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## What the Income Tax Law Is Expected to Do

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—It is not proposed to attempt income tax legislation at this session of Congress. It will be brought forward in connection with downward revision of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff act.

Representative Hull of Tennessee, who wrote the Excise Tax bill passed by the House at the last session, has been commissioned by the Ways and Means Committee to write the new measure putting the income tax into effect.

Its exact terms have not been decided on, but it is believed it will exempt all incomes below \$4,000 or \$5,000, and will provide a tax of one per cent on the majority of personal income that do not run to an excessive figure.

It will be designed to supplant the present corporation tax and will apply to the incomes of individuals, firms and corporations. In a statement last night Representative Hull declared he favored making the new tax an integral part of the financial system of the United States to remain in full force without regard to the character of tariff bills that Congress may enact from time to time.

One feature, which it is believed will be included in the law, will be a provision for "collecting at the source" of the income. This feature, now in operation in England, would require firms to certify to amounts they pay to individuals in salaries or fees, and pay the tax direct to the Government. It is believed this would remove much complaint that might be made if the Government had to investigate every individual citizen's income and would prevent invasion of the law.

"The coming of the income tax, together with honest tariff revision, will mark the beginning of a new era in the fiscal affairs of this country," Mr. Hull said. "The time has come when the principle of an income tax should, and in my judgment will, be made a permanent part of our fiscal system. This wholesome method of taxation has already been adopted by most other countries, and is today universally recognized as an essential part of every modernized fiscal organization."

"At present the law should be so drafted as to yield at least \$100,000,000 annually. This would embrace the \$28,500,000 now being derived from the corporation tax, and would supply such revenue losses as may result from the coming revision of the tariff. This law will give Congress a better opportunity to revise the tariff to a revenue basis and to place lower rates on none at all upon articles of common necessity. It would greatly equalize existing tax burdens, requiring every citizen to contribute to contribute to the Government in proportion to his ability to pay.

"This is the fairest of all taxes and the easiest and cheapest of collection. No citizen will complain of paying this tax—because it will constitute his fair and just share of the tax burden—except the tax dodgers and the possessors of large wealth who have heretofore enjoyed all the protection and other blessings of the Government without bearing any of its burdens. Those who would shirk their taxes say it is inquisitorial, but no one can truthfully deny that a modern income tax is less inquisitorial than any our existing Government, State or local, tax laws.

"No tax is desirable, but it is always best for the people to know something as to the amount of taxes they pay. They then keep a close watch upon the appropriation and the expenditures of the public moneys.

"Moreover, this tax will, for the first time, afford the United States Government a flexible and elastic revenue system. I have known the National Treasury to fluctuate \$120,000,000 within two years. With this tax in operation Congress can, within three days, and at all times, raise or lower the rate so as to meet the varied demands of the Treasury—whether confronted by a deficit or a surplus."

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### REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the registration books for the Municipal and School Election, to be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1913, are now open at the office of Sowerby & Bell, on Second street, between Seward and Main streets, between the hours of 9 and 4 each business day. The books will be closed on Saturday the 29th day of March, 1913.  
 J. W. BELL, Registration Officer.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the delinquent tax list for year 1912-1913 will be published on or about Feb. 24, 1913.  
 A. W. FOX, City Clerk.

### SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 972-A  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, DIV. NO. 1, AT JUNEAU

Charles Goldstein, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as, Blanche Lyons, Defendant.

TO Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as Blanche Lyons, defendant: In the name of the United States, and in accordance with an order directing service of summons in the above entitled cause by publication made by the above entitled court on the fourth day of February, 1913, you are hereby summoned to appear and answer, in the above entitled court holden at Juneau, in said Division and Territory, within thirty (30) days after the 22nd day of March, 1913, the complaint of Charles Goldstein, wherein he demands judgment against you in the sum of seventy-one dollars and ninety-two cents (\$71.92); with interest and costs incurred herein, and for want of an answer in the time above mentioned the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the above amounts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the above entitled court this 4th day of Feb. 1913.  
 E. W. PETTIT, Clerk.  
 First publication Feb. 8th, 1913; last publication March 22, 1913.

## Wrangling in the Senate Over Taft's Nominations

With only a few days of this Congressional session remaining the United States Senate is still wrangling and filibustering over President Taft's appointments. A dispatch describes a recent session, as follows:

"This program of locking horns is scheduled to be repeated each day until the Republicans find themselves unable to force the fighting or the Democrats are figuratively down and out. No attention will be given appropriation bills or other pending matters.

"Following as a preliminary, the Republicans held a conference in the morning. Senators Dixon, Poindexter, Bristow and Clapp did not attend. Other Progressives were present. Senators Cullon, Penrose, Nelson and Brandegee said there should be a finish fight for the confirmation of President Taft's appointments. Senator LaFollette and Gronna were especially in favor of carrying the war into Egypt.

"It was determined by resolution to have an executive session daily, immediately following the routine business, and peg away at it until the Republicans found it impossible to maintain a quorum. All promised to be on hand and help make a quorum whenever one was demanded.

"The Republicans snapped off an executive session and the fracas began. The Democrats announced that they would filibuster until the Republicans agreed to some line of division beyond which confirmations would not go.

"Senator Smith of Georgia told the Republicans he had a trunk filled with papers relating to the various pending nominations. He thought about one day would be consumed in explaining the demerits of each appointee. In this way something like 1,600 days would be required.

"For six hours the Democrats used obstructive methods. They made motions to adjourn, appealed from decisions of the chair, noted the absence of a quorum and otherwise harried their opponents. There were six yes and nay votes and three calls of the Senate. Finally at 6:30 p. m. the Republicans found themselves without a quorum and the Senate adjourned for the day. The hope had been expressed that enough Republicans would remain on hand to keep the fight going until 11 o'clock in the evening.

"In discussing the fight Senator Martin said:

"Disagreeable as the task is, the Democrats will continue their policy of opposition to confirmation of the Taft nominations except as to appointments in the army and navy and similar branches of the Government and as to the diplomatic corps.

"We are not worried over the effect daily executive session will have on the appropriations bill and other legislation. The appropriation bills can easily be passed in the extra session as the bills do not become effective until July 1, and the other matters can be looked after at the same time."

"Intimations were given last night by Republican Senators that the fight undoubtedly will extend into President-elect Wilson's administration and be reflected in the Senate's action on many of his appointments.

## Six Powers Agree to Loan China Many Millions

PEKING, Feb. 20.—The loan agreement between the Chinese Government and the six-power group of bankers has been completed.

The agreement provides for a loan entitled "The Chinese Government Five and Half Per Cent Cent Reorganization Gold Loan" to the amount of \$125,000,000. It stipulates the purposes for which the loan shall be employed, which include the disbandment of the troops and the reorganization of the salt tax.

The loan is secured on the tax, but it is also provided that any future surplus in the maritime custom shall be utilized for the service of this loan, thus making a portion of the salt revenue available for other Government purposes.

The six-power group undertake to advance \$10,000,000 immediately the agreement is signed, another \$10,000,000 later in this month, and \$15,000,000 in March, should the issue of the loan for any unforeseen cause be delayed.

The loan is for fifty years, but the Chinese Government has the option of converting or redeeming it at par after six months' notice.

The Government undertakes not to issue a further Government loan within six months and to issue no loan secured on the salt tax without giving the six-power group an option.

The appointments of J. F. Oissen, of Denmark as inspector of the tax, and the German, Herr Romp, as supervisor of the audit department, have been approved.

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