THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN. THE WEATHER FAIR VOL. XXV. NO. 174. ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, 1909. **REVENUE** WILL BE MAY REVOKE ORDER FEELING AGAINST SENATOR JOHN WARWICK DANIELS,

BURCHFIELD IS AT INADEQUATE FROM DANGEROUS PITCH AMENDED TARIFF

Ominous Mutterngs Are Heard Senate Must Devise Some On The Street. Stories of The Crime As Told by Witnesses.

Zeke Roberts, the cab driver who | lor of his face made the more notice was shot Saturday night, dead,- able the trance-like stare of his grey John Burchfield, his slayer, drinking eyes in which could be read heart HOUSE CUT IT DOWN the bitter dregs of remorse and fear tickness and remorse. It was with reluctance that the in the county jail,-and angry citi-

die

ens muttering threats of lynching

the slayer,---these were the harrowing consequences of the crime which was

payment of a cab fare of fifty cents.

o'clock yesterday morning, but he never had a chance to recover as the

great bullet from the 44 Colt tore a

committed in a trivial dispute over the

Roberts lingered until after three

prisoner consented to an interview

At first he said that he had nothing

to say, for he did not know how to

say anything in his own behalf. Then

for a few minutes he fixed that fixed

stare of his eyes on the blank wall

After he had remained thus for about three minutes he turned and with a

slow tremulous expression which be-

spoke fatigue and an almost complete

collapse, denied vehemently what he

had read in the morning Citizen as to

what he had said at the time of the

shooting. He needed no promptings

nor even a question. He denied hav-

ing said that he hoped Roberts would

He said: "There are two witnesses

who know that I did not say any-

thing. There was not a word said about it. These witnesses were stand-

ing right there," continued the pris-

oper as he pointed outside of his cell

He was then asked who these two

men were. After thinking for a min-

ute or two as if it were hard for him

he with much hesitation as if still

in doubt gave their names as Taswell

Admits Drinking.

Later he said that two men had asked him if he fired the shot, and

he replied: "I did." When he said

The conversation began to tell of

events of the night. From an erect

would be inconceivable.

into the corridor.

ing more.

Difficult to Estimate Effect of Striking Out the Countervailing Duties,

Way of Increasing Income

Some Twenty Millions

CHANGES MADE IN

WASHINGTON, April 11.-The esgaping wound in his temple which made death certain. He never retimates of the revenue which the gained consciousness after he was shot. The funeral services over his Payne tariff bill will produce for the body will take place today at Weavgovernment have been reduced nearly erville. Roberts was only twenty-four years old and is survived by his \$20,000,000 through the amendments made to the measure before it was father with whom he was engaged in passed by the house and the senate finance committee will have to pro- the livery business, and two sisters.

Feeling Runs High. vide means for making up this dif-The killing of Roberts has aroused Intense feeling among his friends and ference if the original estimates are to be met. The striking out of sev-eral: countervalling duty clauses on especially among the carriage drivers, and hackmen of the city with whom which no estimates were made probahe was quite popular. There were bly will lessch the bill's productivenes sanother \$20,000,000.

heard portentous mutterings last night on the street and in places The amendments taking off the eight cent duty on ten subtracted where crowds congregated, but there \$7,000,000 from the estimated reve- seemed to be no concerted movement seemed to be no concerted movement to recall the names of these witnesses to dolanything. Deputy Sheriff Mitchnues. The striking out of the counell, the jail warden was warned early tervaling duty on coffee and the maxin the evening that an attempt might be made on the jail but was not inimum duty provision for a rate of be made on the jail but was not intwenty percent ad valorem on coffee clined to give it any credence. Howcoming from countries which do not ever, he did not leave the doors ungive the United States the benefit of bolted. their most favored nation claus?. Among those who were advocating

disposes of probably \$15,000,000 in lynching, there were some who dutles

favored putting it off until after the this his voice seemed much firmer, Taking out the countervalling pro hearing which is expected to take but beneath this firmness was an un lumber and for petroleum viso for lumber and for petroleum means a loss to the revenues of sev-eral million dollars, it is estimated. By repealing the manufacturers ll-isers tax for farmers desiring to sell more effect in cooling the impetuous shooting he wished to keep silent, viso for the leaf tobacco which they raise, the ones than any other: There is no but admitted that had taken several house has withdrawn considerable denying that the feeling against drinks. revenue under the internal revenue Burchfield in certain quarters of the The law. A slight increase in revenues city is wrought up to the lynching the man as he recalled the tragic

may be provided by the increased tax point. on Turkish filler tobacco, pineapples, ey and barley malt. Differs From Dingley Law.

The Payne bill as it passed the house, like the Dingley bill when it went to the senate, places hides on he had spent the night in great anxie- no hesitation or doubt he told how he the free list. Under the Dingley law, ty of mind. His features were ex-hides have produced a revenue ex- tremely sombre and an absence of all hides have produced a revenue exceeding three million dollars annual-

color gave him a ghastly expression part of the afternoon, and later had He is about five feet and six inches done similar work for Harper Styles. in height and of light build. He does not look like a criminal and the pal-

(Continued on page two.) LYNCH NEGRO BRUTE AS VOICE OF NIAGARA IS SOUTH SOUNDS CALL TO HE WAS BEING CARRIED HUSHED BY MOUNTAIN ARMS IN YEARLY BATTLE

Burchfield Remorseful.

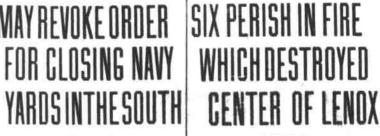
PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Explosions of Oils Gave Oc-

cupants of Building Where

Fire Started No Chance

Associated Press Leased Wire Reports.



Secretary Meyer Collecting Data as to Amount of Work Done In Them

PLANTS REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION

Valuable to Navy In Case of Emergency in Time of War.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.-Within a few days Secretary of the Navy Meyer la expected to take up for active consideration the question of the continuation in operatoin of the navy yards at Pensacola, Florida, and New Orleans, Louisiana, which Mr. Newberry just before he retired rom office gave orders should be losed. A settlement of the issue is of importance to the cities in which these yards are located for more than one reason. Before Mr. Newberry's order had been officially served of the commandants of those vards the congressional delegations from the respective states in which they are sitnated took up the matter with Secetary Meyer and presented argunents to show why they should be continued in operation. Mr. Meyer felt that their protests against closing should receive thorough considration and concluded to call for data

from the commanding officers show-ing the amount of work that was being done and reasons, if any, for or The secretary is determined to be

against, the closing of the yards. The character of the data which he asked for was so elaborate and comprised so much detail that the commandants have not yet been able to furnish

proposition put forward along

WRECK ON SOUTHERN case before reaching any decision. The fact that appropriations have been

Mrs. John Monroe and Son and Mr. Leon Whitlock Slightly Injured When Train Leaves the Track and Overturns.

ASHEVILLE PEOPLE IN

ratic Fight in the Senate for Real Tariff Revision Down ward.

S SHULL

Three Asheville people, Mrs. John] was the first to leave the track and Monroe, her son and Mr. Leon Whit-lock, proprietor of the Whitlock gine was not off the rails. The track Clothing House, together with four was torn up for about one hundred other passengers and two trainmen feet, and all the coaches badly shatwere injured when passenger train tered up. From an examination of the No. 22 on the Southern Railyaw east track after the accident, it meemal bound from this city to Salisbury was to be in perfect condition. deralled near Old Fort about half after nine o'clek yesterday morning, None of the injuries sustained are was, there were no injuries other

FASHIONABLE HOTEL **IESCAPES THE FLAMES** Woman, a Human Torch, Leaps From Second Story

In Her Night Clothes.

(By Associated Press.)

LENOX, Mass., April 11,-Six pe ons lost their lives, three others badly burned and property loss of be-tween \$200,000 and \$300,000 was caused by a fire in the heart of the business section of this town early today. Four business blocks, two dwel-lings and two other structures were destroyed in a section bounded by Franklin, Main, Houstonac and Church streets. The fire is believed to have started in the Clifford building from spontaneous conbustic The dead are: Edward C. Ventres

electrician; Mrs. Edward C. Ventres; Miss Leslie Ventres, aged twelve years; Miss Alice French, bookke Miss Isabel Cook, bookkeeper; Miss Mary Sparks, school teacher.

The injured are: Mrs. Catherine Root, and her two sons, George and Arthur, severely burned,

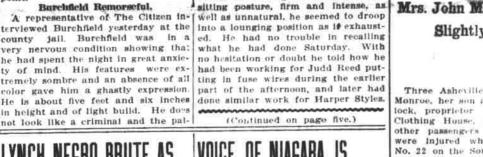
A fortunate shift of the wind save the public library and the fashionable Curtis flotel. In the hotel, there were several Easter parties from New York and Boston.

The loss of life occurred in the Clifford building, where the blaze started, and resulted primarily from a series of explosions among the turpentine paints and oils stored in the cellar of the James Clifford and Sons company

bardware dealers. Explosion Came Quickly. The fire was discovered by Georg Root, who lived with his mother and hrother in the upper story of the Clifford block, a three story building, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. made for a continuation of work dur-ing the next fiscal year is the least argument advanced why the stations Hastily calling his brother and mothshould be maintained in all their ef-ficiency. But this is not the only only er, all ran down the stairs in their this night clothes, shouting to the other

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• FREY

He Will Lead the Der

shirt she had torn in her efforts to es- down on the jam below, the damage

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cape.

April 11 .- Fore-WASHINGTON. ast for North Carolina: Fair warmer enacted into laws with special em-Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy, war-phasis upon the guaranty law. the Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy, warmer in east portion;

brisk cast to southeast winds.

moderate to failure to enact which he severely condemns.

consus bill will put a pretty effective stop to the practice,

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