

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, March 31.—President Wilson and his entire family, as well as the servants and various attendants at the White House, had to be vaccinated because of the epidemic of smallpox in Washington.

The practice of inoculation as a preventive of some diseases and a cure for others is so general that the opposition to it would seem to be in danger of passing away.

INCOME TAX.

Just what Congress will do with respect to the income tax is something everyone is now trying to ascertain. It has been suggested that a flat tax of 1 percent, or possibly 2 percent, be levied on all incomes in excess of a certain amount.

The Ways and Means Committee has been figuring on this problem with the aid of experts who have been computing the amount of income the national treasury will receive from the tariff, as proposed in the new schedules.

GENERAL LEGISLATION.

President Wilson has been credited with a desire to limit legislation at the coming session to the tariff. This is not a correct statement of his attitude.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Cheapest accident insurance—Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil. For burns, scalds, cuts and emergencies. All druggists sell it. 25c and 50c. ad

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Hugo's Faith in Immortality

I FEEL in myself the future life. I am like a forest once cut down; the new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever.

You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of the bodily powers. Why, then, is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail?

For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and in verse; history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode and song; I have tried all.

WHY THE RABBIT AT EASTER

Pretty Legend of Olden Times Connects Bunny and the Eggs It is Supposed to Lay.

So many have asked, "Why is the rabbit so closely associated with Easter?" Each year at this season the cunning little bunny appears in the shop windows beside downy chicks and gayly-colored eggs.

In the beginning of things, it seems, the rabbit was a bird. As a great patron of spring, gave it four legs, for which the rabbit was deeply grateful.

It is a German custom for children to go to their godmothers at Easter for the gift of colored eggs and a baked rabbit. Just before Easter the children are sent to the garden to build a nest for the expected rabbit, and early Easter morning they go with great expectations.

A rare specimen of these eggs is to be seen in the Detroit Museum of Art. The etchings on the shell follow closely the same general design as the paintings of men and women that were recently found in Cairo.

Poetry and Prose of Easter Time

By S. E. KISER

THE BIRTH OF THE ROSE.

A thistle once grew near a lily, A stately lily and fair. And the wind swayed the one to the other, And the spirit of love was there.

The rose that the pale, pure lily In the joy of her motherhood shed Gave the sweet little stranger its color, Gave the rose its beautiful red.

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Gettysburg.—Dr. Clarence S. Rether, a physician of Biglerville, was found lying along the Arundsville road near the Meadow Valley Stock in a critical condition from alcoholism.

Pittsburg.—Walter M. Stamm has been elected general secretary of the Pittsburg Association for the Blind. The association has made remarkable advances since the first of the year.

Butler.—Orville Foster, aged 29, was electrocuted when he fell across a trolley wire. He leaves a wife and three children.

Punxsutawney.—Jerome T. Sprankle, aged 67, of Perry township, chairman of the Jefferson county Prohibition committee, was found dead in a field on his farm.

Pittsburg.—While walking down Diamond street, Mrs. Jennie Hopcraft, aged 69, of Brownsville avenue, fell and sustained a probable fracture of the skull, when her head struck the curb.

York Springs.—Mrs. Susan Albert, the oldest resident in Huntington township, is dead at the age of 92.

Stroudsburg.—The toppling over of a frame which supported a large cable stretched over the dam of the Eastern Pennsylvania Power Co.'s plant below Forge Cut, threw Harry Elber, a 17-year-old son of John Elber, 40 feet to the apron of the dam below, causing his death by drowning.

Lansford.—This town is going to have another brass band, 23 men having subscribed their names. This makes the third band for the town, besides a fife and drum corps.

Pottsville.—The supreme court has affirmed the civil court of this county, which awarded \$5,200 damages to Mrs. Catharine Hipple of Pottstown, formerly of this city, against the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Pottsville.

Philadelphia.—The first real funeral of a common, everyday driving horse that Philadelphia has ever seen has just been held in this city.

Bethlehem.—Going to the telephone to answer a call, Mrs. William E. Berger of this place was fatally stricken with hemorrhages of the brain. She was aged 38.

Middletown.—The Middletown Car Co. posted notices recently throughout the steel department, calling for a general increase in wages April 1.

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Over the State

Richland.—John Duncan, a member of the borough council, has resigned his seat because of the prospective purchase by the borough of the Richland Water Co.'s properties.

Unlontown.—Thomas Daves, aged 39, of Connellsville, a lineman employed by the West Penn Electric Co., was killed instantly while working on a high tension wire on the top of a pole in Footdale, this county.

Greensburg.—Three school children were rendered unconscious and the school teacher was seriously hurt when the rear wall of the Hillview school house, two miles east of here, was blown down during a fierce rain and wind storm.

Erie.—The molders' strike caused another serious riot, followed by a dozen arrests, here. Two of the men are held under \$800 bail, charged with inciting a riot.

Lebanon.—The old house of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., back of the passenger and freight stations here, and only a few feet from the company's roundhouse, was gutted by fire.

Johnstown.—What is thought to have been an attempt to wreck the operations of the Greenwich Coal & Coke Co. of Saxman failed. A large quantity of powder was stolen from a storehouse some distance from the company's plant and exploded, breaking windows and slightly damaging the buildings.

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Butler.—The gas gusher on the Portman farm, a mile east of Butler, brought in ten days ago and pronounced the largest ever struck in this state, was sold to the Phillips Gas & Oil Co. for nearly \$50,000.

South Bethlehem.—Several hundred bricklayers employed on the \$5,000,000 coke ovens being erected here and several hundred more employed on contract work at the Bethlehem, threaten to strike on May 1 if demands presented are not granted.

Ellwood City.—While five Italians were crossing the Connoquenessing creek here the heavy wind caught their canoe and drove it toward the dam. Four of them were rescued, but the fifth, F. Gioetina, was drowned.

Harrisburg.—Governor John K. Tener gave out his annual Arbor day proclamation. He fixes Friday, April 11, and Friday, April 25, as the official days for the planting of trees.

Washington.—The first confiscation of a parcel post package at the Washington postoffice occurred when a quart of bonded liquor, mailed in Braddock, was opened and destroyed.

Charleroi.—The striking workmen at the Monongahela plant of the American Window Glass Co. have settled their differences with the company. The workers in all departments were given increases in wages.

Pittsburg.—In a broken-down wagon, liberally decorated with old shoes and placards, and to the accompaniment of unharmonious melody from a variegated assortment of instruments, a party of 15 Southside boys gave a highly embarrassing ride through downtown thoroughfares to Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of this city, who on last Saturday eloped to Wellsburg, W. Va., and were married.

Bellefonte.—In an automobile accident here Randolph Daggett, aged 19, son of W. S. Daggett, landlord of the Bush house, was instantly killed; Joseph Knisely had five ribs broken and suffered head contusions; Frank Thomas had a leg broken; Charles Chandler, the chauffeur, had an arm crushed. The only one to escape injury was Robert Cole.

New Germantown.—The prospects for fruit in Tobyone township at this time are very encouraging. Peach, plum, pear, apple and cherry trees are full of buds and are safe so far.

Greensburg.—Crawling on top of a haymow on his sister's farm near Walt Mill, Sewickley county, George Hantz, aged 35, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor.

Harrisburg.—Frank Hill, 8 years old, colored, was badly burned in the face and on the chest and right arm following an explosion when he threw into the kitchen stove something which his little brother had brought from a dump. The four children of Mrs. Lucy Hill were alone in the house while their mother was away working. A neighbor, hearing the youngster scream, ran to his aid and later sent for the ambulance.

Fredericksburg.—The new shirt factory building erected for S. Liebovitz & Sons has been completed and will shortly be occupied by the company employes.

Altoona.—At a session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference Bishop W. S. Lewis of China, made an appeal in behalf of the Goucher Woman's college of Baltimore, and the conference responded by pledging \$50,000. J. E. Crowther of New York, secretary of the editorial department of the board of foreign missions, said Methodist Episcopal church property had increased \$23,000,000 and all departments of finances have made a total gain of \$24,969,500 during the year.

Lebanon.—Frank Lascomb of this city has asked the police and Alderman Miller to begin a search for his grandson, William H. Boughter, aged 16 years, both of whose parents are dead. The boy was learning a trade in a school near Philadelphia and complained of neglect and ill-treatment. In January he left the institution and has not been heard of since. His relatives here fear he has met with an accident.

Mechanicsburg.—Sunday morning the Rev. B. L. Moore, who for the past three years has been the pastor of Grace United Evangelical church in this place, preached his farewell sermon. The Rev. L. M. Dice is the new pastor of Grace, who expects to be here and preach to his congregation on Sunday, March 29.

Media.—Judge Johnson has made a ruling that will permit plaintiffs who have been sentenced to pay the costs of prosecutions to be liberated on parole, in order that they might have an opportunity to earn and pay them.

STATE TO AID THE POOR GIRLS

Tener to Co-operate Against Wrongs of Women.

WILL URGE LEGISLATION

Opposed to Commission That Will Countenance Publication of Testimony That Will Cast Reflection on Good Girls.

Recommends a Minimum Wage. Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania's white slave "rings" are among the worst in the country, according to Lieutenant Governor Barratt O'Hara of Illinois, who was here at the head of the vice commission of that state for interview with Governor Tener and other state officials.

Along with his message asking for action regarding the white slave trade Governor Tener will ask legislative consideration of a number of other subjects which have been found to be associated more or less directly with the recruiting of white slaves in the great cities.

If he follows the suggestions given to him by the members of the Illinois commission, the field to be covered by legislative investigation will be broad and deep. It will include such widely varying topics as the minimum wage for working girls, popular songs, improper dances, segregation of the sexes in public schools, reception rooms for maids in domestic service, theatrical entertainments and the glamour of fashion and extravagant flattery.

No Reflection on Good Girls. Governor Tener said he is heartily in favor of the appointment of commissions to fight the white slave traffic and to improve the conditions of women and girls. "But no state commission will be approved by me that will countenance the publication of testimony as has been done elsewhere," he said, "that shall in any way reflect upon the great host of good girls and women of Pennsylvania engaged in honorable occupations."

Recommends a Minimum Wage. Harrisburg.—The house committee on labor and industry after a long public hearing voted to favorably report the bill to create a commission empowered to investigate and establish a minimum wage for women and children.

Delegations for and against the bill appeared before the committee, the antagonists taking the ground that the bill would work hardship on the industries of the state and the protagonists contending that it would make industries more stable, improve the efficiency of employes and reduce the burdens of the state in looking after those who, through low wages and improper nourishment, fall victims of disease, and become public charges.

Dr. Briney, representing laundries in Pittsburg, said that girls 16 to 18 years were receiving wages as low as \$4 a week. The maximum, he said, was \$10. He admitted that wages were low, but felt that the industry would be injured if wages were increased.

An interesting witness was W. B. Patterson of Philadelphia, who said that investigations showed that of the 10,000 of 11,000 girls employed in the stores of Philadelphia about 3,000 are "adrift," that is, they do not live at home. Investigations further showed, he said, that the absolute irreducible minimum upon which a girl can support herself was \$3 a week, and on this she was able to live only a cheerless, drab sort of life.

W. B. Kincaid of Meadville, a manufacturer employing 1,100, of whom 75 per cent are women, favored the bill, because it was just, he said, and is the best economic support factory interests could have.

Many Bills Reported Out. A large number of bills were reported by committees in the house. Two bills backed by labor organizations were reported with negative recommendations. One was the Stein measure, prohibiting the state police from being called on to act in any strike, lockout, or dispute between employer and employes. The other prohibits railroad companies from employing brakemen as conductors until after they have served in the former capacity for at least 18 months and at least three months in the employ of the company promoting them. The bill was intended to prevent the substitution of brakemen as conductors in the event of the latter striking.

Representative Kaiser's bill calling for four classifications of cities was reported favorably. Its provisions put Philadelphia in the first, Pittsburg in the second, Scranton in the third, and all the rest in the fourth class.

The Hagerly measure amending the school code so that relatives of school directors may be employed as teachers, if two-thirds of the directors on the boards vote affirmatively on the question, was negatived. At present it requires three-fourths vote.