing to be of service to his neighbors and friends without the hope of reward, it was these characteristics that endeared him to everybody and that is why the regret is universal that he should be forced to retire from business so early in life.

Postmaster Fred Pfander is now in receipt of a consignment of priority stamps. They arrived here last Monday and may be secured at the postoffice in the usual way, relieving local businessmen from sending to the cities for them. These stamps are used on toilet articles and patent medicines.

GOOD ROADS AGAIN TOPIC AT MEETING

LOCAL COMMERCIAL CLUB IN
FAVOR OF PROPOSED
PLANS

HARD SURFACE HIGHWAY IS
SUGGESTED AS MEMORIAL
BY A. RUSSELL.

"Good Roads" was the general topic at the regular Commercial Club meeting Monday evening. Mr. Ochs, chairman of the Good Roads committee of the club, submitted a short report on his conference with Mr. Walzer, member of the Nicollet county commissioners' board. Mr. Walzer is in favor of a hard surfaced road from the Ridge to the Bluff on the road between this city and St. Peter. He also told Mr. Ochs that a public meeting will be held at St. Peter for the purpose of making the people of Nicollet county better acquainted with the good roads problem and securing their support.

Wants Road Memorial
Alex. Russell of West Newton who appeared at the meeting in answer to a special invitation by the president of the club and who on several other occasions emphasized the necessity of getting the highways leading to New Ulm into better condition was of the opinion that it would be a good idea to build a hard surfaced road between New Ulm and St. Peter in memory of the soldiers from Brown and Nicollet counties who had died on the battlefields of France. He would favor such a memorial in preference to a hospital, such as proposed by the leading men of Nicollet county. Mr. Russell stated further that he would be present at the meeting at St. Peter and that he would take the same stand there in regard to a memorial for that county.

Changing the subject, Mr. Russell spoke on the relation between the farming community and the city people. This relation, he said, should be closer, to bring the real community spirit to a nearer realization. The small town is a necessary and useful institution in the life of the nation and in order to give it a healthy growth the farmers must support it in every way possible.

Referred to House Committee

Complaints have been made about the frequenting of the billiard room of the club by young boys, according to an announcement by the president, Mr. Stolz. To get this matter straightened out and make a set of definite rules the house committee was requested to work out a system for the use of this room by non-members. It was suggested by Mr. Schonlau, chairman of the house committee, that it might be a good plan to have a junior membership for the boys. The committee will make a report at the next meeting. At present the room is open to high school boys from out of town and to returned soldiers who are still without a position.

Two Communications

There were two communications before the club, one from the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, New York, and the other from the Union Club of Hutchinson, Minn., signed by Chas. Fiman, secretary North Star Route. The latter dealt with a proposition to build a hard surfaced road from the Iowa boundary line where it would link with a similar road of that state, and proceed in a northerly direction by way of New Ulm and St. Cloud to Duluth. This road would be designated as the North Star Route.

The other letter asks the co-operation of the club in a "National Picture Campaign for Good Roads." A film is to be released shortly by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, showing the national transportation problem in all its details. The film is to be shown throughout the country. The matter was referred to the Publicity Committee for further consideration.

H. F. Schrader has commenced on his duties as assessor in the city.

SOLDIER MEMORIAL PLANNED AT FORT

RENVILLE COUNTY CITIZENS
CONSIDER BUILDING AN
AUDITORIUM.

HOPED THAT RETURNING BOYS
WILL FAVOR RIDGELY AS
A SITE.

A movement has been started in Renville County whose object it is to provide a suitable memorial for the returned soldiers of not only Renville County, but of surrounding counties, including Brown County. It is planned to build an auditorium at old Fort Ridgely and to make such further improvements at the old Fort that the boys can hold their encampments there every year if they should desire to do so.

Frank Hopkins, the well-known attorney of Fairfax is at the head of the movement and he has been successful in securing the aid of other well known citizens of Renville County in this project, among them Senator Herman Schmechel of Renville County. A meeting for the purpose of thoroughly discussing this project will be held at Fairfax, Monday May 12. Every precinct of Renville County will be represented at this gathering, meetings having been already held for the purpose of selecting the representatives.

Other Counties Included.

It is planned to interest the citizens of Renville county, Brown county, Nicollet county, Sibley county and Redwood county, these counties being conveniently located to the old fort and making it accessible to all their citizens without too long a journey. The work of this gathering will be only preliminary, as it is not the intention to do anything, unless the project meets with the approval of the boys who have been in the service and some of these may not be home for several months, it is doubtful if the movement will take tangible form until the boys are all back.

Deserve Consideration.

So many plans have been suggested for memorials to honor the boys, that this one is entitled to consideration also. One of the reasons urged for a memorial at Ft. Ridgely is that the place is so far from any municipality, that the mercenary spirit which might ordinarily show itself will practically be eliminated. Years ago before the auto made it appearance, the Fort would have been practically out of the question, but now that nearly every one has his own car or has access to his neighbor's, it is a project that is entitled to more than a mere notice.

Popular Subscription.

One of the questions that will necessarily come up for discussion at this preliminary meeting will be the matter of financing the proposition. This phase has already been discussed in an informal way by the ones at the head of the movement, but no definite plan has been agreed upon. It is believed by them that the expenses to be incurred should be taken care of by popular subscription among the citizens of the counties that decide to participate in this kind of a memorial to honor the boys and it is very likely that such a plan will be adopted. At that rate the ball will be started rolling Monday, May 12, and the promoters will keep on pushing this proposition until the boys tell them that it does not meet with their approval.

THE WEATHER IN APRIL.

In spite of the very unpleasant and unusual cool weather during the month of April no frost, either light or killing, has been recorded at the local weather station, Alex. L. Henle, co-operative observer. A sharp turn in temperature was experienced during the latter part of the month, the thermometer registering a maximum of 71 degrees on April 22, and two days later a minimum of 26 degrees Fahrenheit. The mean temperature for the month was 45.9, quite a low average compared with other years in the last decade.

The big surprise of the month was the heavy snow fall covering the ground with 15.5 inches of snow and bringing the total precipitation for the month up to the high total of 5.77 inches. The prevailing wind came down from a southerly direction bringing heavy clouds. This accounted for the many cloudy or partly cloudy days, numbering 21, more than two thirds of the month. The remaining days are recorded as clear. There were altogether six thunderstorms during the month.