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The Income Tax Decision the Cause.

SOME TROUBLESOME QUESTIONS

Treasury Will Lose Probably 50 Per Cent of the Total Amount Expected From This Tax.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The decision of the supreme court yesterday in the income tax case has plunged the internal revenue officials into almost inexplicable mysteries and trouble. The more the decision is studied the greater seems the difficulties attending a clear understanding of its scope. The declaration that incomes from real estate are exempted has opened the question whether the effect of the decision is not to include all farm products, timber, coal and all mine products within the exempt class. Whether the losses sustained through bad rents, debts and the amount of expenses incurred in collecting rents, or for repairs on houses are to be deducted from incomes is also a mooted question.

Under the decision rents are not to be included in assessing the income tax. Suppose, it is asked, a man's income is of a mixed character, that is, from real and personal property, the former is exempt. Can he deduct the expenses necessary for the collection of his income from realty from his income from personal property before making his return? This question is puzzling the revenue collectors and legal opinions on the point will probably be sought.

Another grave question raised by the decision is whether the roadbed, round-houses, stations, etc., of railroads are real estate or personal property within the meaning of the law. The laws of several states are said to differ on this point, and on several others of importance involved in the opinion of the court. As soon as a verified copy of the opinion can be had the internal revenue officials will begin the preparation of supplementary regulations which will cover, more or less, in a general way the opinion of the court, leaving more abstract questions to be solved as they are presented.

Collectors of the tax in different parts of the country have already begun telegraphing for instructions on many points. Some state of the crush of those who desire to make returns has already begun.

All things considered it is now thought the loss to the treasury from the income tax source will exceed 50 per cent of the total expected from this tax.

The Decision of the Supreme Court Affirmed.

LONDON, April 9.—The Globe this afternoon, referring to the decision of the supreme court of the United States as to the constitutionality of the income tax, says: "Every man in this country will regret that there is no supreme court of the American variety here. Never in all the long history of the English bench have they soared to the heights of liberty reached by the American judges yesterday. It is quite impossible to establish such a tribunal here."

St. James's Gazette comments on the supreme court decision in a similar strain and adds: "No one has suggested that this august tribunal can be bribed in a manner familiar to litigants in some of the inferior courts of the union, still it is significant that the politics of various judges are carefully mentioned in the dispatch."

The Long-Delayed Trial Against Schweinfurth.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The long delayed trial by which George W. Coudrey seeks to collect a \$50,000 damage suit against Jacob Schweinfurth, the "Rockford Messiah," began in Judge Dunne's court to-

day. Coudrey alleges that the defendant has alienated Mrs. Coudrey's affections from her husband by inducing her to enter his "Heaven." Several witnesses, formerly disciples of the defendant, will testify for the plaintiff.

When the case was called Schweinfurth was not present, and was not represented by counsel. An attorney was present, however, who had received letters from the defendant, regarding the suit. In them Schweinfurth declared himself unable to resist the "Doing of man," and intimated that he cared nothing for the case. He emphatically added he was guiltless of wrongdoing. The first witness called was aged Dr. Abraham Smith, an ex-inmate of the Rockford "Heaven." The doctor's testimony was chiefly confined to intimations that Schweinfurth's morality was not above par.

Coudrey was awarded \$50,000 damages by the jury.

A Gigantic Monopoly.

CHICAGO, April 9.—It was announced today that arrangements had been completed for the consolidation of the American Distributing Company with the reorganized Whisky Trust.

The American Distributing Company has controlled the whisky business of the East. Its headquarters are in New York, and, with its \$5,000,000 capital, it has been a powerful concern. Its consolidation with the trust will leave but small spirits interests out of the combine.

It was rumored today that sensational discoveries had been made by experts who have been examining the books of the Greenhut management and important suits against the old management will shortly be filed, but neither Receiver McNulta nor his attorneys would confirm this. Stories circulated yesterday regarding the withdrawal of the four Peoria distilleries from the association were denied by General McNulta today, who declared the rumors were started for stock-jobbing purposes.

Is Growing More Serious.

POMEROY, O., April 9.—The mining situation at Minersville is growing more serious, and a battle is expected between the strikers and the strangers employed to take their places. Shots have been exchanged already. Seventy-five pounds of dynamite are known to be in the village.

At a meeting of the strikers last night it was resolved to continue the strike and force the non-union miners to cease work. Arms are carried openly on the streets and workmen go armed to their work and stores.

A committee from the strikers will wait on the non-union men today, when it is expected the matter will come to a crisis. The scene of the trouble is three miles above here on the Ohio side at John E. Williams' mine, the largest in Pomeroy bend.

McKinley at New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 9.—There was a great throng of people at the Union station today to greet Governor McKinley of Ohio, whose car was scheduled to stay here ten minutes. The governor was en route to Hartford, where a reception is to be tendered him this evening by Hartford republican clubs. McKinley was introduced by Congressman-elect Sperry, and spoke in part as follows: "We know in this country what we want. We have had it before; we know exactly where we lost it, and we know how we lost it, and we know how to get it back again. The whole people are only waiting to get back into line, with the great party which legislates for all sections and for all the people."

All Were Whitewashed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 9.—The bribery investigations ended today in the complete whitewashing of all parties about whom rumors have frequently been circulated, and against whom Representative Yancy made a direct charge on the floor at the house last Saturday. The majority report of the special committee to investigate the charges says a-

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The End Not Yet.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Attorney J. M. Wilson, who represented John G. Moore in the court of appeals in the recent income tax case, said this morning that further proceedings will be begun immediately. "Several parts of the law will be attacked," said he, "the principal one being the exemption from taxation of incomes under \$4000 annually. This will be attacked as an unjust discrimination. I cannot say just yet who the complainants, or what the title of suits will be, but they will be pushed rapidly as possible."

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