

THAT DIRECT TAX CASE.

An Entirely New and Interesting Question Sprung.

DOES W. VA. OWE THE U. S.?

The Old Virginia Debt Question May be Involved—Governor Fleming Joins Windy Wilson at Washington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Fresh complications have entered into the West Virginia direct tax case. Governor Fleming himself arrived this morning in answer to a telegram from Ex-Governor Wilson. The Governor had with him what purported to be a copy of the Journal of the Legislature, in which appeared the provision making permanent the direct tax case. The Governor also carried with him a copy of the Joint Resolution giving authority to the Governor for the reception of the money.

He further reported that a freshly certified copy would be along presently, and that he was prepared to rest quietly until such time as a United States check should be forthcoming. He was, however, a good deal of a puzzle, in the prospect of an early delivery from the part of the First Comptroller, on the one hand, and his own unwillingness to open the money, on the other. He was promptly informed that the entire matter had been referred to the Attorney General for his opinion upon a legal question involved, arising out of the provisions of section 3181 of the revised code.

This section provides that when any State owes money to the United States for bonds purchased or otherwise, the interest on such indebtedness shall be deducted from any sums which may subsequently become due that State from the Government. About July, 1863, the United States advanced to West Virginia the sum of \$1,000,000 in United States bonds. Neither principal nor interest has ever been paid, and together with previous advances the amount now due West Virginia to the United States is about \$1,600,000.

In July, 1860, West Virginia was a part of Virginia, therefore the same due West Virginia on the direct tax account shall be paid to her or simply credited upon the Virginia debt, and this is what the Attorney General is called upon to decide.

The Comptroller took Governor Fleming and Ex-Governor Wilson over to the Department of Justice and introduced them to the Attorney General and Special General Taft. The case was talked over and an agreement reached by which arguments will be heard before the Department. The date has not yet been fixed. While, of course, the government officials will not express an opinion upon this new phase of the case, it is learned from the Attorney General's associates that, should the government be followed, there is small chance of any money going to West Virginia. The United States is very jealous of its rights under such circumstances, and will not hold the whip hand by a considerable majority. In the meanwhile, as stated, nothing has yet been produced to prove that the Legislature ever gave up the money, and that phase of the case remains as before.

HISTORY OF THE QUESTION.

Comptroller Matthews is Now Studying How West Virginia Has Been Paid Her Share of the Refund.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—It appears that many of the States that expected to realize the entire amount of their contributions to the direct tax, are to be disappointed. A scrutiny of the refunding act by the First Comptroller has satisfied him that the United States Government may claim offsets against the States which have not paid their share of the direct tax.

The Boston painters' strike for \$3 a day, of eight hours, was inaugurated yesterday, and it is said that over 800 in some States large assemblages.

John Tarkal, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, while temporarily insane from the effects of the grip, blew his head off with a shotgun.

General Alger, who has been confined to his bed in a Boston hospital, is recovering rapidly, and will be about again in a week.

Barry Sullivan, the well known actor, is dying at London. He was born at Birmingham in 1824, and made his first appearance in 1840.

The medical faculty of the University of Bonn, Germany, has abandoned the use of both Koch's and Liebrich's "remedies" for tuberculosis.

Bessie Malaski, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., a slight girl, four years of age, was rightfully held a derce ball with trifling flowers. She cannot recover.

A State convention has been called, for May 19, by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the World's Fair.

There were 154 deaths recorded at the New York Bureau of Vital Statistics yesterday. Out of these there were twenty deaths from grip complicated with other ailments.

Denver, by Joe Harris, withdraws his offer to back Fitzsimmons, for the reason that Hall has proved unreliable. Harris is going to Australia.

A crazy woman Sunday night was thrown from a cart, dragged about a fur long and killed. He was fifty-two years old and one of the leading traders in the city.

William Mattha Johnson, 47a and 50a years old, was drowned in the Arkansas river, near Postville, near Wichita. The children were in a paddock when attacked by a bull and driven into the river.

A Bessemer, Pa., Fred Douglas, a white man employed as a furnace foundryman, was attacked by Leroy Smith and shot and killed by four Smith's friends, but drawing two pistols repulsed them.

Clifton W. Taylor, newspaper writer, dramatist and theatrical manager is dead. He was 55 years old. In the war he was a member of the 68th 88th Central Postal Directory, and was seriously ill. Father Sherman arrived Saturday evening, but it was not known until yesterday that he was in the city. He preached his first sermon yesterday.

Secretary Freyer is a memorial candidate for Hon. Ed. DeLoach, Proctor, Secretary of War, declined the fact that that gentleman is decidedly a candidate for appointment by Governor Page to the Senate. The Secretary of War declines to ever get an Omaha reporter's name as a candidate for the Vermont Senatorship.

COURT NEWS.

Hayard's Son-in-Law Dies After a Week of Convalescent Happiness.

WILMINGTON, DEL., April 13.—Count Levenhaupt, who recently married Miss Levenhaupt, died this morning. The marriage of Count Levenhaupt to Miss Ellen, the youngest daughter of ex-Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard, took place at noon April 2, a little more than a week ago, at the Bayard home.

"Delamare Place," in Wilmington, The Count was a member of a noble family of Sweden, but having chosen to make his home in the United States, preferred to be considered as a native-born citizen and requested his friends to drop his title when addressing him. He was very popular in society, and his marriage was considered an extremely happy one.

Another Sugar Combine Reported Which Glass Sprockels Will Deny, Presumably, to-morrow.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Reports have been current for some days on the sugar market, that a combination had been formed between the Sugar Trust and all the eastern refiners and the Wholesale Grocers' Association, to acquire complete control of the sugar trade. It is known that negotiations have been pending between the independent refiners, the Sugar Trust and the wholesale dealers, to have all the sugar refined in this country and to boycott the refined sugars of foreign countries. So far the deal has resulted only in an association of refiners.

An estimated to-day that Claus Spreckels, E. C. Knight, Harrison and Frazer and all the independent sugar refiners have entered into an agreement with the trust to work in common with its managers, and to produce only their own share of the entire production, which will be limited to the sales made in advance by the wholesale grocers.

A "Fak" About Barnum's Remains. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 13.—The rumor sent out to the effect that an attempt had been made to steal the remains of the late P. T. Barnum, is simply a "fak." Ever since the burial there has been a heavy guard, and every precaution has been taken against even the stealing of a flower from the tomb. The will of the old showman has been admitted to probate and there will be no contest over it.

Wheatly Critic of Lancaster, Pa. Assignee. LANCASTER, Pa., April 13.—Thomas Baumgardner, a local citizen, is reported to be the wealthiest citizen of Lancaster, with an estimated net worth of \$500,000. His liabilities are estimated at from \$500,000 to \$700,000, assets probably very small.

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LATEST ABOUT THE RACKET.

Which Italy is Kicking Up—Minister Porter's Dismissal Still a Matter of Doubt—Italian Officials Retire.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—But two facts could be added to-day to the public stock of information respecting the diplomatic entanglement with Italy, growing out of the New Orleans racket.

One of these was that the State Department has not received any intimation from the Italian Government that their last note must be answered before a given date. Nor is such an intimation expected, for the Department feels that it is acting properly and reasonably, and it would be a very anomalous course for a nation engaged in negotiations with another, to question the motives upon which the correspondence is based.

The second fact is that Secretary Blaine's answer to the Marquis Rudini's last note has not yet been forwarded. It was probably the Secretary's purpose to accompany this reply with an official statement touching the nationality of the New Orleans victims and other facts that were expected from the officials of the Department of Justice, in New Orleans. These reports have not yet reached Washington. When they are received great care must be exercised in releasing the facts to the public, so that they will be of use to the Republic League in the coming campaign, as was done in '88, by misrepresenting and belittling the meeting held in this city last Friday.

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A SCRAMBLE FOR OFFICE.

Now Going on Among Parkersburg Democrats—Who Will Probably Get the Place.

PARKERSBURG, April 13.—The scramble for office in this city under the new Council, among the Democrats, is something fearful. The number of candidates for the few offices is legion and increasing. Among the hosts of applicants for the most lucrative office, that of city collector, is Editor L. E. Horner, the Senior W. W. Terry, Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

More Men Go to Work In the Coke Region Despite the Strikers' Appeals.

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TOUGHS ROTTING IN ST. LOUIS.

A Fierce Fight Resulted in One Being Fatally and Three Badly Injured.

ST. LOUIS, April 13.—A riot in which one person was probably fatally and three badly injured, occurred yesterday near the water tower. It was the result of a feud in which two gangs of young ruffians were the actors. About six o'clock Albert Carrier, Oscar Lee and several companions while out walking were stopped by several members of the other gang. Words were followed by blows and then rocks were used. Carrier was hit with one on the head, inflicting a very painful scalp wound. He drew a revolver and fired at his opponents. The bullet struck Paul Walker behind the right ear, and he sank to the ground unconscious. A fierce attack was then made on Carrier by the other gang. They fled to take refuge in a house, the door of which was broken down. At that moment the police appeared and after a short fight dispersed both gangs. Oscar Lee was struck on the head with a rock and had his skull fractured. Walker is badly hurt. Carrier was arrested.

Another Indian Uprising Feared. Two Emigrants Murdered by the Red Devils—Excitement in Idaho.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, April 13.—Great excitement was caused this afternoon by a discovery that Indians had killed two unknown white emigrants who were camped at a water tank two miles below this place. Nothing could be learned as to the cause of the tragedy. There were no eye witnesses. The bodies of the emigrants were found dead at the tank and a number of Indians were seen taking to the hills near here. An uprising is feared. Indian Agent Fisher was telegraphed for and came up on a special train. Business is suspended and the citizens are in arms. About 100 men are on duty to guard the water tank and to remain so until the end. Another enormous meeting is being held at Tarr's to-night.

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