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#### CORPORATION DIVIDEND TAX.

In suggesting that the net incomes of corporations be taxed two per cent., President Taft is probably aiming at securing additional revenues but also, as pointed out by our Washington correspondent, at securing an inspection by the federal authorities of the books and transactions of corporations with a view to eliminating abuses which have been the bane of the management of the great corporate concerns of the country.

Unquestionably it was the latter measure which caused the reported hurry in financial circles following the publication of the message conveying the President's suggestion to Congress. On this ground, as the carrying out of a general policy of supervision, little opposition would be likely to develop except, perhaps, from corporate sources.

If the main purpose is to furnish more revenue, however, the first objection to be raised is that this end could be secured by simpler methods. Again, unless the tax is graduated, and an exemption clause inserted, struggling industrial concerns would be burdened with a load necessarily oppressive, and in some cases even confiscatory. Such a clause should limit the tax to the larger and wealthier concerns, and relieve the small manufacturing corporations in nearly every community, corporations, it is true, capitalized at small amounts but larger than individuals could well undertake. A corporation dividend tax that wiped these out of existence would unquestionably act as a boon to trusts and a blow at the smaller concerns.

In the third place, the question of the effects on dividends arises. While perhaps no ill results would be noticeable at once, so far as dividends are concerned, yet as the entering wedge of a new policy, this proposition must be carefully considered in this regard. Literally thousands of struggling men and women have invested their savings in small holdings in industrial concerns. They will want to know all about this measure that is offered in lieu of the Bailey-Cummins proposition which effects only the rich, and concerning the constitutionality of which Mr. Taft had no doubts until very recently.

Hon. John M. Garman, nominated for Judge in Luzerne county by both Democrats and Republicans at the recent primaries, has filed his account of campaign expenses. The double nomination cost just \$512.25.

#### CANAL MENACING HEALTH.

Because the Town Council will not act of its own volition in the matter, and because the local Board of Health has not yet seen fit to compel it to remove the cause, the health of the people of Bloomsburg is constantly menaced by the disease-breeding condition in which the old canal is permitted to remain.

Two of the town's surface-drainage pipes pour water into the canal bed, and this with the water that accumulates from other sources, provides a paradisaical breeding place for the malaria-breeding mosquito. That the malarial mosquito is in evidence there is not an ill fear born of the brain of an alarmist. Prof. D. S. Hartline, of the Normal biological department, has stated that he has found specimens of this mosquito, which is well known to science and medicine, in existence in that section. Dr. D. J. Waller subsequently made complaint against the conditions prevailing at the canal to the Board of Health, thus putting the matter squarely up to that body.

The D. L. & W. railroad company owns the old canal bed, holding it as a valuable right of way. When approached on the subject of getting rid of this water, pregnant with disease-carrying mosquitoes by thousands, the railroad company answered, briefly and to the point, that it would take care of its own share of the accumulating water when Bloomsburg stopped emptying its two surface-drainage pipes into the company's right of way.

That position is morally and legally impregnable, and the blame for the existing conditions is placed on the Town. The Board of Health becomes, at least morally, participes criminis because, while it cannot act against the Lackawanna under the circumstance, few doubt that it can compel the town to move those two surface-drainage pipes so that they will not empty into the old canal bed.

The presence of the malarial mosquito has been proven. The remedy is known. Protest has been lodged with the Board of Health. If Council will not act, let the Health authorities compel it to do so. If that body will not take the necessary steps, it is time the State Board was appealed to for relief.

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#### PRICE OF PEACE PRESERVED.

Realizing that if Mars could be deprived of all ammunition and his pockets emptied of the coins that are, after all, the very sinews of war, the bellicose Roman god would be forced to give up his bloody pastime and devote himself to sleep or the wooing of fair goddesses on Olympus, James D. Hallen, American citizen, undertook to bunco the blustering patron of warriors and, which is more to the point, succeeded.

Hallen, about two years ago, met Ramon Echesaretta, New York agent of the Nicaraguan government, who was trying to buy arms and ammunition. Hallen realized that this meant war, and being opposed to war in the first place, and his kindly heart sympathizing with the prospective widows and orphans destined to fill Central America if Ramon's plan went through, set himself to thwart it.

Could and would Hallen furnish Nicaragua with 1,000,000 Remington cartridges? Hallen answered "aye" and then there agreed to provide them for the bed-rock price of \$11,000, cash to be paid when the cartridges were delivered on the wharf. Nicaragua paid that \$11,000 on the bills of lading but great was the wrath of its officials when, opening the package that looked precisely like ammunition boxes they found them filled with copper dross and saw-dust.

In their wrath, not reflecting that peace had cost but \$11,000, they had Hallen indicted for grand larceny. And Hallen, on trial in New York, pleaded that President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, wished the cartridges for use in putting through a plan that would result in making Zelaya the only President in Central America, and that Guatamala, hearing of the plan, engaged Hallen to assist in frustrating it. Because Echesaretta is dead, the availability of this delightful tale is increased.

Meanwhile Hallen, instead of being decorated with a peace medal for so effectually buncoing Mars, was put on trial for his liberty. Verily this is a censorious world, and few there be who shall escape calumny. The only balm peace-preserving Hallen received was an acquittal on the charge lodged against him.

#### Orphans' Home Dedicated.

Amid imposing ceremonies the new \$40,000 Odd Fellows' State Orphanage between Sunbury and Snyderstown was dedicated last Thursday. Odd Fellows and relatives from many parts of twenty-three counties, containing 35,000 members of the fraternity having an interest in the institution, were present. One hundred orphans, inmates of the Home, took a leading part in the exercises, which started with an inspection of the building, occupying a part of 170 acres owned by the Odd Fellows. The ground also contains a chapel, a school and a frame structure, formerly used by the orphans, and which hereafter will be occupied by old and indigent members of the fraternity and their wives.

Following the dedicatory exercises, in charge of the Grand Lodge, addresses were made by J. S. Montgomery, Philadelphia, grand master; Rev. B. H. Hart, Harrisburg, past grand master; J. W. Stroh, Sunbury; Mrs. Hattie Mendle, Allegheny, president of the State Rebekahs, and E. C. Wagner, Girardville president of the Orphanage Association. He stated that a \$100,000 permanent fund would be raised for the maintenance of the home. Four thousand dollars was collected from the audience during the day by contribution, and from the sale of souvenirs and refreshments, to help liquidate the \$40,000 debt.

#### Sutton Escaped Easily.

According to the Salida (Col.) Record of June 18, John R. Sutton, the much wanted Berwick tax collector, escaped arrest in Salida, Colorado, because a detective, who gave his name as J. S. Kelly, bungled what might have proved a neat bit of work.

Kelly according to the Record, followed Mrs. Sutton when she started west, keeping her shadowed until she joined her husband at Salida. Then Kelly drove about the streets and kept announcing his object until the Suttons eventually heard of it and disappeared. Then the detective, with the assistance of the Salida police, succeeded in again locating the Berwick man in a Salida house.

The police arranged to assist in making the arrest, two of them going to the front door of the house while Kelly was sent to guard the rear exit. Then, says the Record, while Mrs. Sutton talked to the officers, her husband left by the back door. Kelly, though he saw him, permitted him to go on down an alley without trying to detain him. An effort to trace him with bloodhounds, following this last escape, brought no results.

#### An Ancient Engine.

One of the oldest locomotives in existence is to be brought down from the upper part of the Fishing Creek valley within a few days and taken to Scranton, where its new owners, A. J. Derry & Company, will use it in demonstrating a signal system and then consign it to the scrap-heap. The engine, one of the old wood-burning kind and which was used for years by the Pentecost Lumber Company will make the trip to Scranton on a flat-car, its usefulness being so long outlived that it was deemed safer to carry it on a car than to risk its making the trip on the track under its own power.

The engine would create a positive sensation wherever shown. The top of the stack is about four feet in diameter and in its construction it is of the stamp of the sixties. Few engines of such age remain intact today.

#### Mrs. Joseph A. Hess.

Following a nine days' illness with paralysis the death of Mrs. Joseph A. Hess occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph B. Aul, of Espy, Sunday evening. For a number of years Mrs. Hess made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hiday, in Bloomsburg, accompanying them when they moved to Espy, and recently she had been living with her only other daughter, Mrs. Aul. She was aged about 65 years and in addition to her two daughters, is survived by the following named brothers and sisters: J. C. Coleman, of Surprise, Neb., and Frank Coleman, of Capron, Ill., and by Mrs. C. W. Ammerman, of Greenwood, Del., and Mrs. Samuel Pealer, of Asbury. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the home of Mr. Aul. Interment was made in Hiday's cemetery.

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SUIT at \$12.75—Of shadow stripe chiffon panama in navy blue, elect blue, green, tan, ashes of roses and gray. Coat 40 inches long, semi-fitting hipless cutaway front forming points on the sides, new small sleeves, lined throughout with satin; gored flare skirt with trimming of straps and self covered buttons.

SUIT at \$26.50—A 4 button cutaway coat 40 inches long of striped worsted, slashed back and sides, inlaid bengaline silk collar; large flap pockets, trimmed with buttons, lined with taffeta silk; plain 11 gore demi-Princess skirt.

At \$6.00 to \$14.00 Junior Suits for the little Misses in sizes 11, 13, 15 and 17 years. Made of shadow stripe panama and fine serge in navy blue, gray and green, semi-fitting hipless coats, gored and pleated skirt.

SUIT at \$27.00—A strictly tailored suit of French Serge; 4 button cutaway; single breasted (just a slight cutaway effect); lined with taffeta silk; new small sleeves; Demi Princess Skirt with inverted plait at sides.

SUITS at \$20.00—Of chiffon panama in blue, green and black; graceful semi-fitting hipless coat 36 inches long, single breasted, new small sleeves and trimmed with satin piping; gored flounce skirt.



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