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## War on the Pocketbook.

The greatest war tax measure ever enacted by the law-making body of this country became effective with the signature of President Wilson on the 3rd of October. The effect of it will be felt in practically every American home for some time to come. But the requirement should be met without a whimper from any quarter. Let the fact be borne in mind that our strong young men are offering their lives in defense of country and it becomes the bounden duty of the folks at home to provide means for their support. Let those of us who are not subject to draft remember that the financial burden of the war rests upon our shoulders. The boys on the firing line must be clothed and fed and supplied with ammunition. The question of supplying the means should be considered of minor importance, in comparison with the sacrifice of life and limb. Our boys are facing bullets. We can certainly face the tax-gatherer in a cheerful spirit, in the drive to meet the urgent needs of our defenders in the conflict.

The war tax bill which became effective last week touches directly or indirectly the pocketbook of everybody in the country, through taxes on incomes, excess profits, liquor, tobacco, soft drinks, passenger and freight transportation, medicines, chewing gum, amusements, musical instruments, talking machine records, cigars and snuff, life and fire insurance policies, club dues, promissory notes, bills of sale, cigarettes, sporting goods, patent medicines and many other things, including estates, inheritances, incomes, war profits, and other luxuries of the wealthy classes. The tax will fall upon the rich and poor alike, in proportion to their ability to pay. Some of the items taxed are:

Two per cent on chewing gum; three per cent on jewelry; three per cent on graphophone records; three per cent on all freight charges; eight cents on each \$100 of life insurance; one cent for each twenty-five cents paid for parcel post; one cent on each two cents on express package charges; two per cent on proprietary medicines; two per cent on perfumes, toilet waters, toilet soaps, etc.; two per cent increase on incomes of \$5,000 or less; ten per cent on all club dues at \$12 a year or over; three per cent on checker boards and all kinds of games; five cents on each telephone, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more; eight per cent of passenger fares by rail or water, except trips of less than thirty miles; ten per cent of charges for berths, seats and state rooms on parlor cars or vessels; one cent on each dollar of premium for fire and casualty insurance; one cent for each ten cents paid for admissions to amusements, with the exception of 10-cent outdoor amusement parks; \$2.10 per gallon additional tax on whiskey and \$1.75 additional on beer per barrel; one to seven dollars a thousand on cigars and from eighty to \$1.20 a thousand on cigarettes. Early in November letter postage, except local mail, will be advanced to three cents and post cards to two cents.

This measure will sweep the country like a new broom. But the Government must have the shows of war and the tax bill is expected to bring in \$2,535,000, which means that whether one rides in an ox-cart or an automobile he must contribute "his bit" for the support of the boys at the front. The drinker, the sportsman, the clubman, the smoker—everybody—must enlist in the fight to win the war and, as Col. Theo-

dore Roosevelt and President Wilson declare, "make the world safe for democracy."

## The Second Issue.

The patriotic American citizen is face to face with the second issue of liberty loan bonds. Three billion dollars is the amount for which the people are asked to subscribe during the month of October. America's part in this war is costing money and will cost more. It is expensive business, but "the quickest way out is straight through." Many of our young men volunteered their services in Uncle Sam's cause, and numbers of others later responded to the call. They are now either in training camps or at the front aiding their country in carrying on the struggle for freedom and democracy. Life is the dearest thing in the world. But these boys are offering theirs on the altar of the country which gave them birth and is now endeavoring to protect their loved ones.

It is a good deal easier to stay at home than it is to go and fight, and much less hazardous. It may necessitate a little effort and some sacrifice to buy a bond, but bear in mind that every bond you agree to take and pay for is strengthening the arm of your government in avenging the murders of the innocent women and helpless children Germany has willfully slaughtered without reason or excuse. Slackers amongst the men subject to draft are dubbed cowards and traitors. Is it not an equally serious crime to withhold support from the government in the call for funds to maintain our armies on the field? It may necessitate inconvenience and self-denial to buy a bond, but it will be worth the price.

Germany is keeping close watch on every move the United States makes and the people of this country should be willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to show that nation of murderers that America and the world shall be free now and forever hereafter. Buy a liberty bond today.—Hastler.

Congressman Edward W. Pou, of the Raleigh district, wants the federal department of agriculture to furnish the farmers with nitrate of soda and is making an effort to ascertain the amount they will need in each county. Mr. Pou suggests that the officers of the Farmers Union of each county furnish him with information which will enable those interested in the plan at Washington to distribute the supply equally amongst the farmers generally in his district. The efforts of Congressman Pou are commendable and a number of his colleagues might profit by emulating his example in thus assisting the farmers of the state to greater yields next year.

Secretary McAdoo has opened the gates to the second liberty loan and New York city leads the country with more than \$100,000,000 to the good. This is another way in which these too old to fight may help to win the war now being waged for the liberty of the world. The second issue of liberty bonds calls for three billion dollars and the success of this sale will show to the world that the United States means business; that it has the means and the will to expend them in the fight for liberty and decency. Buy a liberty bond—a hundred if you can.

Senator Simmons and Congressman Kitchin have done fine work in the preparation of the big war tax measure which became a law on Wednesday of last week. The provisions of this bill appear to be perfectly fair and equitable, touching all classes and discriminating in favor of none. That the responsibility of whipping this important measure into form happened to be placed upon the shoulders of two North Carolina statesmen is most gratifying to their home folks, especially since it is found that the task was so well performed.

The poem on the first page, contributed by Rev. W. E. Poovey, was composed by him to be set to the music of Schuman's "Happy Farmer," and was sung for the first time at the chapel exercises of Brevard Institute a few days ago. The clever turn of verse and the lilt of the recurring rhyme fit well to the music and make it an excellent school song. We recommend the poem as a morning tonic.

It has been suggested, and the suggestion seems good, that the Fair day program should include a parade of live stock and wagon or automobile floats. It would make a fine procession, and the best float would be worthy of a prize or mark of merit.

Many eloquent tributes have been paid to the power of the press, but what we have been most anxious about for the last six weeks is the power to run the press.

## TAR HEEL SOLDIERS

(Asheville Times.)

It is admitted that the finest soldiers now fighting in France or Flanders are the Canadians. In a few months' time it will be admitted in every quarter that the American troops are the best fighters in the world. Everybody in America knows they are now and it will come, therefore, as no surprise.

But who will be the best soldiers among the Americans? Dr. Powell in his address to the third quota of the selected men from Asheville and Buncombe county yesterday afternoon recalled a few incidents of the Civil war in which it was said by generals on both sides that the North Carolinians were the finest soldiers in the War Between the States.

General Lee said: "God bless them, those North Carolinians are always where we want them," and a Federal general exclaimed on seeing the North Carolinians, hatless and barefoot, rushing to an attack, that "those Tar Heels could take hell with Barlow knives." In 1860-65 North Carolinians did not waver in their duty; at least not those who are remembered in 1917.

It's up to the sons to show that they are worthy of their fathers. Southern men have suffered hardships and death; they have gone through Gettysburg and Appomattox; they know what it is to live through the aftermath of war. The selected men—those mentally, morally and physically fit—have a tradition to uphold. They must do more heroic work than men from other states. They must do their duty now and if needs be they must die now. No man who is not willing to die for such a cause as that in which this country is engaged is fit to live in this country.

The finest soldiers in the American army and likewise the finest soldiers in the world will be the North Carolinians on the western front. This must be because they know how to live and how to die. Their fathers knew; it's in the blood.

## LETTER FROM TRANSYLVANIA BOY

Editor News:

Perhaps you know that I have been braving for the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. all summer. Now on the 14th of August while at Dover, Ohio, I became interested in an aeroplane a fellow had there, so I asked him to let me go up with him and he took me. I was a little afraid at first, but the higher I got the better I felt. Since then I have made several trial trips on a hydroplane on Lake Erie with Captain Randall, coast guard here. I like the profession and have joined the U. S. Aviation Corps, and am preparing to leave for Norfolk, Va., for training.

I believe I am the first Transylvania boy to join the "mosquito" fleet. Sure is great work, and how thrilling when you get to a height so that the earth you live on looks like a tiny rubber ball. But it will be more thrilling to drop bombs on those German towns.

I will write you when I get located so I can get the News, which I enjoy very much.

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FRANK WOODFIN.

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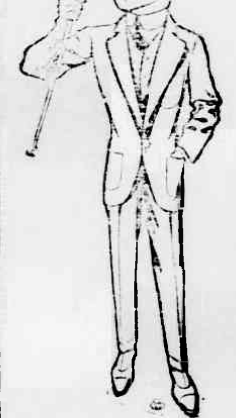
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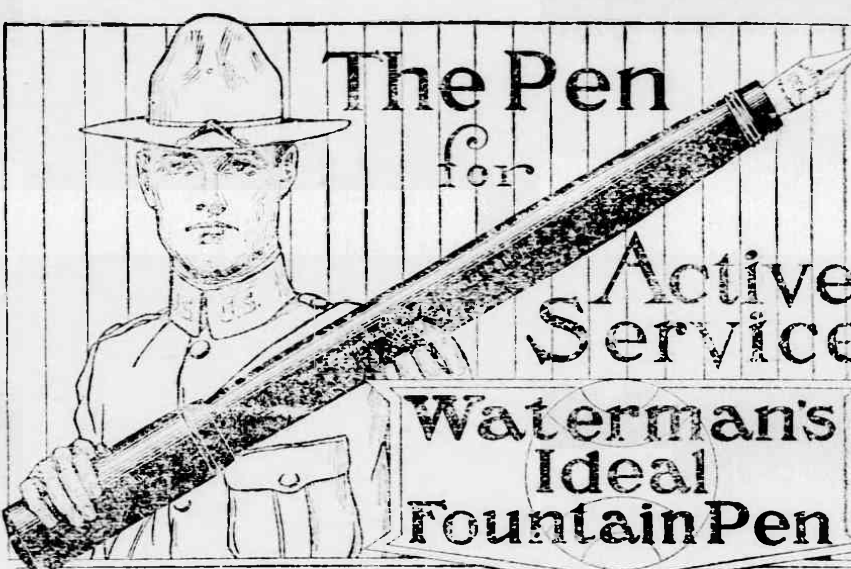
A FLY ON A PIECE OF FLY PAPER SOMETIMES FREES HIMSELF WHEN HE IS ONLY ON THE EDGE. BUT "DEBT" IS A MONSTER THAT IS HARD TO GET FREE FROM.

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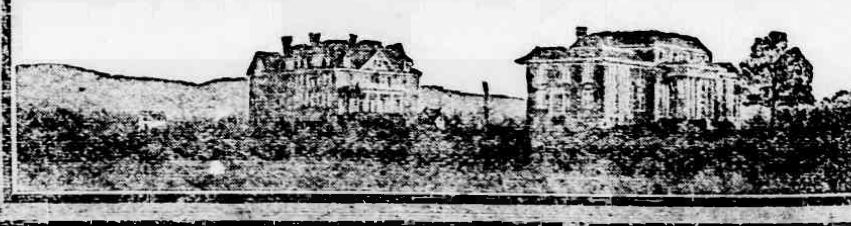
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