

## LARGE REFUND TO OWNERS OF AUTOS

### EXCISE TAX ELIMINATED

### Treasury Department Figures Show More than 10 Millions to Be Turned Back, Report

Approximately \$10,500,000 will be refunded to the 53,125 automobile dealers of the country, as the result of the elimination of the three per cent automotive excise tax, which went into effect May 29, according to figures of the American Motorists' association, in co-operation with the Automobile club of Illinois.

This amount is based on figures just announced by the Treasury Department, showing that when the tax was reduced from five to three per cent on passenger cars on March 28, 1928, the dealers of the country obtained a refund of \$7,534,59.

**What Figures Show**  
The department's figures, says Si. Mayer, president of the Automobile club of Illinois, show that the dealer keeps in stock, for demonstration and display purposes, an average of approximately 7.7 new automobiles. Also, that his complete inventory shows 200 different items he stocks to supply his trade. When the tax was reduced from five to three per cent, the 55,445 dealers in business at midnight on March 28, 1926, had the following inventory on their floors:

Completed automobiles	430,259
Automobile bodies	323
Automobile chassis	406
Motorcycles	913
	435,901

**Pennsylvania Leads**  
The figures compiled by the association show that Pennsylvania, with a total of 4,035 has the largest number of automobile dealers of any one state. Other leading states in the order named, are New York, 4,000; Ohio, 3,394; Illinois, 3,329; California, 2,504; Wisconsin, 2,381 and Michigan 2,227. Delaware with a total of 87 and the District of Columbia with a total of 90, report the smallest number of automobile dealers.

In addition to the 53,125 dealers in the country, there are approximately 90,000 service stations and repair shops. This means that for every repair shop, there is an average of 261 passenger cars and trucks.

## GOMPERS ATTITUDE ON PREPAREDNESS

### HAMMOND TELLS STORY

### Famous Engineer Relates How Labor Leader Was Converted from Opponent of Preparation

John Hays Hammond, celebrated international mining engineer, in an article in Nation's Business magazine concerning some of the outstanding figures he came in contact with during his world-wide activities, has this to say of the late Samuel Gompers, who was head of the American Federation of Labor for nearly a generation:

"I had known Gompers for a long time before the war. We had worked together as members of the board of the National Civic Federation. I had always supported Gompers in his contention that labor had a right to bargain collectively. Our relationship was therefore both intimate and friendly.

"It was because of this that I was able to render what I think was a real service at a trying time. Early in the war I rode by appointment one day from Washington to New York with Gompers. All the talk at that time was of preparedness. Gompers was against it.

**Converted Him**  
"The worker did the dying in time of war, he said, and the capitalist made the money. I argued that rich and poor were alike in duty to country, would be similarly humiliated if to preparedness and he afterward marshaled labor to the emergency.

"There are two potent ideas current in the United States today but not appreciated elsewhere, ideas that have much to do with her dominant prosperity — for which Gompers is largely responsible. The first of these is the belief on the part of labor that it pays to produce, that the more wealth created the more there will be to divide.

"Then there is the companion idea that it is to the advantage of the employer to pay high wages and through them to convert those who work into a consuming public that will provide a boundless home market for the products of industry.

## Things to Cook

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**New Hampshire Baked Fish**  
Halibut, pike, pickerel or other large fish. Even a small pike is delicious cooked this way.  
Arrange thin slices of fat salt pork on bottom of dripping pan. After scaling and cleaning fish, wipe dry and place over pork. Cover entire surface of fish with 3 tablespoons butter creamed with 3 tablespoons flour. Cover top with buttered cracker crumbs and lastly several thin slices of salt pork. Cover with buttered paper and bake 50 minutes in over 350 degrees. Remove paper and brown a few minutes before removing from oven.

**Salt Rising Bread**  
4 tablespoons milk  
2 tablespoons corn meal  
Pinch salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
Heat milk to boiling point, pour over dry ingredients which have been placed in heated quart jar. Keep in warm place over night (must be kept at an even temperature.) In the morning take:  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
Scald with 1 quart hot water

Add flour to make batter a little thicker than for hot cakes; then add mixture which has risen over night. Beat a few minutes and put in ten-pound lard bucket with tight cover. Set in kettle of hot water to rise; this water should be as hot as the hand will bear; keep in very warm place free from draughts. When risen to double original hize, add warmed flour, enough to make a stiff batter, and make into loaves. Let rise and bake.

**Corn Fritters**  
1 pint grated sweet corn  
1/2 cup flour  
1/4 cup butter  
1 egg  
Fry in deep lard  
Pinch salt  
Little pepper  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

**Saratoga Chips**  
Wash and pare potatoes. Slice thin, using a vegetable slicer, into a bowl of cold water and let stand two hours. Change the water twice. Drain. Dry between towels. Fry in deep fat until light brown. Keep in motion with a skimmer. Drain on brown paper and sprinkle with salt.

**Date Nut Pudding**  
1 cup pitted dates  
1 cup nutmeats, quartered  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
Pinch salt  
Do not beat the eggs separately, but stir the eggs, sugar and salt together, add the flour with the baking powder stirred into it and then put in the dates and nuts. Mix well and bake 1/2 of an hour in a very slow oven. Serve with cream of vanilla sauce.

The church merger is another popular movement that is always just about to make decided advancement but somehow never does.—Columbus Dispatch.

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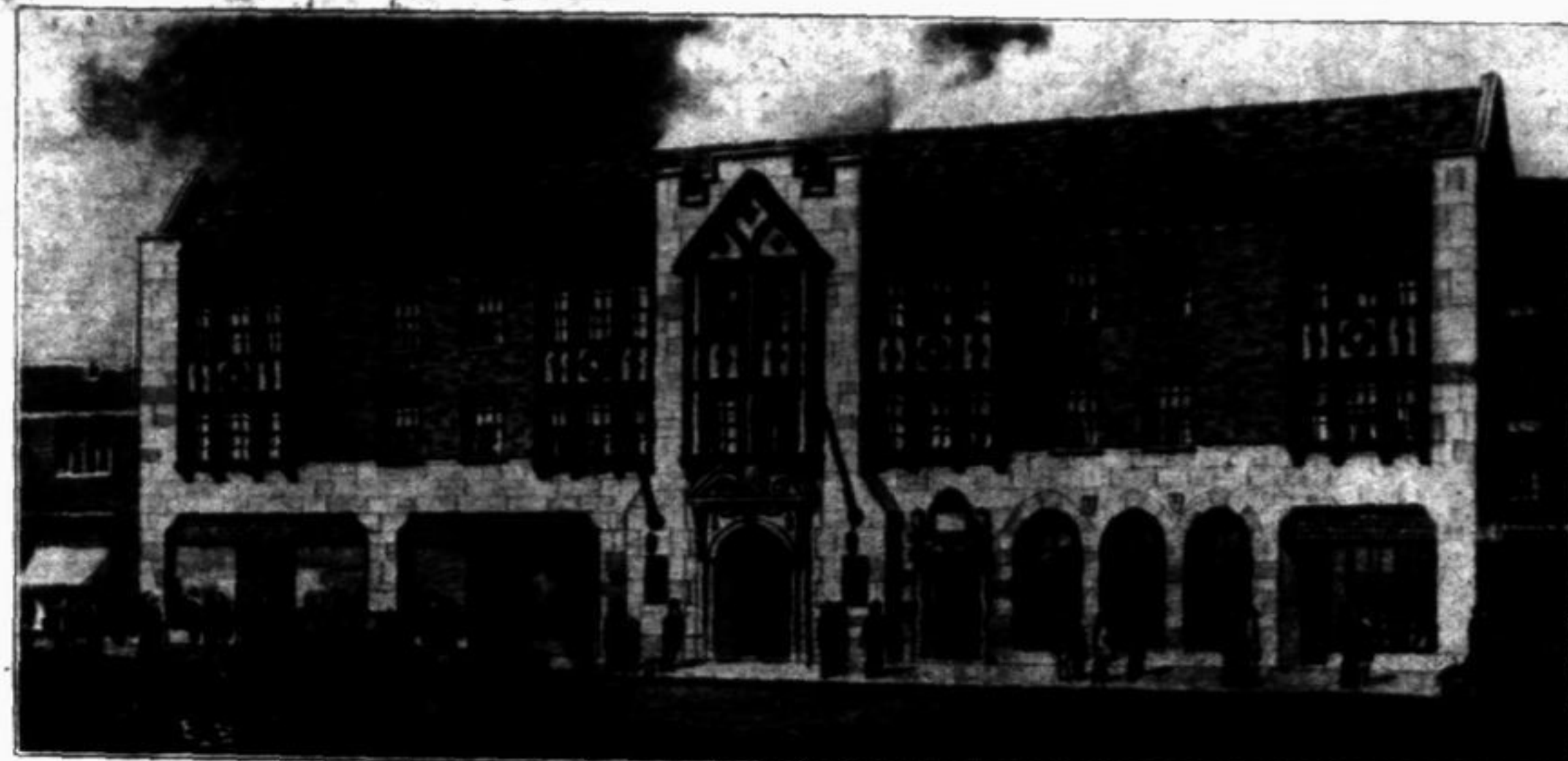
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