INCOME TAX RUMOR.

IMPORTANT DECISION SAID TO BE READY.

A Special Dispatch from Washington to a Chicago Paper Makes the Statement That the Supreme Court Has Come to

a Conclusion on the Subject.

Chicago, April 8 .-- A special dispatch from Washington to the Tribune says: "The United States Supreme court has shot the income tax law full of holes. The decision has been completed and put in type, and only awaits formal ratification at the consultation to be held at noon to-day.

"The decision of the lower court is reversed, but the income tax as whole is upheld, but only by a divided court.

'Two important portions of the law, however, have been decided to be unconstitutional, and they are so serious as to affect materially not only the revenues of the government, but the estimation in which the income tax will be

held by the people. "Under the decision to be handed down by the court probably next Monday, but possibly later, all incomes derived from rents are exempted from taxation by the Federal government and all incomes derived from state and municipal bonds are similarly exempted. In other respects the income tax law stands as it was passed last August, but the result of the consultations in the Supreme court shows very conclusively that the law can easily be picked to pieces piecemeal, provided suits are brought to contest each particular point as it comes up.

"The landlords of the country will pay no income tax. The owners of bonds of almost any kind, either fed-eral, state, county, or municipal, will also be free, while the business man, the manufacturer and the salaried employe will, for the present, at least, be compelled to contribute to the treasury of the United States government 2 per cent of all incomes in excess of \$4,000 per annum.

"There is a possibility in regard to the income tax law which may render it unnecessary for the next congress to repeal it. The eight judges who have decided or rather failed to decide the present case on its merits are evenly divided. Justice Jackson is ill and unable to be present. He may recover sufficiently to sit when some new case is brought in the near future, or the court may be brought up to the full number of nine justices by the appointment of his successor, in which case it is possible the law may yet be declared unconstitutional in toto.

"As it stands today, however, the Supreme court is split in two on the inome tax, and the decision of the courts below stands on the broad constitutional question involved, with the two exceptions of the incomes from rents and those from state and municipal bonds.

"It was evident from the start that the justices as a whole were perfectly willing to exempt local securities if the case had been brought up as a separate issue before them, but during the first consultations this matter was held in abeyance, and it was not until the final session that it was decided to include this exemption in the decision and re-Heve the owners of all state, county, and municipal bonds from paying in-

ENDS IN A TRAGEDY.

Frank Colvin Kills Himself the Day He Was to Marry.

Omaha, Neb., April 8.-Frank Colvin, ore of the best known country editors of Nebraska and Iowa, came to Omaha Tuesday night to be married. He expected to start on his bridal tour today. His body was shipped back to his home at Randolph, Iowa, last night for burial. He blew his brains out in the afternoon at the Omaha residence of Barnard McCann.

A pathetic story surrounds the affair, in which Miss Kate E. Early, a wellknown young lady of Columbus, Neb., figures. From the pocket of the dead man's coat was taken a letter addressed to the press, in which he explained that he had come to this city in the hope of persuading Miss Early to consummate their engagement of many months. He had suddenly become acquainted with the fact that she was already married, and he had arranged to commit suicide. To this story Miss Early replies she was merely Colvin's friend, never had promised to marry him, and denies she is a married woman. Colvin was the editor of the Register, of Randolph, Iowa. Previously he was

editor of a Columbus paper.

IN BEHALF OF LABOR.

Wisconsin Assembly Passes Arbitration

and Anti-Blacklisting Measures. Madison, Wis., April 8 .- The bills for the relief of ex-State Treasurers Baetz and Kuehn from the payment of interest money received on deposits of state funds and to release ex-Treasurer Mc-Fetridge from further payment than he has already made were ordered to a third reading in the senate yesterday. Senator Putnam's bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on county fair grounds receiving state aid was killed

The O'Nell arbitration bill, aimed to settle disputes between employers and employes and providing for a board of arbitration, passed the assembly as did the Prochnow bill making it misdemeanor for any person or concern having discharged an employe to blacklist him. The senate ordered to third reading the bill abolishing the present board of control and providing for its reorganization after some debate.

Five Die in New Orleans Explosion.

New Orleans, La., April 8.-An explosion resulting in the death of five persons and injuries to four others occurred yesterday morning at Ursuline and Decatur streets, near the French market. At that corner Charles J. Salathe ran the Fisherman's Exchange, and next to it was his grocery store. In the latter were two cans of powder, each containing twenty-five pounds. About 2 o'clock a tremendous explosion occurred. Both the saloon and the grocery store were shattered into fragments and collapsed upon the inmates. The deed is laid at the door of the Mafia organization, but the police refuse to believe this, and think the explosion an accident.



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The legislature has at last closed and no one except the employees are sorry.

There were many bills introduced that would cripple or kill our mutual companies, and repeal or annul the value in policy. But as the people of this state feel that both laws are here for the best interests of those who insure, the strong est insurance lobby that a Nebraska legislature has ever seen could not persuade the members to do anything to injure the cause of either.

Although many members could be found willing to do anything that money bags, (corporations) asked, their constituents asked them to do otherwise in such a way that they had to obey the order from home.

I will give you an example. S. F. 98 and H. R. 222, were the same and was intended to regulate life insurance, but was so badly mixed that even its author could not tell anything about the bill except its intention. A substitute was introduced in the house and senate which covered the regulation of life insurance companies only, and created the office of insurance deputy at a \$2,000 salary, and also an assistant to the deputy at \$1,500 and in addition thereto, "to fees for examining insurance companies and fees for actual work that he may do for insur ance companies to be paid by the com-panies as required by this act." We asked that this clause be stricken

from the bill and agreed that we would not fight it; but the lobby did not con-sent, hence we went after the bill. It went to the wall.

I do not think that a single secretary of mutual companies would object to have his books examined by the auditor or his deputy, but to pay such fees as are usually paid by stock companies would result in annihilating the companies, and especially, if we should have an auditor who would favor the stock companies by a frequent examination of the mutuals, and bleed them. There were several such bills, but they all came to their death because an obnoxious sentence could not be eliminated, or a word or two inserted. H. R. 246, was passed by the senate and delivered to the governor the last night of the legislature; but it took superhuman effort to face the money offered for its defeat. One man was offered cold cash for the bill, the last day but it did not work. By this law the people who own town property may

organize a company. There will be a dwelling house company organized here in Lincoln, and will insure any detached dwelling in any part of the state, in town. But due dilligence must be used to avoid property in boomed towns

The law will not take effect until Aug. 1st, hence there will be plenty of time to ont a good strong company on its feet. There are several men looking up the business now, and there will be more. predict that there will be some smooth skinning game worked to fool the people on town mutual work: because about all any one will have to do will be to represent that he is the agent of a mutual, as almost every one has heard that a mutual is a good thing and the stock campanies are not loved because of their mode of dealing with the people. 1 predict that thousands of dollars will be saved to towns' people by this planeven if no companies are formed, because the stock companies will not raise their rates for fear that they will drive the people to the mutual plan. We are pleased to say that there were several Republicans, all the Democrats and all the Populist members who were always on the alert in the interest of this bill. But the foremost of these were Representative Brockman and Senator Lindsay. The latter introduced a resolution and got it passed compelling Senator Craine to deliver this bill to the senate. Craine wanted to carry it four days in his pocket (just for fun.) But when the senate by a unanimous votegot the seargent-at-arms after him he delivered it just as reluctantly as any scoundrel would a contract that would take a fortune away from him. The fact that money was afterward offered for the bill speaks louder than words. It can not be proven that he held the bill for a valuable consideration, hence I do not make the assertion.



tax on the interest they received therefrom.

"Justice Brown was very strongly opposed to the taxing of income derived from rents on real estate. He took the position that in law a tax on rent was in every way equivalent to a tax on real estate, and hence it was clearly a direct tax, and accordingly in violation of the provisions of the constitution, which forbids congress to levy any direct taxes unless they be apportioned among the states on the basis of population at the last preceding census.

"On this proposition as to the constitutionality of the law in so far as it related to rents derived from real estate the chief justice and Justices Field, Gray, and Brewer, who believed that the whole law was unconstitutional, voted with Justice Brown, thus deciding th's particular portion of the law unconstitutional by a vote of 5 to 3.

"The opinion states specifically that the decision of the court below in the cases of Charles Pollock against the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, of Louis H. Hyde against the Continental Trust company, and of John G. Moore against the commissioners of internal revenue, is reversed, and then goes on to state that the trust companies are restrained from paying any income tax on revenues received from the rents of real estate or from interest paid on state and municipal bonds of all deeriptions

"The fact is also stated that the Supreme court is evenly divided on the question of the constitutionality of the income tax, and hence that that portion of the decision of the court below is neither affirmed nor reversed.

"How much this decision of the Supreme court will mean to the treasury officials no one can estimate. It will, of course, entirely upset Secretary Carlisle's estimates as to the financial situation between now and the day congress meets, but there is enough of the law left in all probability to keep the treasury running until December. That the next congress will endeavor to correct it there can hardly be any doubt, and the absolute repeal of the law seems almost inevitable."

State Board will Prosecute.

Kansas City, Mo., April 8.-The Kana conference with representatives of the state board of health, to dismiss the case against Mrs. A. J. Beard, the Christian science doctor arrested a week ago. The object of the local board in dismissing the proceedings is to give the state board an opportunity to deal with Mrs. Beard under the state law.

Spain Says Uncle Sam Is Friendly. Madrid, April 8 .- The Correspondencia publishes the following official note: 'We are in a position to declare that the attitude of the United States toward Spain, in everything concerning Cuba, as in all other questions, is inspired by sincere and loyal friendship, as has always been the case in the past and as it will continue in the future.'

Miners Locked Out.

Beaver, Iowa, April 8.-About five hundred miners are locked out at Fraser on refusing to accept the 20 cent reduction made in wages.

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