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LABORERS FLOAT IRVIN COBB HITS

Chiefs Express Desire to Arrive at Peaceful Solution of Grave Problem in England.

pril 9,-(By the Associated iting of volunteer workthe government today, and public. were perfected to meet the widespread industrial tie- per reporter, war co. workers.

of work by the memberh and several other imes word that the rank rike without balloting by tional government. some of these local bodies ! the strike in the ustifiable, but they have any-

not be stampeded in-The gen-

Vational Union of Railwaymen of the National Federation of asport Workers called upon Prime Lloyd George this morning decision of the two organizations upport the striking miners. There prevailing here an impression that rs and the prime minister might on of the industrial situation, h yesterday assumed threatening

here was no sign of a panic in the ck exchange yesterday, the tenden- Daugherty and Harding could make it. the market being quietly firm there being no selling of importlose residing in Ireland and men ing on civil police forces. The are flooding steamship companies

told the Daily Mail's special lacorrespondent las tnight.

s expressed, and it is suggestfear may play a part in the sations to be held between gov-

We see no hope to save the nation disaster," declared the Daily graph, in an editorial commenting fact that the "triple alliance" all its men from their posts Tues idnight if the controversy is not by that time. Other newspalowever, express the opinion that may reveal new possibilities in the It is stated in quarters that the actual calling of about a resumption of negotia-The Daily Graphic suspected club. The invitation was accompanied old tactics of sabre rattling." asserts the action of the Liverpool of the National Union of Raildeclaring against a strike ballot of the men favored such is regarded everywhere as the tterings against the strike. nting on the crisis before the

the London Times says: usiness has been mismanagghout by all parties concerngovernment has been too and the mine owners have deunreasonable and sudden wage causing the mass of neutral swing in favor of the revolu-

April 9.—(By the Associated fuesday midnight, unless there lew development in the meanwill see the commencement of the abor struggle in country's his-

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one since it was organized, thre membership, roughly esthe railway and telephone has not been determined. organizations, should quit Support of the strike of the

ernment's standpoint, as voic nier Lloyd George in a brief use of commons, yesterday that the action of the

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IPON THE TIDES TOWN ON JAUNT REVOLUTION Famous Humorist Says He

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By BROCK BARF Preceded by two grips pacity each, more or Cobb arrived in the lob hotel Saturday morn? 1 o'clock registered, asked for room, look ed over some mail

invitation to talk f

The humorist, growing out of the er, story writer and involuntary candirike and involving directly date for the democratic presidential nomination at San Francisco convention, is in town to speak at the city rts of England, Scotland and auditorium Saturday night at 8 o'clock. that the triple alliance He is famous for each and everyone of may have more to do the lines of endeavor and accomplishnance of its strike ment mentioned and this fact has asorder to bring about a gen- sured for him a big audience for his lecture on "Home Folks."

Cobb has been preaching a long time Glasgow, Liverpool, Car- for "honest-to-God 100 per cent Americanism," the elevation of the princithe National Union of ples of citizenship, in addition to having been the foremost advocate, prior to ging the right of the the political campaigns of last year, for executive body a "business administration' for the na-

Therefore, it was but natural that when asked to philosophize a little on cuts in the wages, the subject of whether the country is going to the dogs or not Cobb should revert to politics. He got into politics at the democratic national convention miners for, and, when, despite the fact that he was not a candidate, he got a vote for the nom-

> as Cox did at that," remarked Cobb in commenting on his defeat. "The only thing that kept Harding from being elected by acclamation was a few stubborn folks down south here.' But Cobb, born and raised a democrat, is still a democrat, despite his defeat at San Francisco; that is he's a the democrat whenever he can find one, he

"I got beat, but I did about as good

Pacific to the gulf to find one now.' "You see, you get into Kentucky then April 9.—Representatives of you have to jump clear over the state of Tennessee to get back into Democratic territory.

"And, yes, they came near going republican in Georgia, too. With Thomas the purpose of conveying to him Watson in the senate and Hardwick as governor, they only need Grover Bergdoll now. Bergdoll made a mistake by going to Germany. If he had gone to Georgia, he might have been elected to

> The country got its business administration in Washington by putting poliicians in charge, Cobb asserted. "They've got about as complete a business administration as Will Hays,

low, a likable fellow, but he'll never get his tail over the dashboard. "We all know that they never put a sailor in charge of the navy, nor a military man in charge of the army, but Graphic says Americans in Eng- we'd always thought they would select applications for berths to the Unit pose though that if some legal case comes up the government has legal matters needing attention now and then-Daugherty can run out and get a law-

yer to represent him." Cobb is certain that the world has not gone to the dogs. He would hate to see it go there for the sake of his

Cobb arrived over the Southern railway from Richmond at 10:50 o'clock. affected by the strike, although He was met by a committee from the responsible labor chiefs person- Rotary club composed of B. Scott Blanton, president; Ben J. Smith and Laurie no disposition on their part to bring Dixon. He will remain in the city over Sunday, He speaks in Charleston Monwide strike on the chances of day night. Before completing his tour or party at the next general he will visit several Southern cities.

He broke a rule of his tour and accepted an invitation to speak at the Kiwanis club dinner Saturday. The Kiofficials and leaders of the wanians postponed their weekly luncheon from Tuesday until Saturday in when it comes to expending the bond order to have Cobb as their guest. His dinner appointment was one of the first things he mentioned after

> reaching the hotel. "I ain't supposed to speak, am 1?" "I can't speak." he asked. The entertainment committee insisted.

reflection and a respite of four three minutes," he replied, a vague dates, three in number, who are in smile breaking out. He finally admitted that he could make a short speech during the dinke was deferred until Tuesday ner for the benefit of his guests, He declined an invitation to spend the afternoon'the golf course at the country

forces of labor are "indulging with the information that Ben. J. Smith could make 200 score. Cobb said he had some letters to write. Cobb spoke in Charlotte last year, and was heard by a capacity audience. He made a good impression and the

committee of the Kiwanis club in charge of arrangements is anticipating another crowded, house Saturday night. His subject, "Home Folks," is taken

as an indication that his address will deal with the ordinary things in life about which he has written volumes in periodicals. He has a continuous flow of wit, as demonstrated in his writings, lectures and general conversation, and he is recognized as America's greatest humorist of the present day.

Tickets for the lecture have been on sale for some days and reports have been to the effect that the demand for them has been great.

BUCKEYE IS LOSER OF LOT OF COTTON

Macon, Ga., April 9 .- Damage of bed attempt on the part of tween \$100,000 and \$150,000 ed to result from a fire which since late yesterday afternoon, when it startcentral fact of the labor ed, has destroyed 31,000 bales of cotton linters at the warehouse of the it developed today in a Buckeye Cotton Oil Company here. in the miners' conference Buckeye Cotton On Company nerc.
Firemen today are pouring water from six lines of hose into the concrete and and telephone workers, for to extinguish the smouldering fire, which has been burning nearly 24 1.000,000 miners and 500,000 hours. All of the damage is covered by insurance. The cause of the fire

FIFTY-YEAR-OLD COTTON IS SAMPLED

Washington, April 9 .- Spinning qualthe other members of the ities of cotton, when properly waree is an attempt by direct housed, are retained over a long peintimidate the parliament and riod, the bureau of markets reported The premier announced today after testing samples from a bale y and other measures which of cotton ginned 50 years ago on a ment intended to take to de- farm in Harris county, Georgia. In forwarding samples to the Department dipoint of the miners is that of Agriculture, it was stated that the removal of control of the cotton, which was ginned in 1870, had is the result of a pact be- been kept on the farm continuously government and the mine except when removed in 1904 to be placed on exhibition at St. Louis exposition





WILLIAMS FOUND NEGRO RUN OVER bill. No answer or other pleadings were ever filed to the bills, nor was any bearing ever had before the chancellor may levy special taxes to pay off WOLFE SAID TO FAVOR WOMEN GUILTY AND WILL BY TRUCK; KILLED

dition of Peonage.

a desperate effort to hide emotion.

ately filed and hearing on the motion

set for April 30, at Decatur, Ga., before

Judge John B. Hutcheson who presided

The verdict of murder with recom

mendation for mercy, which under Geor-

gia law automatically carries a life

sentence, was read exactly 18 hours

after the case went to the jury, and

was calmly received by Williams. A moment later, as his wife and children

began to sob almost inaudibly he seemed

to be struggling to restrain his own

emotions. Just after court adjourned

terical and were led from the room by

Williams appeared more affected by

his family's suffering, than he had been

by the verdict. He was on trial charged

that it was legal by supreme court de-

a day to present its evidence while the

defense relied solely on the unsworn

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killed, had done the killings.

work out the debt.

jury for the first time.

statement of Williams.

drost in west

court.

at the trial.

Candidate for Re-election BE to School Board Against "Oh yes, Harding is a very good fel-Stewart, is Claim.

ber of the school board to be a candidate. for re-election after announcing he a lawyer for attorney general. I sup- would not run again, is a victory for the women candidates for the school forces, according to those who were dis- eleven of his negro farm hands to halt ing about 7 o'clock. cussing the school board fight Satur- a federal investigation of peonage, was

Friday and Saturday as much as around the candidates for city commissioner, fendant stand up and after repeating The Stewart forces declare there is to him the verdict, added "And the verabout the defeat of the women candidates for the school board and that assertions to this effect are only propaganda. They are mainly concerned, they say, that the board shall have the advantage of the counsel and advice of men who have already served on the board and are versed in school affairs money provided for schools.

The opposition to Mr. Stewart, who is chairman of the board at present, says the effort being made to bring back into the field several men who were on the old board, but who have said they will not be in the race again, "Oh, well, I'll speak from one to is an effort to defeat the women candifavor of a new chairman.

HANDLES SOCIAL BURDENS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE



Miss Laura Harlan.

Miss Laura Harlan, daughter of the late Chief Justice John M. Harlan of the supreme court, : social secretary to Mrs. Harding, the president's wife.

IMPRISONED When About to Board One August 23 by certain of the defendants to D. L. Lansden, chief justice of the Tennessee supreme court, at his resi-Georgia Farmer Convicted Another.

of Death of Negroes on Arthur Cornwell, negro, was instantly His Farm While in Con- killed when run over by a heavy truck the entire matter open. He also ad-Covington, Ga., April 9.—John S. Seaboard railway overhead bridge on Washington has been duly not been if the constitutional limit is exboard and a defeat for the Stewart Williams, accused of the murder of North Graham street Saturday morn-formed.

found guilty of murder by a jury in while it was moving when he was hit being crushed. Detectives Earnhardt and Linder, of

dict of the jury is the sentence of the accident. An inquest has been ordered The defendant, who had been cheer by Coroner Frank Hovis to take place ful before the jury came in, received Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the the verdict outwardly calm, but when recorder's court room. his wife and daughters began to sob Motion for a new trial was immedi-

Cornwell was on his way to work. The furniture van was coming towards town and he was about to board it for a ride upstreet. The van did not stop and while preparing to catch it on the move the city truck started by, hitting the negro a blow which sent him beneath the wheels of the large truck.

Soap and WaterAre Best For Poison Ivy

the man's two daughters became hys-Poison ivy cases begin to reach for a record as people get out into the open, says the American Forestry Association. But poison ivy is not a thing to be fooled with and soap and hot water in wholesale applications specifically with the murder of one of comprise the best measure of relief. the negroes found drowned in Newton The poison, after being deposited in county. Clyde Manning, negro farm boss for Williams and jointly indicted the skin, requires some time to penewith him, testified that on Williams' trate, and if this penetration can be order he and another negro, afterwards prevented by thorough washing, ereption and irritation will not result. While Williams had maintained a cheerful exposed parts should be cleansed in attitude during the trial and had stoutly this manner as soon after exposure as maintained his innocence, although hav- possible, it is worth while to make the ing admitted he might be technically attempt even twelve or twenty hours guilty of peonage, as he said he had afterwards in the hope that at least a paid fines for negroes and let them portion of the poison may be remov-

A heavy lather should be produced Sentence was formally passed within few moments after the verdict was and washing should be continued sevannounced. Judge Hutcheson re-stated eral minutes. Severe scrubbing with the verdict as read by T. R. Starr, a a brush is not advisable, but several farmer and foreman of the jury, and ad- swabs or small compresses of gauze ded: "And the verdict is the sentence may be used, discarding each in turn, so that the poison may not be distrib-The verdict was not in exact form, uted by the cloth.

Bathing with alcohol diluted with an but in open court both sides agreed equal amount of water is also an effeccisions and that no exception would be tive preventive. Where exposure has been more general, a bath for the en-The motion for a new trial was made tire body, followed by a change of on the grounds that the verdict was clothing, is good preventive in "contrary to the evidence; contrary to The hair should not be neglected. Baththe law and without evidence to support ing, if not accompanied by sufficient changing of water or rinsing, may re-The jury was composed of seven farm- sult in spreading the rash to skin that ers, the others being merchants, clerks had not been infected. In cases that and a barker. Most of the jurors were are at all serious a physician should be young men, six of them serving on a consulted.

No specific treatment for poisoning The case went to trial last Tuesday, from ivy and sumac is yet available. one day being taken up with arguments Ointments should not be used in the for postponement and selection of a acute stage of the disease. In the jury. The state took little more than later stages, however, soothing and astringent ointments may be of value in allaying irritation and hastening cure.

COLD SPELL STRIKES EAST AREA TONIGHT

Washington, April 9.—Another cold spell will hit the eastern section of the country tonight, the weather bu-reau said today, with freezing temper-ature as far south as Kentucky and frost to central Mississippi and Ala-bama. Temperatures will be lower Charlotte and vicinity: Fair and much cooler tonight and Sunday, probably light frost tonight. Moderate to gentle northwest winds. than general on the Florida peninsula, erate to gentle northwest winds. accompanied by fair weather east of the Mississippi tonight and Sunday extonight and Sunday, probably light cept for rain or snow in the upper lake region and upper Ohio valley.

COURT UPHOLDS HORIZONTAL CUT SUFFRAGE ACT IN TAXABLES MAY Tennessee Supreme Court Passes Favorably Upon Chief Favorably Upon

Chief Justice's Decision. Feeling Prevails in Raleigh

Nashville, Tenn., April 9 .- The Tennessee supreme court today affirmed the action of Chief Justice D. L. Lansden in issuing writs of certiorari and supersedeas in the woman's suffrage litigation last summer, as a result of which Governor A. H. Roberts sent a certificate to Secretary of State Colby of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the United States constitution. by he legislature, following which the

Runice Clements, of Nashville, who filed their original bill against the gover-nor. A. H. Roberts; the secretary of in different counties and between indithe senate, A. L. Todd and the speak- county. er of the house, Seith M. Walker, on August 21, 1920. The bill set forth alleged facts in connection with ratifica- enue legislation of the last general astion of the federal suffrage amendment, which it was claimed was in violation provision porhibiting action by the gen- justments in the counties rather than eral assembly on any amendment to the allow blanket cuts in reduction. federal constitution unless such gen- major portion of these blanket reduceral assembly should have been elected tions will come from the eastern part after the submission of such amend- of the state which was the hardest hit ment. The petitioners prayed that each by the drop in prices and business deofficial be enjoined from taking any pression of the past year. steps to proclaim, declare or certify the counties cutting as much as sixty per adoption of the suffrage amendment by cent and others allowing only ten per the geneal assembly, then in special ses cent reductions there is going to be sion, and from taking any affirmative plenty of work for the new tax comaction with reference to the alleged ille- mission to do in adjusting the values gal action of the special session which so that they will be equalized as beundertook to ratify the amendment. tween the counties. This will prob-The bill was filed in chancery court of ably be the first labor tax commission this county and a flat for a preliminary and the new commissioner of revenue injunction was obtained.

defendants, individually and in their ofset forth. Circuit Judge Langford decrease in valuation. tion as prayed in the supplemented

hearing ever had before the chancellor or before Judge Langford.

A petition for certiorari and supersedeas was presented on the night of Vehicle He is Hit by dence, and after hearing argument by Frank M. Thompson, state attorney general, the chief justice issued a fiat. The attorney general on the following morning advised Governor Roberts that the action of the chief justice left of the Fink-Dellinger furniture com- vised the governor that it was his powpany, driven by C. L. Bates, near the er and duty to certify the legislature's Washington has having been duly per-

"Thereupon," it was alleged, Cornwell was about to board the truck certificate of some sort was executed by the defendants Roberts and Stevens and sent by Stevens to the secretary of The political storm seemed to be cen. Newton county superior court here to- by a city truck driven by Lester Fos- state at Washington," the result being for getting through service from Goldstering about the school board fight day and sentenced to life imprisonment. ter. He was knocked beneath the that two days later. August 26, Secre-Judge John B. Hutcheson had the de- wheels of the furniture van, his head tary Colby of the department of state Mr. Maxwell left Washington the signs at Washington proclaimed ratification of the suffrage amendment by the necessary number of states, Tennessee bethe city police force, investigated the ing the 36th state. The amendment thus became a part of the Constitution of the United States.

> WINS "A. B." AT 13: NOW AT TWENTY WILL GET PH. D.



Miss Esther Lee Gould.

At twenty Miss Esther Lee of Grand Pre, Canada, is a candidate for a Ph. D. degree at Columbia University. She entered college at thirteen. In 1918 she received her A. B. diploma and in 1919 received the M. A. degree. She has found time to be popular as a dancer, dress modishly and become proficient in swimming, canoeing and other sports.

That Revaluation Act Will be Imperilled by Wholesale Reductions. By JULE B. WARREN. Staff Correspondent of The News. he counties in North Carolina materially reduce valuation of property by adoption of the amendment was pro- horizontal cuts it will amount to the

same thing as repealing the revaluahe motion to quash writs, issued by tion act in the opinion of prominent the chief justice of the Supreme Court members of the legislature who have of Tennessee, seeking to prevent the been in Raleigh this week. Senator certification of the Tennessee Igisla- R. S. McCoin, chairman of the senate ture's action on the ratification of the appropriations committee, who spent 19th, or suffrage amendment to the the day here this week, declares ma-Constitution of the United States, was terial reduction by a majority of the made by certain citizens, incluing C. counties would completely undo the work of the tax commission in ironing state, Ike B. Stevens; the speaker of viduals whose property was in the same

These members of the legislature who were instrumental in framing the revsembly believe that the better, though the most costly and tedious of the state constitution, a provision would be to authorize individual adand taxation will have to perform when he takes office the first of May.

A reduction in values is going to mean a proportionate reduction of the ficial character, and also against the revenue available for cities and counclerks of the two houses of the legis- ties, unless the county commissioners lature. In the supplemental bill cer- and the municipal authorities increase tain additional alleged illegal acts were the rate somewhat in proportion to the issued a flat for the writs of injunc- impossible in at least fifty counties in North Carolina who last year exceeded may levy special taxes to pay off bonded debt or for other purposes provided there is a legislative act or bond election held which authorizes these August 23 by certain of the defendants special taxes. Unless there is special provision for this levy the county commissioners have no right to levy over the fifteen cent limit for general purposes, except for schools. stitution requires a six months school term in every county in North Carolina, and the attorney general has held that this constitutional mandate gives the county commissioners the right to levy sufficient taxes to raise enough money to run the school six months

ceeded. Will Submit Schedules. Judge George Pell, of the Corporation Commission, who remained in Washington a day longer than did Commission boor to the middle west are fair. When were not good, but other members of the delegation remaining over secured the promise of the railroads that tentative schedules would be submitted to the North Carolina commission for this through passenger service. The railroad authorities will also make suggestions for cutting off enough local trains to insure this through service without additional cost to the railroads. it is just here that the hitch will come, for the average North Carolina community is not going to want to give up very much local train service, when that service is to be substituted by a through service which will not make ail the stops. The North Carolina commission is of the opinion that the through service should be so in fact and not in name and that stopping the train at practically all points along the line from Goldsboro to Asheville would result in seriously handicapping the

effectiveness of the service. The suggestion that the through pull mans for Cincinnati and other points in the middle west be attached to Trains No. 21 to 22 will not meet the approval of the people of High Point, Lexington, Thomasville and Salisbury, for these two trains go by Winston-Salem rather than by Salisbury, and would not help the people of these towns put

of the loss of the train. Arrange for Watts Offices. Arrangements are being made to provide office space in the corporation com mission offices for the new department of revenue and taxation. The space formerly occupied by the tax department of revenue of the commission will be taken over by the new department, but this does not give sufficient space for the office of the new official. Some of the help will have to double up in order to provide an office for Commissioner Watts, who takes charge on May . The corporation commission believes that sufficient space can be provided so that it will not be necessary to rent space down town for the new depart-

Beasley Letters Continue. Insurance Commissioner Wade coninues to get letters from every section of the state regarding the advertising matter being sent into North Carolina by former Commissioner of Public Welfare Roland F. Beasley, who is trying to sell stock in the International Petroleum company. Mr. Wade is writing all of these people who forward this literature to him that no license has been issued for the sale of this stock in North Carolina and that the company has not complied with the laws of the state.

He is unable to cope with the situation, however, for the campaign is being made through the mails and not by agents. Were agents of the company, working in North Carolina they could be arrested. When the sales campaign is being conducted through the mails however, Uncle Sam's postal authori-ties are the only people who can put a stop to the efforts.

The company is making a drive on North Carolina because president, in a letter to attorneys, declares that he practiced law in North Carolina for twenty years, and also on the ground that Mr. Beasley, the former stote office holder, is now connected with the company. Great stress is given to Mr. Eeasiey's connection with the company. An 'mmense mailing list is evidently in the hands of the company,

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