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CHAIRMAN MCLAURIN REPLIES.

Letter to Mr. W. H. Ramsey in Reference to Liberty Loan Subscriptions.

Daily Item, City. Referring to the article in your issue of yesterday from Mr. W. H. Ramsey of Wedgefield...

Yours very truly, M. J. McLaurin, Jr. Sumter, Oct. 23, 1918.

Dear Sir: I note your communication in The Daily Item of yesterday which I am answering in order to correct several erroneous impressions which you have no doubt made through a misapprehension of the facts.

With reference to the article which appeared in the State of Sunday from the Sumter correspondent. This was called to my attention by a member of the soliciting committee at Wedgefield by telephone on Sunday and I advised him that correction would be made promptly on Monday.

With reference to your remarks about the lack of publicity and not properly accorded, Wedgefield on account of her subscription of \$25,000, as compared with the subscription of \$2,000 by Eastover. I beg to refer you to the bulletin under date of September 25th of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond...

You also state: "I think an effort was made to have a meeting here on last Sunday but our folks are accustomed to worship on that day." You are laboring under a misapprehension as to this. During the week ending October 12th I was in constant communication by telephone, every hour of the day with some of the county committees...

It is with extreme regret that I note you have resorted to partisanship in your article. Your allegation is certainly not supported by the facts in the case and I feel would not have been made if you had given the matter mature deliberation or more careful consideration.

ment for Sumter county, and my only feeling is one of gratitude for the opportunity of serving my country, without reward or the expectation of same. In view of the tremendous amount of detail work to be carried out to comply with the regulations of the Federal Government...

Yours very truly, H. J. McLaurin, Jr. Sumter, Oct. 23, 1918.

Red Cross Notes—Christmas Boxes.

Instructions have just been received as to the manner in which Christmas packages may be sent to our boys overseas. It would be advisable to cut out these directions and keep them for further use...

"Only one parcel will be accepted by the War Department through the Red Cross for each soldier overseas. Each soldier will be provided with one Christmas parcel label. This label will be forwarded by him to the person in the United States from whom he wishes to receive his Christmas package...

"With each box, will be given complete instruction regarding the articles which may be sent, and a list of articles which are barred by the postal authorities. Study these instructions and avoid mistake. No message or written material of any kind will be allowed to go in the boxes...

"Do not put perishable food, soft candy, liquids, or anything in glass containers in the package if you wish it to reach its destination with the other contents unspoiled. Do not mail the box yourself. When packed, the box should be taken to the nearest collection station designated by the Red Cross...

"No Christmas parcel will be accepted by the Red Cross for shipment after November 20. Keep this fact in mind when planning a Merry Christmas for the boys over there.

The Alaska Railroad.

Anchorage, Alaska, Sept. 30 (Correspondence)—Everybody in Seward, a hundred miles south of here at the head of Resurrection Bay, is getting ready to celebrate the arrival of the first passenger train from Anchorage on Uncle Sam's government railroad...

Much of the winter traffic from interior Alaska will probably come out over the line of the new road this winter despite the fact the steel is not connected. It is believed here. The commission has gangs of men at work marking a winter trail between the two ends of the roads. Trains will probably be operated from Fairbanks and Anchorage to the ends of the steel rails all winter.

Hardware Isn't far Wrong.

"What does she do?" "She owns a hardware establishment, I think?" "Hardware?" "Yes, she has something to do with nails."

Literary Men Fond of Cats.

Johnson's successor in Shakespearean scholarship, the late Doctor Furness, confessed that he could not work without having his big black cat somewhere about the library. William Butler Yeats likes cats; and he has remarked with a fine touch of natural observation, "There is a time at twilight when all cats are gray and all men are handsome."

Young Diplomat.

David, recovering from a long illness, was given an egg nog daily, much to his delight, and much to the envy of his sister, Mary Jane. While David was drinking his, one morning, Mary begged for one too, but mother said, "No," whereupon mother heard David whisper to his sister: "Here, Mary, you drink this one quick, and when it is all gone, I'll cry for another one."

May Their Shadows Grow Less.

There is a notable and welcome decrease in the number of those who feel qualified to state just how every thing ought to be done.

LARGER TAX ON RICH.

SENATE INCREASES PROVISIONS OF HOUSE.

Finance Committee Lays Heavy Hand on Incomes Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Surtaxes adopted by the house on individual net incomes below \$100,000 would be lowered and those on incomes in excess of that amount increased under amendments to the war revenue bill adopted today by the senate finance committee.

A tax of 1 per cent. would be levied on incomes between \$5,000 and \$6,000 with an additional 1 per cent. surtax for each \$2,000 in excess of that amount up to \$100,000 when the rate would be 52 per cent. A graduated scale is then fixed under which a surtax of 65 per cent. would be levied on net incomes exceeding \$1,000,000.

The change in income surtaxes was the second decided revision made in the house draft of the bill at today's session the committee previously having voted to eliminate the attentive system of taxing war and excess profits in favor of a general rate of 80 per cent. on war profits and a reduced tax on excess profits.

The revision of income surtaxes, members of the committee said, will provide a more uniform rate while the reduction in revenue will amount to less than \$25,000,000.

As revised by the senate committee, incomes of from \$100,000 to \$150,000 would pay a surtax of 52 per cent. and those between \$150,000 and \$200,000 would be taxed 56 per cent. From \$200,000 to \$300,000 the rate would be 60 per cent.; \$300,000 to \$500,000, 63 per cent.; \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, 65 per cent., and above \$1,000,000, 65 per cent. Compared to the house rate this would be an increase of 6 per cent. for incomes between \$100,000 and \$200,000 8 per cent. for those between \$200,000 and \$300,000; 9 per cent. for those between \$300,000 and \$500,000 and 6 per cent. from that amount to \$1,000,000.

Under the house bill 6 per cent. would be imposed on incomes between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000 and 65 per cent. on those of the latter amount. Of the \$1,045,069,000 which the senate committee's amendment is expected to yield, it was estimated \$700,045,990 would be paid by persons having incomes exceeding \$100,000,000.

In order to protect small corporations under the war profits schedule, the committee late today inserted an amendment providing that in no case shall the tax be more than 35 per cent. of the amount of the net income in excess of \$3,000 and not in excess of \$20,000 plus 80 per cent. of the amount of the net income in excess of \$20,000. This amendment, senators explained, will prevent the tax of small corporations running up to the 80 per cent. limit.

A Liberty Bond for the Leader of the Forces of Liberty.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of one of the local banks it was proposed that the citizens of Sumter send Marshal Foch the generalissimo of the allied armies, a Liberty Bond as a token of the esteem in which this hero is held. A limit of \$1.00 per man was put on subscriptions in order that all his admirers might take a part, and an equal part. This is no charity, and no list will be carried around. The subject needed only to be mentioned to meet the immediate approval of those who have subscribed. It will be a distinction for Sumter to be the first to send so appropriate a token to one who commands the admiration of us all.

- H. C. Haynsworth... \$1.00
H. P. Moses... 1.00
B. W. Segars... 1.00
R. B. Belser... 1.00
S. A. Harvin... 1.00
O. H. Folley... 1.00
H. J. McLaurin, Jr... 1.00
Bartow Walsh... 1.00
W. J. Booth... 1.00
J. P. Crowson, Jr... 1.00
J. C. Cooper... 1.00
John Clack... 1.00
Wm. Haynsworth... 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Beattie... 1.00
C. T. Mason... 1.00
Mrs. C. T. Mason... 1.00
J. L. Nunnamaker... 1.00
Mrs. H. C. Haynsworth... 1.00
H. C. Haynsworth, Jr... 1.00
P. B. Haynsworth... 1.00
Perry Beattie... 1.00
N. B. Hicks... 1.00
Rev. W. J. McKay... 1.00
Dyer Barnum... 1.00
Geo. W. Loring... 1.00
Mrs. David W. Loring... 1.00
A. C. Phelps... 1.00
Dr. Archie China... 1.00
J. Frank Duffy... 1.00
Mrs. J. Frank Duffy... 1.00
Joseph Warren... 1.00
C. M. Hurst... 1.00
\$32.00

The Reopening of the City Schools.

So many inquiries have come and are coming to me relative to the reopening of the public schools of the city as to make me deem it wise to take this method of announcing that instructions just issued from the State Department of Health have extended the quarantine until the 3rd of November. Our schools, therefore, can not reopen until the first Monday in November. Of course, everyone regrets very greatly this enforced postponement; but it seems to be in harmony with the demands of wisdom and necessity.

Keep Your Eye on Him.

The voice may be the voice of Maximilian, but the hand will probably be still the hand of the Kaiser.

OVER THE TOP.

Sumter County Exceeds Allotment of Fourth Liberty Loan.

Editor The Daily Item, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Enclosed I hand you copy of my report to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond which was sent in on Monday the 21st inst. This shows our subscriptions to be \$78,300.09 in excess of the allotment for Sumter county.

In addition to this surplus I was obliged to refuse subscriptions amounting to practically \$20,000.00 which reached me Tuesday and Wednesday, too late to be included in my report.

Yours very truly, H. J. MCLAURIN, JR., County Chairman.

Sumter, Oct. 24, 1918.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN—\$900,000.00 Allotment Sumter County.

Table listing banks and their contributions to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Includes National Bank of South Carolina, City National Bank, First National Bank, etc.

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Fair Price List for Week Ending October 29th.

Table listing commodity prices for week ending October 29th. Includes Flour, Corn Meal, Sugar, etc.

ICE.

Table listing ice prices. Includes 7 pounds, 15 pounds, 25 pounds, etc.

FRESH FISH.

Table listing fresh fish prices. Includes Mullet, Salt Water Trout, Salt Water Bass, etc.

APPROVED:

Abe Ryttenberg, representing the wholesale dealers. D. G. F. Bultman, representing the retail dealers. Mrs. I. A. Ryttenberg, representing the consumers.

THREE MONTHS OF VICTORY.

Remarkable Achievements of Allies Arms Since July 15.

The remarkable progress made by the allied troops in the world war since July 15, 1918, when the big fighting started in the Marne salient, and up to and including October 15, as shown by a compilation of the official reports for the three months, says The New York World, gives these remarkable totals:

American Casualty List.

Table listing American casualties. Includes Killed in action, Missing in action, Wounded severely, etc.

Cotton Market.

Table listing cotton market prices. Includes Good Middling 29 1-4, Strict Middling 29, etc.