Weather.

Washington, April 17-Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday: Fair tonight; warmer in dentral and southeast portions.

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WILSON ISSUES STATEMENT ON WHEAT MATTER

Statement From the Department of Agriculture in **Nature of Reply**

THE AMOUNT PRODUCED

The Amount of Wheat Produced in 1908, According to the Depart ment, Was Greater Than for the Previous Year, Therefore the Scarcity of Wheat is Not the Cause of the Present High Prices-Estimates of the Department Are Reliable, Says the Statement, Mr. Patten to the Contrary Notwithstand-

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 17-The department of agriculture today issued a lengthy statement bearing on the Patten situation in Chicago. It fol-

'The department of agriculture has estimated the amount of wheat on farms March 1, 1909, to be about Christ. Take Him into your heart 143,000,000 bushels, or 211/2 percent of the amount produced in the country last year, 1908.

"Analysis of the wheat movement after March 1st in past years indicates that the yearly estimates of the percentage of crop on farms March 1 has been about five percent below the actual percentage.

"The amount of wheat produced in the calendar year 1908 was 665,000,-000 bushels, as compared with 634, 000,000 bushels for the crop year 1907, making 31,000,000 bushels more for the last crop year than we found the year previous, and it will be seen that a scarcity of wheat in this country is not the cause of the present abnormal increase in prices.

'Another factor of interest here is the corn crop of last year in its feeding potential. In considering the food of the people throughout the world when wheat becomes dear, as it is now as the result of this Chicago corner, people use more corn than they do when wheat is cheaper. In many of our states our people resort to corn bread when wheat bread becomes dear, as the cost of every days' food has to be carefully calculated. In the old world the people resort to rye to a greater extent than when wheat becomes dear, so that the people who are running this corner will have to consider that less wheat will be used while it remains at an abnormally high price.

"In regard to the reliability of the reports relative to the amount of wheat on farms March 1, the reports of this department about 143,000,000 bushel in round numbers on the March 1.

'It was estimated on the first of March this year the amount of wheat on farms was 147,000,000 bushels and other statisticians of standing in public and private letters to this department put it at 140,000,000 to 170,000,000 bushels. On March 1 a any bagggage. When we told him we year ago the department estimated the amount on farms to be 147,000 .-000 bushels, about 4,000,600 more

than this year. "In regard to the liability of these reports: The reporters of the department of agriculture are farmers living on the farms and know, if anybody knows, the facts. We cannot whistle these men down the wind. If we seek an honest class of community and hesitate to take the word of the American farmers, we will not establish truth by going to the gam-

"There is sufficient wheat in the country at normal prices to make bread for the American people up to the time when the new crop comes, and those who attempt to keep prices up at present rates expect to get their mony out of the common people-the

"The large majority of wheat has left the hands of the farmers. A high price has been created. The farmers are not beneficiaries of such conditions; they will naturally plant more wheat and next year's crop is likely to be abnormally large, when the gamblers will not be in the market and J. L. Fox, charged with the killing of mischief will be done by disturbation of the crop system."

Texas Flour Mills Close Down. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Dallas, Tex., April 17-Flour mills over Texas generally today decided to close down indefinitely tonight on account of the high price of

NEW GRAND JURY SCHEME TO ROB FOR HASKELLCASE THE CONSUMERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 17-Attorney General Wickersham today telegraphed the United States attorney at Tulsa, Okla., that the present grand jury cannot legally re-investigate the Has- Is What James A. Patten is kell case, that a new grand jury must be drawn from what was formerly the western district of the Indian Terriory in order to reconsider those cases

if they are to be reconsidered at all. The department of justice still has under consideration whether or not Judge Marshall's decision leaves open any new means of procuring indictments against Governor Haskell and

REVIVAL MEETING.

fen Days Revival in Progress at the Christian Church.

Rev. L. F. Johnson, paster of the Hillsboro street Christian church is onducting a ten days revival meeting at his church. He is sending out the following invitation:

"You are invited to attend the Christian church revival. The meet ing is now in progress and will continue for several days. Services every evening at 8 o'clock. Christian people of all denominations friends and strangers in the city are invited to attend and take some part in the meetings. If you are unconverted I entreat you to come and seek Jesus and life as your Lord and Master.'

Trunks Were Addressed to Miss Grant

Three Trunks Containing \$30,000 Miss Grant and Mrs. Mason-Say Trunks Were Not Meant For Them.

San Francisco, April 17-Miss Nellie Grant, daughter of Jesse R. Frant and granddaughter of General S. Grant, and her aunt, Mrs. John Mosan, have been notified by cus ioms officials that three of the trunks ontaining about \$30,000 worth of French gorwns and rare laces, seized n New York recently, were found to e addressed to them.

Miss Grant and Mrs. Mason inormed the customs agents that the paggage was not their property and hat they were unable to throw any light upon the smuggling plot which s now being investigated by the cusoms officers in New York City.

It was upon this assurance that the three trunks held at the New York -ustom house were opened and their ontents confiscated.

"We returned from Calcutta last month," said Miss Grant, "after a wo-years residence abroad, and all our effects were admitted free of luty. We arrived in New York on he Kroonland.

"Recently Mr. Stratton, the local collector, communicated with us and isked us whether or not we expected did not he immediately communicated

with New York. . "They broke open the trunks there ind found them filled with laces and tound them filled with faces and tound. The smugglers must have JOHNSON NOW WANTS totten our names from the passenger ists and decided to ship some goods addressed to us and then have agents

all for them on this side. "My father writes me that the oficials have been searching for the muggling gang that is carrying on this sort of traffic and I suppose this search has frightened the persons who used our names.'

MANSLAUGHTER

(Special to The Times.)

Wadesboro, April 17.-This morning at nine-thirty the jury in the case of them ten rounds, either here or in Steve Watson returned a verdict of manslaughter and Fox was sentenced by Judge Biggs to a term of twelve years in the State penitentiary at hard

The jury in this case had been out night on account of the high price of wheat. The bakers have decreased the size of the leaves from 16 to 12 was charged here in Newton, his for the size of the leaves from 16 to 12 mer home, several years since.

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AND MAKEMONEY

Engaged in Says Secretary Wilson

MILLERS BLAME PATTEN

The Wheat King Arrived at His Office Long Before Nine O'clock, Roiled at Fresh Attack Upon Him and Prepared to Sell Part of His 6,000,000 Bushels of July Wheat, Millers Resort to Premiums to Increase Sales of Flour, Many Declaring Their Business is Almost Stagnant.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, April 17-Accused by his nemies of having manipulated a wheat corner which will take bread from the mouth of the poor man and openly charged by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson with robbing the people by his manipulations, James A. Patten, the "wheat king of Chicago" arrived at his office long before 9 o'clock today, roiled at the fresh attack upon him and prepared to sell more wheat.

It has been estimated that Patten, by selling out at the recent high figures, netted fully two-thirds of a pool of \$4,000,000 which the Patten following had in wheat. It was also de clared that he now holds some 6,000, 000 bushels of July wheat, but will take profits on it within a short time, adhering to his declaration that he will sell out his line of wheat.

In the meantime some small bakers have been compelled to suspend Worth of Fine Goods Addressed to business and big bakers are selling short-weight loaves. Millers have re sorted to premiums to increase their sales of flour, many declaring their business is almost stagnant at this

> These men blame Mr. Patten and side with Secretary Wilson, who, in his latest statement to the public,

"That fellow in Chicago is engaged in a scheme to rob the consumer and make money."

Patton Talks.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, April 17-James A. Paton did not like the statement of the secretary of agriculture that he would place the statements of his army of 'honest crop reporters" against the Patten predictions.

"My information is better than ecretary Wilson's even if he has 150,000 honest men." said Patten. I would like Mr. Wilson to tell where that 143,000,000 bushels of reserve wheat is. In his March 1 report of wheat in farmers' hands he reported that figure. Now where is the wheat? Why doesn't it come out at these figures?

"Kansas City is buying, or trying to buy wheat here. That indicates the situation. I still maintain that wheat will stay at high prices all the

A TEN ROUND BOUT

(By TAD)

New York, April 17-Jack Johnman or Sam Langford before he meets Ketchel in Frisco and is willing to bet \$5,000 on the side.

"I was going to back Langford against Ketchel and put up \$5,000," said Johnson last night, "but Lang ford suddenly got too fresh, and I changed my mind. I know that Sam can beat Ketchel. Oh, that's certain. but as long as Ketchel thinks he has a chance against me and is willing to bet, why I'm there, too.

"If Kaufman or Langford is willing to bet a little I will box either of Boston, and we can select a referee or leave it to the newspapers to decide. I sail for Europe next month and will be back here in August to

box either one, if they are willing." since yesterday evening at four o'clock, merely kidding. "I want Al to fight spiracy in restraint of trade, but de-Fox would evidently have gotten off him to a finish and let the public say with a lighter sentence had he not had whether Kaufman is there or not. such a bad reputation, for great stress | None of these six round things for

ANOTHER JOKER FOUND DEMOCRATS IN

Discovered in Iron and Steel Schedule

Joker Inserted by the Senate Finance Committee Very Innocent Looking and Would Hardly Attract the Attention of the Average Congress

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 17-A little joker is said to have been discovered In paragraph 119 of the iron and steel schedule of the Payne tariff bill. It was inserted by the senate finance committee. It is very innocent and would hardly attract attention from the average congressman.

An insurgent republican member s responsible for bringing the joker to light.

Paragraph 119 provides as folows:

"Beams, girders, joists, angles, channels, car truck channels, T. T. columbs and posts or parts or sec ions of columns and posts, deck and bulb beams, and building forms, to gether with al other structural shapes of iron or steel, whether plain or punched for use three-tenths one cent per pound."

This was quite a cut as compared senate finance committee amended it by raising the tariff to four-tenths of e cent per pound and struck out the words "whether plain or punched" ard substituted "but not assembled, or manufactured, or advanced beyond that the western republican senators hammering, rolling, or casting."

By striking out the words unched" the iron or steel structural naterial gets caught in the basket clause and has to pay an additional ariff of 20 per cent ad valorem.

That 2,500 Feople Were Killed

Massacre of Christians Spreading to in Many Places.

Constantinople, April 17-The British consul at Adana and Major Doughty Wylie, the British viceonsul at Mersina have been wounded in the anti-Christian rioting, according to a report just received here The latest reports today say that 2,500 people have been slain in Adana and Mersina and that the massacre of Christians is spreading to other towns and is likely to extend all over Asia-Minor. The Mohammedan fanatics are applying the orch in towns near the scenes of the

Malta, April 17-The British warships anchored in the harbor here today got up steam in preparation for immediate orders o proceed to Turkey to protect British interests there

Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey Auril 17-The mussulmans today turned their attention to Christians on the Pais coast. Two Christian the year 1786." villages were burned and the Lazarist missions are in grave danger.

Vienna, April 17—The Zeit's cor- SPEAKER WILL NOT respondent at Uskub telegraphs that the Albanians have risen and defeated forces of Turkish troops at Ochrida and Ipek.

Salonica, April 17-Energetic measures are to be taken to combat committee at Salonica.

DECISION GIVEN IN **NAVAL STORES CASE**

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Savannah, Ga., April 17.-Judge sheppard, in the United States District Court today handed down his decision in the demurrer case of the United States against the American Naval Stores Company the so-called trust, and others. The court sustained the validity of

the penal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act and and also sustained that count of the indictment which Billy Delaney says that Johnson is charged the defendants with a conclared defective and dismissed that intendent of schools for Wake county count of the indictment which charg- will address a meeting of colored ed that the defendants operated a my

THE SENATE ARE ALSO DIVIDED

Same Difference Exists As to Tariff As in the House

UNITED ON INCOME TAX

Democrats in the Senate Will Vote For Rates Their Constituents Are Asking For and This Mean That Lumber and Hides Will Not Go On the Free List-Republicans Are Also Divided But Not . So Pronouncedly as in the House-Democrats Are Practically United On An Income Tax.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, April 17-The same difference exists among the democrats with the Dingley rate bill, but the in the senate over the tariff bill as among the democrats in the house. This also applies to the republican, but not so pronouncedly in the senate as in the house, for the reason have so far been successful in secur ing almost everything they have insisted on. However, the Aldrich-Payne tariff bill is by no means out of the woods, so far as amendments are concerned and it is the amendments to be offered that worries Senator Aldrich. The democrats will vote for rates their constituents are asking for. This means that lumber will not go on the free list, nor will hides remain on the free list, but on the question of an income tax, the democrats are practically united. There is a strong contingent on the republican side of the chamber in favor of this tax as against the inheri-Other Towns and Mohammedan tance tax. The belief is growing Fanatics Are Applying the Torch daily that the income tax idea will prevail when the matter has been submitted to a vote. Some three or it was said today. The house, it is believed, would accept the income tax

by a large majority. AN UNIQUE DESCRIPTION.

In An Old Grant in the Secretary of State's Office.

In the office of the secretary of state is recorded a grant dated Feb-Dobbs Speight, governor, and J. Glasing unique description of the land granted occurs:

"Beginning at a locust and a gum tree on the east side of Bear Creek of the truck team last year. This and running north three miles, crossing the creek to a post oak; thence has "laid down" on this race, none west six miles to a stake; then south of them having the nerve to buck up three miles to a stake; then to the against Raleigh's team. President beginning, including the place where McNeill has written to Chief Mangum Matthew Leeper and others in com- that as no one will enter against the pany killed a bear on his returning capital city in this race that he thinks from the Mussell Shoals voiage in it advisable to leave it off the pro-

CONSULT MR. CLARK

Washington, April 17 .- Word has been passed along the line that Speakdisaffection. Albania has put 20,000 er Cannon will announce the commit- would mean decreasing interest in it son now wants to box either Al Kauf- men at the disposal of the young Turk | tee appointments the day before the adjournment of congress for the ses sion. There is a feeling among the democrats that the speaker will not adhere to his policy of assigning to the minority leader the courtesy of selecting the minority members of the ommittee, but will appoint the full committees without consulting with inority Leader Clark.

Representative Clark when asked about the matter said he knew nothing about the committee assignments; that the speaker had indicated no desire to discuss the subject with him. From a source close to the speaker, the understanding is that the rule of the seniority will prevail and that there will but few changes in committee chairmanship and in the personnel.

The Hon. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction; Mr. F. M. Harper, superintendent of city chools, and Mr. Zeb V. Judd, superpeople at St. Augustine's school, in

SHOT WIFE AND

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Canisto, N. Y., April 17.-Arthur G. onklin, a young farmer, shot his wife and then threw himself under the wheels of a rapidly moving trolley car, The woman is still alive, but is in a

ritical condition. Conklin is dead, The couple came to this village apparently on the best of terms. Conklin went to a hardware store and bought a box of cartridges, several of which he slipped into a revolver while standing in the doorway. Mrs, Conklin was walking slowly down the freet slightly in advance of her husband when he suddenly drew the revolver and shot her, then throwing duself under the car.

TWO CHARTERS TODAY.

A Brick Company and a Laundry Chartered.

Messrs, J. H. Cunningham, W. H. Osborne and C. D. Cunningham, of Greensboro, have been granted charter to do business under the name of the Cunningham Brick Company. They will manufacture and sell brick. The paid in capital is \$5,-000, authorized capital stock \$25,000 The Alderman-Capehart Laundry Company, of Washington, begins bus iness on a paid in capital of \$3,150. Authorized capital stock \$10,000. J

FIREMENS'TOURNAMENT

. Capehart, W. L. Vaughon and W

H. Alderman are the incorporators.

Will be Held in Asheville in July

Raleigh Boys Don't Want the Truck Race Eliminated—Other Cities Afraid to Meet Raleigh Truck Team—Raleigh Team Has Won for Four Years in Succession-Strive for New Record This Year,

Capt. James D. McNeill, of Fay tteville, president of the State Firemans' Association, has announced voice their feelings. It was said that that the annual convention and tour- Midshipman Karl F. Smith would four income tax amendments will be nament will be held this year on the offered next week by republicans, so 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of July, nearly a month earlier than they have heretofore been held. The change of dates is satisfactory to the local department and it is thought that it will meet the approval of all. This change was made by the executive committee of the association, after careful consultation.

The convention is to be held in Asheville again this year, and Ralruary 22, 1795 and signed by Richard eigh, as usual, will be represented by strong teams. The boys are hoping gow ,secretary, in which the follow- to beat their own great record in the hose wagon race. In the truck race, Raleigh has won first money for four years. Mr. John Wynne was captain year it seems that the whole circuit gram. This does not suit the chief and it does not suit the boys of the department. The truck race is a fixture. For years it has been one of the most interesting features of the tournament and the Raleigh boys do not like to see it left out simply be cause the other fire departments of the state have "cold feet." It is a branch of the fire-fighting business that should not be neglected, and leaving the contest off the program in every city of the state.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 17,-Detectives who Will Go to the Pacific Coast This ave been sent to Fort Hamilton by District Attorney DeWitt, of Queens county, to gather evidence from some of the army officers there for presentaion at the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains, have learned, it became known oday, that the captain Lirestened to kill William E. Annis before leaving planning to make this summer and if for duty in the Philippines. This in plans do not go far wrong he will formation was secured from two army officers who were at the post while Captain Hains was stationed there be-fore his Philippine detail. They told ust. Although the stimate has a

SHIP'S OFFICERS KILLED HIMSELF OBJECTTONEGRO FOR MESSMATE

Race Question May 'Have to Be Threshed Out by Departments

OFFICERS NOT PLEASED

Presence of Negro On Liberian Commission Threatens Trouble That State and Navy Departments May Have to Thresh Out-Negro Member is E. J. Scott-May Be Assigned to the Birmingham For Trip Across-Officers of Birmingham Are All Southern Men and Are Not a Bit Pleased With Their Prospective Messmate.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 17-The presence of a negro on the Liberian commission which the government will send to investigate conditions in the black republic may create a race issue to be threshed out by the state and naval departments. The commission is to sail on the scout cruiser Chester, Salem and Birmingham, but complications have arisen which have upset all arrangements. The negro member of the commission is Emmett J. Scott, private secretary to Booker

. Washington. W. Morgan Shuster, chairman of the commission, has already resigned. And now comes the unofficial news that Scott will be probably assigned to the Birmingham on the 4,000 mile cruise, the Birmingham being the one ship of the little squadron bearing a large quota of southerners among its officers. The only negroes on board

are the mess room attendants. There is much talk aboard the Birmingham, but the officers, restricted by official regulations, are unable to likely have to surrender his stateroom to Scott, if the Birmingham is selected. Ensign Strassburger has already been ordered to the Ohio to give more room. The officers of the Birmingham hail from Texas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Ten-

nessee and other southern states. "If such a thing should come to pass," declared one today, "I would willingly eat below all the way from New York to Monrovia."

State Department Knows Nothing

About It. Washington, April 17-Assistant Secretary of State Wilson this morning when asked about the reported difficulty regarding the transportation of members of the Liberian commission to Liberia on United States warships, owing to the fact that one member of the commission is a negro and the alleged objections of United States naval officers, many of whom on the ships designated are from the south and object to associating on terms of social equality with a colored man, said he knew nothing about the matter. Secretary Knox, it was said, is out of town and will not return until Monday.

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT.

Will be Offered by Senator Cummins

in the Senate Monday. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 17-Senator Cummins has drawn an income tax amendment which he will offer in the senate Monday. He intends submitting it to a number of his colleagues tomorrow to obtain their opinion of the measure and make such changes as may be agreed upon. The senator is much pleased with the sentiment expressed by his colleagues in favor of the income tax proposition. He is quite hopeful of the adoption of his

PRESIDENT TO MAKE TRIP.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 17-President Taft has requested a prominent railroad official to make an estimate of the cost of the western trip be is start out on the long swing around the circuit soon after the first of Augbeen completed enough informat