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The War Tax.

A tabulated statement of the Internal Revenue Bureau shows that the total receipts under the war tax law up to February 1, 1899, amounted to \$62,012,191. The distribution of the tax was as follows: For stamps on checks, documents and patent medicines, \$26,383,440; beer, \$20,084,400; special taxes, \$4,238,807; cigars and cigarettes, \$2,502,058; tobacco and snuff, \$8,162,621; inheritances, \$253,951; excise tax, \$380,271. This indicates an annual revenue of upward of \$106,000,000 from the war tax. At the same time, as the Philadelphia Record points out, the government expenditures are increasing at a corresponding rate, and it will be a long time before there can be any hope of a repeal of the law.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Whew! such a rumpus has not taken place during the present administration as is now raging around the head of Attorney General Griggs. It's all about a letter that Griggs wrote about trusts, containing opinions that the remainder of the administration are afraid to stand for. Some of his fellow members of the cabinet have said a few things to Griggs, but it is understood that their remarks will be entirely forgotten when Mr. McKinley returns and empties his vials of wrath upon him. Some of the administration hangers-on say that Griggs was bungled into writing the letter by his correspondent, who asked for the information, stating that he was a republican; and that he would not have written it had he supposed it would have been published. Of course, everybody knew that the administration was not unfriendly to the trusts, with which Boss Hanna has such close business relations, but, in deference to voters who do not share in the profits of the trusts, it has been understood by those who are close to the throne that an anti-trust plank was to be inserted in the next republican platform, meaningless, of course, to head off the democratic claim that the republicans are responsible for all the trusts. Mr. Griggs must have known this. Yet he wrote as follows to a correspondent unknown to him personally, concerning trusts: "As a matter of fact, all of the companies which you refer to as now organizing for the purpose of securing complete or partial monopoly of different branches of manufacture, are similar to the sugar combination, and are not within the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts. If amenable to any law they are amenable to the laws of the respective states." But the following is the gem of the letter: "With reference to these large combinations of capital which are now forming, my own judgment is that the danger is not so much to the country at large as it is to the people who are induced to put their money into the purchase of the stock." There is nothing in this situation to make democrats mad, but a prominent republican, after a number of unprintable things, said: "The Attorney General has gratuitously made the announcement that the government is powerless to prevent or regulate the formation of combinations of capital to control the manufacture of the necessaries of life, and he winds up this remarkable statement with a flippant remark about the danger of investing in trust stocks. Mr. Griggs is in a fair way to become a second Burchard to the republican party."

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, who never minces words when he expresses an opinion, said of Col. Bryan's refusal

to attend the Belmont Jefferson banquet: "Bryan made the hit of his career when he refused to attend the Belmont \$10 dinner. Not one of the crowd would ever vote the democratic ticket anyhow. Bryan's position brings him closer to the people. Consorting with renegades would estrange them from him. He will certainly be renominated in 1900. The Chicago platform will be reaffirmed, and the democracy will win."

The heavy price of American life and blood paid for our new victories over the Filipinos in the heavy fighting of the last three days, in consequence of the movement of Gen. Otis against Aguinaldo, adds interest of this plain talk from Senator Mason, who is now in Washington. "I find," said Senator Mason, "a pronounced change of sentiment among men with whom I talk. Substantial business men who three months ago were red-hot for expansion, now say they have had enough of it. I ask them how about the prestige of their country, and they say they care little about prestige derived from conquering such men, but the taxes resulting are what they fear. The idea of calling those Filipinos rebels as some of our newspapers persist in doing is unjust. They have never taken the oath of allegiance to the U. S. They wanted independence from the start and they said so. They will always hate us and nothing is to be gained by conquering them. Even if we do overcome them, they will turn around and poison our people. I have just learned from the Surgeon General's office that 21 per cent of our men out there are afflicted with some loathsome disease. This is a bad beginning for our army. I am not a high moralist, and not so much opposed to stealing in itself; but I do question the judgement of a man who steals a red-hot stove that he is in no position to carry off. Such a thief is a fool. The attempt of the United States to steal the liberty of the Filipinos is of the same sort. I believe the American people are waking up to this question."

"It is a little odd," said a prominent New Yorker, "that none of the shrewd newspaper men have nosed out the true inwardness of the sudden friendship of Boss Platt for Teddy Roosevelt. The guess that Platt, who has been a guest at Teddy's Albany home, grooming Teddy to be a candidate against McKinley for the republican nomination for President next year, is away off; Platt pledged the New York delegation to McKinley in the early days of the administration, and his jollying of Teddy is for the purpose of preventing his trying to interfere with the carrying out of that pledge. Watch the result, and you will see that this is straight."

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THE TRUST LAW.

There has been a good deal of discussion regarding the new law against trusts, and some confusion has arisen, regarding the provisions. The following is the full text of the act as passed:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Any corporation organized under the laws of this or any other State or county for transacting or conducting any kind of business in this State or any partnership or individual or other association of persons whatsoever who shall create, enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, trust, agreement, combination, confederation or understanding with any other corporation, partnership, individual or other persons to regulate or fix the price of any article of merchandise or commodity, or shall enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, agreement, contract, combination or confederation to fix or limit the amount of quantity of any article, commodity or merchandise to be manufactured, mined, produced or sold in this State shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and be subject to penalties as provided in this act.

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for any corporation to issue or to own trust certificates, or for any corporation, agent, officer or employee or the directors or stockholders of any corporation to enter into any combination, contract or agreement with any person or persons, corporation or corporations, or with any stockholders or director thereof, the purpose and effect of which combination, contract or agreement shall be to place the management or control of such a combination or the manufactured product thereof in the hands of any trustees with the intent to limit or fix the price or lessen the production and sale of any article of commerce, use or consumption, or to prevent, restrict or diminish the manufacture or output of any such article, provided that nothing herein contained shall effect the present investments of charitable or educational institutions.

Sec. 3. Any corporation or company, individual, firm or association violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit \$100 for each day it shall continue to do so, to be recovered by an action in the name of the State at the relation of the Solicitor; moneys thus recovered to go into revenue of the county in which the cause accrues.

Sec. 4. Any contract or agreement in violation of any provision of this act shall be absolutely void.

Sec. 5. Any corporation created or organized by or under the laws of this State, which shall violate any provision of the preceding sections of this act shall thereby forfeit its corporate rights

and franchise, and its corporate existence shall upon proper proof being made in any court of competent jurisdiction in this State be by the court declared forfeited, void of non-effect, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said court to certify the decree thereof to the secretary of State, who shall take notice and be governed thereby as to the corporate powers of said corporation.

Sec. 6. This act shall not apply to agricultural products while in the hands of the producer, nor to the lumber interests of the State; neither shall it prevent cotton or woolen mills from regulating the amount of their output or selling the same through an agent.

Sec. 7. In any indictment or information for any offence named in this act it shall be sufficient to state the purpose and effects of the trust or combination, and that the accused was a member of, acted with, or in pursuance of it, without giving his name or description, or how or where it was created.

Sec. 8. In proceeding under this act it shall be sufficient to prove that a trust combination, as herein determined, exists, and that the defendant belonged to it or acted for or had connection with it, without providing all members belonging to it or producing or proving any article of agreement or any written instrument at all, and a preponderance of evidence shall be sufficient to authorize a verdict and judgment for the State.

Sec. 9. In all suits instituted under this act to forfeit charters or corporations where a judgment or forfeiture is obtained and the cause is not appealed to the Supreme Court, the Superior Court shall allow the Solicitor or prosecuting attorney prosecuting the suit a fee of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, to be paid out of the assets of said corporation, provided that in case such cause is appealed to the Supreme Court and the judgment of forfeiture affirmed the Attorney General shall be entitled to one-half of the fee so allowed by the Superior court for his service in prosecuting said case in the appellate court.

Sec. 10. That this act shall not apply to any whole sale or retail merchant or jobber doing business in this State who is not a party to or interested in a trust, nor shall it apply to any fishing, trucking or canning industry in this State; nor to any persons, firms or corporations engaged therein. But no person or firm shall be deemed to be the agent of a trust because of the sale of trust manufactured goods or products when the said person or firm buys said goods or products and sells the same as his or its own property.

Sec. 11. That all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

C. H. Mebane, State Superintendent of schools has issued the following:

The manuscript of the public school law and notes thereon were placed in the hands of the printer on March 15, but owing to the law suits, injunctions, etc., I have no assurance of a definite time as to having the school law published—hence this letter. The supervisor will hold his office and discharge his official duties until the end of the school year, or until his successor, the county superintendent of schools, is elected and qualified. The county superintendent of schools will be elected by the county board of directors on the second Monday in July. The county supervisor cannot do any visiting of schools since the 7th of March because there has not existed a county board of education since that date under whose supervision this work must have been done in order to be in accordance with law. The new county board of directors will allow the county supervisor pay for his services rendered in public school work since 7th of March, such as examination of teachers, signing vouchers, etc.; such compensation as was allowed by law by the county boards of education. It would be well for the county supervisor to meet with the county board of education and county boards of directors on the second Monday in April and assist in every way possible to make clear and plain matters of record as to the public schools and give all the information possible, so that the school interest and work will not be injured by change of officers. The township committees will sign orders of teachers' salaries to finish up contracts made with teachers for the schools now in operation. These orders to be endorsed by the county supervisor as heretofore.

Original Observations.

All wheels are tired that attempt to move on our roads. The mantle of charity is woven in the loom of forbearance.

"Time will tell," says an old adage. In this respect time is like a woman.

Some people do not have to wear sprigs of evergreens to show their verdancy.

Where two or three women are gathered together there gossip finds a congenial home.

It is plainly evident that the great foreign powers are preparing to smash China all to pieces.

Why teach a girl to speak several languages, when, as a wife, she can talk him bald-headed with one?

The minister whose pay for a marriage is a kiss from the bride only gets face value for his service.

If you would woo the Filipino maid, lay all sentiments aside, and wear a suit of a single belt adorned with a 'possum hide.

This trust business has indeed become a grave affair, as a coffin combine has been organized, and we are to be pursued underground.

We hear a great deal about the third party movements. We have heard this movement—it is the old man coming to see whether his daughter has gone to bed.—Orange (Va.) Observer.