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# RAIL LABOR BOD' TO RUSH DECISION

Text of Message Not Given Out, But Said To Be of "Force-

## TRAINMEN'S CHIEFTAIN

Secretary Wilson, of Labor De-Determination of Wage of the delegates.

ently requested by President Wilson to expedite its wage decision.

The President's message resulted from the general unrest among railroad workers over the wage question and the walk-out of yardmen and other employes at Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities. Its text was not made public, but nofficially it was described as being of a "forceful character."

Soon after the White House announce ment of the President's action, W. N. Doak, vice president of the Brotherhood Trainmen, issued a warning that unless there was a settlement of the new year old controversy by the end of week, the situation would be much

worse than at present.

Method Hopeless Failure.

The Railroad Labor Board, Mr. Doals said, "is wholly responsible for the pres-ent bad situation." He added that the chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods de-sired the public to know "that this much heralded and much advocated method of adjusting questions of this character, ac cording to present indications, is a rank

and hopeless failure.'
At the same time Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, declared in a

would be a great victory for them and their official spokesmen "if they continue to exercise the same patience and the same courage until the Railroad La-bor Board has reached a decision, which everybody hopes will be at an early

Mr. Doak, in his statement, said the railroad labor organizations had done everything reasonable to keep transportation moving and that they were now manner in preventing workmen from that they knew well that the men must fore their efforts could be successful. The Railroad Labor Board, he con-

had been told of the seriousness was fixed at \$1,000 of the situation and urged and pleaded with to meet the wage question, but "they apparently are not alive to their duties and responsibilities."

Secretary Wilson, in making public is statement, denied that the railroad strike had been discussed at the meeting of the eabinet with President Wilson yesterday, or that action on the strike was delayed after he had declared that the situation was so improved that steps by the government were unnecessary.

After the cabinet meeting, Secretary Payne, who now is head of the Railroad Administration, stated in the presence of Secretary Wilson that he had made a report to the President on the strike situation, but that no action was taker after Secretary Wilson had stated that the situation was improving.

# CHARTERED LIFE SAVING

Raleigh was given the privilege of having a chartered Swimming and Life Saving Corps last week when eleven men qualified in the swimming and life sav- Chapel Hill, June 23:—The entire ing classes of the Y. M. C. A. At a tusiness section of Chapel Hill was meeting with the physical director the threatened by fire early this morning, first of the week, a Life Saving Corps the flames destroying five frame store consisting of the following officers and buildings and causing a loss estimated members was organized: Mr. W. H. at \$35,000, partially covered by insur-Rhodes, president; Mr. J. J. Summerell, once. Desperate fire fighting by the Shodes, president; Mr. E. R. Betts, secre- local department, supplemented by a tary, and Messrs. A. B. Corey, L. M. reel cart from Durham, which raced Jones, E. B. Haywood, L. C. Mass, Cecil across country in record time, and by Stearns, James C. Cralk and Dalo Menks. Mr. Rhodes, the president, will teach of North Carolina prevented the blaze swimming to those who do not know how from spreading to adjoining structures. to swim, the class meeting every Thurs. The destroyed establishments incl day night at 8:45 o'clock, beginning next Pendergraft's grocery store, Gooch's Thursday night a week, July 1. Any cafe, Peace's barber shop, a store room other persons who feel that they can used by the A. A. Kluttz company, other qualify will be given the opportunity to store rooms used by students, profesdo so, however, the main efforts at pres-ent will be to teach men to swim who can not swim at all or who swim very and art shop. The stock of the book

#### SOLDIERS ARE WARNED TO RENEW INSURANCE

Attention is called by the Raleigh Lindsay and W. L. Tankersley. chapter of the American Red Cross to ed their policies to lapse but under the other, offered easy prey.

liberal terms of the government will be Hundreds of teachers, who had ar-

The Red Cross here sends out the fol-

#### CENSUS OF PHILADELPHIA

Washington, June 23 .- The census support. bureau tonight announced the census of Philadelphia as 1.523,168. This représenta an increase during the past decade shy Gooch's cafe, where many generations of 174,150, or 17.7 per cent, according to

## SEN. JOHNSON AT LAST

Declares He Is Not Downcast Over Result of The Republican Convention

Speramento, Cal., June 23 .- Speaking publicly for the first time since the Republican convention in Chicago, Senator Hiram Johnson today teld a few hundred of his home town people, who greeted him at the Southern Pacific depot, that he was not downcast over the result.

RAINMEN'S CHIEFTAIN

WARNS AGAINST DELAY

Coretary Wilson, of Labor Department, Also Urges Labor

Board To Come To Speedier

Determination

the result.

Benator Johnson was en route to his home in San Francisce. In response to an enthusiastic reception given him and the crica of "speech," he said.

"Don't ignagine I am cast down by the result of the convention," he said.

"I am happier than ever before. I started the campaign on a shoe-string and when I got through I had the people of the United States with me, even though I could not win the majority.

Questions Before It; Says

"I went into the fight in one fashion and came out in the same fashion. I made no compromise, but fought to the last ditch.

Washington, June 23.—The Railroad s few politicians sitting in the Black-atone hotel in Chicago said: The people ently requested by President Wilson to when the pepole will come into their

> "The future will find me atured and as full of fight as ever, and determined that in time to come the people shall rule instead of a few men and international bankers sitting in New York.

"Politics is behind me for the time being. I won't discuss or deal with it the junior Senator does.
until I have had a little enjoyment in It is all on account o
dear Old California." G. L. Johnson, the Senator's aged father was the first to greet him.

# CONSPIRACY CASE INVOLVES MURPH

#### Leader of Tammany Hall and Five Others Indicted On Charges To Defraud

The labor secretary said the railroad Louis N. Harteg, a wealthy manufact-workers had been "extremely patient urer, through eri al prosecution, was under manifold difficulties" and that it announced here today. The indictments. which were returned secretly by the extraordinary grand jury yesterday, came as a great surprise Murphy is now on his way to Democratic National coave

Others indicated with Murphy wer Assistant District Attorney James B. Smith, one of the central figures in "vice war" between the district attorney's office and the police departtation moving and that they were now ment; John A. McCarthy, former busi-considering means to assist in every ness partner of John Murphy, brother of the Tammany leader; Arthur J. leaving the service of the railroads, but Baldwin, a lawyer; Ernest B. Walden, vice-president of the Corn Products be given substantial pay increases be- Company and the Corn Products Company itself. Bail for each defendent

> Charges Against Murphy. Murphy is charged, among other things, with trying to intimidate Hartog into settling a \$10,000,000 damage buit brought against the Tammany leader after the latter is alleged to have withdrawn promised financial support in a glucose product firm in which Hartog was interested. The indictment alleges that Murphy threatened to accuse Hartog of arson, to ex pose to his wife his alleged secret re-

lations with another woman, send him to jail for offenses he did not commit and ruin his business. Hartog, the indictment sets forth (Continued on Page Two.)

#### \$35.000 FIRE IN CHAPEL HILL BUSINESS DISTRICT

CORPS ORGANIZED HERE Five Frame Store Buildings, In cluding Gooch's Cafe, Are Destroyed

> store was saved by university students who formed in lines and carried out the last ink bottle and case of pencils. The buildings, all built of wood, were owned by R. L. Strowd, the Chapel Hill Insurance and Realty Company, Mrs. C. L.

Flames were shooting high in the air all ex-service men carrying government from the rear of Pendergraft's store insurance that the closing time for re- when the fire was discovered shortly insurance that the the thand. Thousands after 4 o'clock this morning. The old of men all over the country have allow- row of frame buildings, adjoining each

allowed to reinstate them up until rived the day before to aftend the summer school, poured out of the university dormitories in every stage of dress lowing warning: "Attention, soldiers—
and undress when the slarm sounded,
This is the zero hour for War Risk Inbut university buildings were not surance. Have you reinstated yours! but university buildings were not threatened. The teachers, however, lined up along Franklin street watching the fire, and backed up the efforts of the IS ANNOUNCED A 1,823,158. fighters, both professional and amateur, with at least enthusiastic moral

# BREAKS LONG SILENCE GARDNER MESSAGE S MUCH SOUGHT FO JOOO IN BONDS

gram To Show Gardner Was Strong Suffragist

#### **OVERMAN OFFICES NOT** CERTAIN ABOUT MATTER

Fred J. Coxe, Morrison Supporter, Fails To Get Hold of Elusive Message of Lieutenant Governor Urging Junior Senator To Give Necessary Vote For Suffrage

the junior Senator does.

It is all on account of that clusive provements to which the proceeds message which several folks say Lieutenant-Governor Max Gardner and

Wadesboro, who promised the Ansonto them to show just how Mr. Gardner stands on suffrage, can't get his hands on it and the positive proof must come from the Western Union offices. Sure Telegram Was Sent

There is no flat denial at the Over New York, June 23.—Indictment of mass offices about receipt of the telegrand had had a big task to perform, it could "render no better public service Hall, and five others on charges of in the existing situation than by coming to a speedler determination of the questions at issue before it."

The labor receipt of the telegrand Hubert Martin, the Senator's secretary has "some recollection" that just such a message as Coxe wants to a speedler determination of the questions at issue before it." to stake his reputation on it. Any propriety of either making the same public or turning a certified copy over to such a strong Cameron Morrison orter as Mr. Coxe.

supporter as Mr. Coxe.

Mr. Martin is certain that W. N.
Everett, who was chairman of the suffrage committee in the 1919 House of Representatives, sent a telegram here urging the Senstor to cast his vote in favor of the ladies. He also remembers that Speaker Brummitt sent a telegram and this might have been concurred in by other members of the legislature. As to one from Lieutenant-Governor Gardner, his recollection is not cienr. For one thing, the stakes are too bis to play on just recollection. The files in the Senator's office don't go back that far and the Washington office of the telegraph companies only go back ninety days.

this telegram lies in the fact that Mr. Gardner, in his speeches, is declaring his suffrage position to be the same as that of Mr. Morrison, according to Mr. Core. The Lieutenant-Governor care he is standing on the same platform that Mr. Morrison is standing on, and Mr. Coxe, if he can get hold of the telegram, proposes to show that Mr. Gardner was strong for suffrage in

"Certainly, you received a telegram from him," Coxe told Martin this morning during the verbal jockeying. "I was sitting in your office when it came and Tom Bell and I saw it before Senator Overman saw it. I remember that you said: 'Max is a good fellow, but he has let those women run over him'" They intend to take the matter to Senator Overman himself, it was said here today, and ask him to say whether he received it or not. They are not afraid of the well-known precedent establish-ed when Senator Overman was asked to speak as between Simmons and Kit-

paign since that time and Senator Sim-mons didn't speak as between Overman and Brooks and the vote was not all one way. With the suffrage issue paramount in the State now, according to the visitors, lively things are expected from now until the legislature is convened, if not until it is adjourned. The plan of Senator Simmons to go to the state and "follow up" his April 6th declaration in favor of ratification is likely to be hastened because of reports reaching Washington that Col. Alston D. Watts, one time chief lieutenant of the organization, is mixing in his Morrison tour doses of medicine that taste

chan. There has been another cam

If any state in the Union should be has fared better under Democratic con- river at and below Wilmington. trol than North Carolina has and it looks now as if its leaders would wel needs help. The ratification of suffrage amendment by a Democratic

Not the First Call.

Morrison Forces After Tele- Big Gift To Methodist Institu- None of The 40,000 Inhabition Announced at Annual The Rioting Began

#### **GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION** FOR BUILDING FUND

Mr. Vann In Letter of Donation City Virtually Controlled By Says Gift Is Made On Account of Love For and Interest In Orphanage; Donor Is Member of Board of Trus-

News and Observer Bureau,
603 District Nat. Bank Bidg.
By R. E. POWELL
(By Special Leased Wire)
Washington, June 23.—A President of the board at the annual meeting of the board here yenterday, The gift is in the form of Liberty Bonds the good women of the Union have of \$100,000 cash value today. The bonds are to be held in trust by Mr. Vann's and the target for a picket party, and at that a party standing on the suffrage question himself just as the junior Senator does.

A gift of \$100,000 to the Methodist Londonberry, June 23.—(By the Asso ciated Press)—The outside world has fittle idea of the reign of terror Londonberry has been experiencing with out respite since Friday last. The case are to be held in trust by Mr. Vann's ing enough, but they picture only the shadow of the grim reality. The truth is none of the 40,000 inhabitants has the junior Senator does.

tenant-Governor Max Gardner and In his letter conveying the gift to Speaker Dennis Brummit sent to the Senator February 10, 1919, asking him "I make this gift because of my great to give the cause the one vote it needed love for and interest in the orphanage, to pass the resolution submitting the suffrage amendment to the States. Have long been familiar with its work But the picketing and much question-ing from newspaper men has uncovered cause I have full confidence that the nothing. Such a telegram might have fund will be wisely administered for been sent here, but Fred J. Coxe, of the best interests of the orphanage and Wadesboro, who promised the Auson-of the children under its care."

of the best interests of the orphanage and of the children under its care."

Mr. Vanu has before this made of frequent gifts to the orphanage. Just a little while age he contributed \$20,000 as a loan fund for the higher education of the andents who have completed the course at the orphanage. Already 23 boys and girls are availing themselves of this fund to secure a college education. college education.

#### WILSON URGES SPECIAL SESSION IN TENNESSEE

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson tenight sent a felegram to Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, urging that a special session of the Tennessee legislature be called to act on the Federal suffrage amendment.

The President in his felegram self:

"It would be a real service to the party and to the nation if it is possible for you under the peculiar

having in mind the recent decisi of the Supreme Court in the Ohio case, to call a special session of the legislature of Tennessee to consider the suffrage amendment. Allow me to arge this very earnestly." The State constitution of Ten-

nessee has a provision prohibiting action by the State legislature on a Federal constitutional amendment except when the legislature taking the action has been chosen at an election in which the propos amendment was an insue. Some legal authorities have been quoted sa holding that such a provision was invalidated by the Supreme Court's recent decision in the Ohio referendum case.

#### GOV. ROBERS AYS HE WILL CALL SPECIAL ESSION SOON.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 23 .- Governor Roberts announced here tonight he would call a special session of the Tennessee Legislature for action on the Federal suffrage amendment in ample time for the women to vote in' the November

This announcement was made after the Governor had been shown a copy of a telegram sent him to night by President Wilson arging such action.

The Governor declined to com ment on the constitutionality of such action, saying it is in the hands of Frank M. Thompson, State's attorney general, who has the matter up with the Federal Department of Justice. "It is purely a Federal matter

and not a State question," said the Governor, "and I have nothing to do with that end of it."

#### WATERWAYS FUND FOR STATE CUT TO \$100,000

(By Special Leased Wire) Washington, June 23 .- Allocation of had to the suffragists. This condition funds under the reduced rivers and is but helped any by another report harbors lump sum measure have been that Jumes A. Hartness, of Statesville, made by the engineer corps of the is also getting in some good licks for army. Against a recommendation test growth. Both there and in the the antis, while otherwise boosting from the corps for a billion and a quare western section of the belt heavy rains Judge Ben Long for the Supreme Court ter dollars for improvement and maintenance of waterways in North Caroling, the experts are compelled, because orand of the apportunity to become the of the false economy of a Republican bulletin reported, "the recovery during would serve to prevent alienation of hirty sixth state to ratify", a well- reported, to hold the allocation for the last two weeks in Georgia being ensembled which a more direct approach thirty-sixth state to ratify, a well- Congress, to hold the allocation for the last two weeks in Georgia being esknown North Carolinian said here to North Carolina to \$100,000. This amount pecially marked, but the condition there day, "It is North Carolina. No state goes for improvement of the Cape Fear

come the opportunity to come to the Lieutenant Governor much of the aid of the Democratic party when it credit for the passage of the limited the suffrage bill in the Senate a year ago. "But the fact that the message was means a Democratic majority in sent", countered Martin is no indicathe fall elections of three million tion that it was received here." he turned to a former Western Union attorney for confirmation. That wiz-It developed later that the call here and of the statutes declared the Martin today for said telegram is not the first position tenable and a raished further that has been made. Copies of the Rallight on the matter by saying that eigh News and Observer and Greens files of messages received here were bero News of February 11, 1919, con- not available longer than three months

tants Has Been Safe Since

## OF CONDITIONS GIVEN

Unionist and Nationalist Extremists, With Sporadic Clashes Each Day; Casualty Figures Grow With Alarming Rapidity; Military Powlerless

The city is virtually controlled by extremists of the unionists and nationalists, who probably number under 500. They fire volleys down the streets without warning and apparently withou son and the citizens are thus put in a state of continuous panic, sallying forth only when the procurement of food be-comes absolutely necessary. Many shop-keepers have suspended business and have taken refuge on the top floors of their business premises for safety.

Siese in Their Offices.

Men who are compelled to be in their fices sleep there rather than risk stepping into the streets. The postoffice force has ben reduced to a mere handful and the postmaster is being petitioned by many of the workers for re-lief from duty until the trouble sub-

The military so far has confined its efforts to keeping the two sides apart, but without great success. Every one arriving in the city is challenged for visitor, however, comes when he is help up by either the Sinn Feiners or the unionists. With hands in the air, star-

Fighting Each Day.

Each morning the engagement of the night before is resumed. Heavy barricades have been thrown up and groups of armsd men go from one glace to another, either on the offensive or defensive. How many persons have been killed is not known nor

to keep indoors. The constabulary and ban from beers and light wines. tary, the proclamation announces, prompt measures and if necessary, dis- appeared today to have taken the most Cantle's inactivities.

In addition to the erection of barri- could concentrate. Personal cades, trenches have been dug in some will be the slogan of advocates of this of the streets within the battle zone. No bread was delivered in the city this week. Hotels and homes are running short of supplies. No gas is being produced at the gas works and when the present supply is exhaustde the city will be without lights.

#### PIVE SINN PEINERS KILLED BY FIRE OF MACHINE GUNS

Londonderry, June 23 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Five Sinn Feiners were killed by machine gun fire employed to ants from Barrack street tonight, ac- could not be harmonized in committee. cording to a military statement. There A minority report is to be expected only

#### FURTHER IMPROVEMENT SHOWN BY COTTON CROP

Dept. of Agriculture Reports Excellent Progress In Carolinas and Georgia

Washington, June 23 .- The cotton crop showed improvement during the past week in practically all lections of the belt, according to the weekly weath and crop bulletin of the Department of Agriculture issued tonight Improvement, it stated, was particularly marked in the eastern district, where moisture and temperature conditions were especially favorable. In the northwest section, however, it was too cool for occcurred. "Most excellent progress was report-

pecially marked, but the condition there | might push into bone dry ranks. is still unsatisfactory. "The lighter rainfall permitted better cultivation in Planda and this work made fair to very good progress and is well along in Alabama and Mississippi

ed in the Carolinas and Georgia,

although much complaint of grass is still received from some localities. "The weather was generally favorable in Louisiana and also in Arkansas and the cotton made mostly very good progress in those States, although it was too cool for best growth in Rrkansas while the erop there is still grassy in places. It was too cool and wet for best results. in Oklahoma where the condition of cotton ranges from poor to fair. In Texas the crop made fairly good im-

taining report of the legislative proceedings for the day previous, were
brought to light as evidence that the
Gardner urge to the junior Senator was
sent and that the ladies were happy, gram or an acknowledgement that one
Further reading of the papers gave was received.

The Morrison Forces Want It.

The Morrison forces, however, are
favored an increase in the bolt weevil'
the report states, "while they are numerous and causing apprehension in
many other localities."

#### WILL POSITIVELY PLACE M'ADOO IN NOMINATION

Dr. Jenkins Makes Definite Decision; McAdoo Says "What More Can I Do?"

Kansas City, June 23 .- In a telegran sent from Pueblo, Colorado, from the train bearing Missouri delegates to the Democratic National convention, Burris A. Jenkins, Kansas City elergyman and publisher, announced he had definitely decided to place the name of William G. McAdoo before the Democratic National convention for the presidential nomina

#### M'ADOO SAYS HE HAS DONE. ALL HE CAN TO STOP JENKINS

New York, June 23.- William G. Mc Adoo declared today that in telegraphing Burris A. Jenkins yesterday he had done everything in his power to persuade the Kaussa City minister and newspaper publisher not to present his rame to the San Francisco convention for the Democratic presidential nomina-

"What more can I do?" he asked, after reading Mr. Jenkius' reiterated declara-Adoo, either with or without his con

In a written statement today, Mr. Mc

Adoo branded as false the report of a New York newspaper, which declared he would not make the presidential race be-cause of ill health. The statement says: "My attention has just been called to the statement that I have tuberculosis It is amaxing that any reputable news-paper or individual would be guilty of uch a wanton falsehood. There is not a shred of foundation for such a statement. It would be impossible for me to publicly characterize such despicable

# TO BE DRY SLOGAN

### Attracting Interest of Leaders at Frisco

San Francisco, June 23 .- A volunteer San Francisco, June 23.—A volunteer Mr. Clarkson and Judge Biggs would construction corps of platform builders be asked to comfer with the Governor was busy today whittling out planks upon his return from Louisburg which they believed would meet the night. Mr. Clarkson, asked if he had credentials and is searched for arms which they believed would meet the night. Mr. Clarkson, asked if he had and ammunition. The real test for a needs of the Democratic National Convention in expressing its views as to prohibition enforcement. Leaders, cluding Chairman Cummings, of the

day or two it becomes impossible to They vary from the States rights stand figure on the victims, as the dead are taken by Governor Edwards, of New removed and many of the injured are Jersey, to proposals that Cagress be treated by their comrades and carried urged to proceed directly toward modifying the one half of one per cent alco-A proclamation was issued by the holic content restriction of the Vol. gentlemen and their managers will be magistrates tonight warning all citizens stead enforcement act, so as to lift the The most pronounced invement at the personal differences of candidates.

received instructions to take moment, however, and the one which plank.

Mr. Commings was emphatic today in defiring the question to be solved as not ion that the debate will serve to clear a prohibition issue but merely express the air and offer an example in moderasion of the party's attitude as to the tion for the more realous friends of Volstend enforcement act. Numerous Other Issues

There were numerous other Issues on which there would be difference of tee, Mr. Cummings thought, including profiteering, the andustrial plank, touching relations between capital and labor, the Irish question and others. but no present prospect that is a lull (10:30 p. m.) in the fighting on the so-called "beer plank," it was agreed, and that will throw the fight

into the convention itself.

The Washington enforcement plank was drafted in circles in close touch with the administration. It is understood to have been drawn from the personal liberty angle and to advocat-ing general terms a liberalization of the Volstend act. Specific mention of wine, beer or any other beverage by name was omitted.

Washington Enforcement Plank. The plank will be put forward as representing the opinion of many Senators and representatives and its framers hope to be able to claim for it the backing of President Wilson himself. It was drawn after a conference in which more than one member of the Cabinet shared, it was said, and in which anti-hone dry Senators took a leading part.

Avoidance of specific mention of beverages, advocates of the Washington plank argued, and an appeal for an enforcement policy more in harmony with American ideas of personal liberty

#### OPPOSES INCREASE IN RATES ON PERISHABLES

Washington, June 23.-Determined opposition to any increase in freightrates on fruits and vegetables was expressed at the advanced rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission today by J. C. Chase, Jacksonville, Fla., representing Southern growers.

Growers can not pass on increase in rates to the consumer, Mr. Chase declared, because the price is fixed at the market regardless of the cost erating at a loss, he said, end further high as they can stand.

# TO CANCEL DEBATE

In Interest of Party Harmony, Asks That Discussion Be Not Held

#### GARDNER MANAGER SAYS IT IS UP TO MORRISON

Shelby Man Did Not Seek Debate, But Is Willing For Morrison To Withdraw Challenge; Mr. Clarkson Declines To Discuss Matter at All; Page Deplores Situation

In a letter addressed joinly to Judge . Crawford Biggs, manager for O. Max Gardner, and to Heriot Clarkson, manager for Cameron Morrison, Governor T. W. Bickett appealed to both gubernatorial aspirants yesterday, in the interest of party harmony, to call off the joint debate between the candidates scheduled for next Monday night in the

City Auditorium. Neither had replied to the Governor late last night. Mr. Clarkson declined either to admit or deny that he had re ceived any communication from Gov-ernor Bickett, but Judge Biggs stated that he had received the letter and took the position that Mr. Gardner was not the challenger in the debate, and could not ask that it be called off. The Gurdner manager declined to make pub-lic the letter.

"Mr. Gardner did not seek the debuta in the first place," said Judge Biggs when questioned, "and was reluctant to enter into a joint discussion with a Compromise Prohibition Plank from the debate now, but if Mr. Morrison wishes to dithdraw his challenge, he will find Mr. Morrison willing to call off the discussion, purely in the interest of party harmony.

It was understood last night that both ence, and if he intended to attend, stated that he was always ready to at tend any conference in the interest of party harmony. Judge Biggs said that no conference had been suggested to him, but that he would be giad to attend, if such a request was made

Spectacular Buf Unwise Spectacular but exceedingly unwise is the way Bobert N. Page, former congressman and recent gubernatorial candidate, characterizes the scheduled Morrison-Gardner debate. Mr. Page whi received the thirty thousand votes in the first primary that O. Max Gard-ner and Cameron Morrison are fighting over in the second, adds, in a telegram to The News and Observer, that "these held to account by all those more interested in good government than in

Announcement of the arrangements for the debate yesterday morning perse by force all assemblies. The deficite shape, was that originating in brought an immediate reaction in Demmagistrates atrongly condemn Dublin Washington and designed to offer a ocratic circles. The majority opinion, basis on which anti-hone dry forces Capressed through State offices and local Democrats, was a frank oppositin the joint discussion. Several Demcerate of wisdm and long political experience expressed the contrary opinion that the debate will serve to clear

each candidate Governor Bickett, who has been two candidates os the presiding officer. opinion before the resolutions commit. had not been formally requested to serve. Governor Bickett, reached by telephone in Louisburg list night declared he had no statement to make concerning the debate.

Evidences were plentiful yesterday that considerable pressure brought to bear on the candidates by Democrats not actively interested in the campaign for either candidate, to off the discussion. The letters of Governor Bickett and the telegram Robert N. Page, who was eliminated in the first primary, might be taken as starters in this direction and present indications are that there will be many to second the position.

The telegram from Mr. Page at Jackson Springs follows:

The joint debate between Morrison and Gardner will be spectacular but exceedingly unwise and can result only in disaster to the party. These gentlemen and their managers will be held to account by all those more interested in good government than in personal diffrenees of candidates."

#### TWO ARE CONVICTED ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

George Hawkins and Henry Durham, two of the three negroes charged with conspiracy to courder Revenue Officer Lewis of Henderson, were convicted in Federal court yesterday and sentenced to two years each in the Atlanta Penitentiary. Tom Hawkins, the third member of the trie under indictment, was acquitted. The jury deliberated an hour and a half.

John L. Ottoburg of Fayetteville terday, through his attorney, N. A. Sinof property from Camp Bragg. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$750 and costs and to spend thirty days in jail. Charlie Thompson of Wake county, pleading guilty to white slavery charge, was fined \$1,000 and costs.

#### SEIZE WHISKEY ON OIL TANKER AT WILMINGTON

Wilmington, June 23 .- C. C. Shores, production or transportation. Fruit Federal prohibition agent, seized ser-and vegetables producers now are op- eral hundred quarts of whiskey today on the Standard oil tanker O. T. War. ndvances in rates would be a serious ing, a vessel of 8,000 tons. The ship burden, because rates are already as was ordered seized and its officers ar-