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Why the War Tax? President Wilson insists that Congress do not adjourn until the proposed war tax shall have been passed.

The real explanation is Congressional extravagance. There is no other. The Democratic Congress put the brakes on nowher.

The income tax is a disappointment as a revenue-producer. The tariff has increased imports, but it was before the war, as it is now, a less effective measure.

The Treasury faces a deficit—a deficit caused primarily by Congressional extravagance. The war as a necessity for a war tax is a pretext.

President Wilson has nowhere laid a restraining hand on Congress. Congress has been determined to spend everything in sight—and more.

The so-called proportional representation amendment, to be voted on in November, is a device for proportional representation.

It is impossible accurately to calculate what the result would be under the operation of this amendment. Candidates for the Legislature would be nominated in the primary by the major parties as at present, and in respect to having their names printed on the official ballot in the general election the candidates would run for office in districts.

Thus in Multnomah County thirteen Republicans (one joint with Clackamas), thirteen Democrats, thirteen Socialists, thirteen Progressives, and thirteen Prohibitionists would be entitled to places on the ballot.

Thirteen Republicans, about 1500 votes each. Thirteen Democrats, 582 votes each. Thirteen Progressives, 487 votes each. Thirteen Socialists, about 300 votes each.

It is apparent from these figures that neither Socialists, Progressives nor Prohibitionists would have a chance to elect a member of the Legislature from Multnomah County.

But there are two factors that would probably combine to give the Socialists and Prohibitionists representation in excess of a number proportionate to their total vote.

The general taking of the automobile into public favor has somewhat assuaged the mania for regulative laws which raged over the land some years ago.

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House. By nominating but one-half the full number of candidates for the Legislature, the would-be majority party would have the power of their total vote.

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equal to answering the question properly he has no business to be driving a machine.

The opinion is growing that drivers of automobiles ought to submit to some kind of an examination before venturing out upon the highway with their machines.

An expert or reckless driver is a cause of danger to the public. He should be detected before he has the opportunity to work mischief and be rigorously suppressed.

WOMEN'S WORK. A Commerce Department bulletin shows the effect of the war on our exports of certain staples in August.

No effect on breadstuffs in general is apparent, for there is an increase of about \$845,000, though there was a decrease in corn from \$540,449 to \$423,408.

The rise in wheat prices is shown by an increase in value of exports from \$23,165,338 to \$23,958,680.

The list of one another's crimes which the better nations are publishing for the edification of the world would be diverting if the circumstances were not so horrible.

In the rare moments when one can forget that a terrible war is waging the nations recriminations remind one of nothing but a revival of Saratoga.

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provident, but the best means of teaching their wisdom is to let them profit by experience.

There are had business men among the whites, but no man proposes to make the Government their guardian.

Richard Bennett, the promoter of "Damaged Goods," has signified to vaudeville managers his willingness to take a two weeks' tour in vaudeville.

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Irving Berlin, the song writer, says that if ever the Russians capture Berlin he is going to change his name to Irving Petrograd.

Eva Tanguy announces that she will present Eva Tanguy this season in "Miss Tosca," a new Viennese musical comedy in which are fourteen solo numbers.

Among the celebrities who have rallied to the colors of their respective countries is Mikal Mordkin, the Russian dancer.

The historian Ferrero, quoted in the Courier Journal, thinks that Italy is quite likely to be drawn into the war.

It is disagreeable to read of trickery at the Pendleton Roundup, particularly the malignant kind of trickery for which John Snyder has been sent to jail.

A French baroness charges that the German Crown Prince sacked her villa of its art treasures and valuable ornaments.

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Stars and Starmakers

Regular magician's work for some men to make up their minds. They do it with apparently no material on hand to work with.

Bright little newboy that who yelled "Ten thousand soles lost in factory fire." It was a shoe factory.

Woman named Myrtle Arabella went in a war poem entitled "Why, Oh, Why, Do I Remain Living?"

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