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**EDITORIALS**

**LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURNS**

The old fallacy of "soaking the rich" to finance government activities is nowhere more thoughtfully exploded than in the record of the surtax on incomes for the years 1916 to 1920 inclusive, when surtax rates on incomes rose from 13 to 65 per cent. As rates rose, taxable incomes in the higher brackets steadily diminished, in spite of the fact that the total national net income registered rapid annual gains. For example, in 1916, total net income was \$6,299,000,000, while individual incomes over \$300,000 amount to \$993,000,000, and the number of tax returns filed by individuals in the \$300,000 bracket numbered 1,296. Contrast this with figures for 1920, when surtax rates had jumped to 65 per cent individual net incomes in excess of \$300,000 amounted to only \$246,000,000, and returns filed in the \$300,000 bracket numbered only 395.

Today the peak surtax rate is 75 per cent, and "surprise" is voiced by government officials at the "disappointing" results in income tax returns. Disregarded is the fact that excessive taxation drives capital into tax-exempt government bonds. Likewise disregarded is the fact that when government "confiscates" two-thirds to four-fifths of personal income above certain amounts, the incentive to save and earn money disappears.

Someday public officials will realize that there is one "law" that cannot be repealed or legislated out of existence: The law of diminishing returns.

**WHEN 111,000 AMERICANS DIED**

A generation has passed since the sinking of the Titanic, yet that great disaster is still well remembered. Fifteen hundred persons died. The Johnstown flood will never be forgotten—the world was agast when the death total of 2,209 was tabulated.

The World War was the most sanguinary conflict in history. In it, 50,000 Americans lost their lives, and they are still mourned.

The recent Texas school explosion, which killed 294 children, brought universal sympathy and horror.

Yet last year 111,000 Americans met accidental death—more than twice as many as were killed in the great war—and it caused hardly a ripple in the flow of news. We read of some of those accidents in our paper—"John Jones", aged 45, died in emergency hospital after being struck by an automobile"—turned the page, and forgot them. This astounding callousness—this attitude of "Accidents always happen to the other fellow, not to me or mine"—is death's greatest ally.

Among men, heart disease is the one thing which kills more men than accidents. Such plagues as cancer, which are being fought by all the resources of science—are down the list. Recklessly driven automobiles, burns, falls, drownings, and so on—these are the great killers.

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**LAWS AND DEMOCRACY**

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The United States has been different. It has had a division of powers between the States and the national government. When depression comes along, however, there is always a tendency by States to yield some powers to the national government. The depression from which we are struggling to emerge was no exception. With millions idle, the federal government took over most of the relief and other burdens and realizing that labor disputes cause unemployment, passed the Wagner Act designed to stop the disputes.

There are valid objections to that law, one being that it imposes no duties whatsoever upon labor unions. But pass those up, and see just how much basic good the federal government's entrance into that field has done.

First, there are many more strikes than before the law was enacted. Today, the problem is not solely one of caring for those who stand outside factory gates seeking jobs. There are millions of others who are kept away from their work by strikes and violence and threats of harm to themselves and their families. Under State laws, such conditions rarely existed.

The Wagner Act is law, and must be lived up to. But it should be an object lesson to those who now propose to let the Federal government go even further into a field which would eventually call for Federal fixing of the wages and hours of every store clerk, every farm hands, every factory worker.

Miss Dorothy Powell motored to Crater Lake with a party of Normal school students Sunday.

**Peaches Source of Vitamins A, B and C**

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But any cook likes some variety in her menus and there are times when she scouts about for other ways of serving this fruit. That is the time to put some into a raw peach pie or tart, peach cobbler, dumplings or puddings. But to complete the dessert don't fail to serve cheese with the pie or rich cream with the cobbler or pudding. Peach fritters, also, are greeted with enthusiasm in the average American family.

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