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THE REDEMPTION OF STAMPS

EXPLANATION OF THE NEW WAR REVENUE TAX LAW.

After the First of July Holders of Unused Documentary and Proprietary Stamps Receive Value.

Washington, April 8.—The commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued the following circular, regarding the redemption of documentary and proprietary stamps contemplating a general demand that will be made after the 1st of July for the redemption of large numbers of revenue stamps that will be uncalled for after that date, when the amended war revenue act goes into effect. Inasmuch as the stamp tax on telegraph messages, checks and a large number of other commercial and business papers is suspended after the 1st of July, the general public will be interested in the method of procedure to have stamps redeemed. The circular reads as follows:

"Unused documentary and proprietary stamps, issued under the provisions of the war revenue act, provided June 13, 1898, for which the owners have no use, may be redeemed; but in all cases there will be deducted the percentage, if any allowed the purchaser. Application for the redemption of such stamps should be made to the Collector of Internal Revenue from whom the same were purchased, who will supply the applicant with form 38 and necessary instructions relative to the preparation of his claim. 'Claims for the redemption of adhesive documentary and proprietary stamps, if purchased from a collector, must contain his certificate as to the date and amount of purchase. If purchased from a dealer in stamps, such dealer's certificate as to the date of sale to claimant and the certificate of the collector as to date of sale to the dealer must be furnished. Stamps that are not in the same condition as when issued will not be redeemed unless their condition is satisfactorily accounted for.

"Documentary and proprietary stamps can be redeemed only when presented in quantities of \$2 or more face value, and no claim for the redemption or allowance for such stamps can be allowed unless presented within two years after the purchase of said stamps from the government.

"All claims for the redemption of stamps imprinted on checks, drafts and other instruments must be entered of record and forwarded to this office by the collector of the district in which the order for the imprinting of the stamps was purchased. If the claimant resides in a district other than that in which said order was purchased, his claim should be prepared and deposited with the collector of the district in which he resides, who will examine said claim and see that it is properly prepared in all respects, and cause it to be investigated and certified by one of his deputies, so far as is practicable in that district, and will then forward it to the collector of the district in which the order for the imprinting of the stamps was issued, who will furnish the additional evidence required, and forward the claim to this office with proper certificate and recommendation. When claims are presented by any person or firm other than the one for whom the order for imprinting was issued and whose name or title does not appear upon the papers on which the stamps are imprinted, the claimant, in addition to the certificate of the collector and deputy collector aforesaid, must satisfactorily establish the fact of ownership of the stamps and furnish a certificate of sale by each owner of them from the time of their purchase from the person or firm for whom the order for imprinting was issued.

"The owners of imprinted instruments, checks, drafts, etc., who desire to have the stamps thereon redeemed must, in addition to filing claims as aforesaid, forward all such imprinted instruments securely packed, to this office. Packages

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PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF AMERICAN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

The Proposed Deal Will Involve the Biggest Combination of Capital in the History of Finance.

A recent dispatch from New York says: Reports that huge railroad combinations are in process of formation are widely circulated here. Detail statements concerning the plan already published, looking to the combination of all the great railway systems of the United States under the control of one company, were given, but, as a general thing, prominent railroad officials and bankers decline to discuss the matter.

According to all accounts, the enterprise involved the greatest combination of capital collected, in the history of finance. It was said the company would be forced under the laws of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting a general freight and transportation business throughout the United States; that the company would hold a controlling interest in all of the great railway systems, and that the management of the roads would be vested in the controlling company. According to the proposition, each road would preserve its identity and corporate existence, but the new company would control the affairs of all. By this policy it was asserted, large sums of money could be saved as a result of economy in management and the stoppage of rate-cutting. The names of men like J. Pierpont Morgan, William K. Vanderbilt, James J. Hill, Edward B. Harriman, George J. Gould, John D. Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff and James Stillman were freely used.

One report stated that the first step in the plan would be the securing of control of the stocks of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Erie, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, and that provision would be made for the acquisition of other properties in the immediate future.

Discussing the reported amalgamation of the railroad interests of the country, the New York Press will say tomorrow:

All that is aimed at, according to the best authority obtainable, is a 'community of interests' is a 'community of interests'. The close amalgamation on a 'community of interests' basis was first brought through the efforts of J. Pierpont Morgan. As a result of this close union of interests, ruinous rate wars are already at an end, not so many high priced officials are needed as before and one can buy a ticket on any trunk line in almost any one of the large offices in the city. However, that a single company will be formed under the New Jersey laws to take over all the railroads of the country is not considered serious by well informed railway men.

PERMITTED TO RESUME.

Senor Capote, president of the Cuban constitutional convention, visited General Woods and told the latter that the convention, individually and as a body, regretted the publication of this caricature. Capote said the picture misrepresented the feelings of the Cubans, who held Woods and McKinley in the greatest respect and were deeply grateful to them. On his solicitation, Woods allowed the Discussion to continue publication but the judges of the correctional court will prefer charges, the character of which is to be determined later against Editor Coronada.

Detroit, Mich. April 6.—A special to the Tribune from Ann Arbor, Mich., says: A student of the University of Michigan, whose name is withheld, was taken to the pest house from the university contagious disease hospital today and he has a mild attack of bubonic plague. He was under the care of Dr. Dock and it was by his order that the patient was removed to the pest house. Dr. Frederick Novy, the expert on this disease, who recently made a trip to San Francisco on behalf of the government to investigate the alleged plague cases there, has been called in consultation, but refuses to state positively that the student is afflicted with the dreaded plague. He says that further tests must be made to ascertain the exact nature of the disease afflicting the student, which at present mystifies the attending physicians. Professor Novy says there is no danger of a spread if it is the bubonic plague, and is inclined to avoid discussion of the subject.

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Washington, April 5.—The division of insular affairs, war department, has received copies of the specifications and blue prints showing the proposed improvement of the port of Manila, authorized by the Philippine commission. The work includes about 150,000 cubic yards riprap, 21,000 cubic yards concrete and rubble masonry in breakwaters, about 5,000,000 cubic yards of dredging and a pile of bulkhead 4,700 feet long. The dredging will be in mud, sand shells to a depth of 30 feet, the dredging material to be used for reclaiming land.

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Mims was discharged from the prison and at once left for Pendleton, whence he will immediately return to Eastern Tennessee, where his family stands very high, being one of the oldest families in that state.

AFFAIRS OVER IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Aguinaldo Busy With His Manifesto to the People—Other News.

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The investigation into the commissary scandals is being pushed and those civilians implicated therein will soon be tried.

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amending a section of the provincial customs regulations which is of interest in view of the recent reported frauds in the commissary department in the islands. It shows the precautions ordered to be taken to guard against any misappropriation of government supplies. These regulations provide briefly that where supplies for the army or navy in the Philippines come in on other than government vessels they shall be accompanied by a certificate, from the chief of department charged with their custody, certifying that the goods are exclusively for the army or the navy or the insular government, and that no other disposition of them will be permitted. The regulations also set forth that previous notice must be given the collector of customs for the islands in case of the non-acceptance of any consignment of goods or cancellation of sale. Goods purchased in the Philippines after importation, must be accompanied by an affidavit of the seller affirming that an absolute sale has been made by him and that he "retains no interest of any kind or character in such goods."

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