

### TAXABLE VALUES SHOW AN INCREASE

#### While Valuation of Personal Property Falls, Real Estate Raises.

The annual report of County Auditor James A. Orrell to the North Carolina Tax Commission just ready for submission shows an increase in the taxable property of Wilmington and New Hanover county of more than \$200,000 the increase having been made entirely on real estate, for there was a falling off in the valuation of personal property listed on the tax books. The total valuation of taxable property for the year is shown at \$22,217,575, as against a total for last year of \$22,017,264.

Valuations for the county show 98,266 acres of land at \$1,938,155, as compared with \$1,935,795 for last year, and 5,550 town lots at \$10,221,439, as compared with \$10,055,380, the total this year being \$12,179,585, as compared with \$11,991,175. The total number of polls this year was 5,663, as compared with 5,526 for last year. The total value of personal property this year is \$2,732,860, as compared with \$2,838,490.

Of the property listed for taxation this year, \$7,305,120 was by corporations, this amount being \$100,000 in excess of last year, which showed a total valuation of \$7,187,339.

Real estate listed by corporations this year to the State Tax Commission was valued at \$2,486,704, as compared with \$2,456,164 for last year. Personal property listed by corporations amounted to \$896,701, as compared with \$812,219 for the preceding year. Bank stock showed a slight decrease this year, the valuation being \$1,134,451, as compared with \$1,183,103 for last year. Building and loan stock is practically the same as last year, being \$465,970 for 1916 and \$467,218 for 1917. Corporation excess shows \$2,320,056 for this year and \$2,270,143 for last year.

The value of property owned by white citizens, not including that owned by corporations, this year was \$12,917,185 and \$995,260 for colored citizens.

Personal property for 1917 for citizens is listed as follows: 697 horses, \$40,830; 197 mules, \$37,460; 670 cows, \$18,250; 2,248 hogs, \$7,660; 42 sheep, \$70; farming utensils, \$9,105; buggies, wagons and vehicles of various kinds, \$22,140; office furniture, \$1,385; tools of mechanics, \$2,220; household and kitchen furniture, \$475,243; libraries and scientific instruments, \$22,245; money on hand, \$4,920; solvent credits, \$491,455; shares of stock in corporations, \$56,145; automobiles and pleasure boats, \$166,510; jewelry, etc., \$1,302,807.

\$35,541.12; poor purposes 438 cents \$35,874.71; govt special school districts on special levies, for the \$129,539.70 levied for county purposes, are the following items: General purposes, \$35,543.12; poor purposes (28 cents on 5,663 polls), \$2,151.90; bridges and roads, \$36,659; hospitals, \$9,997.91; sinking fund for workhouse, \$4,628.60; health department, \$7,776.15; special school bond sinking fund, \$13,330.55; special sinking fund for roads, \$19,440.38. The remaining \$51,779.58 goes to the State.

An interesting item in the report, this year, is the increase in income taxes, all of which goes to the State. This year the income tax for New Hanover amounts to \$9,812.25, while last year it amounted to \$5,785.03.

The following table shows the total taxes for all purposes for this year as compared with the preceding year:

	1917	1916
State	\$5,779.58	\$4,476.14
Schools	\$9,811.36	\$7,872.14
County	\$129,539.70	\$139,350.01
Total	\$270,130.64	\$274,698.25

### NORTH CAROLINA'S APPROPRIATION IS GREATLY REDUCED

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past four years have prevented authorization for any new public building construction.

Less Than \$30,000,000. Washington, Dec. 2.—The cost of improvement and maintenance of harbors and waterways utilized in the handling of the country's water-borne commerce was estimated by Congress today at \$29,515,027 for the fiscal year 1919.

That is a reduction of more than \$5,000,000 from the amount appropriated for the current year. The largest sum estimated was for the Mississippi river, a total of \$12,112,000. For the Ohio river, \$5,006,000 was proposed and for the harbor of New York, where the largest portion of the country's foreign commerce is handled, \$3,010,000.

Estimates for Norfolk harbor, including Thimble Shoal improvements, \$1,540,000.

Harbor estimates include: Charleston, \$110,000; Savannah, \$100,000; Tampa, \$320,000.

Other items are: Virginia coast waterway, \$1,000,000; North Carolina rivers and creeks, \$19,200; harbors at Beaufort and Morehead City and waterways southward to Jacksonville, \$13,000; Cape Fear river, at and below Wilmington, \$30,000, and above Wilmington, \$52,000.

Completing Winyah bay and maintenance of South Carolina rivers, \$100,000.

Waterways between Charleston and Alligator creek, \$5,000.

Georgia harbors and St. Mary's river, \$4,000.

Winnick harbor, \$20,000.

Georgia rivers, \$40,000.

West Florida waterways and Miami and Key West harbors, \$20,000.

Florida rivers and bays, \$4,000.

Removing water hyacinths, Florida, \$8,000.

### AMERICANS DID GOOD FIGHTING

#### Caught By Onrushing Germans, They Fought With Effectiveness.

(By Associated Press.) With the British Army in France, Saturday, Dec. 1.—American Army engineers working in the region of Gouzeacourt joined the fighting ranks of their British allies yesterday and helped them stem the onslaught.

Many of the Americans were caught in the German turning movement about Gouzeacourt and only escaped death or capture by lying concealed for hours in shell holes until the British pushed the invaders back. Hundreds of other men from overseas were subjected to tremendous shell fire from enemy artillery and great quantities of gas shells were thrown in the territory where they were working.

The German attack was made with greatly superior numbers and every available man was noted on the British side to arrest its onward sweep. The Americans gave every ounce of their strength to this task, and the important part which they played has drawn the highest praise from the British authorities.

Many of the engineers seized rifles and fought side by side with the Tommies throughout the bitter day and many scores of Americans last night were armed and sent forward as volunteers to do patrol duty in the zone before which a large army of Germans was encamped. One British general in conversation with the correspondent tonight spoke in the most glowing terms of the invaluable services rendered by the engineers.

### STATE RESTS ITS CASE IN TRIAL OF GASTON B. MEANS

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numerous documents, letters, receipts, etc., which had been filed in court last week. Several letters from G. B. Means to his wife, dated last summer, were read disclosing that he was endeavoring to keep Mrs. King in the dark as to certain matters. The Means party had been transferred from Chicago to Asheville and Means had gone to New York, who wrote: "I am convinced I should dictate my letters to you in order to keep carbon copies, so I will know exactly what I have said in case Maude should try the trick."

Another letter quoted a telegram sent by Afton Means to Mrs. King telling her that G. B. Means was on Chesapeake Bay and that all was well. The defendant laughed heartily when this was read.

"Under no circumstances let any one know where Maize, Mrs. Robinson and Maude are," said a letter signed by G. B. Means and addressed to his brother, Afton, advising him of the departure of Mrs. King, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Mary C. Melvin and others from Chicago for Asheville last July. The letter said Means and others of his party would leave Chicago, within the following week. The letter was written July 15. The brother, in another letter signed G. B. Means, was cautioned to communicate matters direct to the writer and not allow Mrs. King and Mrs. Robinson to know of the matters under discussion.

### MONEY ASKED FOR CHEROKEE INDIANS

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Secretary McAdoo today asked Congress for \$57,600 for the support and education of 250 Indian pupils at the Cherokee Indian School in Western North Carolina. Six thousand dollars is for general repairs and improvements at the school and the remainder for the general maintenance.

Eleven thousand, one hundred dollars is also asked for maintenance of the Guilford Court House National Military Park.

### INJURED WHEN CAR WAS HIT BY TRAIN

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, Dec. 3.—Bound from Norfolk to New Bern and traveling at a speed of 30 miles or more an hour, it is said, the Norfolk Southern passenger train, Engineer Jackson at the throttle, Saturday afternoon between 5 and 5:30 o'clock struck an automobile at a crossing about three miles east of Bridgeton, in which Messrs. G. A. Whitford and son Arthur, of Askins; Mr. Alfred Willis, of Ernul and Bert Jackson, the latter being a colored man, were riding. The automobile was demolished almost beyond repair and Messrs. Whitford and Willis were so badly injured that they were brought to Fair View hospital for treatment.

Munitions For the Army. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 3.—To insure a steady stream of munitions to the American army, the Fuel Administration today gave direct orders to all the mines supplying the Du Pont plants to deliver demands in full. The operators were reminded that the output is obligatory and must be absolutely complied with.

### SHELL CASE GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—The shell case, which held the first shot fired by American artillery men on the western battle front was presented to President Wilson today by the party Congressmen who recently made an official visit to the battlefields.

Inquiry Discontinued. Washington, Dec. 3.—Re-opening of the general inquiry into the railroad situation, set for tomorrow by the joint congressional committee, has been postponed until next Monday or Tuesday.

### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

#### Durham Will Be Host to the 67th Annual Convention

#### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR SHOWN BY REPORTS

#### Pastors' Conference Tonight and Tuesday—There Are 2,200 Churches With a Membership of 300,000

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 3.—The Baptist churches of Durham will be hosts this week to the representatives of 2,200 Baptist churches, located within the bounds of North Carolina, reaching from the mountains of the West to the flat country along the coast. These churches, large and small, located in city, town, village and in the country, with a total membership of nearly 300,000, will look forward to the annual reports of work done in the past year and to the plans for the work to be done next year.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention convenes with the Baptist churches of Durham tomorrow night. The annual conference of Baptist pastors will be held tonight and tomorrow.

Rev. Bruce Benton, pastor of the Baptist church at Rockingham, or his alternate, Rev. R. A. McFarland, pastor of the Baptist church at Scotland Neck, will preach the introductory sermon. This sermon is the opening event of the convention and ordinarily proclaims the spirit of the sessions that are to follow. Immediately after the sermon the convention will organize and elect officers. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, who has presided over the convention for two sessions, will call the body to order and unless all signs fail will be re-elected. Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, recording secretary; Rev. Walter N. Johnson, corresponding secretary, and Walters Durham, treasurer, will very probably succeed themselves.

The reports of the boards always attract intense interest. Corresponding Secretary W. N. Johnson for the Board of State Missions and Sunday Schools will report a deficit this year, and yet the work of the year has done by the board has been remarkably successful. Dr. Jorison in his final message to the churches of the State says:

"In the last four days of the year there was a drop of \$6,430 in State missions below the figures of last year. Things looked dark for a while. The continental drive of the Army Y. M. C. A. for millions struck us the mind-up of our year. A crushing debt seemed inevitable. But when we got our bearings again, the sky brightened somewhat. The one-mission effort last spring puts us ahead in State missions as well as in home and foreign missions, and the churches which sent in their regular offerings promptly have held us over \$4,000 ahead till the last four days of the year. So that our figures for State missions this year are \$45,273.43.

Our work was laid out by the board this year by instruction of the convention on a basis of \$47,500, not including associational or Sunday school missions. We missed it \$2,226.57." Because of the fact that there were some appropriations not called for which had been made by the board there will be funds enough in hand to pay all indebtedness up to January 1, 1918. In other words, the deficit will not mean a debt.

For home missions the Baptist churches of North Carolina gave this year \$33,554.37, a gain of \$1,854.66 over last year. For foreign missions, the Baptist church of North Carolina gave \$57,118.89, which is \$9,302.33 more than they gave in one year before to the current fund of foreign missions.

This is to be the 67th annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, which was organized at Greenville in 1830. From a convention representing what was at that time only a handful of churches, the passing years have seen the Baptist hosts of North Carolina develop into a great body of earnest working people. Last year the churches of the convention reported total contributions for all purposes, including home church expenses, \$2,426,286, an amount slightly in excess of \$100 per capita. The churches of the convention reported last year 2,125 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 221,148 and possibly quite a number of schools were not reported.

The Baptists of North Carolina, as a denomination, control 18 educational institutions with property valued at \$1,499,995. These institutions employ 192 teachers and reported 3,634 enrolled. In addition to this work, the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, with property valued at \$342,128, cared for nearly 500 children.

### GERMANS UNABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BRITISH LINES

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them to interfere in the internal affairs of Russia. The demobilization of the Russian army by the Bolsheviks is reported to have begun. The Russian provisional government has reappeared and issued a manifesto asserting it is the only legal authority. It urges the people to disobey the decrees of the Bolsheviks.

Advance in Cotton Mills. Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—Thousands of operatives employed in the textile mills of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island began work under a new wage schedule today, which will average a 10 per cent increase. In many of the mills this is the second wage increase put into effect since the first of the year.

### THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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Customers' Liabilities .. 1,050,000.00	Acceptances .. 1,148,861.73
Acceptances .. 1,050,000.00	Deposits .. 1,148,861.73
Cash and Due by Banks .. 4,398,665.15	
	\$15,633,906.09

DEPOSITS.

November 20th, 1915 .. \$ 242,511.58
November 20, 1916 .. 7,411,245.68
November 20th, 1917 .. 1,148,861.73

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Real Estate .. 45,770.28	Dividends Unpaid .. 258.57
Furniture and Fixtures .. 16,231.76	Deposits .. 3,185,480.39
Bonds and Securities .. 137,279.27	Total .. \$3,425,258.87
Domestic Acceptances .. 98,400.00	
Cash and due from banks .. 773,413.20	
Total .. \$3,425,258.87	

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