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GROSS PUBLIC DEBT OF THE NATION

Four and Three Quarters Times What It Was in 1912 According to Census Bureau.

MORE THAN 32 BILLIONS

Washington, Jan. 13.—The public debt of the entire country aggregated \$32,786,715,000 at the close of 1922 and was more than four and three-quarters times what it was in 1912. Announcement of this figure was made today by the census bureau in a preliminary summary of the decennial census on wealth, debt and taxation. The gross public debt is equivalent to \$301.56 for each person of the country's population while in 1912 it was \$70.20. As an offset to the gross debt there are sinking fund and other assets held for the retirement of the debt amounting to \$1,934,899,000, making the net debt \$30,851,816,000 or \$283.76 per capita. The national government, the state governments, the governments of counties, cities and all civil divisions having power to incur debt are included.

Annual interest charges on this huge sum representing the outstanding gross debt amount of \$1,311,468,000, computed at 4 per cent, or \$12.06 per capita. Computed at 4 1-2 per cent and 1 per cent sinking fund, the total charges would be \$1,803,269,235, or \$16.59 for each person of the country's population. The actual amount lies somewhere between these figures, the census bureau states.

The national government's gross debt showed the largest increase in the 10 years, largely on account of the war. Its total at the end of 1922 was \$22,525,773,000, an increase of 627 per cent over 1912. The indebtedness of other countries to the United States on November 15, 1923, was \$11,800,010,245, of which \$4,600,000,000 represented the debt against Great Britain, which has been funded.

The indebtedness of state governments totaled \$1,162,648,000, an increase of 175 per cent over 1912.

The counties of the country had a total indebtedness of \$1,366,636,000, an increase of 268 per cent over 1912.

Cities and all other civil divisions had a gross debt of \$7,731,658,000, an increase of 149 per cent over 1912.

The gross debt reported represents all public indebtedness, including funded and fixed debt (long term and serial bonds), which amounted to \$25,257,275,000 and; special assessment bonds, which amounted to \$754,832,000; temporary loans, outstanding warrants, and other debts of every character, amounting to \$6,814,955,000.

Of the total public debt, the national government represented 68.7 per cent, the state governments 3.5 per cent, the counties 4.2 per cent, and the cities and all other civil divisions 23.6 per cent.—Associated Press.

N. C. Ginning Now Is Up To 1,016,308

Washington, Jan. 10.—Cotton ginned prior to January totaled 9,807,138 running bales, including 234,723 round bales, counted as half bales, 18,639 bales of American-Egyptian and 776 bales of sea island, compared with 9,597,330 running bales, including 166,072 round bales, 28,498 bales of sea island ginned to January 1 last year, the census bureau announced.

Ginnings to January 1 this year by states, were:

Alabama 594,764, Arizona 62,371, Arkansas 608,230, California 39,765, Florida 13,454, Georgia 606,754, Louisiana 366,757, Mississippi 613,253, Missouri 103,103, North Carolina 1,016,308, Oklahoma 622,034, South Carolina, 782,541, Tennessee 221,416, Texas 4,084,733, Virginia 46,447. All other states 26,208.

The revised total of cotton ginned this season to December 13 was announced as 9,554,177 running bales. There were 15,169 ginneries operated prior to December 13.

Ruth Is Fined \$70 On Three Automobile Charges

NEWTON, Mass. Jan. 13.

BABE Ruth struck out in court here today, paying three successive fines for infractions of the automobile laws. Judge Weston penalized him \$50 for operating a motor vehicle after the license had been suspended, \$10 for the same act without registration and \$10 for speeding. Ruth's Massachusetts license was suspended in 1914 because of an accident in Cambridge, and has never been restored, officials said. He admitted in court that he had not registered his car since 1920.

NO OUTLAWRY EDICT YET FOR GATLING

Court Clerk Issues Capias For Arrest of Gatling For Double Murder.

A capias has been issued for the arrest of Lawrence Gatling, young Raleigh man wanted on a charge of double murder for the killing of Helen Gatling, his wife, and Owen Stevens, Johnston county man, but no further move has been made to outlaw the fugitive, according to Assistant Clerk Lloyd Tilley of the Wake Superior Court.

During the first part of the past term of court the question of outlawry was submitted to Judge Grady who announced that he could take no action until the matter of a capias came up in the regular course of procedure. At that time Solicitor Evans stated that he would ask for a capias before the end of the term.

Anticipating that a move would be made to have Gatling outlawed, James H. Pou formally requested the judge not to outlaw the fugitive on the grounds that he is thought to be insane and because the law was unconstitutional and barbarous.

A reward of \$650 has been offered for the arrest or apprehension of Gatling, whose whereabouts are just as mystifying as on the night of the killing two weeks ago.—Raleigh Times.

Chief of Police in Aberdeen Shot

Aberdeen, Jan. 10.—Chief of Police W. P. Page and an unidentified negro, with only one arm, are dead here today as a result of a fight put up by the negro when he was arrested early this morning on a charge of burglarizing stores in Raeford. The negro shot Chief Page and was in turn killed by Jean Merritt, a mechanic, who had accompanied the officer.

Last night the negro broke into stores of McGill and McNeill, Tom Townsend and Gore in Raeford. Police at that place discovered the negro at an early hour and fired several shots at him, but he escaped unhurt. He left Raeford in the direction of Aberdeen. Officers at Aberdeen were notified and at 9 o'clock spied the man. After a short chase he was captured near the ice plant (Continued On Page 4)

Prince of Denmark to Wed Commoner

Prince Erik of Denmark, third son of the crown prince of that country, will marry Lois Booth of Ottawa, who has no claim to royal blood but who is the granddaughter of a millionaire lumberman. It was said at Ottawa that arrangements had been made to accord the title of princess to the bride, but at Copenhagen it was reported that the prince would forfeit his title and renounce his rights to succession to the throne. King Christian, however, offered him the smaller title of "count of Rothenborg."—The Pathfinder.

Mrs. Cynthia Skinner is spending sometime with relatives in Oxford.

RECORDERS COURT TAKES THREE DAYS

Nine Liquor Cases Out of a Total of Twenty-two Come Up Before Judge Nobles.

ONLY ONE APPEAL TAKEN

The Recorder's Court consumed three days last week, the following cases being disposed of:

State vs Melvin Sanders and Ruff Sanders, violating prohibition laws. Guilty; fine, \$25 each and costs.

State vs Tobe Blalock, violating prohibition laws. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Howard Harris, damage to real property. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Howard Barbour, violating prohibition laws. Guilty. Fine \$25 and costs.

State vs Almond Johnson, violating prohibition laws. Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and costs.

State vs B. Smith, carrying concealed weapon. Guilty. It appearing to court that the defendant had been confined in jail thirty-five days while awaiting trial, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

State vs Will Hawkins, violating prohibition laws. Guilty; six months on roads. Appeal by defendant; bond fired at \$750.

State vs Otto Lane, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Fine \$10 and costs.

State vs Bob Woodruff, Charlie Mozelle, Ira Creech and Coy Smith, assault with deadly weapon. Nol pros as to Coy Smith. Ira Creech called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias. Bob Woodruff and Charlie Mozelle guilty. Judgment that defendant Charlie Mozelle pay fine of \$100 and one half costs. Judgment suspended as to Bob Woodruff upon payment of one half costs, including in his part cost of hospital bill of \$164.50.

State vs Fulton Norris and Elton Hudson, sci fa. Judgment nisi discharged upon payment of costs of sci fa.

State vs George Williams, carrying concealed weapon. Defendant plead guilty. Thirty days in jail. Capias to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs George Williams, slander innocent woman. Defendant guilty. Judgment, four months in jail. Capias to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs George Williams, assault with deadly weapon. Nol pros.

State vs Henry Robertson, violating prohibition laws. Guilty on both counts. Judgment, six months on road on first count. Fine \$75 and costs on second count.

State vs John Stanley, worthless check. Guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs J. H. Bynum and James Mayo, violating prohibition laws. Defendants guilty. Judgment, that defendants pay fine of \$50 and costs.

State vs Charlie Eason, assault. Defendant plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs G. E. Weeks, removing crops. Guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Mrs. Arthur Hilliard, aiding and abetting sale of intoxicating liquors. Not guilty.

State vs Lonnie Deal, violating prohibition laws. Guilty; four months on roads.

State vs Lonnie Deal, larceny. Guilty; two months on roads.

State vs James W Lee and Orbie West, tearing down fence. Not guilty.

BAILEY TO OPEN STATE CAMPAIGN

Will Make Formal Announcement of His Candidacy For Governor This Week.

OFFICE SEEKERS SCARCE

The News and Observer gives the following resume of the probable candidates for the various state offices which will be voted on in the Democratic primary next June which will be of interest to our readers:

Formal announcement scheduled for next Thursday that Josiah William Bailey will run for Governor in the Democratic primary will lack the element of surprise but it will serve the purpose of launching a campaign that has been hesitating on the ways for weeks, seemingly not knowing whether to take to the waters now or wait until the Spring thaw sets in.

Efforts on the part of John G. Dawson, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee to stave off the beginning of the campaign, and to discourage immediate announcement of candidacies will appear to have been disregarded. The bars will be down. The road will be open, and the campaign will be beginning and apparently on a pace set in by Mr. Bailey himself. His friends look upon it as an astute piece of political strategy.

But no campaign since the primary was devised as a means of nominating party candidates has come so near to the time for activity with as much uncertainty about what is going to happen as surrounds the campaign that will be formally opened when Mr. Bailey formally announces himself, promulgates his platform and calls upon the rest of the candidates to fall in behind him and lay course for the first Saturday in June.

Thirteen State officials come up for the attention of the Democratic voter and with the exception of Mr. Bailey there is not an announced and avowed candidate in the field. A W. McLean, is as everybody knows, a candidate for the same honors, that Mr. Bailey seeks, but thus far he has not announced himself, and nowhere has he uttered a word that can be taken as indicative of the platform from which he will conduct his campaign. He is a taken-for-granted candidate.

Counting the Lieutenant Governorship there are fourteen offices to be filled on the Democratic ticket. The entire Council of State is coming up for nomination, and except for the post of Attorney General it is presumed that all incumbents will seek re-nomination and election. Attorney General James S. Manning will not seek office again, and it is generally understood that Dennis G. Brummit, of Granville, former speaker of the House, will be a candidate to succeed him, as will also Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash.

Certainly goes no further. Secretary of State W. N. Everett will seek nomination and no opponent is yet on the horizon against him. State Auditor Baxter Durham likes his job and will run again. Rumors are about that he will have opposition, but the opponent is not yet identified. Col. J. P. Cook, runner-up for the place in 1920 is said to be thinking of running again, but he has not announced himself. Nobody is opposed.

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Judge Padlocks Home In Which Still Was Found

BUFFALO, N. Y. Jan. 13.

FOR the first time in Buffalo the padlock provision of the Prohibition law was invoked today against a private home, when Judge George F. Morris, in Federal District Court, signed a temporary injunction closing the residence of Joseph Muscoril in Hudson Street.

The house was raided last May by prohibition agents, who reported finding a 75-gallon still in operation, with more than 200 gallons of alcohol, moonshine whiskey and wine.

GAMBLING HOUSE IS RAIDED BY POLICE

Herbert Jordan Runs Down Two Policemen with Car; Held On \$10,000 Bond

Wilmington, Jan. 14.—Herbert Jordan, a well-known man of this city, was arrested early today charged with running down two policemen while intoxicated. Following the arrest, police raided a so-called club, seized a quantity of what they said was gambling paraphernalia and arrested Cleveland Galloway and Lee Everett on charges of operating a gambling house.

Jordan is reported to have given the police much information regarding conditions in the city following his arrest. He is held in \$10,000 bail pending the outcome of injuries to the policeman struck by the automobile, which, it is charged, was running without lights.

Galloway and Everett were released soon after their arrest on bonds of \$1,000 each. Police used keys found in the possession of Jordan to gain entrance to the club rooms.

Centenary Meeting to be Held in Raleigh

Greensboro, Jan. 10.—A joint meeting of pastors and centenary treasurers of probably 75 churches in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences of the M. E. Church, South will be held at West Market Street Methodist church, Greensboro January 14-15, according to announcement of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Barnhart.

This gathering is in the interest of the Centenary of Missions movement of the M. E. Church, South, and is called by Bishop Collins Denny, president of the two conferences. There will be two or more representatives from each of the churches included in the call present. These are the churches which subscribed \$10,000, or more to the \$35,000,000 centenary fund. The purpose of the meeting is to organize these congregations to collect the money yet due on their pledges.

President Elgin Watch Co., Dies At Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles H. Hulburd, 73 years old, Chicago capitalist and for 25 years president of the Elgin Watch Company, died at his Lake Shore Drive residence today. He had been active as head of the company and had been at his office as late as Saturday.

OLD MAID'S CONVENTION TO BE REPEATED

"The Old Maid's Convention" which was given Friday night, Jan. 11, was such a success that it has been decided to give it again next Friday night, Jan. 18, at Brodgen school. The proceeds will go for the same cause—for building at Sanders Chapel M. E. church.

COUNTY LOSES A SPLENDID CITIZEN

Former County Surveyor T. R. Fulghum Succumbs to Pneumonia.

WAS SICK ONLY ONE WEEK

Selma, Jan. 14.—Mr. Thomas Ruffin Fulghum, prominent in business interests in Selma and vicinity for many years, died at his home here last Thursday evening of pneumonia, after an illness of only a few days. The deceased was sixty-eight years of age. Thirty-one years ago he was married to Miss Lucinda Brady and had always lived at the old home place about five miles from Selma until nearly two weeks ago when he and his family moved to Selma.

He began surveying at the age of eighteen, and was county surveyor for about thirty years. He continued to survey some until his recent illness, having done work of this kind on a damp day just before being confined to his bed, which probably caused him to contract pneumonia. He was always well and strong, never needing a physician, except once after a slight automobile accident, until his final illness.

Mr. Fulghum was one of the directors of the Citizens Bank at Micro, also a director of the Pine Level Oil Mill, besides being vitally identified with the agricultural, industrial and business affairs in general of this section, having accumulated much property in and around Selma.

He had been a consistent member of the Pine Level Primitive Baptist church for about twenty-six years, from which church the funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at one o'clock by Elder C. F. Denny, of Wilson and Elder J. T. Collier of Micro, pastor of the deceased, after which the remains were carried to the old home place for burial.

The pall bearers were: Sheriff W. J. Massey, Messrs E. F. Ward, of Smithfield, James Woodard, of Kenly; Archie Edwards, of Princeton; W. B. Roberts, of Selma, and H. J. Corbett, of Micro.

The floral offering was beautiful, the flowers being carried by the high school girls, class mates of his daughter, Misses Sadie and Ruth Fulghum.

The deceased is survived by his wife, nine children and five grandchildren. The children are: Messrs. Chas. B. T. R. Jr., and Harold Fulghum, Mrs. W. R. Britt, of Garner; Mrs. W. L. Stanfield, of Micro; Misses Ruth, Sadie and June Fulghum. Two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Hicks, of Selma, and Mrs. T. E. Wellons, of Micro, also survive.

Boy Prodigy Earns Only \$23 Per Week

New York, Jan. 10.—William J. Sidis, son of the late Dr. Boris Sidis, internationally known psychopathologist, who knew six languages and passed college entrance examination when he was eight years old and entered Harvard university at 11, is at 26, a \$23 a week statistical clerk in a New York business office, it became known today, according to the New York Tribune.

Young Sidis became known as a boy prodigy in 1909 when, in short trousers, he delivered a lecture on the fourth dimension before Harvard professors and instructors of mathematics and freely and ably answered all their questions on the subject.

At two he could read and write; at seven he passed anatomical examinations of the Harvard medical school; the next year he passed entrance examinations in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At 10, he entered Tufts college; and at 11, Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1914 at the age of 16.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fuller went to Raleigh Saturday afternoon.

Officers Capture 8 Distilling Plants Several Thousand Gallons of Mash

Last week United States Federal officers captured and destroyed eight distilling plants, including six copper stills ranging in size from 75 to 200 gallon capacity. Five of the tills were found in Lenoir and Onslow counties and in the southern part of Johnston county near the Sampson county line. Several thousand gallons of mash several gallons of whiskey and a lot of sugar and molasses were found at these plants.