

# TAX BILL

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2 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:  
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4           Already there are promising  
5 reactions to the Senate's passing of the  
6 tax bill late last night. Uncle Sam's  
7 dollar went up on all the European  
8 exchanges. American securities also rose  
9 in value abroad.

10       *Yes,* The new tax measure is now, to  
11 all intents and purposes, a law. It  
12 merely awaits the conference on certain  
13 details between the Senate and the House,  
14 and the signature of the President.

15           This bill, which is expected to  
16 put one billion, 115 million dollars in  
17 Uncle Sam's pocket, will lay an extra  
18 burden of some 250 millions on income-  
19 tax payers.

20           You may be interested to know how  
21 it will affect you in other respects.  
22 Well, an average small-sized car which  
23 today costs you 600 dollars, will ~~xx~~ cost  
24 you 618 fifteen days after the bill  
25 is signed. *So buy now and save the 18; or wait and*  
~~Now~~-----

*donate the 18 to your Uncle Samuel. Then, new →*

1 accessories, such as spare wheels, trunks  
2 and wind guards, costing less than 30  
3 dollars today will cost you 60 cents more.

4 Your tooth-paste and shaving  
5 cream, the lip sticks of the ladies, to  
6 say nothing of their hair dye, will all  
7 be more expensive.

8 The Senate stepped on the gas in  
9 more respects than that of speed. It  
10 imposed a tax on gasoline which is  
11 expected to contribute 150 million  
12 dollars to the Treasury.

13 In this connection, there is  
14 still another important job ~~for~~ for  
15 Congress. Uncle Sam, for the first time  
16 in many decades, has to do what you and I  
17 have to do. *He's got to watch his pennies, and live*  
18 *within his means.*

19 Hitherto, the procedure of  
20 government has been to decide how much we  
21 wanted to spend, and then raise the money  
22 to pay for it. This year Uncle Sam has  
23 found out how much he can raise. So  
24 Congress has got to pare down costs to  
25 come within that figure. This means that  
the task now facing both Houses is  
eliminating some 238 millions from the  
budget.

1           The Senators were pretty well  
2 tucked out with the long session which  
3 ended with the passage of the tax bill  
4 at midnight. Nevertheless, <sup>today</sup> they went to  
5 work at once on the essential business of  
6 economizing.

7           In Washington, as throughout the  
8 country, and indeed the rest of the  
9 world, there is a great relief over the  
10 final, long-delayed passing of the tax  
11 bill. Applause and cheers broke out as  
12 action was ~~taken~~ taken to grease the ways  
13 for its progress to the White House for  
14 signature.

15           *It isn't a perfect tax bill. But,*  
16 *still, maybe it's better than none.*

1           And, by the way, Uncle Sam's  
2 Treasury expects to receive war debt  
3 payments during the next fiscal year  
4 amounting to \$269,000,000. This money  
5 will be contributed by sixteen European  
6 nations. Many people have been expecting  
7 we wouldn't get a penny of this--this  
8 year. But a United Press dispatch to the  
9 Chicago Daily News assures us that  
10 Washington has not been notified by any  
11 creditor nation that the regular payments  
12 will <sup>not</sup> be made. So Uncle Sam expects the  
13 269 million.

1 The great English racing classic,  
2 the derby, was run off on Epsom Downs  
3 this afternoon for the 153rd time.

4 The winner, as frequently happens, was  
5 a rank outsider named April the 5th.  
6 The colt was 100 to 6 in the betting.

7 Whoever drew that ~~ix~~ ticket in the  
8 Sweep is a lucky man or <sup>group</sup> ~~man~~. April  
9 the 5th's owner is an <sup>English</sup> actor <sup>who is an old</sup> ~~of whom~~  
10 ~~I never heard. His name is~~ <sup>acquaintance of mine. He's a very popular comedian named</sup> Tom Walls.

11 He not only owns the horse, but trained  
12 him <sup>to boot,</sup> ~~himself.~~

13 What will be of more interest  
14 to us is that <sup>the big flop of the race was</sup> the favorite, <sup>Up to now he had</sup> ~~hitherto~~

15 <sup>been</sup> one of the most ~~famous and~~ successful  
16 horses of the year in Europe. <sup>He's</sup> ~~is~~ owned  
17 by a man who is an American, <sup>At least he's an American</sup> by birth.

18 Though born in the States he renounced  
19 his citizenship and became a British  
20 subject. <sup>The owner of the Derby favorite</sup> ~~He~~ is Washington Singer, heir  
21 to one of the great American fortunes, <sup>heir</sup>  
22 <sup>to the American grand duke of sewing machines.</sup> He is known as a keen sportsman and  
23 has been trying to win the Derby for a  
24 ~~great~~ many of his 67 years. The ~~Great~~  
25 Orwell, his entry this year, was

1 generally considered a sure thing, *the favorite.*  
 2 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>*In fact*</sup> Orwell went to  
 3 the post a five to four favorite <sup>*in the Derby,*</sup>  
 4 but he finished 9th. ~~It is unusual~~  
 5 ~~for favorites to win. There were two~~  
 6 ~~American entries in the race.~~

7 It was a thrilling race from  
 8 all <sup>*rounded Tattenham Corner and*</sup> counts. The winner galloped down  
 9 the home stretch <sup>*past the Royal Box*</sup> like a brown streak  
 10 under the flailing whip of his jockey.  
 11 He finished three quarters of a length  
 12 in front of the next horse, which was  
 13 owned by the Aga Khan, ~~who is~~ titular  
 14 head of ~~the~~ the Mohammedans in India.

1           The entire sport world is agog  
2 with talk of the ~~at~~ fight between Umpire  
3 George Moriarty and four Chicago Whitesox  
4 players in Cleveland the other day. Not  
5 the least amusing part of it all is the  
6 decision by the President of the National  
7 League. Two of the Whitesox players  
8 were fined \$500 apiece. Two of them got  
9 off with \$250. apiece and a 10-days  
10 suspension--but here comes the joker.  
11 Umpire Moriarty who was sent to the  
12 hospital is reprimanded. The principal  
13 damage he sustained was a broken fist.  
14 He broke it on the jaw of Milton Gaston,  
15 Whitesox pitcher. But Mr. Moriarty is  
16 reprimanded not for his part in the fight  
17 but because he did not chase the Whitesox  
18 pitcher and manager to the showers before  
19 the game was over. In other words he is  
20 rebuked not for his fighting ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> for his  
21 leniency.

22           Joe Williams in the New York  
23 World Telegram has an amusing account of  
24 the <sup>scrap.</sup> ~~fight~~. It seems that while four of  
25 the ~~g~~ brave Whitesox were piling on

1 Moriarty <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ was flat on the floor with a  
 2 broken fist another ~~xxxx~~ Umpire, Mr.  
 3 Bill Dinneen, rushed to his rescue.

4 "You stay out of this, Bill"  
 5 shouted ~~Mr.~~ Moriarty, "this is MY fight."

6 The baseball reporters are  
 7 seizing the opportunity to tell much of  
 8 the ~~fighting~~ <sup>battling</sup> saga of ~~Mr.~~ <sup>the warlike</sup> Moriarty. He  
 9 used to be a pitcher and quite a good one  
 10 and never backward in coming forward,  
 11 when there was a fight in sight. He  
 12 started a scrap once with the pugnacious  
 13 Ty Cobb. Mr. Moriarty picked up a baseball  
 14 bat and handed it to Mr. Cobb.

15 "A guy like you needs a bat to  
 16 even things up when he's fighting an  
 17 Irishman," said ~~Mr.~~ Moriarty. There was  
 18 no fight *that time.*

19 And talking about Ty Cobb, he  
 20 was once on the verge of an encounter with  
 21 Mr. Billy Evans, ~~once~~ an umpire. Mr.  
 22 Evans inquired what kind of a fight it was  
 23 to be.

24 "There are no rules when I fight"  
 25 replied ~~Mr.~~ <sup>Mr.</sup> Cobb, "anything goes."



1 A ride almost comparable to that  
2 of Paul Revere is recorded from California  
3 today. I should say rather that it  
4 brings back echoes of the Johnstown Flood  
5 and its once famous hero, *whose name I've forgotten.*

6 The ~~River~~ <sup>River</sup> Colorado, is cutting  
7 up in California. There's an eighteen  
8 foot break in the levee in the Palo Verde  
9 Valley. A force of a hundred men have  
10 been struggling to place sandbags around  
11 the breach. But after seven hours  
12 desperate work <sup>that breaks</sup> ~~it~~ was half again as wide  
13 as when it was discovered.

14 Unless the torrent is stopped  
15 the entire valley will be covered to a  
16 depth of four feet. The hero of this ride  
17 is W. A. Pfof, a rancher. When he  
18 perceived the danger he first took his wife  
19 and three children to a point of safety.  
20 Then he went back and raced through the  
21 valley in a speeding motor-car, warning  
22 other ranchers about the flood. The honk  
23 of his shrill horn roused the entire  
24 valley in the middle of the night. There  
25 were a thousand families in danger. Pfof

1 passed the entire night racing from ranch  
2 to ranch with his message. Family after  
3 family had to evacuate their homes and  
4 seek refuge on the hill-side. The refugees  
5 had to abandon their possessions and  
6 cattle. There are 20,000 acres of rich  
7 farm land in the path of the torrent.

8 Not since 1921 has the ~~River~~ *Mad*  
9 Colorado been at such a high level. ~~and~~  
10 The levees holding its water back are  
11 under a terrific strain *tonight.*

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1           The new issue of the Literary  
2 Digest which will be out tomorrow is  
3 valuable as well as exceptionally  
4 interesting. It is the annual summer  
5 travel number.

6           I say valuable because ~~ix~~ it  
7 gives such help to people who are  
8 contemplating vacations as I've not  
9 seen in any other publication.

10           The principal article on the  
11 subject is called The Bicentennial  
12 Spirit in Summer Travel. It shows you  
13 how you can link up your recreation  
14 with the spirit of George Washington,  
15 which hovers over the entire United  
16 States this year. It traces all of  
17 Washington's visits to the famous resort  
18 regions in the East, so that you can  
19 follow his footsteps if you feel so  
20 inclined, and see all the ~~sights~~<sup>sights</sup> that  
21 he saw and a great deal more.

22           The travel articles then take you  
23 to the Great Lakes and westward to  
24 Minnesota and Wisconsin. You start  
25 west with a fascinating picture of the

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 1 Black Hills and the towering Big Horn  
 2 Mountains. You can see in imagination  
 3 the four famous national parks in  
 4 Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado. You  
 5 can read what you may expect in ~~the~~  
 6 other wonderlands. ~~of Colorado~~ You  
 7 get a rapid glimpse of the Southwest,  
 8 the colorful Bryce Canyon, the marvels  
 9 of Zion National Park in Utah, that  
 10 wonder of the world, the Grand Canyon  
 11 of <sup>Arizona</sup> ~~Colorado~~ and the Painted Desert.

12 You will also find here what  
 13 picturesque features <sup>you shouldn't miss in</sup> ~~of~~ the magnificent  
 14 Pacific Northwest. <sup>^</sup> ~~you shouldn't miss.~~  
 15 You take a birdseye journey to  
 16 California, including the Shasta country  
 17 and the Empire of the gigantic Red Woods.

18 You have also a good sized  
 19 outline of the most interesting tours  
 20 through Alaska and the Yukon.

21 <sup>literary</sup> ~~digest~~ Another feature of this <sup>travel</sup> number <sup>^</sup> of the  
 22 <sup>^</sup> is an original, and unusual table of  
 23 Pacific Tours. Also valuable information  
 24 about the attractions of Hawaii, the  
 25 South Sea Islands, Australia, New

1 Zealand, and Japan.

2           The Dominion of Canada is  
3 covered from colorful Gaspe to the *totem poles*  
4 ~~extreme limits of Victoria~~ *of Vancouver Island,* Then too  
5 you can read of the attractions of the  
6 Maritime Provinces of Canada, of quaint  
7 old-world Quebec, the Canadian Rockies,  
8 and British Columbia.

9           One unusual feature that so  
10 far as I know has never been done before  
11 in a magazine, is a map showing all the  
12 summer resorts on the North American  
13 continent. Also a smaller <sup>map</sup> showing the  
14 leading tourist places in Europe and  
15 the British Isles. → You are given the  
16 high lights of each European country, a  
17 precise list of the leading events that  
18 will take place in Europe this summer.  
19 You'll also find the latest travel news  
20 pertaining to Russia.

# GERMANY

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And now let's stop off in Germany a  
moment. (The lineup of the new German cabinet  
is ~~very~~ interesting. It includes two  
Counts, four Barons, <sup>and</sup> four gentlemen with  
the aristocratic prefix "Von" in front  
of their names. There will be only two  
or at the most three commoners in the  
ministry which the newly appointed  
Chancellor Von Papen<sup>h</sup> is organizing.)

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So, it's easy to see how extremely  
feudal the character of the new German  
government will be. H. R. Knickerbocker  
in the New York Evening Post, points out  
that its military ~~character~~<sup>complexion</sup> is indicated  
by the fact that General Von Schleicher  
is slated for Minister of Defense. This  
is interpreted to mean that he will be  
the actual though not the nominal chief  
of the Cabinet. It was this General who  
was largely responsible for the downfall  
of Doctor Bruening.

On the other hand the cordiality with  
which American officials in Washington  
greeted the news of Von Papen<sup>h</sup>'s  
appointment shows how war hatreds have  
died, so we learn from a United Press

1 dispatch in the Newark News.

2       Aside from his activities during the  
3 war, -- especially his part in the plot to  
4 blow up the Welland Canal <sup>in Canada</sup> -- Von Papen  
5 was very popular in Washington. He is  
6 a man of great charm, culture and fine  
7 presence.

8       In Germany on the other hand the  
9 Republican newspapers are exceedingly  
10 excited about the Chancellorship of  
11 Von Papen. They express astonishment  
12 that President Von Hindenburg should have  
13 chosen a man so notorious abroad. The fact  
14 of the matter is, as events have shown,  
15 that the German Republicans are much more  
16 sensitive about this than we are.

17       On the other hand this news has stirred  
18 up fear in France. According to one  
19 dispatch French opinion today may be  
20 summarized in these words: "The world now  
21 knows that Germany is arming and will not  
22 pay reparations. France now cannot dare  
23 to disarm." That's the French slant on it.

24       The Parisian newspapers are full of  
25 caustic comments on the events which led

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up to the recall of Colonel Von Papen from Washington.

And by the way it's interesting to recall that an indictment ~~x~~ by <sup>a</sup> Federal Grand Jury in New York against Colonel Von Papen was quashed only a few weeks ago--March 8th, to be precise.



1           The new French parliament met  
2 today for the first time. Though the  
3 Deputies did not stage anything like the  
4 riot in the Prussian parliament several  
5 weeks ago, there was quite a rumpus.

6           The demonstration, and it was a  
7 noisy one, was started by the Communists.  
8 As is usual on such occasions, there was  
9 a formal eulogy of the assassinated  
10 president, Paul Doumer. As a matter of  
11 courtesy, it is customary for the  
12 Deputies to stand at such a moment. But  
13 the Communists refused to get on their  
14 hind legs. They kept shouting "Amnesty!  
15 Amnesty!" By which they meant that they  
16 wanted a pardon for the man who murdered  
17 the late president. *A strange situation, that.*

1           Here's a tall story I got from H. E. Rosebrough of  
2           Huntington, Indiana. It was a clipping from the Huntington News.

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4           A boy\* threw a stone at a woodpecker. His aim was so good  
5           that he hit the bird's head and drove its bill right into the  
6           wood it was pecking. It took three other woodpeckers four hours  
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8           to dig their companion's nose out of the tree.

9           Yes, that's what you'd call a tall and penetrating  
10          story.

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12          And if I don't turn this mike over to Howard Petrie, he  
13          may push my nose into it, and the Lord knows how long it would  
14          take four woodpeckers to dig me out. So I'll avoid that predica-  
15          ment by saying--

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17                    SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.