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## Huge Sum Must be Raised by the New Tax System

Government Must Have Twenty-Four Billion Dollars to Carry on the War During Coming Year.

Washington, Aug. 11.—War taxation with all of its problems and its benefits as well as its evils is the subject which may occupy Congress almost to the exclusion of all others when it reassembles for regular session Saturday, August 24.

A statesman of an older generation once remarked that government was nothing more or less than the power to levy and collect taxes. It is obvious that while the subject of war taxation has the attention of Congress it must necessarily command the attention of the American people, because the stability of government is measured chiefly by its revenue.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House now is engaged in the preliminary work of framing the twenty-four billion dollar revenue bill which is to provide the sinews of war for the coming year. Passage of the bill by the House in substantially the form in which it comes from the Committee promises to be a matter of course.

### Senate Revision Probable.

In the Senate, however, will come revision and reconstruction, often the subject of prolonged debate and even filibuster, which will put the bill more nearly in the shape in which it ultimately will become.

After the bill has been passed by the Senate, it will go to "conference," often referred to as the place where bills really are made. Here a joint committee representing both Senate and House smooths out conflicting provisions, arranges compromises for hard-fought amendments, and finally inducing each side to give way a little, or when agreement is shown to be hopeless, disregarding provisions entirely, reports back to both houses of Congress a completed bill. Sometimes one house or the other insists on some provision, refuses to accept the decisions of the conferees and demands further consideration, but in the end a bill that is adopted by both branches of Congress comes out.

### Five Stages Bill Must Pass.

The war revenue bill will be threading its way through these tortuous passages in the halls of Congress for several weeks, possibly until snow flies, and it will be well for any American newspaper reader who wishes to grasp the significance of its movements as it progresses to fix in mind the five stages through which the bill passes before it goes to the White House for the signature of the President. These stages are:

1. The bill is framed by the Ways and Means Committee of the House (this stage now going on)

2. It is considered in the House and with a more or less limited debate, and possibly some amendments from the committee form, is passed and sent to the Senate.

3. The bill is considered by the Senate Finance Committee, to which it has been referred. In this committee the bill may be practically "made over," or to the structure of the work of the House may be added the ideas of the Senate committee-men.

4. It is debated and passed in the Senate, often after nights of prolonged argument and parliamentary maneuver.

5. As altered by the Senate the bill goes to the conference committee, which finally reports back a compromise draft on which both sides can agree.

Inasmuch as this particular bill lengthens the long arm of the Government tax collector so it can reach into almost every man's pocket, one who attempts to be informed of what sacrifices he will be called upon to make that the world may become a decent place to live in, will do well to survey the needs which have brought before the country this measure for taxing the high and low.

### Backbone for Allied Cause.

The American people, of course, will not only finance their own share of the war, but they will furnish in large measure the monetary backbone to enable the allies to continue. The new law is expected to make an equitable distribution of the burden to all the people in just proportion to their share of the nation's wealth. Results of the present laws have not been entirely satisfactory.

Estimates submitted to Congress place the expenditures of the coming year at about \$20,000,000,000. It does not necessarily follow, however, that the actual expenditures will reach that figure. The House Committee on Appropriations is of the opinion that \$24,000,000,000 will suffice. According to the original budget the expenditure for war purposes alone will be \$24,476,261,691.77.

### Bill Must Raise Eight Billions.

The fourth issue of Liberty Bonds would be authorized at \$16,000,000,000, which leaves \$8,000,000,000 to be secured through other means. It is with the raising of this \$8,000,000,000 that the new revenue law will be concerned. The problem confronting those drafting the bill is just how to levy equitably upon the various taxable sources, what proportion of the amount is to be taken through excess profits taxes and incomes taxes, and what by luxury, consumption and other taxes. At the present time opinion is divided upon this subject, and while at first it was believed that an excess profits and income tax would furnish at least \$6,000,000,000 of the amount needed, it has now been practically determined that in view of the reduction of profits, brought about thru the increased cost of labor and materials, and also by the Government price-fixing, it will be impossible to raise more than \$4,500,000,000 thru this means.

## March Wants Army 4,000,000

War Department Plans to Have 80 Divisions, or 3,200,000 Troops in France Next June—Allies Look to United States for Decisive Help.

Four million American soldiers can defeat the German army, is the belief of General March, chief of staff, and present plans of the War department call for more than that number under arms next summer, with some 3,200,000 of them, or 80 divisions, in France by June 30.

President Wilson is determined to bring the war to a conclusion by concentrating all the forces on the western front, including Italy, says Secretary Baker, and General March supplemented this by saying that it was the purpose to end the great world struggle quickly and decisively. For the nation not to put forth its maximum strength at once, the chief of staff declared, would be but "playing Germany's game."

There are now 1,300,000 men now in France, with as many more now in this country as a reservoir. Secretary Baker said that the accelerated program of troop movements overseas, which has enabled General Pershing to organize his first field army of 1,200,000 will be continued because of the generous action of the British Government in supplying the shipping.

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### No Hampering of Business.

Granted that these tentative figures prove to be correct, there then comes the question of how the other \$1,500,000,000 is to be secured. It is positive that there will be a general increase in the tax rate, but just how this new rate will be applied must be determined by thorough investigation. The matter of exemption, the prevention of duplication in taxation and the ironing out of those technicalities through which some people have escaped the payment of their just share must also be settled before the means of raising additional revenue is definitely decided upon.

One thing seems positive. The law that the Nation's business shall not be hampered. It also seems certain that the people of America will not be compelled to bear the heavy burden of taxation that has been placed upon the English.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

King George of England, while on a visit to the fighting front in France a few days ago, took occasion to compliment the American troops for their gallantry and incidentally bestowed military crosses as special recognition of individual cases of bravery on the following:

- Lieut. Albert J. Jefferson,
- Lieut. Frank E. Shram,
- Second Lieut. Harry Yagle,
- Second Lieut. M. M. Komorowski,
- Corp. Thomas A. Pope,
- Corp. Albert C. Painsipp,
- Corp. John Desmidt,
- Sergt. James E. Krum,
- Sergt. Frank A. Kiojano,
- Sergt. A. Erhard,
- Corp. Andrews C. Shabinger,
- Corp. Lester C. Whitson,
- Corp. Raymond H. Powell,
- Corp. H. Zyburt,
- Pvt. Chris W. Keane,
- Pvt. William F. Linsky,
- Pvt. Fred E. Williams,
- Pvt. C. S. Sweredo.

The list is given for the purpose of illustrating the fact that you can't tell an American by his name by any means, and that there is many an American hero "handicapped" by a foreign-sounding name — which appears to be demonstrated by the fact that eleven of the above names are very much "foreign," but the owners of them very much American.

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### THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan will begin September 28 and close October 19. The result of the loan will be watched with keen interest in Europe, not only by our associates in the war against the Teutonic powers, but by our enemies. It will be regarded by them as a measure of the American people's support of the war.

The Germans know full well that the tremendous weight and significance of popular support of the war, of the people at home backing up the army in the field. As the loan succeeds our enemies will rejoice; as it falls short they will rejoice. Every dollar subscribed will help and encourage the American soldiers and hurt and depress the enemies of America.

The loan will be the test of the loyalty and willingness of the people of the United States to make sacrifices compared with the willingness of our soldiers to do their part.

There must not be and will be no failure by the people to measure up to the courage and devotion of our men in Europe. Many of them have given up their lives; shall we at home withhold our money? Shall we spare our dollars while they spare not their very lives?

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### BROOM CORN MAKES RECORD HIGH PRICE

What is believed to have been the highest price ever paid for broom corn, was at Lindsay, Okla., where a ton brought \$505. The average price for the brush has been around \$425 and \$450, but one ton of unusually good quality brought this high price. Much of the broom corn however is badly damaged by the dry weather.

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### NO TEXAS STATE FAIR THIS YEAR

To the Exhibitors and Patrons of the State Fair of Texas: The War Department, through the Division of Aeronautics, having taken over Fair Park for continued use as an aviation concentration camp, the Board of Directors of the State Fair of Texas, in patriotic deference to war demands, and feeling that any sacrifice, no matter how great, should be made to cooperate in the speedy and successful winning of the war, have promptly acquiesced in every demand that has been made at all times.

For this reason, the Thirty-Third Annual Fair and Exposition announced for the dates of Oct. 15-17, 1918, has of necessity had to be abandoned.

While keenly appreciating that the abandonment of the Fair for 1918 is a supreme sacrifice by the citizenship of all Texas and the entire Southwest, the Board of Directors is confident that this action of cooperation with our Government will be unanimously commended. STATE FAIR OF TEXAS, R. E. L. Knight, Pres., W. H. Stratton, Secretary

### TRENCH VESTS

Countless women over this broad land have been knitting steadily for months. Thousands of sweaters, socks and wristlets, the results of their labors, have aided in keeping warm our soldier and sailor lads. Countless other women are unable to knit on account of poor eyesight or nervousness, and their inability to help in this way has been a source of keen regret to them.

For those, and all other women, we recommend the making of the "trench vests" which can be made by anyone who can use shears and a needle and thread. For this purpose the best material is a medium weight fabric with napped back. Such a vest weighs only a few ounces and it needs no lining, the napped back of the material serving that purpose. It is as warm as a sweater, is dirt, grease, water and stain proof, and is washable with soap and water. A material of this type possesses great durability and has the immense advantage of being absolutely vermin-proof.

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Blue Grass Seed	14
Broom Corn Seed	48
Clover Seed	60
Corn in the ear	70
Corn in the ear, unhusked	72
Shelled Corn	56
Cotton Seed	32
Flax Seed	56
Kafir	56
Millet	50
Oats	32
Onions	57
Peaches	48
Peanuts	22
Pears	48
Peas	60
Potatoes	60
Sweet Potatoes	55
Rape Seed	59
Rye	56
Sorghum Seed	59
Tomatoes	45
Turnips	42
Wheat	60

### OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO REORGANIZE

Organization of the new Democratic State Central Committee will be made Sept. 5, the date set by Alger Melton, chairman. The old committee will meet and close up the affairs of that committee and the organization of the newly elected members will follow. The time of the State convention to be held in the fall will also be fixed then. This will probably be held during the week of the State Fair. It is believed desirable that the State convention be held previous to the beginning of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive on Sept. 28.

### CLEANING UP HUGO

The council of defense of Choctaw county is working in earnest, in conjunction with the county officials in an effort to clean up Hugo and break up vice in that city. Raids are being made on rooming houses, and objectionable characters are being fined the limit and ordered to leave the city.