

No Change in Administration Policy as to Reparations

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WIDE PUBLICATION OF UNTRUE REPORTS

Intended to Correct Report in London That the Coolidge Administration Had Modified Previous Policy.

Washington, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—To clear away any misunderstanding in London regarding the attitude of the Coolidge administration on reparations, Secretary Hughes cabled to the American embassy there the substance of the story carried from Washington by the Associated Press, on August 15th, with a notification that the declarations it contained represented the precise position of the United States government.

This disclosure was made today as a result of the wide publication of untrue reports that the State Department had sent to foreign governments through the American embassies abroad, a new note on reparations. The informative message to the embassy in London is the only communication on reparations which has been sent abroad by the department.

The message to London was intended to correct a misapprehension evident in London dispatches, which had indicated it was felt that the Coolidge administration had modified somewhat the previous policy of Washington relative to participation in any attempt to settle the reparations difficulty. It was reaffirmed there had been no change whatever in the policy as a result of the change in Presidency.

Embassy Officials Make Position Clear in London.

London, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—Acting upon cable advice from Secretary of State Hughes, the American embassy officials in London have made it clear to the British foreign office that the United States contemplated no departure on its attitude toward reparations as taken by President Harding, and as announced by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech.

This disposes of any hope of that time that President Coolidge's accession to the White House would result in a change of policy by the United States in Europe's problems.

The reiteration of America's policy was conveyed verbally and informally to the British government, and not through a note.

OVER 200,000 AUTO LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN STATE

It Is Expected That by July 1 Next Year About 245,000 Will Have Been Issued.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—Over 200,000 automobile and automobile truck licenses have been issued by Secretary of State W. N. Everett through the automobile license department since July 1, it is announced by J. E. Sawyer, head of the department.

The department is mailing out between 900 and 700 license tags daily and it is expected that by July 1, next year, over 225,000 automobile tags and over 20,000 truck tags will have been issued. The improvement of the roads of the state is increasing automobile sales throughout North Carolina immensely, Mr. Sawyer thinks.

Last year approximately 187,000 automobile licenses and 21,000 truck licenses were issued. This year 185,000 automobile licenses and 16,000 truck licenses already have been issued, and applications for licenses continue to pour into the department offices steadily.

The reason for the expected decrease in the number of truck licenses this year is found in the change made by the last general assembly in the automobile license law classifying trucks made by the placing of a truck body on a certain make of automobile as automobiles. Such trucks previously had been classed along with other trucks and were taxed accordingly.

During normal times, when the rush of the automobile license season is over, approximately 300 licenses are granted daily by the automobile license department, thus indicating that an equal number of new automobiles are being purchased throughout the State each day.

Mr. Sawyer estimates that the income to be derived during the year from automobile licenses and the gasoline tax of three cents a gallon will total approximately \$6,000,000, all of which will go to the upkeep, improvement and building of new roads in the state.

NEGRO LYNCHED Lee Green Taken From Officers Conveying Him to Perry, Ga., and Shot to Death.

(By the Associated Press.) Micon, Ga., Aug. 17.—Lee Green, negro, was taken from officers who were conveying him to Perry, Ga., this morning, and lynched just over the Bibb county line, according to a long distance telephone report here. The negro, who had been arrested here last night in connection with an attack on a white woman in Houston county about a month ago, was being taken to Perry, Ga., to be turned over to the sheriff there.

One of the officers in charge of the negro telephoned police headquarters here from Houston County stating that the negro was reported as having been shot to death. It was also reported that he confessed to the crime for which he had been arrested.

Only eight Presidents of the United States so far have not been members of the bar.

DAVIS REPLIES AS TO THE CONDITIONS AT IMMIGRANT STATION

LIEUT. GOV. COOPER SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 17.—"I see no reason why I should resign," said Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, W. B. Cooper, indicted chairman of the defunct Commercial National Bank board, said here this afternoon.

Nothing in the world of such a report, and certainly would not feel cheap to take such a step.

KIWANIS CLUBS INCREASE

Have 53 Now to 42 a Year Ago, With 3,345 Members.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 17.—The number of Kiwanis International clubs in the Carolina district has increased from 42 to 53 during the past year and the present membership of the district is 3,345, according to the report of Roderick M. McDonald, district secretary and treasurer, made this morning at the annual Kiwanis district convention in session at Wrightsville Beach. The secretary expressed much satisfaction with the success of Kiwanis in the Carolina district during the past year, saying "There is a greater realization of the aims, ideals and purposes of Kiwanis than there has ever been."

The 11 new clubs added during the year are: Aberdeen, N. C., Lenoir, N. C., Henderson, N. C., Lancaster, S. C., Reidsville, N. C., Elkin, N. C., Florence, S. C., Chisler, N. C., Marion, N. C., North Wilkesboro, N. C., Alben, S. C.

Two new clubs, Abbeville and Marion, S. C., are in course of formation, the secretary reported.

The four clubs leading in attendance and their per centage records for the first seven months of this year were given in the report as follows:

Greensboro, N. C., 90, 81.5; 90, 88.25; 84, 83.5, 80. Greenville, N. C., 86.1, 78.5, 64.5, 83.7, 69.4.

Sumpter, S. C., 64.2, 73.4, 81.8; 83.5, 82, 83.2, 66.7. Gastonia, N. C., 72.5, 81.5, 78.25, 68.5, 64, 72, 75.75.

Since its first publication, February 15, The Carolina Kiwanian, the district publication, a total of 19,599 copies have been published and distributed, the secretary stated. Full reports of the activities of the various clubs of the district to editors of the Carolina Kiwanian were urged by Mr. McDonald so that the magazine might carry to Kiwanians throughout the district information of what Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanians in other cities and towns of the district are doing.

Mr. McDonald did not report on the finances of the district, reserving this report until after January 1, 1924, when his term as secretary and treasurer and the fiscal year of the district end. He went into office last January 1.

International President George H. Ross, of Canada, was so pleased with his visit to Charleston, S. C., last March, Mr. McDonald reported, that he suggested to a group of Canadian Kiwanians who attended the International convention at Atlanta recently that they visit "The City by the Sea" on their return.

"This, the Canadians did, he said, and were royally entertained by the Charleston club.

"The year ahead of us is full of great possibilities for Kiwanis," Mr. McDonald said in closing his report. "There is still fertile ground for expansion, but we must not lose sight of the fact that help and take count with each other, for we are all growing children, young in deeds and experience. Let us not grow too fast. A better understanding of Kiwanis, a stronger friendship among ourselves, a closer co-operation in carrying on our work and a keener appreciation of our opportunities will bring us to a realization of service, the ideals and fundamental things which will make Kiwanis one of the principal factors of a new era."

CASE AGAINST BARRETT & CO. Formal Request for Requisition Papers to Bring Members of Firm to Face Charges in Aiken County.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—Formal request for requisition papers to bring Frank Barrett and three other members of the firm of Barrett & Co., of Augusta, Ga., to face charges of obtaining property by false pretenses in Aiken County, was made to the attorney general of South Carolina this morning by W. M. Smoak, an Aiken attorney, in person.

Mr. Smoak, who represents C. R. Lybrand, of Wagner, S. C., the plaintiff in the proceedings, went into conference with John M. Daniel, assistant attorney general immediately after his arrival here. The attorney introduced the affidavits of Lybrand sworn out August 11, before Magistrate W. B. Rayborn, of Aiken, in support of his petition for requisition papers.

Certificate of Extradition Issued Later. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 18.—Setting forth that Frank H. Barrett and three other members of the Augusta cotton firm of Barrett & Co., Inc., are "fugitives from justice," a certificate of extradition was issued by the office of the Attorney General of South Carolina today, recommending that the defendants be brought to this state to stand trial on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses.

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GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

To His Honor, Judge B. F. Long, presiding August, 1923 term Cabarrus Superior Court.

We, the Grand Jury, beg to submit the following report:

We have acted on all bills of indictment sent to us by the State Library and have made presentations of the law that have been brought to our attention.

A committee visited the Chain Gang and found it to be in good condition as a whole. There were 29 white prisoners and 15 colored prisoners. Some of the prisoners reported that they sleep in the same clothes they come from work in. We recommend that sleeping garments be furnished the prisoners and that they be compelled to use them. The mattresses used at the camp are good.

All prisoners were humanely treated, and good discipline was maintained. We found the lighting system to be of oil lanterns and oil lamps. We recommend that a modern electric light system be installed. Attached to this report is a list of articles now in the hands of the Cabarrus Highway Commission.

A committee visited the home for the aged and infirm, and found it to be in excellent sanitary condition—spotlessly clean. The inmates stated that they liked their home and were well treated. There were 14 colored persons (one prisoner) and 14 colored persons are now living at the home. The following articles are part of the equipment found: Ford car, 1 Fordson tractor, 1 side plow, 2 disc harrows, 1 steel harrow, 2 turn plows, 1 disc plow, 1 middle buster, 1 riding cultivator, 3 small cultivators, 2 mowers, 1 hay rake, 1 binder, 2 two-horse wagons, 1 one-horse wagon, 1 hearse, 1 planter, 1 cotton planter, 1 fertilizer distributor, 1 lime distributor, 1 wheat drill, 1 ditcher, 1 incubator, 1 horse, 1 mule, 125 bushels of corn, lots of rough feed, 10 sacks of dairy feed, 11 cows, 1 heifer, 1 bull, 2 calves, 4 sows, 8 pigs, 18 sheep, 1 boar, 2 electric motors, 1 electric fan, 170 pounds of sugar, 600 pounds of rice, 125 pounds of meal, 60 pounds of meat, 125 pounds of lard, 60 pounds of flour, 125 pounds of coffee, 50 pounds of rice, 50 pounds of beans, 194 jars fruit pickles and tomatos, 150 chickens, 20 acres planted in corn, 5 acres in peas, 4 acres in sweet potatoes, 2 acres in Irish potatoes, 1 acre in tomatoes, one-half acre in beans, 1 acre in turnips. We recommend that fire escapes be placed on the three-story brick buildings.

We, as a body, visited the County Jail. There were 6 white men prisoners, 1 white woman, 7 colored men and 1 colored woman. The sanitary conditions we found to be fair. The food was well prepared. A number of prisoners stated that they received good attention and were well treated. We recommend: That a towel and a cake of soap be furnished each prisoner; that white canvas shoes be furnished for mattress covers and pillows, and a clean pair of flannel socks and 1 pair of socks; that the flannel socks be changed once a week for old prisoners; that the drains in the basement be put in condition to take care of shower baths; that old dirty books, papers and rubbish be removed from the basement floor to better sanitary conditions; that the broken window lights be replaced in the basement, and these windows be protected by heavy iron bars or iron grates; that a steel passage-way be placed from the second floor of the jail to the second floor of the court house, for the convenience of the court.

A committee inspected the court house and found it to be in good condition. We recommend that an extra steel filing section be installed in the Clerk's office to take care of the valuable papers now wrapped in bundles and placed on top of the filing sections.

Acting upon His Honor's instructions, a committee investigated the school buildings of the county with two stories or more, and we recommend that a fire escape be placed on the two-story school building at Georgeville; an extra one on the three-story dormitory, one on the two-story brick building used as a society hall at Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and one at the rear of the High School building on East Corbin street. We found the two fire escapes at Central Graded School to be in very bad condition—about twenty-five feet of each section being missing. We recommend that this be fixed.