THE WEEK'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF STATE, NA. TION AND THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record Of Happenings Of Interest From All Points Of The World

Foreign-

The number of persons killed in the explosion on the Greek torpedo boat destroyer Leon at Piraeus is now given as twenty-one, with forty-two injured. The explosion occurred while a number of the crew were handling a submarine bomb.

The allied supreme council has approved unanimously the calling of an international economic conference to be participated in by Germany and

American Ambassador Harvey to England, who is in attendance at the meeteing of the allied supreme council in Cannes, France, says he will "jump the fence" when he comes to it, which is interpreted to mean that he is merely an onlooker.

Marquis Okuma, the "grand old man of Japan. ' /was one of the most distinguished men of the island empire from the period of the restoration until the present day. Twice premier of Japan, Okuma was in office when the famous "twenty-one demands" were made upon China, and it was following the agitation which resulted from those demands that his ministry resigned. He was succeeded by Field Marshal Count Terauchi.

The director of the American relief administration in Russia, who has been in England, has returned to Russia by way of Riga, optimistic over the twenty million dollar grain appropriation by the United States congress.

The last effort of the dail eireann in Ireland to bring about an agreement on the Anglo-Irish treaty failed. Other efforts will be made.

Princess Joachim of Prussia, daughter-in-law of the former emperor, is suing the ex-kaiser for support, contending that the laws of the Hohenzollerns entitles her to support. Her husband suicided in 1920.

Count aszlo Szechnyi has been appointed Hungarian minister to the United States. His wife was formerly Miss Gladys M. Vanderbilt of New York City.

A bomb was exploded among the ket place at Dinkelsbuehl, Bavaria, on New Year's Eve, injuring fifty persons, twenty of them seriously. The thrower of the bomb was a youth.

Demands by the Russian Soviet government that Finland withdraw all support of the revolution in Karelia have been agreed to by the Finnish government.

Washington-

a decided improvement in European to belp the foreign trade situation, but extreme caution in the extension of bank credits still continues.

Purchase of over three million bushels of corn for the relief of the Russian sufferers is announced in Washington on authority of the commissioner of agriculture of South Dakota.

Continued upward movement of business and the graduation restoration of normal conditions are indicated in the comparison of reports of last month with those of the corresponding month of 1920, according to the December review of the economic situation issued by the federal reserve board.

Ex-Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina has forwarded Secretary of War Weeks an offer from capitalists whom he represents for the government nitrate plant located at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and seeks an apointment with the secretary to talk over the matter. Hierome L. Opie, major of the third

battlion, 116th infantry, who has been in the limelight for several weeks, gun on a large scale by the League charged with having wartonly shot of Nations health committee, accorddown American soldiers overseas, ap- ing to detailed plans received at New peared before the investigating committee and vigorously denied the allegations.

conference upon Articles I and II fied as a full-fledged absent-minded of the original Root resolutions (now arranged in three articles) regarding submarine warfare, with but minor alterations. These resolutions, providing for an invitation to the rest of the world to follow the "big five," embrace subscription to a restatement of international law governing rules of submarine operation against merchant Governor Sproull will appoint ex-Govvessels. But by far the most import- ernor Edwin S. Stuart as United ant action was unanimous adoption of States senator to succeed the late the original Article II, now known as Article III.

Fear that many weevils will hibernate in the weevil-infested territory in Texas and reappear in large num bers in the spring, has been expressed in reports to the department of agriculture, and it was said that the agricultural conference which is to meet in Washington soon agents in the practice of medicine. will give serious consideration to this

form re-discount rate in reserve bank districts wor

n of freeing the half a hundred to of the L. W. W. will in for violations of war laws ren of freeing the half a hundred for violations of war laws renains unchanged, Attorney General Daugherty said.

Practical completion of the repor to be submitted by the committee of naval experts to the navel committee of the armament conference and agreement of the subcommittee on hipese tariff on a 5 per cent effective basis were two important devel-

opments in the conference situation. The agreement for an increase of Chinese tariff rates to an effective five per cent was adopted by the nine conference powers sitting as a com mittee on Far Eastern questions.

Senator Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, will speak in his own behalf from the floor of the senate when that body decides whether or not he is to retain his seat.

The American proposal to prohibit use of submarines against merchant vessels, now the predominant issue of the arms negotiations, has been accepted in principle by France, but her delegates have reserved final approval pending a discussion of the precise language of the declaration.

Domestic-

Three workmen were killed and six injured, two perhaps mortally, by an accidental explosion of powder in the Shandaken tunnel in the Ashokan reservoir district, about 35 miles from here, according to word received in Kingston, N. Y.

The Eufaula Hardware company, a three-story brick building owned by Foy Brothers, Eufaula, Ala., was completely destroyed by fire, the total loss amounting to two hundred thousand dollars.

A federal prohibition agent beset by hotel guests unaware of his identity was saved from personal injury when the orchestra of the Highland hotel, Springfield, Mass., played "The Star-Spangled Banner.".

J. D. Smith of Lamar, Miss., was killed and his son, C. D. Smith, seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Southern railway train at Ridgeway, Tenn.

W. H. Sproul, a restaurant employe, was burned to death and property and merchandise valued at approximately \$99,000 were destroyed in a fire which originated in the three-story Nichols building in the business district of Dyersbury, Tenn., and spread to several adjacent buildings.

The United States transport Henderson has arrived at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., with 83 naval prisoners from the Pacific fleet. Officers crowd listening to a band in the mar- reported than 17 prisoners had made their escape since the vessel left San Francisco, ten having jumped overboard when the ship was going through the Panama canal and the remainder making their escape at points on the Pacific coast where the wessel stopped.

John Soffel, president of the Maywood State bank, in the suburbs of Chicago, was shot and killed, and Louis S. Sweeney, chief of police of the The federal reserve board says that messenger, were wounded when five bandits robbed them of a \$12,000 payexchanges has tended to some extent roll for the Maywood plant of the American Can company.

It is reported by the executive secretary of the Socialist party, headquarters in Chicago, that Eugene V. Debs' health will not permit him, at this time, to make a speaking tour.

The entire group of sixteen individuals and four "drug companies," indicted by the United States grand jury in New York in connection with the sensational revelations of graft in the administration of the Volstead act in New York will probably enter a demurrer to the indictment.

It is announced in New Orleans that the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' association will fight any tariff on wegetable oils, and will present resolutions to the senate finance committee anent same in the near future.

It is announced that Birmingham, Ala., will have another great steel plant. It will be capitalized at a half million dollars.

Unification of international standards of antitoxins serums has been be-York recently.

Ralph Culver Bennett, doctor of civil laws, doctor of laws, bachelor of Unanimous agreement has been reg- art and president of the Metropolitan istered by the five powers in the arms | College of Law, at Dover, Del., qualiprofessor when he was arraigned in Washington Height police court on a charge of assault.

Eldorado, Ark., is being thoroughly policed in an effort to locate the firebug who recently attempted to burn the business section of the town.

Barring an eleventh-hour change Boes Penrose it was learned on reliable authority.

A majority of physicians in states, representing all sections of the country, replying to an alcoholic questionnaire sent out by the journal of the American Medical association, assert that they did not regard beer and wine a necessary therapeution

The ease with which the affairs of the Fort Dearborn National and Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings banks were handled by financial leaders in Chicago proved a source of confidence auroug hank juttons throughout that

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ACTION OF THE DELEGATION AT LONDON IS APPROVED BY CLOSE VOTE.

The Future Control of the Irish Republican Party Continues to be . Subject of Speculation.

Dublin. - The treaty creating the rish Free State was ratified by the Dail Eireann. By a majority of seven votes, 64 to 57, the Dail, gave its approval to the document signed by its delegates at London.

Coincidentally, Eamonn de Valera announced his resignation from the presidency of the Irish republic. The news was received with the

greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds, which had waited for hours outside the university building, in anticipation of a decision, burst into cheering, even before the official figures were announced.

Ratification of the treaty came after day of intense excitement and heated controversy. Although the result was as had been expected, the majority in favor of the agreement was greater than had been counted on almost up to the last minute.

A tense, strained silence prevailed while the vote was being taken, and a gasp of relief went up from the supporters of the treaty when the result was announced. _A dramatic scene en sued, when de Valera stood up and in a broken voice, which vibrated with emotion, declared that "the republic" must be carried on.

After voting ratification of the treaty the Dail Eireann adjourned until Monday. Before adjournment was taken Eamonn de Valera, having announced his resignation from the presdency, asked that the members associated with him should meet him at the Mansion House. Michael Collins protested against

the calling of such a partisan gathering, whereupon Mr. de Valera rose to insist on it, but broke down and resumed his seat amid hearty applause. The situation at the adjournment of

the Dail appeared to remain chaotic. The Dail will meet on Monday and there is no disposition revealed by de Valera and his followers to abandon the factional struggle.

The future control of the Irish republican army is the subject of anxous comment and speculation, as Charles Burgess, who strongly opposed the treaty, is the minister of defense. So far as the the public is concern-

ment were wildly cheered and the city was in jubilant spirits.

Churchmen Drink Varinsh. Grand Rapids, Mich.-Ten elders of the Seventh Reformed Church here were poisoned when they drank varnish that had been poured into a communion cup in the belief that it was sacramental wine. Two of the elders were said to be in a critical condi-

tion. The church had been repaired and in the storeroom where the sacramental wine is kept in a jug several jugs of varnish used in the re-decorating had been stored. One of the officials of the church is said to have mistaken the varnish for wine when he filled the communion cup during the church service.

Pepper to Succeed Penrose Philadelphia.-- Appointment of Geo. Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, as United States senator to succeed the late Roise Penrose, is expected to come from Governor Sproul unless a last minute change is decided upon.

Three Killed In Collision. Wichita, Kas.—Three persons were killed and one probably fatally injured as the result of an automobile collision here. A seven-months-old baby was hurled 100 feet, but was uninjured.

Forestry Congress to Meet.

Jackson, Miss.-Means of promoting the interests of the forestry in the South, taxation of timbered and cutover lands, forest fire protection, will take the foreground at the fourth Sou-February 6, 7 and 8, it was learned.

A number of well informed speakers have been asked to outline the needs for the best protection of forestry in the South. Their talks, branching from the usual technical angle, will be preented in simple and brief manner.

Prisoners Escape Through Sewer. Frankfort, Ky .- Eight of the most desperate prisoners in the Kentucky state reformatory, including one who was serving a life term for murder, escaped from the main prison through sewer. Seven of the men got outside the walls, but were recaptured within an hour, and the eighth was found two hours later hiding in the shirt factory.

The delivery was planned by Ge Miller, of Covington, Ky, serving years for robbery.

FOR CO-OPERATION

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY BOARD FIGURES COMPILED BY SECRE-AND GENERAL BOARD HOLD GODD MEEETING

DAY OF INTENSE EXCITEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED GREENVILLE COUNTY IN LEAD

Budget For 1922 is Worked Out on a Basis of About Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars.

The Baptist general board and the executive board of the Woman's Missoniary union continued their session for two days at Columbia. The main feature of interest at the meeting of the general board was the matter of co-operation between the home mission board in Atlanta and this state. Dr C. W. Daniel and Dr. J. F. Purser, representing the home mission board. talked upon this subject and a full discussion was had.

The Baptist budget for this year was worked out on a basis of about three-quarters of a million dollars.

Each of the four commissions composing the general board, the missions, education, Sunday school and benevolence, made recommendations for its particular work for the year, all of which was adopted by the general board. The Rev. A. L. Pickens, of Easley, was elected rural field secretary in the place of J. L. Corzine, who leaves for Greenville January 15. The executive committee was ap-

pointed as follows: Dr John E. White of Anderson, Chairman; Dr. T. C. Skinner, J. J. Lawton of Hartsville, the Rev. S. P. Hair of Fountain Inn the Rev. George P. White of Darlington, D. M. Dew of Latta, the Rev. E. S. Reaves of Union, I. H. Hunt of Newberry, Dr. W. J. McGlothlin of Green ville.

A committee of five was appointed to report at the next meeting of the The Rev. W. C. Allen of Dillon, Dr. J. E. White of Anderson, the Rev. R. C. Granberry of Gaffney, the Rev. J. E. Bailey of Charleston, Dr. T. C. trucks, Skinner of Columbia, Dr. W. T. Dethis committee.

appointed committees to make plans will be held in Columbia January 19. ceived \$23,629.76. 20. This last committee is as follows: Mrs. J. D. Chapman of Anderson, Mrs. To Discuss Weevil Menace. Edwin Carpenter of Florence, Mrs. W. ed, Dublin seems delighted over ration of Gaffney, Miss Bessie Major of a discussion of ways and means of fication. Arthur Griffith and his colleagues on emerging from the parlia. Mrs. C. D. Bobo of Laurens, Mrs. T. T. ditions. F. H. Jeter, representing the

Plan \$3,000,000 Road Bonds.

Laurens.-At the regular monthly meeting and banquet of the Laurens Business league last week, the proposed plan to raise \$3,000,000 for roads by bond issue and other measues was discussed, the subject having been in-Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston be invited to the next meeting to explain in detail the full import of the scheme. The league had as its specially in vited guests for the meeting Repre sentatives C. D. Nance, C. M. Babb and T. A. Willis of the Laurens delegation to the legislature and it is the inten tion to have the entire delegation present when Mr. Rhett comes.

Laurens Sells Bonds. bond issues amounting to \$55,000 for 98 1-4, the proceeds of which are to street improvements. The bonds were bought by a Cincinnati firm. through A. H. Montieth of Columbia. The bonds were authorized in an election held several months ago. One issue was for \$20,000 and the other for \$35.

Florence Invites State Legion. Florence.-The Fred H Sexton Post No. 1 of the American Legion at its recent meeting decided to invite the state convention of the American Legion to hold its fal meeting in Forence. Should the invation be accepted thern Forestry Congress; to meet here it is expected that at east 200 ex-ser vice men will spend at least two days in Florence as delegates, during which time they will be entertained in the homes of citizens. All of the local or ganizations are co-operating with the local post and it is hoped that the invitation will be accepted.

> Boy Dies From Wounds. Greenwood.-From wounds received when he was accidentally shot while rabbit hunting the day after Christnas, Wesley Perry Vaughan, a 16year-old boy of Ninety-Six, died last week at his home. Death was due to week at his nome. Death was due to gangrene. Young Vaughan was accidentally shot by Wade Elkins, with whom he was hunting. As Elkins handed him a gun a shell exploded, the load passing through his right leg and entering the left leg. The wound was believed hot to be usrious at the time but became infected.

TARY OF HIGHWAY COMMIS-SION SHOW DECLINE.

More Motor Trucks in Richland County-Sale License Tags Amounted to \$741,144.79 For 1921.

Columbia. During the past year South Carolina had 83,349 automobiles and 7,197 trucks as compared with 93,843 automobiles and trucks in 1920, according to complete figures for the year just closed, compiled by L. H. Thomas, secretary of the state highway commission.

This total of 90,546 for the year is decrease from 1920 of 3.297 machines. A significant fact here also is that only 75,000 automobiles, auto trucks, motorcycles and bicycles were returned for taxation throughout the state in 1921, indicating that some machines are "missing in action" or fallen by the wayside.

Greenville county leads in the total egistration with 6,834 automobiles while Richland county comes second with 5,734 and Spartanburg is a close third with 5,518.

Richard leads with trucks, having 837 as compared with Charleston with 756. This county also takes first rank in the number of motorcycles with 188. Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Jasper have no motorcycles, accord-

ing to the registration figures. Only 59 trailers were registered during the year while 669 dealers procured licenses.

Total receipts from the sale of li ceuses for 1921 reached \$741,114.79. Of this figure \$587,056.07 went back to make a thorough survey of the to the countries under the 80 per cent state in regard to mission work and clause. All of this fund has already been distributed except the last quarboard The committee is as follows: ter total of \$5,525.98, which is being sent to the counties this week.

The average price for licenses was \$7.26 for automobiles and \$16.71 for

The county of Greenville leads in rieux of Columbia will co-operate with the amount received from the license collections under the eighty per cent The Woman's Missionary union disclause with \$49,552.38 returned to that cussed plans for the year's work and county while Richland comes second with \$46,186.43 and Spartanburg is for the Baptist assembly in Green third with \$39,226.46. Charleston ville in the summer and also to at drew a total of \$38.399.87 and Andertend the inter-racial conference which son \$36.099.64, while Orangeburg re-

Special from Sumter - Arrange. J. Hatcher of Johnston, Mrs. G. E. ments were completed here for a Davis of Orangeburg, Mrs. T. B. Clark- meeting to be held on January 21 for Hyde of Charleston, Mrs. E. W. Mas- soil improvement committee of Atters of Anderson and Mrs. W. L. Griggs lanta, spent the day here and at Manning arranging for meetings. These are to be part of a series to be held through the central part of the state, the first to be at Aiken January 16.

E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and A. E. Tisdals will have charge of planning for the meeting in Sumter. Dr. E. S. discussed, the subject having been in-troduced for the purpose of giving the Commerce, will preside. The meetplan indorsement. However, after the ing will be held at the court house siderable talk it was suggested that R. at 10 a. m. January 21.

At Manning plans were made for the meeting on January 23 at 10 a.m. C. R. Sprott, A. L. Luce and F. M. Shope, editor of the Manning Times, will assist in the plans.

Dr. George A. Maloney, government boll weevil expert of Tallulah, La., Dr. J. N. Harper, of Atlanta, and other prominent southern agriculturists will take part in each program.

Meetings to be held in South Carolina and the dates are as follows: Laurens.-City council has sold two Aiken, January 16; Blackville, January 17; Barnwell, January 17; Allendale, January 18; Denmark, January be used in sewerage, extension and 18; Orangeburg, January 19; St. Matthews January 20: Sumter, January 21; Manning, January 23; Bishopville, January 23; Florence, January 24; Darlington, January 24; Cheraw, January 26; Bennettsville, January 27; Dillon, January 27; Marion, January

State Gets Government Money.

Special from Washington.-Govern ment money amounting to \$7.533,073 was poured into South Carolina last year prior to January 1, as aid in the holding, moving, marketing and exportation of agricultural products. Announcement was made by the war finance corporation to Representative James F. Byrnes. The money was loaned through the local committee at Columbia. Mr. Byrnes was gratified to learn that South Carolina had received more than its pro rata share in consideration of cultivated acreage.

Gardner Quits National Guard. Upon his own request, the resignation of Capt. John H. Gardner, Company L. 118th infantry, S. C. N. G., Hartsville, was accepted by the arjutant general. First Lieut. Edwin L. Hughes, Company G. 118th Infantry, S. C. N. G., Greenville, was extended federal recognition. Capt. Ben. M. Sawyer, ordnance state staff corps and de-partment, was extended federal recegnition. Sergt. Norman J. Keisler ed second lieutenant of Company E, 118th infantry, S. C.

Personal Goods Increase in Value.

An increase of \$5,997,814 in the total value of all taxable personal property in South Carolina for 1921 over 1920 is reported in the abstracts of county auditors to the comptroller general. In 1920 the total value of all taxable personal property was \$176,-498,281, as against \$185,491,095 for the rear just closed, the returns of the auditors show.

The abstracts contain some interesting figures on personal property. The returns for 1921 show that South Carolina has 209,594 mules valued at \$12,612,725, as against 209,674 in 1920. at avalue of \$14,738,700. These figures indicate that the mule population slightly decreased during 1921.

A total of 70,183 horses was returned throughout the state and they were valued at \$3,722,861, as against 74,582 as a value of \$4,373,353. The horse population also decreased during the past year, according to the

As for donkies, jacks, ponies and colts, they seem to have disappeared rapidly, oaly 4,290 being returned for 1921, against 9,260 for 1920. The value of these donkeys, jacks, ponies and colts in 1921 was \$119,396, as compared with \$459,689 in 1920.

Cattle also decreased from 312.896 in 1920 to 290,725 for the year just closed. The value of cattle in 1920 was \$5,577,973, and in 1921 it was only \$4,455,970. Sheep and goats also lost out with

total for 1921 of 23,997 and a value of \$36,329, as compared with 31,951 in 1920 and a value of \$50,840. Hogs dropped considerably in num-

ber for the year with a total returned of 245,931 and a value of \$1,052,-110, as compared with 340,863 and a value of \$1,629,872 for 1920. Carriages, wagons, carts, buggles,

drays and trucks numbered 222,759 for the year just ended and were valued at \$3,640,929, as against a total of 241,528 and a value of \$4,633,597 Automobiles, auto trucks, motor-

cycles and bicycles jumped to 75.611 at a value of \$16,329,980, as compared with 63,510 at a value of \$15,137,236 for the year 1920. While this is a big increase, there are still a large number of motor vehicles. "missing," as the state highway department has licensed approximately 185,000 machines in the state for 1921, not including bicycles, and when this is considered it is noted that a considerable number of the motor vehicles must be out of commission, dead or absent without leave.

Only 7,321 gold or silver watches, ewelry and silver plate were returned at a value of \$213,280, which would indicate that very few gold watches are hanging around in nockets. In 1920 a total of 8,124 gold or silver watches, jewelry and silver plate was returned at a value of \$231. 304. For the past year Charleston reported the largest number, with 480, while Jasper tailed the list with

Household furniture was returned at a value of \$12,136,627, while the value of office furniture or shop equipment was given at \$794,715. Both these items were only slight decreases

Slow in Paying State Taxes.

State taves are being paid extremely slowly throughtent South Carolina, according to records of Sam T. Carter, state treasurer. Up to January 5 the treasurer had received only \$95,888.39 of 1921 taxes on a total assessment of \$5,429,887.20.

This amount is a decrease over the sum received last year up to the corresponding date, January 5. Through the close of 1920, December 31, a total of \$728,914.63 had been received and for the first five days of 1921 a total of \$595,841.89 was received on 1920 taxes.

For the first five days of 1922 a total of \$460,382.75 has been received on 1921 taxes. The tax books are open from October 15 to December 31 and then a penalty of 1 per cent is added. According to the figures of Mr. Carter the people of the state are not rushing to pay taxes. Mr. Carter said that the amount received so far on 1921 taxes was about 66 per cent of the figure received on the same date

last year. Last year the time for paying taxes and will keep a cotton field clear of was extended by the legislature and it is understood that a lot of people think an extension will be granted this year. A good deal of confusion and inconvenience was caused last year by the extension, according to state officials.

University Prepares For Swin. Jack Crawford has been chosen

coach of the first swimming team to be put out by the University of South Carolina and has taken charge of the squad of 30 candidates. Practice is being held daily at the Mills Y. M. C. A. A. pool is in preparation for the first South Carolina intercollegiate swimming meet, scheduled for January 18 at the mills pool. Four colleges have entered and the meet is expected to be a great success. Colleges entered are the Citadel, College of Charleston, Clemson and the university. sity.

Letters on Tax Program. C. W. Coker, president of the South

Carolina Taxpayers' association, and John I. Rice, secretary, are sending out letters to all the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in the state, Chambers of Commerce, commercial organizations of all kinds and to prominent citizens lalling their attention to the program of tax reform that the association is trying to put over and asking their co-operation in the work. Resolutions in favor of the progral will materially assist in getting the program through the distributore.

wide Organization and Work To Be Done.

Columbia.—Decision to call ings in every county in the state get the tax program of the state outh Carolina taxpayers' confer before the people and the appoint of various sub-committees to work to the tax program were the more portant actions reached by the cutive committee of the South C lina taxpayers' conference here. Thi committee was chosen at the st

wide tax meeting here December 14. Need for immediate action being apparent, the executive committee decided to hold meetings in each county in the state, and with that in view directed each member of the state executive committee to appoint a chairman of the counties in his district, who will be expected to arrange for and hold the meeting, at which meeting some one will explain to the taxpayers the program for their approval.

The program, which will be proposed to the legislature will suggest ways and means by which the state property tax may be reduced from 40 to 50 per cent, and at the same time equalize the burden of taxation, so, that the tax burden on property will be gradually reduced.

Acting under instructions from the Taxpayers' association, the executive committee is prepared to suggest to the taxpayers the following program for new sources of revenue: Gasoline tax, \$600,000; occupation tax, \$350,000; inheritance tax, \$250,000; increase in the corporation license tax, \$250,000; increase in the public service corporation franchise tax, \$300,-000; income tax, \$1,000,000, and luxury tax, \$150,000. If the general assembly will enact the above tax laws, it will produce approximately \$2,900,-000, the committee says.

The gasoline tax will be applied to road maintenance and will take the place of the two mill property tax for roads. The occupation tax will be placed on occupations and professions not otherwise taxed, such, for instance, as brokers, etc. A graduated inheritance tax, the details of which will be worked out by the legislature, will raise considerable revenue. An increase in the corporation license tax from one to two mills was recommended, and also an increase in the public service corporation franchise tax from three to five mills. The

committee favors a luxury tax. In studying the tax situation, the committee is convinced that one of the causes of complaint is due to the fact that the people themselves have voted special levies for local purposes, which, in many instances, far exceed the amount necessary for state, purposes. Therefore, the committee earnstly recommended most rigid

conomy in county expenditures.

Methods to Destroy Boll Weevil. od of ridding cotton of bol weevils has been proposed by a planter of this section. The plan has few complications, one merely feeds the weevils to the pheasants. Of course, the weevils and the pheasants must be brought together so that the latter may consume the former, but that is a mere detail, the originator of the

scheme declares. Using pheasants to rid cotton of boll weevils is not a mere idle dream. A practical farmer, a planter who knows how to turn the undeveloped resources of a farm into profit, has proposed the new scheme. He is Eugene Barmore, who, with his brother. R. L. Barmore, operates one of the most diversified and profitable plantations in this section. Their plantation is situated between Donalds and

Ware Shoals. English ringneck pheasants have been raised at a profit by Mr. Barmore for several years. The birds are easily raised and demand fancy prices as breeding stock, he says. The birds are ravenously fond of boll weevils the pests. By clipping the last joint of one wing, the birds are prevented from flying and may be kept in any field enclosed with woven wire, according to Mr. Barmore. They do not eat crops and both cotton and pheasants may be grown at a profit on the same land, the planter declares.

Bridge at Florence Competed.

Florence. - Supervisor Phillips at nounced that the iron bridge over Jeffreys creek on the concrete roadway between Timmonsville and Florence has been completed and that the road is now open for travel. The only point at which a detour must be made is at Lake Swamp, where a new bridge is being built. The road has been competed to within one mile of Timmonsville and travelers now have the advantage of hard surface roads for a distance of nine miles

Farmer Killed by Accider Belton-A distressing accident pened on the Pepper place, two west of here, which resulted later the death of Charles F. Taylor. seems Mr. Taylor was demon a stump-pulling machine wi lever broke and struck him in head, crushing his skull. He brought to Belton at once, where tors, after examing him, rushed him to the Anderson hospital: Shortly after his arrival there he died, having been unconscious from the time of the accident.