

COST COLLECTION AUTO TAXES LESS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT SHOWS DECREASE OF \$48,007.02 SINCE TRANSFER.

Raleigh. A net increase in the expense of collection of the State Highway Funds and State Auto Theft Funds of \$48,007.02 was announced for the five months of April 1 to August 31, 1925, over the same period during 1924 by the State Department of Revenue. During the five months of this year total collections increased \$1,725,676.35 over the same period last year.

The five months period covers the time during the present year since the transfer of the duties of collection from the Department of State to the Department of Revenue.

The only increase in expense shown is in the Auto Theft Fund where an increase of \$21,758.87. This increase is explained by the statement that during the five months covered in 1924 no expense of the Auto Theft Bureau was charged against the fund except the salaries of inspectors. This year the total expense of the bureau is charged against the fund.

With collections for the Highway Fund from gas and automobile licenses taxes amounting to \$7,248,664.45 this year as against \$5,536,259.88 last year, the collections for this fund show an increase of \$1,712,404.57. Theft fund collections increased from \$78,746.49 during the period in 1924 to \$92,618.25 during the period in 1925, an increase of \$13,871.76.

Expenses in the collection of the Highway Fund dropped from \$243,491.61 in 1924 to \$173,825.72 in 1925, decrease of \$69,665.89. Expenses of collection of the Theft Fund increased from \$17,965.49 in 1924 to \$39,724.56 in 1925, an increase of \$21,758.87.

Adopt Uniform Fertilizer Tag.

Announcement of adoption of a uniform fertilizer source tag for North and South Carolina was made by Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham.

The agreement, which was entered into by Mr. Graham and Dr. H. M. Stackhouse, of the South Carolina fertilizer board, follows adoption of a resolution adopted by fertilizer manufacturers doing business in this state at a recent meeting called by Mr. Graham. The resolution asked that such an agreement between the two states be reached.

In announcing adoption of the uniform fertilizer source tag for the two states Mr. Graham stated the tag would read as follows:

"Mineral nitrogen (or ammonia equivalent) 66 per cent of the total derived from nitrogen of soda, sulfate of ammonia.

"Organic nitrogen (or ammonia equivalent) 40 per cent of the total derived from fish scrap, cotton seed meal, dried blood.

"Potash for manure salts, kainit." The tag, as outlined above, the commissioner stated, is simply a typical tag and is not to be construed as limiting the manufacturers in their sources or in the ratio between the mineral and organic nitrogen.

While no advertising matter may be carried on the tag, Mr. Graham said whether the name of the firm in each instance should appear would be optional with that individual firm. Only ingredients used in the fertilizer would be permitted on source tag, he emphasized. He added, however, that "if any manufacturer should temporarily run out of any ingredient, a substitute of equal agricultural value may be used, provided this office is notified and approval given.

The matter of rigidly enforcing the 1923 amendment to the state fertilizer law relating to source tags has claimed Mr. Graham's attention for some time.

State Leads in Electric Power.

North Carolina stands first with South Carolina a close second among the South Atlantic States in the development of electric power, according to an investigation just completed by the United States Geological Survey.

Figures compiled by the federal bureau show that the horsepower capacity of North Carolina developments amount to 534,600, South Carolina 507,215, Georgia 394,784, and Virginia 117,869. In 1924 the horsepower capacity of North Carolina was 431,500, South Carolina 357,510 and Virginia 109,798.

Of noteworthy significance is the statement by the bureau that the South Atlantic States are making more progress in power development than the New England group of states which formerly led in that field of enterprise.

Raleigh Leads in Workers Placed.

Raleigh led all the branch offices of the State and Federal Employment Service in North Carolina during the week ending September 19 with jobs found for 273 workers, according to a report made public by the State Department of Labor and Printing. Jobs were found for 865 workers through out the State.

The increase in the placements through the Raleigh office is due largely to the organization of the mobile army of cotton pickers to help in harvesting the crop.

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

The leaders of the assembly of the league of nations, including the representatives of Great Britain and France have reached an accord regarding a future disarmament conference, preparations for which will be begun immediately. But the council of the league of nations will be permitted to decide the moment when preparations for an international economic conference shall be started.

The question of whether the United States is to be invited to send experts to Geneva to aid in the technical preparations for the league of nations disarmament conference on the holding of which the leaders of the assembly of the league, including the delegates of Great Britain and France, have at last reached an accord, and whether Americans will sit on the "study commission" still remains unanswered.

The council of the league of nations was scored sharply by the London Times and several other London papers for the decision to refer the dispute between England and Turkey over the Mosul region of Mesopotamia to the world court of justice at The Hague.

Adam died of the gout, says an ancient document held by the Herald's College of London. The document, the origin of which is unknown, but which was written in the sixteenth century, professes to trace the genealogy of the Saxon kings back to Adam and Eve.

His royal highness, Emir Ghazal, the 12-year-old crown prince of Iraq, is coming to the United States to enter the American university accompanied by his nurse and his business manager. He will arrive in this country about October 5th.

The American colony of Paris is not alone in mourning the passing of Paul Bartlett, noted American sculptor who succumbed to septicemia, resulting from a slight injury received on a recent fishing trip in the forest of Ardennes.

The American aviators of the Sherifian squadron are not worried by the United States state department's ruling that they are violating the laws of the United States.

A new decree has been enacted in the state of Zabaico imposing a tax on all persons who smoke in public, or appear in public in an intoxicated condition in that Mexican burg.

The prince of Wales, who has been marooned for several days by a snow-storm in Chile, has gone to Argentina. It is expected that he will sail for home shortly.

Washington—

The retail price of every important article of food has risen perceptibly since this time last year. A report made by the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor on the cost of living shows these advances from July, 1924, to July, 1925, the comparisons given in percentages: Round steak, 5; rib roast, 4; chuck roast, 7; plate beef, 7; pork chops, 29; bacon, 34; ham, 22; lamb, leg of, 2; hens, 4; salmon, canned red, 1; milk, fresh, 2; milk, evaporated, 2.

The program for prohibition enforcement being developed by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury has reached the state where a pronouncement of a new federal policy may be expected to be made soon. It will delineate the work which the federal government will attempt to do and will emphasize that part of the enforcement to be left entirely to state and local authorities.

No steps toward construction of a new dirigible are contemplated by President Coolidge pending the outcome of inquiry now in progress at Lakehurst into the wreck of the Shenandoah. The president does not expect, however, that the inquiry will reveal such difficulties in dirigible building as to convince the government it should abandon such construction.

M. L. Heide of New York, who related in his income tax report for 1919 that he had lost \$2,770.60 playing bridge whist, lost his appeal to have that sum exempted from tax.

Two stitches in his heart, which had been punctured by a pair of scissors in a fall, saved the life of Melvin Jones—5-year-old boy—in Washington the other day.

Negotiations for funding France's four billion dollar war debt to this country, the largest outstanding obligation, will begin here with the two commissions closely understanding the viewpoints of each other and with prospects of an early settlement, perhaps within a week or ten days.

President Coolidge has the utmost confidence in Chairman O'Connor of the shipping board, it is said officially at the white house, and published reports showing that he may seek the chairman's resignations are without foundation.

After having forfeited collateral bond of \$35 Nathan D. Smith of Baltimore, whose automobile narrowly missed hitting President Coolidge, had the forfeiture set aside, stood trial and was fined \$35. Smith appeared in court personally a short time after his case had been called and the bond ordered forfeited because of his tardiness.

Convinced that there is no likelihood of favorable congressional action on the administration's reorganization bill, Senator Edge, Republican New Jersey, said, after a conference with President Coolidge, that he would offer a proposal to give the executive wider powers in effecting consolidation and transfers of government bureaus.

Friction over the government's air policies, already revealed before the president's aircraft inquiry board as existing between the army and navy was shown to extend to administration officers of the navy property and its air service in the testimony introduced.

The rigid bar against alien Communists in the United States has raised a delicate question regarding Russian soviet commercial agents, avowed Communists, who are in this country doing business on a large scale.

As a result of nearly being run down by an automobile recently, President Coolidge has secured the services of a traffic "scout" to protect him on his strolls about the capital. The scout is a bicycle policeman.

Downward revision of the total of the French debt to the United States through recalculation of accrued interest charges now appear likely to take place in the forthcoming negotiations for a funding settlement.

Domestic—

At Chicago, disinterment of the skeleton in the graveyard of Leonard Wood's presidential campaign of 1920, started when trial was begun in federal court of the suit of William Cooper Proctor, Cincinnati soap manufacturer, against Col. A. A. Sprague, of Chicago, commission of Chicago public work, for fifty thousand dollars.

The kind of liquor produced by prohibition is blamed for one of the most cruel and sordid murders that New York has known for some time. It was a bottle containing this stuff that George Semenuk beat Mrs. Sophie Polaski about the head before he pushed her body into the roaring furnace, in which she died.

John J. McNamara, 40-year-old business agent of a local iron workers union, again faces imprisonment at Indianapolis, Ind., as a result of a labor dispute. He is charged with having threatened a workman of another craft employed on the new Elks building, finally driving him from the job.

Harrison W. Noel, Montclair, N. J., youth charged with kidnaping and killing 6-year-old Mary Day and killing Raymond Pierce, negro chauffeur, is sane enough to plead to the indictments, Judge Calfrey ruled.

The cause of the death of Mrs. Herbert E. Richardson, whose body was found in her apartment in Richmond, Va., several days ago, has not yet been ascertained, but it is thought that she died from poisoning.

Sheriff Orville Litchfield of Marshall county and John Leonard, chief of police of Toluca, Ill., were shot and killed by Joseph Spentax, a former coal miner, whom the officers were trying to arrest.

Flames, starting in the Vernon club in Tijuana, Calif., swept through an entire block that included some of the best known resorts in the border city, causing a loss of approximately a million dollars.

United States District Attorney Buckner announces that hereafter he will seek the deportation of all aliens found guilty of violating the prohibition law, New York newspapers say.

Maj. Leroy Hammond of Mount Pleasant, Tenn., is the new commander of the Tennessee department of the American Legion, elected at the annual convention held at Nashville.

Richmond, Va., was selected as the convention city for the biennial session of the patriotic order, Sons of America, which was recently in session at Salisbury, N. C.

Col. William Mitchell, who has been relieved of the command of the eighth corps area, is on his way to Washington, where he will testify before the aircraft inquiry.

Business is halted while the little town of Toluca, Ill., 800 inhabitants, is vigorously pressing a man hunt for Joseph Stomas, 80-year-old crazed miner, who already has killed two peace officers.

Alfred Cotton Bedford, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, died of heart disease at his home in East Norwich, L. I.

Dr. W. F. Hocking of Devils Lake, N. D., was elected president of the American Dental association at its opening session at Louisville, Ky.

The sum of more than ten million francs donated by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of New York City, for the restoration of the palace of Versailles, France, will be utilized in the destruction of microscope mushroom which is raving the woodwork of the beautiful halls and state chambers.

At New Albany, Miss., it is announced by the newspapers that quiet prevails throughout Union county with normal conditions restored in the wake of the lynching near Rockford of the negro Ivy, a timber cutter. No further disorder is anticipated.

FAMOUS VIOLIN FOUND IN VAULT

Thuringia Gets "Strad" After Long Litigation.

Weimar.—A famous Stradivarius violin, made for years in a safe-deposit vault, recently passed definitely into the possession of the Thuringian government, which had been bequeathed the instrument but was later sued for its recovery by heirs of the donor. The litigation continued many years.

Famous offers made for the Stradivarius led the heirs to start suit on the strength of a clause in the will of the donor, Concertmaster Koempel of the Weimar Court theater, that they should have an option on the purchase of the violin whenever it was offered for sale. The heirs rejected one compromise made by a lower court and appealed to the Supreme court, which refused their claim.

Herr Koempel, who was the favorite pupil of Ludwig Spohr, had first given his beloved instrument to the Thuringian Asylum for the Blind, a government institution, but now it has been entrusted to the care of Professor Reitz, present concertmaster of the German National theater of Weimar.

SAM HOUSTON STATUE



Lifting into place the bronze statue of Gen. Sam Houston which was unveiled the other day in Houston, Texas. It is the work of Enrico Cerrachio and is the second largest equestrian statue in the United States.

Suit Lasts 23 Years

Westport, Md.—Wearing one suit of clothes 23 years is the record of J. R. Whit, a farmer of Swanton, Garrett county, Md. He appeared in a clothing store here, where the purchase was made in April, 1902, and was presented with a new coat and vest for the old.

One Arrest a Year

Los Angeles.—One arrest a year for the last five years is the record made by the police department at Lake Arrowhead. The village is idyllic and cozy. A movement has been started by the Lake Arrowhead canoe club to use the jail as its headquarters.

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