

NORTH CAROLINIANS PAID LARGE AMOUNT FOR FEDERAL TAXES

Bill For 1920 Exceeded State's Educational Costs For 250 Years

North Carolina's direct federal tax bill for 1920 was \$162,667,320, or several million dollars more than the state's total expenditures for education, higher and lower, public and private, for the 250 years existence as a colony and a state.

This plainly indicates that a vast amount of money is spent every year for luxuries in North Carolina, and those interested in the advancement of education in North Carolina are of the opinion that more money should be spent in this state for education.

It is pointed out, however, that a great amount of money has been expended during recent years, certainly more proportionately than in a much longer period prior to the later improvement in the state's educational system.

The following expenditures for 1920 reveal in a startling degree the vast sums of money that were spent in 1920 in the United States for luxuries:

For face powder, cosmetics, perfume, etc., \$750,000,000; soft drinks, \$300,000,000; toilet soaps, \$400,000,000; cigarettes, \$300,000,000; cigars, \$510,000,000; tobacco and snuff, \$300,000,000; jewelry, \$600,000,000; luxurious service, \$3,000,000,000; joy rides, pleasure resorts and races, \$3,000,000,000; chewing gum, \$50,000,000; ice cream, \$250,000,000; furs, \$300,000,000.

Morehouse Parish Passes Quiet Christmas Eve Amid Startling Investigations

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was turned upon them and 150 shots fired.

The men escaped. Two guards rushed on foot many miles and reported the events to the commanding officer at Mer Rouge. The entire company was rushed to the scene of the skirmish, but investigation after daylight revealed nothing.

While the troops were rushing to Lake Cooper, blasting was in progress near the ferry landing on Lake La Fourche, 23 miles away. The concussion shook the houses in the vicinity. Unidentified men had set off at least 1,000 pounds of dynamite, experts have since declared.

The next morning, when the ferryman went to board his ferry, he found it had been released from the spot where it was tied and was drifting along the lake. He saw a portion of the bank blown in and hundreds of dead fish floating on the surface of the water. Among the fish he saw two headless bodies wire bound in a bad state of decomposition. It was believed the dynamiter had attempted to steal the bodies.

The bodies were permitted to float on the water until sunset, during which time relatives and friends of the Daxels and Richards families recognized bits of clothing remaining on the men.

With the first object in the program attained, Governor Parker immediately inaugurated the second phase, arrest of suspects of the crime. During Friday an infantry company at Alexandria and a machine gun company at New Orleans were ordered to entrain for Bastrop, the parish seat of Morehouse. Accompanying the machine gun company went the attorney general to set the legal machinery of the state in motion, and also two eminent pathologists of New Orleans.

Yesterday, the majority of the many arrests promised by the attorney general was made when a former deputy sheriff was jailed and charged with murder. Two national guard companies established camp on the grounds occupied by the courthouse and jail and trained machine guns on the jail. The attorney general set January 5 as the date for the opening hearings. An inquest was held after pathologists had examined the bodies and announced the men had been beaten and some bones broken before they died. The identification of the bodies was pronounced satisfactory to the authorities and were turned over to relatives for burial.

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Miss Chadbourn Gets Radio Message From Boat Nearing China

Christmas radio greetings were received yesterday by Miss Serena Chadbourn, of this city, from her cousin John Lea Borison, who is aboard the steamship President Grant, enroute to China. The President Grant, at the time the message was dispatched, was approaching the coast of China.

The wireless was received by the radio station at St. Paul, Alaska, and relayed to Puget Sound, Wash., from which point it was telegraphed to Wilmington and was received in this city on the same day it was dispatched.

The message follows:

"Miss Serena Chadbourn,
"Wilmington, N. C.
"Loving Christmas wishes
"BORISON"

T. J. Newsom Does Suddenly at Home

Many friends will regret to learn of the death of T. J. Newsom, 77-year-old Confederate veteran, who died suddenly last night at 11 o'clock, at his home, 520 Princess street.

Born in Wilson county December 22, 1845, the deceased has resided in Wilmington for some time. He is survived by one son and six daughters, as follows: J. F. Newsom, of Cape Henry, Va.; Mrs. M. Z. Hinnett, Mrs. S. D. Hurst, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Newsom and Miss Virginia Newsom, of Wilmington; Mrs. J. A. Newsom, of Waycross, Ga.

Funeral services will be conducted probably Tuesday at Wilson, but definite announcement of arrangements for the obsequies will be made later.

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8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

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SIX CARS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT SHOW

Princeton Triangle Club Has Tons of Special Scenery of Its Own

The Princeton Triangle club performance here December 30 will offer one of the biggest musical shows ever played in Wilmington. It is an organization requiring a special train of six cars to carry its 75 men, scenery, costumes and elaborate equipment.

"The Man From Earth" has been pronounced the best show of the season by critics in Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Nashville and Memphis, where the club has already played.

The Baltimore Sun, of December 20, says, among other things:

"But with a little touch here and there from some hard-boiled professional producer, 'The Man From Earth' would stay quite a while on Broadway tickling the folks from upstate and around. The professional could not do much more with the scenic effects; these Princeton men had done, as much with light and color as any one could. He couldn't do much more, either, with W. H. Smith, '24, who is about as close to being an artist in farcesque as a good many of the men who get paid for thinking they are. Whenever they gave the historic hall to W. H. Smith, '24, last night, Smith made first down with it. He was a real scream."

This is an "amateur" show merely because the artists receive no compensation, but it is "professional" enough to have sold all of the 7,000 seats for the January 2 performances at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, five weeks in advance.

Wilmington has never before seen a show before its appearance in New York, nor has it ever seen one large enough to play at the "Metropolitan."

Hope For Recovery Of Miss Holmes Gone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Miss Margaret Holmes, daughter of Mrs. Joseph A. Holmes, is critically ill at her mother's home here. All hope for her recovery is gone.

Miss Holmes was at Cornell, taking a special course when she became ill. She had the influenza and never recovered. Mrs. Holmes was a Miss Sprague of Wilmington before her marriage to the late Dr. Holmes for years State Geologist of North Carolina, and later head of the U. S. Geological Survey. The stricken daughter is 29 years old, the youngest of four children and very attractive.

Miss Holmes is well known in Wilmington, having visited here on numerous occasions.

Pershing Stadium IS NOT IN DEMAND

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—With three tugs searching Lake Erie tonight and another due to join them in the hunt tomorrow morning, fear was expressed here that the tug Cornell, which left Cleveland Thursday and was due in Buffalo Friday, may have gone down with its crew of eight.

The municipal council now has offered Pershing stadium to the sporting federation of the labor unions.

Embassy Is Opened

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—The American embassy building at the exposition grounds and also the American industrial exhibits building were formally opened yesterday.

Georgia Man Slain

FORSYTH, Ga., Dec. 24.—Charley Carter was shot and killed near here early today, following a quarrel he is said to have engaged in with Gwin King, his employer. J. W. King and Gwin King surrendered to the sheriff shortly after the shooting. They are being held on the charge of murder.

Forecast by States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Virginia: Mostly cloudy Monday, probably becoming unsettled in northern portion; Tuesday fair, little change in temperature.

North and South Carolina, Georgia, extreme northwest Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday with mild temperature.

Tennessee, Kentucky: Fair with mild temperature Monday and Tuesday.

Mexicans Seek Amnesty For Political Prisoners

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(By The Associated Press).—A request that amnesty be granted all rebel prisoners, including those already tried and those awaiting trial, was contained in a bill sent to the chamber of deputies last night by President Obregon. The president urged immediate passage of the measure so that it might become effective January 1.

When the pardons for all revolutionists against the central government are provided for in the measure, which assures the chamber of deputies that introduction is prompted by the knowledge that all Mexico is at peace and that the release of the rebel prisoners will not disrupt national order. The bill points out that the federal armies everywhere are triumphant; that expeditions originating in the United States have been suppressed and their various leaders either have died in battle or before firing squads; and that leniency should be shown the prisoners because "either they had a false conception of loyalty or were merely striving to keep promises which they could not break."

Rumor Is Denied

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—A rumor in circulation that the date for the meeting in March of the Pan-American congress had been changed is declared to be utterly without foundation.

"Christmas again! Christmas again! With its holly berries so bright and red; They gleam in the wood, they grow by the lane— Oh, hath not Christmas a joyful tread!"

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When I say that I'm your friend.

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O. E. Todd, Secretary-Treasurer
218 Princess Street

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