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#### A JOKER

Do lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers, railroad officials and professional men in general know this: That under the new tax law all salaries over \$6,000 are to be taxed 8 per cent in addition to the income tax?

Provision of that law which deals with excess profits and other profits on business and trade apparently specifies that the professions are to be considered in the class of trade, even though professional men have no capital invested in their business.

This was a little Joker slipped into the bill in the last hours of being born.

#### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

How much money should a man who has \$60,000 spend on his wife? Some women will instantly say \$60,000. Others of the gentle sex will reluctantly admit that \$59,000 might do. Still others will state varying sums of a lesser degree, but not stintingly. Women rarely ever regard money in the miserly light characteristic of man.

Mrs. Melano Demetriades, who raised the momentous question in a New York court, offered no figures. She merely complains of her husband's parsimony. She declares that he never takes her to any place of amusement; never gives her the little bank checks so delightful to the feminine eye. Her only joy, she says, is a stroll along Riverside Drive, which occasions no momentary outlay.

Ungracious is the man who does not share his world's goods with his patient little wife. Ungallant is he who permits his wife to walk when she prefers to ride in touring car. Yet at the present price of necessities one cannot expect too much of \$60,000. As a matter of fact \$60,000 placed beside the figures that are daily quoted at the present time is infinitely small change.

Eventually the court will pass on the question. Solomon, who had many wives as well as judicial wisdom, might have answered it off-hand, but the gentleman of the Gotham tribunal, knowing that feminine opinion is likely to take an appeal, will probably study their decision quite exhaustively.

#### A MERE PHRASE

The present war has not supplied a solitary military or naval order, or telegram that has become popular.

With 30,000,000 men under arms, and hundreds of warships scouring every sea around Europe, scores of fine things must be said by commanders. But alas!

A stern censorship has extracted all personal glory, and every atom of individual distinction from battles on land, in the air, upon the face of the sea or beneath its waves. What school boy does not recall Caesar's stirring words about his Tenth Legion?

Who has not been thrilled by Napoleon's: "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," or his great speech at the Egyptian pyramids: "Forty centuries now look down upon you."

A noted historian has said that Nelson's immortal signal flashed to his men over the seas at Trafalgar was worth five ships of the line:

"England expects every man to do his duty."

"England's tars today are doing their duty on the long, long vigil in the North Sea, but no man from Admiral Jellicoe down has been permitted to say a word for history.

American annals are nicely punctuated with epigrams forged in the white heat of battle.

Perry's, "we have met the enemy and they are ours," is worth forty reams of stale, cut-and-dried, officially censored despatches that have no more life and spirit in them than the multiplication table.

"Don't give up the ship," faltered the dying Lawrence, which, we fancy, was worth ten ships to the American cause by inflaming the fighting zeal of her men.

The pious Farragut's "Damn the

torpedoes" not only lives in our naval chronicles, but it helped win a great sea battle.

Don't turn up your nose at a phrase.

Fifty years afterwards, Thomas Jefferson, who didn't like Patrick Henry, confessed that his "give me liberty or give me death" had done more than any other one thing to inflame the colonies to united resistance.

## QUIPS AND JESTS

#### A Staggering Question.

One evening hubby sat in an easy chair reading his favorite newspaper. Close by was little wifey dexterously knitting a pink sweater.

"What do you think of that?" finally exclaimed hubby, glancing up from his newspaper. "It is the most stupendous thing I ever heard of!"

"What is?" responded little wifey with a questioning glance at the old man.

"This paper says," explained father, "that a professor had figured it out that the sea could easily be pumped dry in 12,000,000 years at the rate of 1,000 gallons a second."

For a moment little mother was deeply buried in thought. Then she stopped knitting and turned to hubby.

"Say, Harry," she quietly asked, "where would they put all the water?"

#### Something Worth While.

One afternoon an elderly woman visited the State Penitentiary, and on pausing before a certain cell was told that the inmate had been imprisoned for stealing a piano.

"I am very sorry to see you here," said the woman in a kindly tone, turning to the convict. "Is it true that you stole a piano?"

"Yes, ma'am," frankly admitted the prisoner. And then he apologetically added, "I did it in a moment of weakness."

"In a moment of weakness!" gasped the elderly visitor. "Mercy me! I suppose that had you had your usual strength you would have walked away with the whole house."

#### Didn't Show Her Age.

Recently a woman called on a female acquaintance that she hadn't seen for several years. First came the usual embraces and then they began to speak of the happy past.

"Just think, Sarah," observed the hostess an hour or so later, "it has been nearly ten years since we last met."

"Yes, dearie," responded the caller, with a pointed glance at the other. "Ten long years! But you don't show your age one bit."

"Do you really and truly think so, Sarah?" was the delighted rejoinder of the hostess.

"I know it, dear," was the positive response of the other. "When you went to the kitchen a few minutes ago I noticed that you had torn it from the family Bible."

#### GERMANY WILL STARVE.

Britain's Declaration Placing Absolute aBn on Northern Neutrals Marks Beginning of End.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Great Britain's new embargo on shipments of virtually everything to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands is regarded here as a most important move in tightening the cordon which slowly but surely is killing the military power of Germany.

Coming close on the export embargo of the United States, which is being administered to keep from the European neutrals everything that might supply the Central Powers, Great Britain's action is regarded as one of the most important moves of the war.

As the British embargo excludes everything except printed matter, about the only things that will be permitted to go to the German people by way of the neutrals will be expressions of world opinion that they should reorganize their system of Government to do away with the military autocracy.

In the figurative sense Great Britain holds one end of the rope and the United States holds the other. Gradually but surely, as it is being drawn taut, the military power of Germany is being strangled because the embargo cuts off the supplies she has been receiving through the adjacent neutrals.

It is considered likely here that France, Italy and the other countries aligned against Germany in the war will follow the lead taken by America and Great Britain, and that a combination thus will be formed which will absolutely prevent materials entering northern neutral territory from these sources unless it is established beyond a doubt that Germany is not profiting.

#### THE WHOLE ARMY IS TO BE REORGANIZED.

Twenty-Seven Thousand Negro Soldiers Will Be Sent Into the Trenches.

(Washington Special)

Every one of the sixteen cantonments, except that at American Lake, Washington, is affected. By the reorganization each cantonment will train an army division, 27,000 men instead of 44,000, as originally planned.

Negro drafted men are to be distributed in such fashion that no considerable number will be under training at any one camp. The negroes will be organized into a division at an embarkation point as rapidly as possible and will be sent to France, where they will be divided into fighting forces and labor regiments. In all there are 83,000 negro men. Approximately 27,000 will be sent into the trenches. The others will be employed behind the lines.

As a result of the reorganization which contemplates the immediate filling up of national guard ranks in the south from the conscript forces, great shifting of the national army will soon begin.

The training of a division to a camp will leave a surplus of 17,000 men at twelve of the camps. These men will be transferred to the camps at Atlanta and Little Rock, there to form separate divisions.

The negro troops will be scattered as follows:

Camp Devins, New England, quota, 600; Camp Upton, N. Y., and Porot Rico quotas, 5,800; Camp Dix its own and Florida Quotas 4,500; Camp Meade, its own quota and Tennessee's quota, 6,100; Camp Lee its own quota, 6,300; Camp Sherman, its own and Oklahoma quotas, 3,000; Camp Jackson, South Carolina quota 5,900; Camp Gordon, Georgia quota 9,800; Camp Pike, Arkansas and Louisiana quotas, 9,000; Camp Custer, its own quota, 600; Camp Grant, its own and North Carolina quota 7,200; Camp Taylor its own quota, 3,000; Camp Dodge its own and Alabama quotas, 6,600; Camp Fuston its own and Mississippi quotas, 8,300; Camp Travis Texas quota, 6,500; Camp Lewis, its own quota.

#### Attention, Road Overseers.

Attention is hereby called to the overseers of roads in Granville county that there are two days of work due on the roads of Granville county by the hand in the county during this month. These days are sometimes partly thrown away by some overseers. There have been unusual storms this summer and the roads are in bad condition and it is to be hoped that this highly important duty of the overseer and the road hands will be well performed this year. If it is not done bad roads may be expected during the winter.

With the tax levy available it is impossible to work by taxation all the roads in the county every year and these two days of work and the two days in April have been reserved to the roads by the Legislature so that the people may do for themselves what the Commissioners cannot do by the limited amount of tax money available.

1t E. C. HARRIS.

#### NEXT MOVEMENT TO CAMP JACKSON 26TH.

Orders Have Been Changed, Date Set For October 17.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 11.—The next movement of troops to Camp Jackson will be on October 26 instead of October 17 as had been announced.

**WANTED CUSOMER—HAVE ONE** new \$400 Piono. Will sell or \$265. One \$350 Piano for \$225 Beautiful Plain Mahogany Cases. Terms to suit your convenience. Particulars address—CHAS. M. STIEFF, Durham, N. C. O136tx

**GRANVILLE COUNTY WILL NEED** 90,000 bushels of wheat next year. 500 acres an average of 1-2 acres to the farm, will make it. Will you make your part of this? J. N. PITTMAN, Oct102t

#### PAY YOUR TAXES NOW!

You Will Meet Me At Places Named Below and Settle Your 1917 Taxes.

Stem, Saturday, Oct. 13th.  
Berea, Thursday, Oct. 18th.  
Wilboms Store, Friday, Oct. 19th.  
Bullock, Saturday, Oct. 20th.

Please call at the office now or meet me on above mentioned days and settle. The law forces me to collect and settle earlier than before. There is positively but one go-round after which collections will be forced.

S. C. HOBGOOD,  
S29tf Sheriff of Granville Co.

**YOUNG MEN WANTED—TO KNOW** that they can get Hart-Schaffner & Marx clothing at Horner Bros. Company. Sep12tf

**RUBBER TIRED TRAP—IN GOOD** Condition—At a bargain if sold at once. See D. C. Hunt, Jr. at the Union Bank & Trust Co. O6,3tx

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**FOR SALE—MY SEVEN ROOM** residence on Rectory street, fifth house from graded school. Lot fronts 94 feet, length 245 feet, water, sewerage, gas, electric lights, bath, in fact every modern convenience. W. L. Peace. S5tf

**FINE TOBACCO LAND FOR SALE**—Cheap and on easy terms. No tobacco will know here. Good roads, good water and a healthy community. If you wish to buy farm land, write me your wants. A. G. MARTIN, Carthage, N. C. Sep26imx

**FARM FOR SALE—CHEAP FOR** quick sale, 300 acres good tobacco and grain land. Well located. For further information apply to V. D. Currin, Berea, N. C. Oct34tx

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**TWO VALUABLE FARMS FOR** sale. Prices reasonable and terms easy. See John W. Hester, Attorney. July18tf

**NO USE TALKING, SAMUEL** Davis has the best engines ever run and the slickest feed cutters on the market. He will save you money. Call him up or come to see him now.

**HORSES AND MULES—CAR OF** good ones just received. Come and look them over. Horner Bros. Co. Oct3tf

**THEY ARE COMING TO DAVIS** for hardware now from all points of the compass because he has the stuff, not on the road but in stock. Samuel Davis, the Hardware Man.

# WHERE?

Commence To Begin, To Get Ready, To Start, To Go to this great exposition of local and foreign progress and products. More sights to see, more exhibits to admire, more objects to interest you than ever before.

You simply can't afford to stay away this year.

**To The Granville Co. Fair,**  
**OCTOBER, 24th & 25th.**  
**Oxford, - - North Carolina.**

**LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN** from my premises at Huntsville on the night of October 10th light bay mule, weight eight or nine hundred pounds. Parties knowing of the whereabouts of said mule will please notify me and I will settle for the same. Joe Pittiford, Oxford, Route 4, box 14. Oct132tx

**WHILE IN OXFORD MONDAY** last some one put a pair of shoes in my car. Party can get same by applying to R. G. Stem, Hester, N. C., and paying for this notice. Oct131tx

**\$5.00 REWARD—LOST, STRAYED** or stolen, one extra large white and black spotted male Hound Dog. Finder return to Johnson Warehouse, Oxford, N. C. O133t

**TWO H. P. GASOLINE ENGINE** for sale. See J. D. Brooks. Oct133t

**IF IT'S HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS,** Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Cook Stoves, Ranges, Heaters, Windows and Doors, then you can't afford to miss figuring with Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va., he will save you money.

**FOR RENT—HANDSOME SUITE** of rooms over Montague's grocery on Main street; electric lights and water; suitable for living rooms, office or business. See Mr. M. P. Chamblee.

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