

U. S. SPENT 11 BILLIONS PAYING INT.

Charges On Public Debt Reach Enormous Sum in Life of Country

Washington, March 18.—The United States government has spent more than \$11,000,000,000 for the use of other people's money since 1771, according to figures obtained at the treasury recently.

Interest charges on the public debt, which reached a maximum of \$1,055,988,000 in 1923, will be approximately \$730,000,000 this year. They will decline progressively as the public debt is retired.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon holds that among the most important objectives in the government's economy campaign is the orderly retirement of the debt to save enormous interest costs.

The World War was responsible for more than half of the interest paid out in the history of the government. About half of the total interest fell due between 1920 and 1926.

In but two years, 1836 and 1837, was the government out of the hole, no interest having been charged up during that period. Interest averaged about \$5,000,000 annually from 1771 to 1800 when it jumped to \$133,000,000 as a result of the Civil War costs. The last annual interest payment before the World War amounted to \$22,000,000.

In the campaign to reduce government costs the treasury hopes to cut the public debt about \$5,000,000,000 prior to 1930. That reduction would represent a saving in interest of about \$200,000,000 a year.

Approximately \$6,182,000,000 of the outstanding public debt matures before November 1st, 1930. It must be retired during that period. New issues at lower interest rates are expected to replace that part of the debt which cannot be retired.

The government must meet maturities of about \$1,405,725,000 in 1926. The principal of the debt will be paid March 15th, when the treasury will announce a new bond issue to take care of a portion of the maturities. Other blocks of bonds are due in June, September and December.

Careless American investors are losing nearly \$1,000,000 annually as a result of failure to cash government securities valued at \$11,680,000 upon which interest has ceased.

During the year ending March 1st, the public debt was reduced \$714,551,672, and \$6,320,449,000 since the peak of indebtedness of over \$26,000,000,000 August 31, 1919.

MAD PARENTS BEAT TEACHER

H. E. and Mrs. Perry Bound Over to Superior Court on \$1,500 Bond

Raleigh, Mar. 17.—H. E. Perry and wife were each placed under \$500 bond in Wake Forest yesterday to appear in the next term of the Wake County Superior Court for assault on Miss Blanche Lewis, a school teacher, employed in the Mitchell Mill school. The alleged assault was supposed to have come about as the result of Miss Lewis chastising the child of Mr. and Mrs. Perry.

Miss Lewis is also said to have been unable to resume teaching since last Friday when the incident occurred. She is now in Wake Forest at the home of friends. G. L. Perry, of whose home Miss Lewis resided, was a witness for the State.

The case was tried before Mayor A. J. Davis of Wake Forest, and is expected to be brought up at the next term of court which convenes April 5.

SAYS DIRT CALAMITIES ARE IN STORE FOR 1926

The year 1926 is destined to shake the world to its foundation, both physically and politically; it is to be a succession of plagues, famines, floods, earthquakes, rioting and revolution. So says a British Journal of Astrology, which has drawn the horoscope for that year, when the planets Mars and Mercury will be in conjunction.

"Six years later, the great Armageddon is to take place. It will be a final conflict between Mohammedanism, allied with Bolshevism, against the United Anglo-Saxon world." It will end in a "universal peace." In 1932, but "there will be no few of us left, and we shall all be so tired that we shall all be dead."

Football Czar



Big Bill Edwards, former Princeton football star is now czar of the "Red" Grange, professional league, which sought his services as a guiding influence similar to that which Landis exerts over baseball.

An Evening of Music Etc.

At Christian Church on Sunday
March 28th. By the Violin
Ensemble of E. C. T. C.

At the Christian church 7:45 p. m. Sunday, March 28th, the Violin Ensemble of the East Carolina Teachers' College will offer a full program. A privilege no one can afford to miss, a treat indeed.

The program is as follows:
1—Prelude, "My Sweet Repose", by Schubert.

2—"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

3—"Now the Day Is Over".

4—"Angels Serenade", by Braga, violin solo, Jean Morton.

5—Air from Judas Macabeus, by Handel.

Air from Tigris Wedding, by Mozart.

Confidence by Mendelssohn.

Violin Ensemble.

6—"Seek Ye the Lord, by Varley Roberts.

7—"The Greater by Schumann.

8—"Come Ye Dancers, by Prindle Scott.

Catherine Grantham, Soprano.

7—Romance, Pappini, Violin Solo, by Jennette Wedmore.

8—"To A Wild Rose, by MacDowell.

One Fleeting Hour by Lee.

Violin Ensemble.

Violins—Miss Lois V. Gorrell, Miss Beulah Westmoreland, Miss Jennette Wedmore, Miss Jean Morton.

Soprano, Miss Catherine Grantham.

Miss Dora Mead at the Piano.

MAKE COW PAY YOU WAGES, ADVICE TO N. CAR. FARMERS

How to make the cow pay you wages on a bigger scale to make a bigger profit is explained in a bulletin issued recently for the benefit of North Carolina farmers by the Laroche Institute of Animal Economics. To ascertain exactly the hourly wage each cow is paying for the labor and care expended on her, just deduct the total expenditures from the total receipts of each cow and divide the difference by the number of hours of labor expended on her during the year.

On one of four neighboring farms where careful records had been kept it was brought to light that not only did the farmer receive no wages for the time spent on his cows, but that it actually cost him 12 cents an hour each to have them hang around his place. In the other three instances, the farmers were paid at the rate of 5, 42 and 48 cents per hour for the time and labor spent on each of their cows. The two lots of cows bringing home the fattest pay envelopes were better bred than the others, although the right kind of feed and better care would have done much toward making the others profitable employees. The amount of milk produced annually by each of the cows was found to have a direct relation to the number of hours of labor and the care which they received, in each instance the animals with better care producing the greatest income.

It is a costly error for the farmer who uses family labor to assume that whatever the cow produces is all to the good, according to the Institute. He should not be satisfied until his careful record keeping indicates that he is receiving at least current wages for his efforts. The record will further point out to him the unprofitable members of his herd, and these he should aim to replace with animals that will produce on an average of 250 to 325 pounds of butterfat each year. With the non-producers cut out and the good stock left put on balanced rations and given proper care, there will be no reason why the farmer should not receive a full pay envelope from each cow in his dairy herd.

BOOSTER TRIP TAKE PLACE MARCH 25

Trip for Purpose of Advertising The Eastern Carolina Ex- position Held in April

Greenville, March 18.—If you want to help boost the Eastern Carolina Exposition and Pitt county, make your plans to go on the Booster Trip Thursday, March 25th. We want 100 automobiles from Greenville, Farmville, Ayden, Bethel, Winterville, Grifton, and the other towns in Pitt county to go on this trip, and five or more people in each car. If you are interested in the growth of your town and the county, you should take a day off for this trip. Trips have been planned to take in all the towns within a radius of 100 miles. Plenty of advertising matter will be furnished to leave in every town, telling the people about the Exposition. The more people we reach the more will visit the Exposition.

The biggest program yet planned has been worked out for the Exposition this year and we should tell the people about it so they can come and enjoy it. The Booster Trip will last only one day. Cars will leave at 8:30 in the morning and cover a trip that will bring them back home by 6 p. m. It will be a fine outing for anyone who will go, and the trip will not be a success unless people who have cars will use them.

All those who will furnish cars for this Booster Trip will please notify me, telephone 308 or 151, or P. O. box 460, just as soon as possible. You can plan your own party or advise a party will be made up for you. Of course, this means the ladies, too, who have cars, and that the ladies will be expected to go. Be sure to advise me as soon as possible how many cars you will furnish.

J. B. KITTRELL,
Chairman Booster Trip Com.

COST OF GOVERNMENT

Cost of federal, state and municipal government for the year 1925, compared to \$2,919,000,000 for the year 1913.

These statistical facts are compiled from the official records of government, by the National Industrial Conference Board.

A more vital fact is also shown in the decrease of \$285,000,000 or 10.6 per cent, in federal expenditures for 1924, while state and local governments increased their expense by \$492,000,000, or 7.6 per cent.

In spite of the large reductions possible by the federal government in lopping off war expenditures, due to state and local extravagance there was a net increase for 1924 of \$107,000,000.

High cost of government contributes directly, as must be admitted, to the high cost of living generally.

In the practice of greater economy in the cost of government the beginning must be at the top, working downward—rather than at the bottom working upward.

DOLLARS COME BY MILLIONS

Income Tax Returns are Pouring into the Department of Revenue on Last Min.

Raleigh, March 16.—Raleigh today is the convention city of North Carolina dollars. They are still arriving in this city by the millions as income tax payments. The North Carolina Department of Revenue is still somewhat in the position of a magnet, who is too wealthy to know just how much he is worth. The Department does not know exactly how much money has come into the office as huge piles of letters continue to arrive and are still unopened. An increase of 25 per cent over last year however is predicted by the Revenue Commissioner, Mr. Doughton, and this in part at least is a reflection of the increase in state income tax rates.

With \$1,410,000 collected Monday, approximately \$1,820,000 received on Tuesday up to one o'clock and more than a million collected during the first 15 days of this month, the collections are equal to or ahead of the income tax collections of March 1925, which slightly exceeded \$3,000,000.

There are still many letters to be received, as those postmarked no later than midnight March 15th, are considered on time and in addition many tax payers have been granted extensions.

The federal taxes also are pouring in at a rapid rate. A million and a half was received by Collector William Grissom's office yesterday, he said, and more than \$2,000,000 has come in today.

"I would estimate that we have granted not less than 10,000 extensions," Mr. Grissom said. "It looks as though in spite of the big tax reduction put through by congress our income tax collections will hold up very well and perhaps be as great as last year." North Carolina tax collections from income, tobacco and other sources are \$16,000,000 ahead of any previous fiscal year up to the 15th of March.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MISS W. E. JOYNER

her Bridge club Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

There were three tables of bridge and after several interesting progressions, Mrs. C. G. Satterfield was awarded a lovely embroidered guest towel for top score.

Invited guests for the afternoon were Mesdames J. G. Spencer, D. R. Morgan, R. O. Lang and Mrs. C. C. Satterfield, of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. J. W. Joyner assisted by Mrs. W. D. Bryon and Mrs. W. J. Newton, served a delicious salad course with hot tea.

CARD OF THANKS

This is to thank all my friends who helped me in the Enterprise contest. And although I failed to win one of the big prizes, my appreciation is just as great to you for helping me to win the twenty per cent commission paid. Again, let me thank each of you.
Mrs. John Bynum

CHANGES DATE OF HEARING TOB. CASE

Attorneys Say Co-op Dissolution Suit to Take Several Days Set for March 29th

Raleigh, March 17.—United States States Judge I. M. Meekins last night ordered the hearing on the application of five Virginia farmers for a receivership for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association set at Raleigh on Monday, March 29th, instead of at Fayetteville on March 22. The action was taken after attorneys for both sides, who appeared before on the question of papers and records to be furnished the plaintiffs, had agreed that the hearing will consume two or three days.

Both sides expressed eagerness for an early hearing in what is conceded to be the most sweeping litigation in which the association has yet been involved in the four turbulent years of its history. However, Judge Meekins stated that he could be assured of time for lengthy hearing during the week of the Fayetteville term.

"I shall move the case to Raleigh and you may have the whole week, if you desire it," stated the court.

The plaintiffs through their counsel, Judge J. Loyd Horton and former State Senator, Wiley M. Person, last night presented an order directing certain information, the specifications of which exhausted the alphabet and made went as far as "z" on the second series. Judge Horton agreed that an affidavit that it would be physically impossible to furnish any particular item in the order would relieve the association as to that item and Colonel W. T. Joyner, representing the association, agreed to open the books of the company for inspection and to furnish everything possible called for in the order.

Refresh All Charges

Under the modified order signed last night by Judge Meekins the tobacco association will be required to have every book of accounts and record called for has already been made accessible in the report of the Federal Trade Commission sharply criticizing the management of the association and in the exhibits filed in the application of Senator Person for a receivership in the State courts, which was denied by Judge T. H. Calvert.

At the hearing last night, which resulted in a modified consent order, it was indicated that the plaintiffs will stress the charge that the organization committee was guilty of a legal fraud when it proclaimed in 1922 that more than 50 per cent of the crop in the three states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia had been signed up by the association.

Charges of graft and reckless extravagance in the payment of salaries and attorneys' fees and in the redrying of tobacco by officers of the association will also be pressed, it was indicated.

"Golden Anniversary"



Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman has been pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Brooklyn for 25 years. The anniversary event was celebrated with a great ovation. President Coolidge sent congratulations. The congregation presented Dr. Cadman with a purse of \$25,000, a thousand dollars for every year of service.

ROGERS, AND FINE SINGERS

Will Be at Greenville April During Week of Eastern Carolina Exposition

Will Rogers and the DeReszke Singers will be at Greenville April 5th, during the week of the Eastern Carolina Exposition, two performances, Matinee 3:30; Evening 8:30.

"American men enjoy an opera about as much as they would an operation," said Mary Garden in a recent interview. Charles L. Wagner, the well known American concert manager's opinion of the business man's relation to music in this country was rather like Miss Garden's. At the beginning of this season after he had announced the present tour of Will Rogers, he said "The combination of Will Rogers and the DeReszke Singers may shock the lady with a busy dome," the one who takes her music seriously, but her husband has proved only too true.

The lady with the busy dome has laughed with and at Rogers. This combination of Rogers and the DeReszke Singers has proved a novel as well as a highly successful combination. At the end of his present tour Rogers will have visited practically every state in the United States. Few statesmen or politicians know the country as he knows it. And he knows it from the people themselves, from meeting them in their homes, in drug stores and about town. He knows their viewpoint on affairs of the country in a way that can only come through talking with people individually. Rogers is one of the most companionable men in the world. He can grasp and see through political situations because of his instinctive knowledge of human nature.

No wonder that when he goes to Washington Calvin Coolidge invites him to the White House.

CREPE MYRTLE AVENUE.

(News & Observer)
Recently several hundred crepe myrtle trees were planted on the sidewalks in Raleigh. At Winston-Salem thousands have been set out. Monroe, Gastonia and other towns as municipalities are doing likewise. Hundreds of home-owners are thus adorning their premises. The soil and climate are admirably adapted to these flowering trees and nothing is quite so beautiful. They should be adopted as the State's decorative tree for it is distinctly Southern. There should be a Crepe Myrtle Avenue all the way from Morehead to Murphy. Urging that the idea spread, The Progressive Farmer says:

If any reader cannot buy crepe myrtle plants, properly rooted, or get them from neighbors, let him try this plan: Cut small crepe myrtle branches 18 to 24 inches long. Make a long slanting knife stroke about six inches long at butt end of each cutting and stick this in moist, rich earth. Put the cuttings in rows about a foot apart. If the ground is kept reasonably watered, a good many of the cuttings will grow and may then be transplanted next fall, or they may be placed now where they are wanted permanently.

CARD OF THANKS

As it is so I can not see and thank each one, I use this method to express thanks for the many acts of kindness shown me and my family during my illness the last few months. This expression, only in a short measure, our appreciation.
Mrs. E. L. Egan

ANNA CASE IS 100 PER CENT AMERICAN

The Famous Soprano Who Will Appear in Recital at East- ern Carolina Exposition

The presence of native singers, trained only in America, is now common in our concert halls and opera houses, but the distinction of being the very first to win recognition belongs to Anna Case, the famous soprano who will appear in song recital at Greenville, April 6th, during the Eastern Carolina Exposition.

Facing the stern tradition that foreign training was necessary, she triumphed over all obstacles, becoming one of the foremost singers of her time, and showing the way for Americans to follow to artistic success. Our country's singers are now welcome in any organization, both in America and Europe, but it was the art of Anna Case that swept away much of that prejudice and opposition, once so strong. In her rapid rise to musical fame, she seems to embody the spirit of America, because the essential factors in the development of her career were determination, intellect, ambition and perseverance, those qualities we like to think typically our own.

A rarely beautiful woman with a really beautiful voice, Miss Case has become much sought for artist throughout the country. Her grace, charm, and personality enhance the luscious tones of her clear soprano voice. Rare flowers delight the senses more in a carved vase, famous paintings seem more true in artistic frames, and exquisite singing is likewise more lovely when coming forth from a beautiful creature. And when the voice is of such clarity and tone as that of Miss Case, the effect on her hearers is irresistible.

Not only in sustained passages of the lyric's emotion and pathos, but in the florid brilliance of the coloratura's runs and passages is her art perfect. Her technique is adequate to the sternest demands, but never once does she lose that human quality that is essential.

Successful as she has been in opera, charm of her personal personality is

PROGRAM OUT EXPOSITION

Eastern Carolina Event at Green- ville Will Be of Exception- al Interest

Kinston, March 17.—The full program for the Eastern Carolina Exposition, to be held at Greenville, April 5th to 10th, has been issued from the offices of the "sectional Chamber of Commerce" here. The industrial show will be opened the afternoon of Wednesday, the 5th, with a parade at the head of which will ride Governor Angus W. McLean. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats in the parade.

Mayor D. M. Clark, of Greenville; John W. Holmes, of Farmville, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Governor McLean will be speakers in the exposition building following the parade.

Monday evening's bill will feature a concert by a nationally known orchestra; the presentation of young women competing in two beauty contests; the appearance of Will Rogers, comedian, and a concert by the DeReszke Singers. A second parade on Tuesday afternoon will be led by Henry Stevens, Jr., commander of the state division of the American Legion. Tuesday evening Anna Case, opera star, will sing. Wednesday's program will include a style show.

The annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at Greenville Thursday at 12:30 o'clock. B. O. Dunn, of Enfield, will be the principal speaker. Thursday evening there will be a variety of entertainment. A school parade will be held Friday, with a number of prizes for schools participating. The winners of the beauty contests will be presented on Friday evening. Each will receive a beautiful diamond ring.

COUNTY COURT JUDGE

I am a candidate to succeed my father as Judge of the County Court. I will thank you for support in the June primary. I feel that I am justified in asking the citizens of Pitt county and my friends for their support in this office for a second term.

A. H. HENDERSON,
Judge of County Court.