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GREAT BRITAIN NOW READY TO REPLY TO LAST GERMAN NOTES

British Will Prepare Reply to the Reparations Proposal and Submit It to Her Allies at Once.

WANT ACTION ON REPLY AT ONCE

Would Act Solely for Purpose of Pacifying Europe and Helping World to Get on Its Feet.

London, July 12 (By the Associated Press)—Great Britain has informed France and Italy that she is ready to assume the responsibility of preparing the draft of a reply to the German reparations note. The reply will be submitted to the allies with the least possible delay in the hope that they will agree to its terms.

Announcement to this effect was made by Prime Minister Baldwin in a statement to the House of Commons today on Great Britain's reparations policy.

The British government, he said, invites the sympathy of the allies and of all interested states for the proposal which aims solely at the pacification of Europe and the recovery of an exhausted world.

The French ambassador, who is said never to have attended a session of the House of Commons before, was in the front row today to hear Prime Minister Baldwin make his statement on the reparations question. With him were the Belgian, Italian and German ambassadors, and the foreign minister of Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Baldwin failed to state what the British proposals will be in the note the government intends framing, nor did he say anything in regard to an international commission to examine into Germany's capacity to pay.

Replying to questions by Ramsey MacDonald, the opposition leader, Premier Baldwin said the reply to Germany would be proceeded with forthwith. He would say tomorrow whether the reply was being communicated to the United States.

Commander Ken Worthy, liberal member of Hull, asked whether the government intended to approach the United States in the matter of reparations. Mr. Baldwin's reply was described by the reporters as inaudible, but it was later learned that he said he required consideration before answering.

THE THIRD CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Held at Washington, N. C., Under Auspices of State Orthopedic Hospital.

Washington, N. C., July 12.—The third clinic for crippled children to be in a town in North Carolina under the auspices of the State Orthopedic Hospital and the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was held here today in the office of Dr. John Williams, health officer for Beaufort county. Eight counties sent children to the clinic: Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Pamlico, Craven and Pitt.

Two preceding clinics of this kind have been held in Wilmington and Raleigh under the auspices of the hospital and the board of Public Welfare, and the fourth will be held in Wilson. Welfare officials state. These clinics in various towns are part of a plan to put the six hundred crippled children in North Carolina in touch with the Orthopedic Hospital. This large number of little cripples was discovered as a result of a state-wide census carried on last winter by the Board of Public Welfare and the Division of Rehabilitation.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline in Response to Improved Cables and Favorable Weather Report.

New York, July 12.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 4 to 11 points in response to Liverpool cables and a favorable report of the weather news. Notices were reported, but July eased off to 26.80 and active months generally sold 10 to 14 points net lower, after the call, with October declining to 23.58 under Wall Street and Southern selling. Trade interests were moderate buyers, however, and prices steadied up owing to the development of a firmer tone in New Orleans and reports that some of the private crop advices from Texas were becoming less favorable. October sold up three point net higher during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 26.92; Oct. 23.60; Dec. 23.13; Jan. 22.85; March 22.82.

Republican Convention May Go to Chicago.

Chicago, July 12.—The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago next June if Fred W. Upham, national treasurer, makes such a request of the executive committee, J. L. Babler, national committeeman from Missouri, said here today at a conference of national committeemen, chairmen and republican leaders from seven states.

Georgia Legislature to Stand by Constitution.

Atlanta, Ga., July 11.—Unanimous opposition to the bill of Representative Arnold to repeal the Georgia prohibition law was expressed today by the house temperance committee in voting to return an unfavorable report on the measure. There was no discussion preceding the adverse action of the committee.

Mrs. Harriett Stovall, of Wilmington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ray Hoover, on Georgia avenue.

GERMANY LOST 187 SUBMARINES IN WORLD WAR

With These 6,364 Men and 515 Officers Lost Their Lives.

Washington, July 12.—One hundred and seventy-eight German submarines were "lost in action" during the war, according to an official report just received by the Navy Department. The loss in personnel is given as 5,364, of whom 515 were officers. These figures are believed by officials here to be the first authentic information on this subject to be obtained. Four years were consumed, the author of the report asserts, in checking official records and interviewing members of the German admiralty who had charge of under-sea craft.

Depth charges accounted for 37 submarines fixed mines for 36, fights with enemy submarines 20, engine and other trouble 14, torpedo boats, destroyers and subchasers 13, accidental ramming eight, armed fishing craft six, airplane (bombing) six, and submarine nets six. Twenty-one submarines were demolished or otherwise disposed of to prevent their capture by the enemy. Three were sunk by regular patrol vessels of the enemy, hree by armed auxiliaries, wo by cruisers and two by artillery fire from the shore. One was sunk by a liner at the entrance to the British main base of Scapa Flow, the famous U-29 under Capt. Weddigen.

A chart accompanying the report shows that 56 of the under-sea boats were lost in the English channel, 26 in he North Sea, 16 in the Mediterranean, 16 on the East Coast of England, 12 off the Dutch Coast, three near Heligoland, two in Scapa Flow, and the remainder in far-separated spots in the world's oceans.

Of the boats interned before the German fleet was delivered to the allies, the report says, five were sold to Spain and two to Holland while 14 were demolished. Inspection of the boats of shipbuilding firms holding contracts showed that 281 submarines had been delivered and 197 were under construction when the armistice was signed.

CANNOT BAR DRINKING ON OUR SHIPS AT SEA

Sale is Forbidden, but Captains Are Declared Powerless to Interfere With Passengers.

Washington, July 12.—Reports of consumption of liquor stocks by passengers on board government owned ships have brought before the Shipping Board the question of its jurisdiction in the matter, with the resulting decision that its authority, as exercised through the ship's captain, does not run to the extent which would permit any interference with the passengers' actions.

It was indicated, however, that this decision might only be temporary and that steps would be taken to obtain a ruling on the question from the Department of Justice.

As the situation now stands the Board is convinced that a passenger on the Leviathan, for instance, is entirely within his rights when he produces the makings of a cocktail at his table in the dining saloon and acts as bartender to his companions.

The wide police powers, given to the commander of a ship under common law and international customs, it was declared by officials of the Boards, were materially curtailed by the LaFollette Act as they affected the crew, and almost obliterated so far as they concerned passengers beyond the point where the safety of ship and cargo is involved.

FIRPO AND WILLARD ARE PRIMED FOR BIG BOUT

Two Heavyweights Will Meet Tongiht in Picturesque Setting of Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Jresey City, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—Two modern gladiators, one from the prairies of Kansas, and the other from the far stretches of the Argentine, will stake their pugliistic futures tonight in a 12-round match in the picturesque setting of the arenat at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

For Jess Willard, the man mountain who held the championship of the world from 1915 to 1919 it will be the acid test in the come-back by which he hopes to obtain return match with his conqueror Jack Dempsey. For Firpo it will be the critical point in one of the most sensational careers in ring history. A stepping stone if he is victorious, to a chance at Dempsey's crown.

A colorful crowd of probably more than 70,000 fans including notables of society, business, public life and pugilism, men from all parts of the western hemisphere, were expected to witness the combat.

The advance ticket sales had passed the 35,000 mark last night and indications are that this figure would be more than doubled by the time the fistic program begins at 7:15 o'clock Eastern standard time.

Both fighters today were declared to be fit for the greatest efforts of their unusual careers and experts who weighed pro and con the rugged youth, punch and aggressiveness of Firpo against the generalship, power and gameness of Willard, regarded the outcome as a tossup. A Willard uppercut or a Firpo right swing, both of which have landed before with devastating effect may decide this issue.

JOHN A. MILLS DEAD IN BALTIMORE HOSPITAL

Was Prominent Citizen of Raleigh and Builder of Raleigh & Southport Railroad.

Raleigh, July 12.—John A. Mills, 65. Raleigh capitalist, manufacturer, and builder of the Raleigh & Southport railroad from Raleigh to Fayetteville, now a branch of the Norfolk Southern system, died this morning at 10:20 o'clock in a Baltimore hospital. His body will be brought to Raleigh tomorrow and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. Mills had been in a Baltimore hospital for the past several weeks suffering from complications of diseases. Members of his family were at his bedside when the end came.

The finest laces in the world are worth more than their weight in gold.

ONLY A SMALL LOSS OF NEGRO LABOR IN STATE

As Compared With Those of Other States—1,370 Negroes Have Left.

Raleigh, N. C., July 12.—Reports received from about 25 county agents of the state indicate that there has been only a small loss of negro labor from the farms in North Carolina as compared to losses from states farther South, B. W. Kilgore, Director of Extension Work of State College and the Department of Agriculture, announced today. Actual figures compiled from these reports show that 1,370 negroes have left farm work for the industrial centers of the North. Washington county, where 30 to 40 laborers are reported to be leaving each week, apparently is suffering most from a shortage of farm labor.

"Another phase affecting labor on the farm as shown by the agents reports," reads a statement of the Agricultural department, "is found in counties like Mecklenburg, where a number of the laborers going to Charlotte receive about $3 a day as compared with $1.25 that the farmer is able to pay. In counties adjoining Forsyth, County Agent George Evans reports that the farmer is forced to pay from $3.50 to $4.00 per day for common labor. To overcome this a number of farmers are clubbing together and doing their rush work by community effort.

"Another significant thing found by Dr. Kilgore, as a result of the survey, is that some counties report such labor as is lost is being replaced by other labor coming in from the states to the South. A. K. Robertson, of Wayne county reports that more laborers have come into his county from southern states than have left for Northern points. In Hertford and a number of other counties where considerable road building is being carried on, the competition for labor has also been hurtful to the farmer.

"On the whole, however, Dr. Kilgore finds that the farm agents do not seem to be very much alarmed about labor conditions in the various counties. A number of them believe that most of the migration northward is from the ranks of shiftless laborers largely from cities, and that in the end it will result in considerable good because of this class leaving, and further that farmers will soon begin to depend more and more on power machinery for doing farm work.

"Probably one of the most serious losses which the state is now experiencing is the leaving of young white men from the mountain farms for industrial sections. In Cherokee county some white labor has left, and about 25 to 30 white men are reported to have gone from Clay However, H. H. Ellis, County Agent of Cherokee county, states that more of them go to work in the cotton mills of Gaston county and to other mills in nearby sections than go to the north. In Wautauga county John B. Steele, County Agent, reports that about 200 white men have gone from this county to West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan this spring, but there has been no movement of negroes out of the county. In Polk county, J. R. Sams finds that a number of the young white men have left the county for northern cities.

"On the whole, however, with the exception of Washington county, there seems to be little concern among the farm agents as to the migration of negroes from this state. One agent notes that those leaving his section are paying their own way to some point in Virginia where they are given transportation funds from there on.

"The farm agents have done considerable work, however, to offset this migration. Director Kilgore states that under the leadership of C. R. Hudson, State Agent, a movement was inaugurated early in the year to have the negro agents to begin a campaign among their own people for living at home this year. The white agents were also instructed to assist in this campaign wherever possible and as a result more negroes in North Carolina are now growing their own food and feed supplies than ever before.

"One county agent, W. H. Barton, Richmond county, realizing what had happened in the states to the south where the boll weevil had done great damage, put on an intensive campaign for his live at home program. He enlisted the negroes in the project of the home garden, soil building and the use of legumes. He also reached the colored people in community groups and through the negro ministers, who arranged meetings at schoolhouses and churches. Mr. Barton filled several Sunday engagements at churches Sunday afternoons and found that the negroes responded well. In his county alone over 243 negroes were enrolled in garden work, and in a recent report Mr. C. R. Hudson stated that approximately 2,500 adult negroes had been enrolled in this work over the state as a whole."

Summarizing the reports, Dr. Kilgore said:

"I do not believe North Carolina has as yet suffered a severe loss of farm labor and it is gratifying to know that while a large part of the shiftless element has migrated, still the better class of laborers have realized that it is to their interest to remain on our farms. Those who are leaving are being replaced to some extent by other laborers from the states further south. Of the agents making a full report in this survey only the one in Washington county has noticed a severe loss from the farm and we feel justly proud that our program of work for the Agriculture of the State has had some good influence in this matter."

TRUE CHARGES AGAINST THREE LUMBERTON MEN

Charges Returned as Result of Alleged Flogging of Two Lumberton Women.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lumberton, N. C., July 12.—True bills charging Jule Brogden, Mike Lawson and John Hedgepeth with burglary and kidnapping were returned in Robeson Superior Court late yesterday as a result of the alleged flogging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Purvis at Proctorville last April.

The case probably will be called next Tuesday.

A honey bee will travel eight miles from its hive in search of honey.

PICTURE OF BANK BUILDING BEING ERECTED HERE

The above picture describes the handsome new building being erected here by the Cabarrus Savings Bank. Work on the structure has been underway for several weeks and favorable progress is being made. The building will be five stories in height and will be a modern one in every respect.

FIVE NEGROES DIE IN MINE ACCIDENT

Were 1,400 Feet Below Surface in An Alabama Mine Lose From Train. When Work Cars Broke

Birmingham, July 12.—Five men were killed and thirty-five were injured, seven seriously today, when a train of trip cars carrying the morning shift to work, parted in Slope mine No. 1 of the Sloss Sheffield Iron & Steel Company near Bessemer, Ala., according to reports compiled from hospitals and morgues where the dead and injured were removed. The dead and injured were all negroes.

The men were 1,400 feet below the surface when the coupling broke, according to reports received at the company office here. Twelve cars were loosened and they went hurling unchecked with their load of human freight for the remaining 800 feet. The cars struck the heading with a roar that was heard to the surface, timbers and battresses being smashed into splinters. A number of the injured were able to be removed to their homes after first aid had been applied.

Earlier Report.

Birmingham, Ala., July 12.—Word reached here today that several miners are reported to have been killed in an ore mine near Bessemer, Ala. All available ambulances were called from Bessemer.

First reports said a train of trip cars had run wild into a crowd of miners, most of whom were negroes.

Lightning Kills Three Maryland Soldiers.

Baltimore, July 11.—Three members of the Fifth regiment, Maryland national guard, in camp at Saunders Range, Anne Arundel county, were killed tonight when a bolt of lightning struck in a group of men. Ten soldiers were reported injured. The men were lounging about camp at the time, watching a severe thunderstorm that swept over that section of the county. The dead: Privates John Tracey, Russell Fowble and Arthur Rtherford, all of Baltimore. The injured: Privates Melvine Robinson, Washington, D. C.; Brekley Evans, W. W. Cover, W. Medley Joseph Bozzanowicz, I. Cohen, K. Frank, E. Valley, George Heistman, Richard Hall, E. Gliss, M. Funkhausen, W. Green and G. Cover, all of Balimore.

Accounts of showers of fishes, according to one scientist, are not necessarily "fish stories." He says such falls of fishes from the sky may be caused by high winds, whirlwinds and waterspouts that draw up the fishes from the water and then let them drop as their force is spent.

HARDING JOINS THE ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD

Promises on Oath Never to Mistreat Either a Dog or Horse as Required by the Laws of Brotherhood.

Aboard U. S. S. Henderson with President Harding, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding has bound himself by an oath never to mistreat either a dog or a horse.

The obligation to be kind to both these animals was part of an oath taken by the President yesterday at Skagway, when he became a member of the Arctic Brotherhood. He today confided the oath in part to Mrs. Harding, who in turn informed members of the Presidential party. The Chief Executive from boyhood has loved animals and his enthusiasm over the Brotherhood's purpose to protect them caused him to tell his wife about it.

The Brotherhood was organized on the steamer Seattle by gold prospectors who use and love horses and dogs and in the North is said to have caused inclusion in the ritual of a clause requiring kindness to these animals.

The President was today on the open waters of the Pacific Ocean, having passed through Icy Straits and Cross Sound into the Gulf of Alaska en route to Seward, where he is due Friday afternoon. The Chief Executive addressed the people of Skagway briefly yesterday.

DAWSON IS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED J. D. NORWOOD

The Kinston Attorney Will Fit in With All Factions of the Party.

Raleigh, July 11.—With a woman presiding for the first time in history, the state Democratic Executive Committee tonight received the resignation of Chairman J. D. Norwood, of Salisbury, and elected as his successor John G. Dawson, of Kinston, speaker of the last house of representatives. Mr. Dawson was elected by acclimation.

Miss Mary Henderson, of Salisbury, as vice chairman, opened the meeting of the committee, and presided until Mr. Dawson had been designatd as the chairman. Her presence in the chair brought numerous complimentary remarks as to the charming manner in which she filled the position. Miss Henderson was exceptionally active at headquarters of the state committee in the last campaign.

Governor Morrison Motoring to Raleigh to Hear Pardons.

Asheville, July 11.—Governor Cameron Morrison will leave here tomorrow morning for a short visit to Raleigh.

While in Raleigh he will consider several peitions for pardons and executive elemency. The trip will be made by automobile.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press.)

The cotton manufacturing industry in North Carolina used in 1912, 328,407,879 pounds of the raw product. In 1921-22 the amount used was 531,768,116 pounds. Figured in bales of 500 pounds each this is 1,063,536 bales of cotton.

The percentage of increase in the use of the raw product in this industry is relatively greater than that of any other state engaged in the cotton goods industry.

In 1912, 3,321,426 spindles were employed in the cotton mills of the state; in 1922 this number had increased to 5,605,102. Looms in use in 1912 were 58,961; in 1922, 74,740.

The spindle increase in North Carolina mills has been for each successive year since 1912 greater than that in any other state in the Union. The rate of increase since 1915 is 44 per cent.

In proportion the value of fine yarns manufactured in the state is greater in value than that made in any other state. In the value of ticks and denims the state leads the nation.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SMITH HELD LATE YESTERDAY

Services at Church Friends of Deceased in Oakwood Cemetery.

State Library

The funeral of Mrs. T. W. Smith, who died Tuesday morning at her home here, was held yesterday afternoon at five o'clock at Central Methodist Church, of which the deceased was an active member for many years. The services were attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased.

The services at the Church were very brief. Two lessons, one read by Rev. Mr. Peyton, of Winnsboro, S. C., pastor of Mrs. U. G. DesPortes, and the other by Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, preceded a short service conducted by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the deceased who had charge of the services. A choir composed of Mrs. C. B. Wagoner, Mrs. Lloyd McKay, Miss Virginia Smoot, S. Kay Patterson and Allen D. Prindell, sang two hymns at the Church. At the grave the Methodist ritual was used by Mr. Jenkins and the service was concluded with a prayer by Mr. Peyton.

Many beautiful and handsome floral designs, sent as last tokens of love by friends of the deceased, covered the grave.

The pall bearers were: R. A. Brower, T. T. Smith, N. A. Archibald, D. L. Bost, L. D. Coltrane, P. B. Fetzer, C. A. Isenhour and J. B. Sherrill.

The following from Winnsboro came to attend the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. DesPortes, Mrs. A. E. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Peyton, Miss Mollie McMaster, Mrs. G. A. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Julien Lipscomb, Mr. J. M. Lyles, Mr. R. F. McDowell, Mr. Rudolph Johnstone.

AUTOIST GOES TO PEN FOR KILLING A WOMAN

John Talbert, Stanly County, Ran Over Miss Shellie Atkins Last May 11th.

Albemarle, July 11.—An inactive sentence, with a selfstarter, was passed by Judge Stack in Superior court here today on three boys who plead guilty of forging checks.

The case is unique in that Judge Stack passed a sentence of two years on the chain gang on the boys and required them to appear 12 months from now and show that they have attended a full session of school, and required the parents of each of the boys to place with the clerk of the Superior Court the sum of $300 for one boy and $200 for each of the others, to be forfeited if the parents fail to send the boys to school, and the suspended road sentence to take effect if the boys fail to attend school.

Charles Tatum, negro, plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter and was given an indeterminate sentence from two to three years in the penitentiary.

Gorge Massey, negro, submitted to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to a term of from six to eight years in the penitentiary.

Charles Neal, negro, submitted to a charge of second degree murder and was given a sentence of 15 years in the penitentiary.

The case that has created, perhaps, the most interest of the court, was that of John Tabert, white man of Palestine, who was tried on a charge of murder in the second degree, in having caused the death of Miss Shellie Atkins at a school closing May 11. He was found guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced by Judge Stack to an indeterminate sentence of from two to three years in the penitentiary. Tabert has a family of a wife and three children and is a member of a large family, a son of D. S. Talbert, well known citizen of the county.

This is the first conviction of a person in Stanly county for killing another with an automobile.

The case of J. J. Efird, charged with a statutory offense, which is creating a great deal of interest, is set for trial tomorrow, and a special venire of 50 men has been summoned to be present at the opening of court in the morning. This case will likely consume the rest of the week. The other cases of importance have been disposed of.

KENNETH M. EYLAND COMMITS SUICIDE

Members of His Family Declare He Had Been Despondent For Several Weeks.

Orange, N. J., July 12.—Kenneth M. Eyland, a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, committed suicide at the home of his sister here today by shooting himself through the head. His sister told the police Eyland had been despondent for some time because of business troubles. Eyland's two children were asleep in the house when the father took his life.

Bud Lippard Gets Another Eighteen Months in Jail.

Newton, July 11.—The case of Bud Lippard, who has been confined in the county jail for the last month, where he is serving the unexpired sentence of four months for violation of the liquor laws, was called in court this week and the defendant plead guilty to violating prohibition law again. Through his counsel, W. A. Self, J. H. Burke, L. F. Kluttz and Wilson Warlick, the defendant introduced evidence that he was not in a physical condition to serve a jail sentence much less a chain gang sentence. Drs. Campbell, Long and Shipp advised that he could not be properly treated for his ailment in jail and that he should go to a hospital. Judge Webb, however, sentenced him to 18 months in the Catawba county jail.

"Aunt Minerva" Wilson Dies in Her 115th Year.

York, S. C., July 11.—"Aunt Minerva" Wilson, negro, 115 years of age, the oldest person in York county, died at her home near York today. All of her 13 children are dead, but she is survived by scores of grand-children, great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. She was alert in mind and agile in muscle up to a few weeks ago.

Cheaper Rates on Hogs.

Washington, July 12.—Railroads were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to reduce by from five per cent. to 7 per cent. rates on hogs grown in Southeastern states, and destined to packing plants in and around Fort Worth, Texas.

ANNUAL PARADE OF ELKS BRINGS THEIR MEETING TO CLOSE

About Eight Thousand Members of Order Took Part in Parade Over Several of Principal Atlanta Streets.

CAROLINA LODGES WERE REPRESENTED

At Last Session of the Grand Lodge New Officers Chosen Tuesday Were Installed to Serve Next Year.

Atlanta, Ga., July 12.—The Elks tribes literally overran Atlanta today. It was the occasion of their grand annual parade, the closing event of their 1923 Grand Lodge convention and reunion and thousands of members of the order with their two score bands, drum corps and other musicians, their picturesque floats and uniforms of purple and white received ovation after ovation as they marched block after block through the heart of the city.

After the last session of the grand lodge at which the new Exalted Ruler Jas. G. McFarland, of South Dakota, and other grand officers were installed, the parade was the principal feature of the day.

Approximately 8,000 persons were in line and presented a brilliant spectacle as they passed through the streets past the reviewing stand erected in front of the city hall. In the line of march from southern lodges were included delegations from Charlotte, N. C., and Winston-Salem, N. C.

GOVERNOR PEAY SAYS THIS STATE IS FINE

Has Been Delighted With Visit.—Pays a High Tribute to Several Public Officials of the State.

High Point, July 12.—Governor Austin Peay, of Tennessee, who has been studying this state's highway system, spent last night in High Point and left at 10 a. m. today for Mt. Airy. He expects to return to Tennesse this afternoon.

"We are leaving North Carolina after a most delightful visit," Governor Peay said before leaving High Point today. "We are deeply grateful for the cordial welcome and courteous reception which we have received at all points. Your state is achieving remarkable industrial progress. Its government is in excellent hands. Governor Morrison is a man of great force and high qualities and his statesmanship and far-seeing judgment are evident on all sides."

Governor Peay said North Carolina was fortunate in having Frank Page as chairman of the State Highway Commission.

"His talent for organization and leadership and his genius is everlastingly stamped on your state in the wonderful road system which has come into existence through his direction. We are going home with information and inspiration which will surely be reflected in newer and broader development in Tennessee."

AUDITORS' REPORT NOT WORRYING GOVERNOR

He Says He Feels Sure State's Finances All Things Considered, Are in Good Shape.

Asheville, July 12.—Governor Morrison is not worried over the result of the audit of the state's finances, whatever they might be, he announced this morning before leaving Asheville for Raleigh to complete unfinished business needing his attention.

The Governor said he was not particularly interested in the audit report which is now ready for the legislative committee in charge of the investigation ordered by the lawmakers some months ago and just completed. His principal purpose in going to Raleigh, he stated, is not to be there when the committee gets the audit report, but to attend to business he left undone when he first came to Asheville. He riterated the opinion formerly expressed that there is no state deficit if all elements that enter into a true statement of the financial conditions are taken into consideration.

State Moonshiners List 111 Stills During Month of June.

Salisbury, July 11.—North Carolina moonshiners lost exactly 111 illicit distilleries; 1,234 gallons of rum, 67,925 gallons of malt liquor, 17 automobiles and property valued at $30,000 during he month of June, according to the report of activities of federal prohibition agents in the state, issued this morning by State Director R. D. Coltrane, who has headquarters here.

Sixty arrests were made and 133 prosecutions recommended. The mixture of liquor and property during June was slightly smaller than either April or May.

Break in Price of Wheat Blow to Tariff Boosters.

Washington, July 11.—The break in the price of wheat, sending the price below the dollar mark, is a great blow to Republican prosperity. G. O. P. leaders here today are sick over the drop. They realize just what the wheat growers will say. Senator Simmons' warning about the profiteers tariff is coming true every day. Democrats do not rejoice in the slump in wheat, but they are glad to disprove the old guard tariff argument. From every political platform in the country the Democratic orators will remind their opponents of the day that wheat went below a dollar.

Little Miss Mary McKay is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Goodman, on Spring street.