

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.
(BY CLYDE H. TAVENNER.)

Should a fiscal system which permits those who own 90 per cent. of the wealth of the United States to shoulder but 10 per cent. of the burden of taxation, be remedied?

The Democratic House believes that it should, and hence the passage of the excise-income tax bill which levies a tax of 1 per cent. on incomes in excess of \$5,000 a year.

This does not mean that all persons having more than \$5,000 must pay a tax on the excess of that sum. It means that those who have an annual "income" or "profit" of more than \$5,000 must pay the 1 per cent. tax on all income or profit exceeding \$5,000. It will be necessary in most cases for a person to have a capitalized sum of about \$100,000 before he is called upon to pay 1 per cent. tax on that portion in excess of \$5,000.

The standpatters, however, say this plan is class legislation. They were never heard to complain of the present system of raising revenue to run the government as being class legislation, although it is even more class legislation than that proposed under the excise-income tax bill. Under the present system the burden falls entirely upon the masses, wealth alone being the one thing untaxed for federal revenue.

The masses of the people produce the wealth, and by legislative advantage a few get possession of it, and now these few object to the transfer of the tax from but one article of general consumption—sugar—to wealth. They would prefer that the government continue to tax sugar instead of wealth, because they eat no more sugar than the section hand or the mill worker and therefore under the present system are compelled to pay no greater tax to the government than the poorest man.

The United States is practically the only one of the great nations today that raises practically all its revenue by taxing the people according to their needs and practically according to their poverty, and allows wealth to go untaxed.

The government now raises \$314,000,000 annually by placing an import duty or tariff on the things the people eat, wear or use. Banks, railroads and steamship line: pay nothing because they do not come in through the customs houses. Mr. Rockefeller pays no more taxes than the average citizen because he uses no more of the things the people must have in order to live than does the average man.

If a system which requires a millionaire to pay no more tax to the federal government than the section hand or the mill hand is fair and just, there is no need of reform; but if such a system is unjust the excise income tax bill is a move in the right direction to remedy it.

The wholesale price of standard granulated sugar in New York on the day this item is written is \$5.85 per hundred pounds. One week ago today the price was \$5.75, one month ago today \$5.45 and one year a-

go today \$4.60. These figures are taken from the Weekly Statistical Sugar Trade Journal, the official publication of the sugar industry of the United States.

Whether the sugar trust finds it necessary to increase prices to reimburse itself for the stolen mill on it was forced to disgorge to the government, following the exposure of the underweighing frauds, or whether the increases are really justified by shortage of sugar production abroad, is considered a debatable question by many. But the fact that the wholesale price of sugar in London averages 2 cents a pound less than in New York the year around, shows beyond question the advantage in favor of the consumers in the country where there is neither a sugar tariff nor a sugar trust.

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2:17	8:03	Winchester,	8:05	4:50
2:35	8:18	L. & E. Junction,	7:51	4:37
2:49	8:32	Indian Fields,	7:37	4:22
3:05	8:50	CLAY CITY,	7:19	4:05
3:15	9:00	Stanton,	7:10	3:56
3:21	9:05	Rosslyn,	7:05	3:51
3:28	9:12	Filson,	6:59	3:45
3:47	9:27	Campton Junction,	6:43	3:30
3:52	9:32	Natural Bridge,	6:40	3:25
4:04	9:44	Torrent,	6:25	3:12
4:25	10:04	Beattyville Jet,	6:03	2:51
5:19	10:57	O. & K. Junction,	5:10	1:57
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	11:25	Quicksand,		1:25

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