

THE BANKERS WILL FIGHT

Opposed to the Payment of a Tax on Capital Stock.

SAY LAW IS INOPERATIVE

A Lively Contest Anticipated—Maneuvering of the Tax—A Meeting of Representatives of Banking Institutions Held—A Test Case Will Probably Be Made.

A lively contest is about to be precipitated between the tax levying power of the District of Columbia and the local banks.

In pursuance of an old law which has been once declared inoperative by the courts, but which the present legal council of the District Commissioners declares can be enforced, the tax collector was instructed to levy a tax of 1-1/2 per cent upon the capital stock of the banks in the District. The magnitude of this tax can be readily seen when it is known that the smallest bank in the city has a capital stock of not less than \$200,000, which would make the amount of the annual tax in the neighborhood of \$2,500. This, added to a war tax on the same amount of about \$50, is declared would practically drive all but the largest banks out of existence.

The National Metropolitan Bank successfully contested this law several years ago, consequently when the tax collector's demands were received a few days ago, being bills for one-half of the tax, the bills were consigned to the waste-paper baskets, and a meeting of the representatives of the various local banks was held in the rooms of the Metropolitan Bank, and a committee appointed, with George H. B. White, cashier of the National Metropolitan Bank, as chairman, to take such legal action as might be deemed advisable.

Chairman White, of this committee, was seen this morning by a Times reporter, and said that the payment of the tax would be resisted, but that the plans of the committee were not fully matured. He admitted that a test suit would probably be brought in the name of the Metropolitan Bank, but said that further details would not be made public at present.

The cashiers of several of the local banks were also questioned upon the matter, and were all emphatic in their statements that if the tax was enacted by the courts it would mean a revolution in the banking interests of the city.

Under this tax the Riggs Bank would pay annually into the coffers of the District treasury \$250 for the privilege of doing business. This is denounced as oppressive in the extreme, and as only being equated by the Spanish tax on Cuban industries.

It is this decidedly hostile sentiment on the part of the bankers, it is predicted that the Commissioners, if they sustain their tax, will do so after a long and bitter contest.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

Several Army Officers to Be Mustered Out.

Before his departure for Canton the President directed that the following named officers be honorably discharged from the Volunteer Army of the United States by the Secretary of War, to take effect from the dates set opposite their respective names, their services being no longer required.

Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer officer of volunteers, captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., December 21, 1898; Major Clement A. F. Flagler, engineer officer of volunteers, captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., December 21, 1898; Major Andrew H. Russell, chief ordnance officer of volunteers, captain, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., November 30, 1898; Lieut. Col. Frank Greene, chief signal officer, Volunteer Signal Corps (captain, Signal Corps, U. S. A.), Lieut. Col. Samuel Raber, chief signal officer, Volunteer Signal Corps (first lieutenant, Signal Corps, U. S. A.); Lieut. Col. H. M. Smith, assistant surgeon, First Territorial Volunteer Infantry.

CONSUL GRINNELL'S REPORT.

It Notes the Formal Taking of the Philippines.

Consul Grinnell is the first official to formally note the annexation of the Philippines and Cuba to the United States. He has made a report to the State Department of a purely formal character, showing the character and value of the exports from his district to the United States (including Manila, Porto Rico and Cuba), during the month of September, 1918. The consul's statement shows that the value of goods exported from one district was \$36,522, against \$32,099 for a corresponding month in the preceding year.

The consul says that these increases were mainly due to white and green cotton goods, all of which could be made in the United States.

Battleships Leave Manila.

Commander Watson of the collier Scyllia cables the Navy Department from Manila, Brazil, that the battleships Oregon and Iowa and the collier Celtic left there this morning for Rio Janeiro, and that the rest of the squadron will soon follow.

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STABILITY OF THE CAPITOL.

It Is Unimpaired, Says Assistant Architect Woods.

Dusty, busy workmen continue to fire out the evidence of the explosion and blot out the evidence of the explosion and blot out the evidence of the explosion.

Elliott Woods, assistant architect of the Capitol, stated this morning that after a critical survey of the damage he finds that the foundation of the structure is unshaken and that the stability of the building is not impaired. He estimates that the cost of replacing the shattered masonry in the sub-basement, the tilting in the basement, the removal of the elevator and the elevator shaft, the replastering of the marshal's office and restoring the skylights in the north and west and the little court between the Supreme Court and the clerk's office will exceed \$250,000. He insists that this is the outside figure.

The clerk to the Supreme Court has made a cursory survey of the Supreme Court records and finds that the records stored there are damaged, but that, as a rule, only the margins of the records are charred. It is likely that not one document was destroyed. The records are confused and water soaked, the streams from the hose of the fireman having forced many of them from the shelves and piled them in disordered heaps upon the floor. A little time and industry will adjust matters in the record room.

The damage in the law library is not as great as the librarian feared it would be, even after the fire had been extinguished. Not a volume was lost. The only injury was to the binding of those books which were shelved at the south end of the library close to the passage-way which was blown up. The carpet was soiled by cinders and slightly damaged by water and the walls were discolored by smoke.

House cleaning is proceeding in the Supreme Court room. Cotton shrouds have been folded over the marble busts that are ranged around the semi-circular wall. The red velvet carpet has been taken up and sent to a carpet cleaning establishment, and the crimson cushions have been removed to the corridor. It will be necessary to renew the upholstery of a few of the benches that were in the south half of the chamber, but all that is needed by a majority of them to put them in good condition is a little cleaning.

Plans are now preparing to reseed the walls and ceiling of the court room and within two weeks the chamber will be ready for occupancy. Until the chamber is renovated, the sessions of the Supreme Court will be held in the room of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia. The United States marshal also has his office in the same room.

The walls of the office of the United States marshal have been stripped of plaster and all the charred woodwork has been taken out. Plasterers began to work on the walls this afternoon and carpenters to renew the window frames, doors and door frames. It will be ready for occupancy in two or three days.

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NEW DIPLOMAT COMING.

Stam Will Re-establish a Legation in the United States.

The Secretary of State has been informed that the Stames government is about to re-establish its legation in the United States after a lapse of many years, during which time all of its diplomatic correspondence with this Government has been conducted through its legation in London. The newly-accredited Stames minister plenipotentiary to the United States arrived in New York Saturday, and will come to this city in a few days to present his credentials and reopen personal diplomatic relations between the United States and Stames. His name is "Phylo" Stames. He is an accredited jointly to Great Britain and the United States, and will make his headquarters in London, visiting this country from time to time. He succeeds Phya Malia Vasa.

JERSEY SOLDIERS DESERT.

One Hundred Members of the Fourth Regiment Take French Leave.

More than one hundred members of the Fourth New Jersey Volunteer Regiment have deserted, and to "take the French leave" of disaffection in the "mosquito" regiment, it is stated, R. G. Smith, a prominent Jersey City Democrat, has tendered his resignation. The Secretary of War announced today that an honorable discharge had been granted Col. Smith. The men of the Fourth declare they enlisted to fight for their country and not to do garrison duty, and fled from fever in Cuba and the other colonies.

THE CONTRACT AWARDED.

New Philadelphia Mint to Be Built of Mount Desert Granite.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded the contract for the new Philadelphia mint to Charles McLaugh, of Philadelphia. The price is \$41,724, and the job is to be completed within eighteen months from date. The granite selected by the committee of experts was Mt. Desert granite, which, it is claimed, is better adapted for Government buildings than any other grade. The new mint will be fireproof, of steel and granite, with terra cotta floors, ceilings and partitions.

Choosing an Army Revolver.

A board of army officers is in session today at the Springfield (Mass.) armory to examine into the question of a revolver most suitable for the cavalry arm of the United States army. The board is composed of Major Daniel M. Taylor, ordnance department, United States army; Capt. George A. Dodd, Third United States Cavalry; Capt. Sydney W. Taylor, Fourth United States Cavalry; and First Lieut. Ervin L. Phillips, Third United States Cavalry, recorder.

Collier Leonidas Arrives at Norfolk.

A dispatch received by Secretary Long today from Norfolk, Va., stated that the collier Leonidas arrived there last night. The Leonidas was with the Maria Teresa when she encountered the northeast gale off San Salvador and was abandoned. It was feared that the collier had been lost, as she had company that time with the Vulcan and Merritt and nothing was heard from her until her safe arrival at Norfolk.

Virginia Visitors at the White House.

Among the visitors who called to inspect the deserted White House today, was a delegation of students from the University of Virginia and several rural bridal couples.

Fell From a Street Car.

Mrs. John H. Gibson, living at No. 717 Thirtieth Street northwest, fell from a street car at the corner of Sixth and B Streets northwest early this morning and was slightly injured.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide at 2:36 a. m. and 2:50 p. m.; high tide at 8:34 a. m. and 9:30 p. m.

City Lights.

Gas lamps are lighted at 6 p. m.; extinguishing begins at 8:44 a. m. The lighting begins one hour before the hour named. Arc lamps are lighted at 2:15 p. m.; extinguished at 9 a. m.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.

A FEW SYMPTOMS.

"Do you get dizzy?" "Do you feel tired?" "Are you easily excited?" "Are you easily annoyed?" "Do you have headaches?" "Are you easily irritated?" "Do your hands tremble?" "Does your heart flutter?" "Are you easily startled?" "Are you always anxious?" "Do your muscles twitch?" "Is your temper irritable?" "Suffer from sleeplessness?" "Are you easily frightened?" "Do you feel nervous?" "Do you forget what you read?" "Do you suffer from neuralgia?" "Do you want to cry?" "Do you have terrible dreams?" "Is there a rush of blood to the head?" "Do you feel dizzy?" "Do you have a languid, tired feeling?" "Do you see queer things in the dark?"

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WANTS THE KNOT TIED AGAIN.

This Time, Mr. Lee Says, a White Clergyman Must Officiate.

The elopement of Miss Clara Edna Lee, of No. 315 Twelfth Street southeast, and Frank Iseman, of No. 661 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, and their marriage at Rockville by a colored preacher, as published in The Times this morning, has given pain to the parents of the bride. It is to the objection which brings tears to the mother's eyes and excites the wrath of the father, not in the marriage of the loving pair which wounds the parental hearts—it is the fact that the nuptial tie was knotted by a colored pastor.

The parents make no accusation against the preacher. They do not hold him to account. They admit that the fault, if it be a fault, rests with the anxious lovers. They sought out the colored preacher and asked that he exercise his sacred office. This he did. And he gave his blessing to the pair.

Miss Lee and Mr. Iseman went to Rockville yesterday. They obtained a marriage license from the clerk of the county court and engaged a carriage to convey them to a parsonage. They called at the home of every white minister in Rockville, but found not one at home. Then their driver took them to the home of Rev. Mr. Hawkins, colored, and they came out to the parsonage with Mr. Iseman, but as Mr. and Mrs. Iseman, late last night, finding that the fact of their marriage, which they wished to keep secret, and whose public, they confessed to Mrs. Lee, there was a social stigma and a loving blessing, the young people had omitted to mention the color of the officiating clergyman. This was learned through The Times this morning.

J. C. Lee, father of the bride and the well-known temperance advocate, said to a Times reporter today that he fought in the Confederate army for four years and that his daughter should be married by a colored preacher was a little more than he could stand. They must be married again by a white preacher. He did not object to Mr. Iseman, who remains in the home of every white minister in Rockville, but found not one at home. Then their driver took them to the home of Rev. Mr. Hawkins, colored, and they came out to the parsonage with Mr. Iseman, but as Mr. and Mrs. Iseman, late last night, finding that the fact of their marriage, which they wished to keep secret, and whose public, they confessed to Mrs. Lee, there was a social stigma and a loving blessing, the young people had omitted to mention the color of the officiating clergyman. This was learned through The Times this morning.

Miss Lee said that if Clara would only consent to be married over by a white clergyman, the bride and groom would be given a wedding reception and supper at the home of Mr. Iseman, who remains with her mother, was present at the interview and said that it mattered little to her that she was willing to be married the second time if Mr. Iseman would assent.

She sought to mollify her mother by remarking that Rev. Mr. Hawkins was a very bright colored man. This did not appear to assuage the mother's concern, who insisted that if the preacher was not white he was colored, and the question of shade or tint could not be considered.

Sugar Exports to Canada.

The State Department gave out for publication today a report from Consul Campbell at Port Louis concerning the sugar exports from Mauritius to Canada, and in regard to the application of the Canadian preference tariff to British colonies. He says that Mauritius has been admitted to a participation in the 25 per cent reduction on sugar exported to Canada. The consul adds that, so far as he knows, none of the sugar produced in the colony has ever been shipped to Canada, although the exports to the United States are considerable.

General Lawton's Sick Leave.

The Secretary of War has directed that the sick leave of absence granted Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, in command of the forces at Santiago, on October 19, 1898, be changed to ordinary leave of absence for one month, to take effect from that date.

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Benjamin Stanley was fined \$20 by Judge Kimball in the Police Court this morning, for assault.

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New Rules in the Orphans Court.

The new rules of procedure in the Orphans Court were promulgated today by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The most material change in the method of proceeding is that the new rules provide for trial by jury in the Orphans Court in certain cases.

William Donaldson Breaks His Leg.

William Donaldson slipped on the sidewalk on P Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets northwest this morning and in falling sustained a fracture of the right leg. He was taken to Freedman's Hospital, where the broken limb was set.

Were Laid and Bolstered.

Henry Burk and William Bowen, two white men, were before Judge Scott this morning charged with loud and boisterous conduct. Both men were put under \$5 bonds, in default of which Burke will serve fifteen days and Bowen ten days.

Placed Under Bonds.

Charles Washington, colored, appeared before Judge Kimball this morning on the charge of assault, with intent to kill, John Chapman, also colored, and was placed under \$1,000 bonds for the grand jury.

Hilldale School Improvement.

Mrs. W. H. Brown, R. H. Lewis and Rev. L. H. Hunter called on the District Commissioners this morning in regard to the improvement of schools at Hilldale.

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COMMISSION IN SESSION.

To Appraise the Value of Condemned Property.

The commissioners appointed by Justice Cox on Saturday last for the purpose of appraising the property to be condemned to permit of the extension of the Government Printing Office building, met today in Circuit Court No. 2.

An organization was effected by the selection of Robert Hutchinson as president of the commission, with Mr. A. H. Gall, secretary, and reporter. The other members, John E. Hamlin and William Dickson were present, as were the owners of the property to be appraised.

District Attorney Henry E. Davis was also present, representing the Government.

Woman Found Unconscious.

Madeline Mason, a colored woman about thirty-five years old, was found lying on the sidewalk near the corner of Thirtieth and K Streets northeast, at a late hour last night by Policeman Catts in an unconscious condition. The Emergency Hospital ambulance was summoned and the woman was taken to the hospital. Under the treatment given her at that institution she soon recovered. It was discovered that she was subject to frequent attacks of hysteria and that it was during one of these that she was found by the policeman. She remained at the hospital until this morning when she was removed to her home.

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THE ELECTION RETURNS.

The Times will bulletin the election returns tonight from a mammoth screen in front of the Hutchins Building, so that all who choose may get the news with accuracy and dispatch.

The Times' magnificent news service has never yet failed to stand the test when important events were to be chronicled, and this occasion will prove no exception to the rule.

Cuba's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Gen. Wood, who has exerted his influence in bringing order out of confusion in Santiago, has very properly decided that Cubans should join in the National Thanksgiving. Gen. Wood will issue a proclamation to the effect that President McKinley has set apart November 24th as the day, and he, therefore, will ask the people of the island to observe the day. The Americans who are in Cuba require no reminder of the event and preparations are being made to be supplied with turkey and Heurich's Maerzen Beer. The Americans in Cuba are not the only ones who want Heurich's Beer for their Thanksgiving dinner, as everybody in Washington will supply themselves with a case for that occasion.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21, 1918.

The copartnership heretofore existing between Samuel Bieber and Herman R. Hownstein, under the firm name of Bieber & Hownstein, is this day dissolved by mutual consent; said Samuel Bieber retaining for himself all the business heretofore conducted on said firm. (Signed) SAMUEL BIEBER, 425-21 HERMAN R. HOWNSTEIN.

SPECIAL NOTICE—D. C. Volunteers of 1861 to 1865

will meet at Oppenheimer's Hall, 54 9th St. n.w., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, at 7:30 P. M. J. LEWIS ADAMS, Secretary pro tem. 425-32

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DIED.

FISH—On Tuesday, November 5, 1918, at 4:30 a. m. MISS AMY FISH, aged eighty-seven years and one month.

Funeral will take place Wednesday, November 6, at 10:30 a. m. from the residence of her nephew, Charles S. Fletcher, 172 F Street northwest. Relative and friends invited to attend. Interment at Evergreen. J. L. ADAMS, 425-21

RUFFIN—Departed this life on Sunday, November 6, 1918, at 7:30 a. m. JOHN RUFFIN, the beloved son of Willis and Margaret Ruffin, aged 28 years, 7 months.