

THE INCOME TAX PUZZLE

Shall the President of the United States Be Called Upon to Pay?

A VEXED QUESTION BOBS UP

Conflicting Provisions in the Laws Stagger the Revenue Officials--It Also Applies to Federal Judges in a Puzzling Way.

Washington, April 10.—The collection of the income tax on the salaries of government officers who receive more than \$4,000 a year will probably be fraught with many embarrassing complications. Already a question has arisen as to whether it is constitutional to deduct from the annual salary of the president of the United States the \$200 which will be his share of contribution to the revenues under the 2 per cent. assessment. The federal constitution expressly provides that the compensation of the president "shall neither be increased or diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected."

As Applied to Judges. The application of the principle given the same with reference to all federal judges appointed for life. Their salaries are apparently protected from the income tax by a constitutional provision that their compensation shall not be diminished during their continuance in office. Federal judges appointed for a limited term, however, will probably be obliged to pay the tax through deductions from the requisite amounts from their salaries.

Nearly every one of the officers of the government, who receives a compensation of more than \$4,000 per year, has been busy since the supreme court decision was rendered, in making up a statement of his income for transmission to the collector of revenue in the district where he has legal residence. The president is understood to have sent in his statement, and private Secretary Thurston lost no time in doing likewise.

ALTGELD'S OPINION.

He Intimates That Chauncey M. Depew is a Transparent Humbug.

St. Louis, Mo., April 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Springfield, Ill., says that Governor Altgeld was interviewed today regarding the attack made upon him yesterday by Chauncey M. Depew. The governor said: "It is evident that the shot at Depew went home. The bird seems to be fluttering on the ground, but he has himself alone to blame."

LIL MAY TAKE EXERCISE.

The ex-Queen is Allowed the Freedom of a Ten-Acre Lot.

Victoria, B. C., April 10.—The following Honolulu advices up to April 2 have been received here: Yesterday, by advice of her physician, the ex-queen received permission to walk to any part of the ten-acre park around the executive building after the close of office hours, at 4 p. m. She has heretofore been restricted to the use of the verandas adjoining her apartments. It cannot be learned that the executive contemplates any change in the place of her imprisonment.

PRICE HELD FOR MURDER.

Accused of Being the Slayer of Sallie E. Dean.

Denton, Md., April 10.—The grand jury today presented Marshall E. Price, for the murder of Sallie E. Dean, the 14-year-old school girl, near Harmony, on March 25. The jury found no bill against U. G. Corkran.

STRANGE SUICIDE.

Women with a Baby in Her Arms Lays Down in Front of a Train.

New London, Conn., April 10.—An un-identified woman and baby were killed at this noon by an express train from the Providence road from Boston. The train passed Myrtle station with the child in her arms, lay full length across the water, intending to go to the river, where the train coming turned and itself before it.

DICT OF MRS. BUFFUM.

100 Damages for False Imprisonment.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Buffum rendered a verdict for \$100 damages against the Chesapeake Traction company.

NOTES OF THE BIG FLOODS

Mighty Rivers Grow Angry Under the Patter of April Rain.

DAMAGE ALONG HUDSON RIVER

Lively Times at Troy--The Delaware and Hudson Canal Washed Out at Many Points--Other Streams on the Rampage

Binghamton, N. Y., April 10.—The floods in the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers here reached the highest point this morning and are now receding. A number of manufacturing establishments along the river front have been obliged to shut down on account of water in their engine rooms.

THE PRESS IS MUZZLED.

Cuban Journals Dare Not Print News That Has Not Been Edited by a Government Official.

New York, April 10.—Among the passengers arriving here today on the steamer Seneca from Havana was H. D. Neill, of Braintree, Ont. Mr. Neill said that in Havana, where he had been for some weeks, the situation was extremely uncomfortable, especially to foreigners. For two weeks he was followed by the government spies, who hounded his every movement.

MARVELS OF WARFARE.

Steel Shells Driven Through Seven-Inch Plate Without Exploding.

Washington, April 10.—Captain Sampson, chief of the bureau of ordnance, navy department, and his assistants conducted two very important and successful tests at the naval proving ground, Indian Head, today. The first was a test of 13-inch armor-piercing nickel steel shell. The shell, two inches in diameter, was fired through a 7-inch nickel steel plate without exploding or exposing the large charge of powder it carried.

PRINCETON DOWNED.

New York's Giants Easily Defeat the College Team.

New York, April 10.—The New Yorks played the Princeton college team this afternoon and won as they pleased. Altman was heavily batted in the first two innings and received poor support besides. He then gave way to Wilson, who pitched creditably to the end.

RESULTS OF THE STORM.

Traffic is Delayed on Railroads Near Stroudsburg.

Stroudsburg, April 10.—The severe storm of the past two days delayed traffic on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad and New York, Susquehanna and Western railroad. The former company's tracks at the Gap are submerged and every train has a feeler in front of it. The water is about two feet high on the tracks and cellars are flooded.

SCHWEINFURTH MUST PAY.

The Illinois "Messiah" Convicted of Alienating Affections.

Chicago, Ill., April 10.—A jury today gave a verdict for \$50,000 damages against Jacob Schweinfurth, of Rockford, for alienating the affections of the wife and daughter of George Courdy.

STATE SNAP SHOTS.

It is proposed to pave Penn street, Reading, with liquor license money.

PUGILIST BURNED.

His Clothes Are Saturated with Benzine and Ignited.

Toms River, N. J., April 10.—George Ditton, a local pugilist, who has been considered the champion lightweight of the Jersey shore, was burned yesterday in a way that will likely prove fatal. Ditton had a bottle of benzine in his pocket while lounging about the Oak Grove hotel at Cedar Creek. In some way the bottle was broken and the contents soaked out of his clothes upon his chair. Acton Bunnell touched the liquid off with a match. Ditton was at once enveloped in flames. He sprang from the room and started to

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