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THE AMENDED TAX BILL. The following is the bill to amend the tax laws; passed by the House of Representatives on Thurs-day last. We copy from the Richmond Sentinel, which says in reference to it, that the proposed smendments equalize, by reduction, the burdens of the tax as it now stands. The equalization is right : but it may be doubted whether it would not have been better to raise the low taxes than to depress the high.

BILL ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the first, second and third sections of the sot to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government, approved 17th February, 1864, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Section I. That in addition to the taxes levied the act to lay taxes for the common defence and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, approved April 24th, 1863, there shall be evied from the 17th day of February, 1864, on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, co-partnership, asenciation or corporation, liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit :

First-Upon the value of all property, real, personal and mixed of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate, five per cent .- Provided, that from the tax in the value of property employed in agriculture shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind derived therefrom during the same year, as assessed under the law impressing it and delivered to the government, whether deliverable during the ear or afterwards including the bacon delivered

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of companies provided under the act entitled "and "STOP. THE FIGHTING-MAKE THIS. THE MERCURY! of companies provided choice act entries of contract of act to establish a volunteer navy," shall be exempt from taxation, except on the income. Second—That paragraph sixth, section seven, of the same act be, and the same is hereby amended, by the same act be, and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto as follows: 14 betares and alardo at "If any person shall fail to make due return, as York News, speaking of the torrible losses already referees, as provided by law, or shall fail or refuse to pay the tax thereon, within such time as shall be prescribed by public notice by the district collector, under the direction of the commissioner of taxes, such person shall be deemed and held to be in de-

Carefally executive is and fault Section VI. That this act shall not be so construed as to subject to taxation corn, bacon and agricultural products, which were produced in the year 1868, and in the possession of the producer on the 17th day of February, 1864, and necessary for the support of his true that at rare intervals great numbers have bimself and family during the present year, and from perished upon single fields, but never, in a mili-or on which taxes in kind had been deducted and tary sense; to so little purpose. Waterloo decided delivered or paid. Section VII That section fourth, paragraphs one plete, the defeat utter and overwhelming. The and two, of the act approved. February 17, 1864, entitled "an act to lay additional taxes for the common defence and suppart of the Government," be so amended as to levy an additional tax of fifty per cent. upon the amount of all profits made by selling the articles mentioned in the said paragraphs, between the 17th day of rebruary, 1864, and the 1st day of July next, which additional tax shall be collected under said act.

At 2 o'clock the House went into secret session, and continued until 8 o'clock, and then took a recess until 8 o'clock, p. m.

> From the Charlotte (N. C.) Times. A YANKEE CONFESSION.

The annexed, which has been placed in our hands, shows that at least one Yankee officer is disposed to tell the truth, so far as to relieve the many from after and not prior to the assessment of the tax on condemnation by placing the facts before the public Yankees at the time of the evacuating Washington, be Secretary of the Treasury until the value of N. C., is officially admitted by the officers in command, that question is now settled :

The conservative press of the North. The New

. We are yet in the beginning of this campaign, and already we count the dead by thousands and the wounded by tens of thousands. The contest for Richmond has been ushered in with a hideons saturnalia of blood. This havoc of the first few battles is without parallel upon the red : pages of human strife, unless we look far back into the record of heathern barbarism, when slaughter was the object and not the instruments of warfare. It is true that at rare intervals great numbers have total loss of the French was twenty-six thousand three hundred; the battles of the Wildcroess, andecisive, barron of preceptible results, and but the prelude of work more terrible yet to be done, have cost the North, as has been computed, twen-

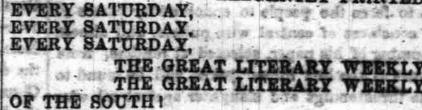
ty-five thousand men. If we estimate the Confederate loss as equal to ours, there is the appalling list of fifty thousand Making a complete Casket of human beings killed or disabled at the very threshold of the campaign. Fifty thousand human beings, in their strength and manhood -as many as constitute the total population, men, women and children, of a second class city, have been

stricken down at the very first collision, without bringing the issue neares to its close. When it is considered that fifteen thousand wounded Federal IT IS A TRAVELLER'S COMPANION soldiers are huddled . together in the streets of Fredericksburg, and that they are a portion only As the wanton destruction of property by the of the victims thus far of this campaign, the ex- IT IS PLEASANT READING tent of the carnage can be more nearly realized. Every better feeling attests the inhumanity and folly of prosecuting a war that involves such wasts of life and serves to accomplish no desirable end. Whatever may be the military result of this campaign, so terribly inaugurated the blood that will be shed must not appeal in vain against the prolongation of this infernal war. We cannot beneve that the people will consent to repeat these scenes of mutual destruction. There must be a period in this strife when humanity will refuse to permit such slaughter, when common sense will imperatively command at least a pause for seflection, an opportunity for the ministration of reason. ing houseless and homeless hundreds of poor women If we interpret aright the suppressed sentiment of BRIDGE." and children, (many of them the families of soldiers the people, that time has come. They are appalled and conscience-stricken at the ghastly aspect which the present phase of this struggle has reveal ed. They say, in their souls, if not aloud : " We have gone too far; the God of Christians will not sanction this mutilation and destruction of his not even respect the charitable institutions, but, creatures, endowed with the essence of his di-



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property employed in agriculture aforesaid; and against the few.

he collection of the tax on such property shall be suspended after assessment under the order of he tithes to be deducted can be ascertained, and when so ascertained it shall be the duty of the Post Quartermaster to certfy and of the district collector to deduct the amount of such tithes. And any balance found due may be paid in bonds and certificates authorized by the act to reduce the currency, and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds in like manner, as taxes myable during he year.

Second-On the value of gold and silver ware n any bank, banking company or association, anal, navigation, importing and exporting, inurance, manufacturing, telegraph, railroad, dry lock companies, and all other joint stock compaies of every kind, whether incorporated or not, ve per cent, which tax sliall be assessed against nd paid by the company in each case. And then the shares or interest in any such company re taxed, no other tax shall be imposed under his act upon any property of such company represented by the valuation of such shares or interest, as directed in the second section of this act. Section II. The value of property, shares and nterest taxed under the preceding section shall e assessed on the basis of the market value of the ame as similar property in the neighborhood, then assessed in the year 1860, except that where ands, slaves, shares or interests have been purbased since the 1st day of January, 1862, other han land purchased by refugees and held and ocupied by them for their own use and residence. hey shall be assessed at the price actually paid br them by the owner, or, if for any cause that annot be ascertained, then at the market value t the time of such purchase. Shares or intersts created since the year 1860 shall be assessed their actual cost to the present holder : Proided that no shares or inferests which are now in par.

Section III. Upon the amount of all gold and ver coin, gold dust, gold and silver bullion, unas purchased since the first day of January, 862, and then upon the actual cost to the presposed by the first section of this act, and in parties are found. ch cases ten per cent, less the amount of tax so posed; and upon the value of all moneys held road or bills of exchange drawn therefor, and tomissory notes, rights and credits payable in reign countries, five per cent., according to the lae thereof, at the place where the tax thereon payable at the time of assessment, except where same is included in the tax on shares or inrests imposed by the first section of this act, and en five per cent, less the amount of tax so ime act of February 17, 1864, to reduce the curney and anthorize new issue of notes and

HEADQUARTERS,) DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA, Newbern, N. C., May 3, 1864. General Orders, No. 5.

While the proops of this command may exult and take just pride in their many victories over the enemy, yet a portion of them have, within a few days. been guilty of an outrage against humanity, which brings the blush of shame to the cheek of every true man and soldier. -

It is well known that, during the late evacuation and plate, jewels, jewelry and watches, ten per of Washington, N. C., that town was fired, and nearcent. On the value of all shares or interests held ly, if not entirely, consumed, thus wantonly renderin our army,) and destroying the last vestige of the once happy homes of those men who have now given up all to serve their country in her hour of peril. And this was done by men in the military service of the United States.

It is also well known that the army vandals did bursting open the doors of the Masonic and Udd vinity. Fellows Lodges, pillaged them both, and hawked about the streets the regalia and jewels.

And this, too, by United States troops.

. It is well known, too, that both public and private stores were entered and plundered; and that devastation and destruction ruled the hour.

The commanding general had, until this time, becould have committed an act such as this which now blackens the fair fame of the army of North Carolina. He finds, however, that he was sadly mistaken; and that the ranks are disgraced by men who are not soldiers, but thieves and scoundrels, dead to all sense can be too severe.

The commanding general is well aware what troops were in the town of Washington when the flames first appeared. He knows what troops last left that place. He knows that in the ranks of only two of the regiments in the district of North Carolina the culprits now stand.

To save the reputation of the command, it is hoped occurrences.

This order will be read at the head of every regiment and detachment in this command, at dress parade, on the day succeeding its receipt; and at the head of the 17th Massachusetts volunteers, and the at holder, ten per cent, except where the same 15th Connecticut volunteers, at dress parade, every

By command of Brig. Gen. I. N. Palmer. J. A. JUDSON, A. A. General. Official:

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A NEW ORDER OF AFFAIRS AT MEMPHIS. -Gen. C. C. Washburn, the new commander at Memphis, has cease.

In testimony to this growing conviction, the confession of a noted and extreme Abolitionist is most opportune. Wendell Philips said on Tuesday last : "As an American white citizen I depricate one month of war. I see in it the seed of debt, military ambition and despotism. The setlieved it impossible that any troops in his command tlement of this war is not to be by battle, but by statesmanship."

The evils generated by this war have now so much accumulated, the sacrafice of life, awful as it has been, threatens to become so unendurable of of honor and humanity, for whom no punishment to christian sentiment that we think the time has come when, without distinction of party or social condition men will rally to the standard of peace. It is our solemn conviction that no man of ordinary perceptive facilities honestly believes today that further bloodshed will secure a political result more desirable than such, whatever it may be, that can be secured by negotiation. Neither orth par or over par shall be assessed at less that the guilty parties may be ferretted out by the is it a question of sectional prowess or courage; officers who were in Washington at the time of these | for the battlefields of these three terrible years, now closing in horrible carninge attest with fearful witness that no charge of weakness or cowardice will stand against either section. Why do we then persist in dealing death blows that vindicate no principle; that satisfy no point of honor. already included in the tax on shares or interests day for ten consecutive days, or until the guilty and that promises no result that a free people should covet for themselves or others ? As we turn with a shudder from the list of innumerable dead and from the records of the crowded hospitals; as we hear in the heart's sympathetic echo the lamectations that come from a hundred thousand desolated homes, let us resolve that with this campaign, whatever its result, the butchery shall

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1864, be, and the same is hereby, amended, so as the States in rebellion. clude as wholesale dealers, manufacturers, and and other miners and sait manufacturers. who as it their business to sell their own products to

ions of this or any other law. The property | inst.

issued the annexed order :

The practical operation of commercial intercourse from this city with the States in rebellion has been med, payable in Confederate Treasury notes or to help largely to feed, clothe, arm, and equip our per cent, bonds or certificates authorized by enemies. Memphis has been of more value to the Southern Confederacy since it fell into Federal hands

Second-Upon the amount of all solvent credits, to convert it into supplies and greenbacks, and to return to the lines of the enemy, or place the proceeds to the credit of the rebel Government in Europe, without passing again into rebel lines, is safe and

> I have undoubted evidence that large amounts of cotton have been and are being brought here to be the President's signature to become a law. It gives a

same act be amended by adding thereto as fol- our own. It has invited the enemy to hover around Memphis, as his best base of supply, when, otheris provided in the cases of disagreement under It opens our lines to the spies of the enemy, and Sth section of the act to amend an act entitled renders it next to impossible to execute any military good fortune it has been to be assigned to duty at the act to levy taxes for the common defence, and plan without its becoming known to him long enough capital as a particular object of favor, however deservin advance for him to prepare for it.

It is therefore ordered

That, on and after the 15th day of May, 1864, the lines of the Army of Memphis be closed, and no perer dealers to sell again : And that section 16th of son will be permitted to leave the city, except by sume act be, and is hereby amended, so as to river, without a special pass from these headquarters, a follows: First-The income property and money, other than the city will be permitted to do so, but should be derate Treasury notes, of hospitals, asylums, notified by the pickets that they will not be allowed thes, schools, colleges, and other charitable in to return. All persons who desire to leave the city ations, shall be exempt from taxation under the to go beyond the lines must do so before the 15th

INCREASED PAY OF GENERAL OFFICERS. The bill to increase the compensation of the General assigned to duty at Richmond, which elicited some newspaper comment when it was under consideration than Nassau. To take cotton belonging to the rebel in the Senate, has undergone some important changes, Government to Nassau, or any other foreign port, is a hazardous proceeding. To take it to Memphis and much improved in form that its progenitors would not now recognize it as one of their own off-pring .-It was sent to the House some days ago, and by that body modified so as to include all the Generals in the army. The Senate subsequently added some uns important amendments, which were yesterday concurred in by the House, and the bill now only awaits

sold, belonging to the rebel Government. The past General \$500 per month, a Lieutenant General \$450. and present system of trade has given strength to the a Major General \$400, and a Brigadier General \$350. Section IV. That paragraph 4th of section five of rebel army, while it has demoralized and weakened Generals in command of an army to receive \$100 a month in addition, and all others in the field \$50 .--We look upon it as an act of wisdom in the House In the case of disagreement between the owner wise, he would have abandoned the country. It thus to remember those who are daily risking their the officer as to the reduction of taxes under renders of practical non effect the blockade upon the lives in defence of the country, and it will no doubt is section, the question shall be settled by referees ocean, which has cost and is costing many millions. receive the popular approval; while it might have seemed invicious to have selected an officer whose good fortune it has been to be assigned to duty at the

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Captain-C. H. Horton, Watchman-E. A. Johnson, Wm. Beevers, Wm. C. Par-ker, M. C. Luter, C. A. Driver and Wm. Overby. The last Wednesday night of each month is the time fixed for the regular meetings of the Board.

G Gratiott Luke, John W Graham, James A Craige, Thomas J Dula, Hamilton C Jones, Edward Cantwell, James M Mayo, James T Weaver, James T Huff, James T Weaver, Henry Harding, Wm S Devase, Geo W Clayton, James H McNeill, Stephen B Evans, Wm N Garrett, Alfred H Baird, J H Nethercutt, Rufus W Wnarton, Ed Whitford. Lawrence M Allen, Geo N Folk, Alex D Moore, John N Whitford, Ed C Yellowly. James W Hinton,

The First Battalion (Heavy Artillery) is commanded by Maj Alexand r MacRae; The First Battalion Sharp Shooters by Capt R E Wilson; the Second Bittalion (Infantry) by Major Jame. J Iredell, 536 Regiment; The Third Battalion (Light Artillery) by Maj John W Moore; The Tenith Battalion by Maj W L Young; The Twelfth Battalion by Capt J O Cherry; The Thirteenth Battalion (Light Artillery) by Lieut Col Joseph B Stair; The Fourteenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Lieut Col J L Henry; The Fifteenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Lieut Col J M Wynn; The Sizreenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Lieut Col J M Wynn; The Sizreenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Maj Jumes C McRae; Thomas' Legion consists of a Regiment and a Batta-iion and is commanded by Col W m H Thomas. The ist and 3rd kegiments are in Stewart's Brigade, John-son's Division, Kwill's Corps Alexand r Mackae; The First Battalion Sharp Shooters by

The 1st and ora degridents are in Stewart's Brigade, John-son's Division. Ewell's Corps The 2d, 4th. 14th and 30th are in Ramseur's Brigade, Rodes' Division. Ewell's Corps. The 5th, 12th, 20th and 23d are in Johnston's Brigade, Redes'

Division, Ewe I's Corps. The 6th, 21st, 54th and 17th and 1st Battalion Sharp Sho ers are in Hoke's Br gade, Whiting's Division, Beauregan Corps. The 43d Regiment is temporarily with this Brigade. The 7th, 18th, 28th, 33d and 37th are in 1 ane's Brigade, Wils

cox's Division, Hill's Corps. . The 8th. Slet. 51et and 6:st are in Clingman's Brigade, Fich

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Corps. Tue 32d, 43d, 45th, 53d and 2d Battalion are in Daniel's Bri-gade, Rodes' Division, Ewell'. Corps. The 36th and 40th are in Herbert's Brigade Whiting's Divi-

sion, Beauregard's Corps. The 39th is in McNair's Brigade, French's Division, Polk's

Corps. The 55th is in Davis' Brigade, Heth's Division, Hill's Corps. The 55th and 60th are in Reynold's Brigade, Stevenson's Di-

The 10th. 41st, 98d, 64th, 65th, 67th and 68th are not brigaded.

Mayor-Wm. H. Harrison. COMMISSION ERE.