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THE STATE'S 1918 ASSESSMENT

The following statement touching assessments in Louisiana is made by L. E. Thomas, chairman of the board of state affairs:

As the assessments for the various parishes of the state of Louisiana have about been completed for the year 1918, some comment thereon might not be altogether out of place at this time. While the rolls of only a few parishes have been filed with the state auditor, the abstracts have been approved with only one or two exceptions, so that we know approximately what the gross assessment of the state for the year 1918 will be.

There is submitted herewith the actual valuation of all property, listed by parishes, which table shows the increases and decreases for the year 1918.

The total actual value of all property in the state for the year 1917 amounted to \$1,412,552,013.75 and for the year 1918 \$1,446,248,568.50, showing a net increase of \$33,696,554.75 in actual value. The state assessment, of course, is based on fifty per cent of actual value so that in order to obtain the assessed value of all the property above stated, you will take one-half the amount specified in each case.

There has been a splendid increase in actual value of all property in each parish in the state, with the exception of Ascension, Assumption, Grant, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. James and the parish of Orleans. The total increases amount to \$97,286,499.75 and the total decreases \$63,589,945, leaving a net increase of \$33,696,554.75, as above stated.

The great loss in actual value for the state is occasioned by the heavy decrease in the parish of Orleans in the valuation of city lots and improvements. In this parish there was an increase of approximately \$17,000,000 on merchandise, credits, personal property, street car lines and franchises, but there was an enormous loss in the real estate assessment of the city. The explanation given by the assessors is that all real estate of the city has heretofore been assessed on a basis of approximately seventy per cent of actual value and that when the property was placed at one hundred per cent and the state adopted fifty per cent of that value, there was a net loss of twenty per cent at least on this class of property. The assessments of real estate of the city will never be adjusted nor equalized until the taxing authorities obtain some legislation requiring a unit of values for real estate and a separation of improvements from lots in establishing values thereon.

There will be a considerable increase in city taxes for the city of New Orleans for the year 1918 because the commission council adopted 75 per cent as the basis of assessment, so that the assessed value for city taxes will amount to approximately \$332,200,630, or \$110,732,559 in excess of the state assessment which will be only \$221,467,121. This will give the city an increased assessment for the year 1918 over the year 1917 amounting to approximately \$76,000,000, which will give the city an increased revenue of \$4,672,000 for all purposes, as the city tax rate is twenty-two mills. It will give the "one per cent debt tax" an increase of approximately \$760,000 and the "two mill water and sewerage tax" an increase of \$152,000 and the general alimony an increase of \$760,000, of which amount approximately \$250,000 increase will go to the public schools of the parish of Orleans and the balance to the general fund. Our information is that the commission council felt impelled to increase the city revenues on account of the increased salaries paid firemen, police-

men and other employees, as well as the increased cost of the city government due to the prevailing high prices of supplies, etc. Our opinion is that in 1919 the 1 per cent debt tax should be reduced to six or seven mills to comply with the provisions of the constitutional amendment recently adopted, stating that where bonds have been issued no more tax shall be levied than is necessary to meet the principal and interest as the same matures. That, however, is a proposition which commands itself entirely to the city government. On account of a high per cent for city purposes, there will be a very large increase in city taxes for the year 1918 over 1917, but the state tax will be much less because the state percentage is only 50 per cent, whereas that adopted by the city was 75 per cent. A very close inspection of all personal assessments for the year 1918 was made by the inspectors of our board, and for the year 1919 a much closer inspection must be made of the city lots and improvements.

There is also submitted a comparative table showing the tremendous increase in the number of head of live stock and automobiles on the assessment roll during the past two years. It is worthy of note that during the previous ten years, from 1907 to 1917, the number of head of live stock in this state decreased from 1,036,528 to 794,445, and yet during the past two years the number has increased from 794,445 to 1,534,112, or an increase of 739,667 head in two years (nearly 100 per cent), demonstrating that a very large amount of this class of property was not being rendered at all for assessment purposes. An examination of this table will prove interesting.

Furthermore, merchandise, credits, and lumber, which had shown a tremendous decrease in the preceding ten years, has increased from \$38,513,707 in 1916 to \$79,850,705 in 1918, or a total increase of \$41,336,998 (over 100 per cent) in the past two years. This only represents one-half the real valuation because the amounts stated are assessed and not actual values.

The table demonstrates that there has been no discrimination in classes of property, but that all classes without exception were not being rendered a anything like a fair value or a fair quantity prior to the year 1917. We have heretofore called attention to a number of these gross inequalities and tax evasions and embodied same in our first annual report on page 23. There has been a magnificent improvement in this state in regard to the matter of fair and equitable assessments. We no longer find lumber being rendered at 2,000,000 feet when the taxpayer had over 25,000,000 feet on the yard, and merchandise being rendered at \$4000 when there was \$80,000 to \$100,000 worth of goods inventoried, and cattle being turned in at eight or ten head when the taxpayer had 100 to 150 head. We realize that all of the gross inequalities have not yet been corrected but there has been a vast improvement over pre-existent conditions. These figures are submitted from the official reports by the assessors in order that the public might have full information in regard thereto. It will not be amiss to say that oil property and equipment and suburban property will show just as marvelous a change as the items herein exhibited.

It is a source of pleasure and gratification to state that I have recently examined the books in the auditor's office and find that the finances of the state are in better shape than they have been since 1914. The state is on a cash basis and has sufficient funds on hand to pay every appropriation for 1917 and leave a reasonable surplus. Of course, the taxes for 1918 have not

yet been collected, as the rolls are just now being filed, but the abstracts disclose that there will be a sufficient revenue available to take care of all appropriations for 1918 without any deficiency, as soon as the taxes are collected by January 10, and that the current schools of the parishes will also receive a large increase as a result of the additional half-mill tax levied for this year at the last session of the general assembly.

The fiscal constitutional amendments having been adopted, the state for 1919 will undoubtedly be assessed on a ten per cent basis, which will give a total actual value of approximately \$1,450,000,000. The state tax rate will be only two mills, including the good roads tax and the Confederate veterans' tax will be one-half mill and the state school tax one and one-half mills, making a total of four mills. The increase will be for current schools and will be distributed and refunded to the parishes.

By the adoption of Amendment No. 1, the taxpayers of the parishes will be protected from the police jury budgeting very large sums of money and then levying a high percentage for assessment purposes. I know of several parishes that for the present year have levied as high as 80 per cent of actual value for local assessment and at the same time have given the people no relief in regard to reducing the tax rate. In these parishes the local taxes will undoubtedly be much higher than last year as a consequence of the high percentage adopted by the police jury and over which the board of state affairs has no jurisdiction or control whatever. Relief will come in 1919 from these high percentages for local taxation in the parishes. A reasonable limitation in the tax rates, with full actual valuation, is the remedy to be applied and this has been embodied in the recent tax amendment.

I trust these tables will furnish much food for reflection and prove edifying to those interested in the fiscal affairs of the state and its subdivisions.

(In the table furnished by Mr. Thomas, covering every parish in the state, the total assessment for the year 1917 for the state is \$1,412,552,013.75, while the abstract for the year 1918 shows a total valuation of \$1,446,248,568.50, or a net increase of \$33,696,554.75 of the taxable wealth of Louisiana. The figures for St. Landry parish show the assessment for 1917 at \$23,770,860, and the abstract for 1918, \$25,983,726, or a net increase of \$2,212,866.)

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by the vacant chair you have in heaven a treasure, that is greater and dearer than any earthly store or pleasure, and thus we are drawn nearer and nearer as the shadows grow longer to that treasure which God holds in trust for you. The plea, "Nearer my God to thee" "Nearer to thee" 'tis better understood after the heart is bereft of loved ones.

Mr. Devilliers was a good man. It seems that charity and love were the greatest things in his life and I know that in his bosom these attributes of divine greatness outweighed all other things. The funeral service was conducted at the Protestant cemetery by the W. O. W. and Rev. Father Jansen of Washington. It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony. While many are sad, let us not forget to extend to all his bereaved ones, and especially his grief stricken wife, our deepest sympathy. Remember—
"When Azrael in his robes of white
Shall close the portals of your life,
And show the curtains of the night
Of death around your form.
Then will you hear his voice again,
Upon a fairer shore.
Joined in the angels sweet refrain
Of life forever more."
A SYMPATHIZING FRIEND.

HICKORY CHIPS

Kaiser Bill finding he could not get board in Paris, applied for a "Dutch Lunch" in Holland.

George Washington made America free—and Woodrow Wilson has emancipated the entire world.

Every miser helped the Kaiser. Now is the time for every patriot to help Red Cross and other allied war workers.

Happily the allies give evidence of that unity in the purpose of peace which they have found effective in the purposes of war.

Fifty million pounds of prunes have been bought for the American troops who are now boarding with Uncle Sam.

Perhaps there would be a job for Emperor Charles is sweeping out the Berlin to Bagdad corridor.

Just now the world seems to be made up of two kinds of people—heroes and zeroes.

The average man's intentions are several leaps ahead of his actions.

Don't worry if your sins find you out; they will be sure to call again.

You never realize how dearly you have paid for your whistle until you try to sell it.

The sagacious train robber finds it more profitable nowadays to conduct a railway restaurant.

A foot ball match is an imitation of two ball teams taking a hard fall out of the umpire.

Average citizens would bear with equanimity the threatened scarcity of golf balls if somebody would put more hen's eggs into circulation.

Here is a good use for the German supergun: Load it with royalties and see how they can be "fired."

Germany has forfeited its citizenship in the world and can redeem it only by persistent good behavior.

This year has made the democracies sit up and show the autocracies what real efficiency looks like.

European fashions are more freakish than ever. Cans are being substituted for crowns.

Terms of the allies are plain but stringent, says a headline. So plain that even a Prussian while running may read and not misunderstand them.

A Trenton New Jersey woman is searching for her seventy-seven year old husband. Men are certainly getting scarce.

Americans are urged to refuse to buy any toys "made in Germany" by Hun baby killers, in appeal from the American Defense Society. Hopt the A. D. S. won't suggest any Boston Tea Party movement.

Influenza reported dying out. Undertakers will now condescend to speak to ordinary mortals once more.

Fifteen St. Louis Butchers Assessed Fines of from \$25 to \$100 each—Headline. Always knew we should find out just what was meant by drastic laws against profiteering.

Tax on Distilled Spirits Reduced to \$2.20 a Gallon—Headline. What's the use of reducing the tax on something that ain't!

Major Whittlesay, who recently commanded the surrounded battalion in Argonne forest, has the right idea. His surrender demanded, his only reply was "Go to hell." Recommend Major Whittlesay, who is a New York man, for assignment to the diplomatic department.

Government tells Munition Firms They Must Speed up work—Headline. Heard something like that before. Who's been loafing? Speak up.

In other words, the Government has taken the bar out of barley.

Harry Lauder is a candidate for a seat in the English Parliament. He ought to be able to get it for a song. "I love a lassie."

Whether the proposed Boston tea party is held or not the "lemon" has already been served those German toy-makers.

Bees—Why do you drop so many pennies in that slot machine? Tessie—Oh, I like to patronize a proposition that hasn't raised its price.

Mrs. Spatts—Oh, if I were only a man! Spatts—Huh? You'd be as crazy as I was and go and marry some fool of a woman.

Champ Clark says that "The American press is not muzzled—it is only held in leash;" to which a lot of more or less restrained editors reply "Quit kickin' my haoun' dawg aroun'."

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