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THE INCOME TAX.
ing incomes of over $\$ 4,000$ per year will cents on every dollar of in will be two sbove that sum. There are two opintaxing incomes, one of these is a negative opinion, and is held by those who
have the taxable incomes; the other is an affirmative opinion, held by those most powerful and exbaustive argument that is unanswerable, however unaceceptable it may be. That epeech will
be found beginning on page 375 of the Append
that ye that year, and will well repay th
trouble of procaring trouble of procuring it by those who sre made against it, and already the matter
has been taken into the courts to to Smith eaid that a man should pay taxes according to his income, and this long
Before Pitt, in 1798, first proposed the income tax in England. Mr. Sherman,
in his apeech alluding to the establishspeaking of Sir William Pitt, says
sing Which meets and auswers every objec-
tion that has since been made to the come tax in practice, that he proposed a Great Britain. After a debate running
through days and weeks, the income was levied by Great Britian, falling
alone apon the wenlthy of that kingdom. For two years, 1 believe, it was main-
tained at that rate, and then lowered
about the and then raieed again; and during the whole war, with very an income tax levied of ten
there was
per cent on all the incomes of Great Ber cent on all the incomes of Great tory shows, there was sant and uricqualed
prosperity in Rngland." (Theitalisa are "After the war was over, a great
clamor for repeal of the income tax Britain. They said that during the war they had paid the imcome tax willingly,
because they feared the aggressions of the French democracy more than taxa-
tion. They were willing to pay the in-
come tax to preserve their privileges and come tax to preserve their privileges and
immunities.".
The only revenues this government
now bas is the money raised by a tax on
 is eatimated, will raise about $\$ 40,000$,-
000 yearly, or one-twelfth of the total
amount, still leaving the articles conamount, still leaving the articles con-
sumed by the people to pay the other
eleven-twelfths of all money necesand to conduct the affairs of the government.
History tells us that Rome her citizens lacked patriotiom, not that they were cowardly, but because they
were not patriotic enough to submit to taxation. Rienzi, the last of the Trib unes, and perhaps the truest patriot
Rome ever produced, was aseasinated by the people whom he had freed from the tyranny of the Lords, the Collonna's
the Ursini's and others, and with him the last remnant of old Rome was destroyed. That history may well be
stadied by those who, receiving the most benefits from the government, a
least willing to bear a proper share least willing to bear a proper share o
the taxation necessary for its existence It is indeed difficult to formulate a system of taxation that
alike, as difficult as
aystem difficult as it is to make any those who pay it. That the income tax levies a burden on the rich that it does
not on the poor, is freely conced that a tax levied by customs duties is equally unequal, and discriminates
against those who are not rich, is also againg lasst, is the least objectionable form o tax, since we do not know when we are poor man, consuming practically mach as his wealthier brocther, pays as much as he towirds supporting the goveroment. Yet the expense of probe borne by him, as by the poorty should be borne by him, as by the poor man in
erly protected.
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