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THE ADMINISTRATION IN FAVOR OF REDUCING TAXATION AND REVISING THE TARIFF.

Special Dispatch to This Issue.

WASHINGTON, November 24.—Until within a few days Commissioner Baum had disposed to make no recommendation looking to reduction in internal revenue taxes.

It is believed now, however, that he will advise such reduction as will leave the aggregate income of the government from that source at about \$100,000,000 per annum.

It is known that the president, while firmly opposed to any proposition looking to abolition, at this time, of the entire internal revenue system, believes the time has come when substantial relief can safely be accorded tax payers.

And that a portion of the relief should come from reduction of internal revenue taxation. With this view the cabinet are in entire accord; and the president in his message will recommend the abolition of all internal revenue tax except those upon tobacco in its various forms and upon distilled spirits and fermented liquors, and except also the special tax upon manufacturers of and dealers in such articles, with the reduction in tax upon whisky and tobacco upon the basis of the bill which passed the house of representatives at the last session of congress.

The retention of the special tax is deemed essential to the supervision of these articles and to the prevention of fraud. If this retention is adopted, the recommendation of internal revenue reduction will be confined to President Arthur's declaration that the fair is open, which will be made from the pagoda in the center of the capitol grounds. The cabinet will be present, also the justices of the supreme court, members of the diplomatic corps, general of the army and admiral of the navy. Preparations are complete and the display will be beautiful and varied.

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A REPORTER of the Associated Press asked Calkins, of Indiana, to-day, what would be done during the coming session in regard to undecided contested election cases before the committee on elections, of which he is chairman. Calkins explained that there are only four cases left of all that were presented to the forty-fourth congress, and that three of those are practically determined. The Richardson-Lee case has been determined in the sub-committee, and will be immediately reported to the house, a majority report favoring the sitting member, Richardson, who is a democrat. The Manning-Buchanan case from Mississippi, is in a similar condition of forwardness, with a majority favoring Manning, a democrat, sitting member. The Seagraves-Frost case from Missouri is practically determined by a majority in favor of Frost, sitting member, though there remains to be argued a question involving the state law of registration, which has been changed since the selection of the committee. The Cook-Cotta case, from Iowa, is "the only one undetermined," to use the language of Calkins. Cook is a greenbacker and Cotta, sitting member, a republican. Calkins would give no opinion as to the probable action of the house upon the reports, though it is the prevailing belief that none of the contestants will be seated.

SECRETARY LINCOLN says he has neither approved nor disapproved the opinion of Judge Advocate General Swain with regard to the liability of army officers to court martial for persistent non-payment of debts. He said there was no case before him which required a decision of the question, and that until there should be did not feel called upon to act in the matter.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CORKHILL said to-day the trial of the star route cases will undoubtedly begin the 4th of December next. Wells, of counsel for the government in the Dickson case, expresses the belief he would be ready to proceed November 25th. "I am just as anxious," he said, "to get through this as any one, but I have witnesses whom the other side know nothing about. Some of them have come from longer distances than Hoover came, and I do not propose to have the case heard before my witnesses are here."

A MERE TRIFLE. The department of agriculture reports: By reason of a clerical error in the department, the estimate of the yield of wheat in the abstract of the commissioner's report was 100,000,000 bushels too small. The estimated yield is 510,000,000 bushels, not 410,000,000. The mistake was discovered this morning, and the proper exchange of New York promptly notified.

SOUTHERN RACES. W. A. Eggerman, proprietor of the Brighton Beach course, passed this morning for New Orleans to complete negotiations for the purchase of the race track of that city by a syndicate of turfmen. He expects to begin races the first part of next year and continue partly until April, the Mobile, Memphis and Nashville meetings following in close consecutive order to the spring campaign, which will give an unbroken chain of race meetings throughout the year.

FINLEY'S REVENGE. Senator B. Call, of Florida, says: Upon full returns H. Bisbee, republican, is elected, but J. J. Finley, democrat, will contest the seat upon the alleged ground that he (Bisbee) obtained a majority by colonizing illegal voters. Finley was unseated in the forty-seventh congress in a contest by Bisbee.

A GENERAL BOUND. It is said the discharge of Detective Miller is the first step in the policy of the president, adopted at the suggestion of the attorney general, to punish by dismissal such employees of the government as have attempted to interfere with the conviction of the star route to the spring campaign, which is one department of the government printing office and publisher of a newspaper which roundly assailed the prosecution in the late star route trial, is also looked for dismissal.

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GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

THE KURDISH CHIEF. CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24.—The facts regarding the carrying away of the Kurdish Sheikh Obeidallah are being investigated by the British consul at Mosul.

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BURGARS ROB THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. DENIS OF HISTORICAL JEWELS. PARIS, November 24.—A party of burglars entered the cathedral of St. Denis, near Paris, and carried off several valuable historical jewels.

A VARIETY OF ITEMS FROM EUROPEAN CAPITALS. LONDON, November 24.—A variety of items from European capitals are being reported.

THE RATE WAR. LONDON, November 24.—The railway bridge at Bromley, near London, fell this morning.

THE PORTS ALARMED. LONDON, November 24.—The ports of the Mediterranean are alarmed by the news of the capture of the Turkish chief.

ROME, November 24.—In recognition of Frederick Backmann's generosity in having presented to Italy the house in New York once tenanted by Gen. Garibaldi, the municipality of Civita Vecchia, conferred the freedom of the city on Backmann.

BERLIN, November 24.—Gen. Frazer, general of the city has been elected.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24.—The Montenegrin question is amicably settled between the Porte, Russia, and Austria.

LONDON, November 24.—Gladstone states parliament will probably be summoned to meet in January.

LONDON, November 24.—Grenfell, defeated in the election to parliament, resigned the office of parliamentary groom in waiting.

PARIS, November 24.—Thieves broke into the Cathedral of St. Denis this afternoon and stole a quantity of gold and silver objects, including precious relics and crowns of historical value.

PORTSMOUTH, November 24.—Nearly the entire force in the department of construction and repairs of the navy yard has been suspended till December 11th.

OTTAWA, November 24.—This afternoon the beams in the parliamentary printing office gave way and created a panic among about a hundred employees.

DUBLIN, November 24.—A man named Nes, implicated in the Joyce murders, was arrested in Galway.

LONDON, November 24.—Richard O'Shaughnessy, member of parliament for Limerick, is reported appointed permanent under secretary of Ireland.

PARIS, November 24.—Do Ehamel, chief clerk of Comptoir D'Escompte, has absconded with a large sum of money.

LONDON, November 24.—The health of Childers, war secretary, has broken down and he is ordered to go abroad.

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THE RATE WAR.

The Latest News from the Railroad Battlefield.

Cable on the War.

CHICAGO, November 24.—Manager R. R. Cable, of the Rock Island road, in conversation with the associated press reporter this evening, said there was nothing new in the passenger and freight war between this city and points northwest.

He stated as his opinion that the war would be a protracted one. He declined to say anything in reply to the card of Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, published this morning, but intimated that he might have something to say on that head within a day or two.

WILL IT BREAK UP THE POOL? CHICAGO, November 24.—The Tribune will express the opinion that notwithstanding the advance of the Illinois Central road, a railroad fight in the northwest, a considerable danger exists of the establishment of either the Northwestern or Burlington. For either of them to become a party to cutting, owing to the conditions of the existing pool, would be equivalent to a complete rupture of the agreement, and must inevitably result in the pool.

It will be recalled that the Alton and Washburn lines, memorializing Chicago's view of the situation, the Tribune believes neither the Northwestern nor the Burlington will begin cutting till actually forced to do so.

THE MANAGERS' MAN. MILWAUKEE, November 24.—Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Minneapolis road, will not make a further statement than that sent yesterday to the eastern papers in regard to the railroad war.

Manager Merrill was equally reticent to-day. An important note was made in passenger cars on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul from Rock Island to Chicago, tickets being reduced from \$8 to 50 cents. Railroad officials are extremely reticent and blame the daily press for making incorrect statements, but at the same time refuse to give information.

W. G. Swan, superintendent of the freight traffic on the St. Paul road, says his road has decided to make a slash in freight rates shortly, affecting all points on the road. The details will probably be announced to-morrow.

GROWING CORPORATIONS. NEW YORK, November 24.—The passenger agents of the trunk lines to-day tracked no business of importance. It is reported that there is much dissatisfaction among certain companies in reference to differential rates as they now exist. The companies complain that their earnings are less than they should be.

A MANITOBA WAVE. WINNIPEG, Manitoba, November 24.—In an interview to-day General Superintendent Egan, of the Canadian Pacific railway, said that trains will at once be run on the southwest branch to Greta, on the border line, making close connections with the St. Paul & Manitoba road for all points south, east and west.

Langdon, Shippard & Co.'s five hundred mile contract, ending 635 miles from Winnipeg, near the crossing of the Saskatchewan, will be completed in a year from signing, a feat unequalled in railway construction.

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WILD WINDS.

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