County Commencement Is Being Held Here Today

Prof. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public In-

Featured by an address by Prof. A. Allen, State Superintendent of Public I. Alea, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, commencement exercises for the rural schools of Cabarrus county were held in the auditorium of No. 2 school this morning and this afternoon. The exercises were attended by one of the largest audiences in the history of county commencements in Cabarrus county.

county.

The exercises began at 10 o'clock with a number by the Concord High School Orchestra, which furnished music during the day. The concert was followed by a short talk by Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the Cabarrus schools, who very interestingly presented in concrete form the work of the schools during the past year, and who also briefly, outlined the program for the day.

certificates of graduation were presented to those students who this year com-pleted their work in the county schools The list of graduates was an unusually large one and every section of the country

large one and every section of the county was represented among those students who received certificates.

"Public Education" was the subject of the very instructive and able address delivered by Prof. Allen, who for years has been intimately associated with educational leaders in the State and who during these years has made exhaustive study of the educational needs of the State.

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The first part of Prof. Allen's address was devoted to a general outline of early educational work in the State, the speaker covering the early stages of the work and showing how the State has progressed along educational lines. This part of the address formed the background for the latter part, which was a plea for an eight-months system for every child in the State.

It is the duty of the State and county, acting jointly, to provide equal educational opportunities and facilities for every child in the State. Prof. Allen maintained in his address. He contended that both the State and the county should use the taxing power to the limit to provide sufficient funds to equalize educational opportunities in every quarter in North Carolina. It is not right, the speaker maintained, for one child to get an eight-months term simply because he happened to be born in some populeus neighbrohood or city while another child must be content with a six-months term simply because he was born in a sparsely settled community.

The exercises were halted for the dinmer recess following the address of Prof. Allen. This afternoon the recitation and declamation contests were held, and during the same session prizes were nwarded for scholastic work accompllished between the content with a state of the same session prizes were nwarded for scholastic work accomplished units the very content work accomplished with the properties of Prof. Allen's address follows:

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The full text of Prof. Allen's address

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The principles involved in offering at public expense an educational opportunity un through the secondary level to all children are now fully accepted in every American Commonwealth, Public education is regarded as an obligation and not as a burden; although it necessarily imposes a burden of taxation. It is the obligation of democracy to provide as nearly as possible an equul start in life and an even race through it for all its clitzenship. It is perhans one of the highest manifestations of the purposes for which governments are instituted among men. With all that, it is neither a charitable foundation nor a philanthropic institution. It partakes

is neither a charitable foundation nor a philanthropic institution. It partakes more of the nature of an investment, placed with the expectation of ample returns. The hoped for returns are not necessarily monetary; but many of them are fundamental in our civilization.

Every good citizen is willing to contribute a certain amount of his time and money to public enterprises and community interests merely for the common good. The first service is often rendered by those who do not hold public office. Public education expects increased ability for service among a constantly increasing proportion of its citizenship.

Democracy is founded on the principles of the participation of its citizenship in all its undertakings. The measure of this participation is the intelligence of the people. The intelligence is increased, there is a fuller participation and democracy increases in strength.

Again there must be the ability to understand the right. Moral principles make no appeal except to those who comprehended. What, therefore, is the justification of the State in offering at public expense educational opportunit!

Public education is a tax supported institution to which all are required to contribute adjusting to their ability; and in which all are permitted to participate according to their needs. It is a collective effort on the part of a free people to save their prosperity from publical bondings had, from economic siavery and to provide for them an unhampered chance to grew into intellectual and moral freedom. It is democ-

(Concluded on Page Six).

SHIPPING POULTRY

Address.

"PUBLIC EDUCATION"

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS
Large Number of Students

Receive Certifiates of Graduation—Large Crowd In Attendance.

Cooperative Sale in Rutherfordion Has Fine Results.

(By the Associated Press.)

Rutherfordion, N. C., April 26.—A car load of live chickens weighing 19.379 pounds and selling for more than \$\frac{4}{5}000 at a co-operative sale has just been shipped from here to Philadelphia. The sale was conducted by V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist for State Col'ege of Agriculture, at the request of County Farm Agent F. E. Patton and Home Agent Miss Hattie Niell.

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Up to the time of the sale there had existed in Rutherford County a surplus of poultry, it was stated, and good live hens were selling at 18, cents per pound while it was almost impossible to sell old roosters.

A drizzling rain on the day of the sale, which at first made the promoters fear for the/outcome, did not hinder the undertaking, it was pointed out, but at the close of the day 304 farmers had received checks as their share in the sale which totaled exactly \$4,032.14. A local bank was authorized by the purchasing firm to issue individual checks to the farmers. The largest check was for \$1.07, which was paid for an old rooster, said to have been unsalable the day before.

The sale resulted, it was claimed, in a clearing of the surplus of poultry in the county and an increase of three and one half cents ner round for wolltre.

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Expandition was made that it was planned to ship the car to Cleveland County in order to get the required minimum of 18,000 pounds for d car, however, this was found unnecessary. In Cleveland County 6,000 pounds were sold at co-operative sale for \$1,200.

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In Cleveland County 6,000 pounds were sold at co-operative sale for \$1,200.

"This was the first shipment of such size 'that Rutherford County has ever wirnessed," declared Mr. Lewis." and from the interest expressed, it is felt that this is only a beginning of what will finally be a great industry in the county. The farmers now know that they can make their own sales of poultry and they realize that good markets are available when a car load lot is sold through co-operative action. Interest in this method of sale is growing over the state.

The home and farm agents of Beaufort County are planning to ship a car load from Washington today, and the farm agent of Lenoir plans to ship early in May. Two car loads have recently been shippd from Macon County.

Post and Flaggs Cotton Letter,
New York, April 25.—The small ten-

Post and Flags's Cotton Letter.

New York, April 25.—The small tender which was promptly taken care of brought on covering in the near months under which prices advanced smartly in spite of reports of prospective further curtailment by domestic mills and advertisement of the intention of textile distributors to adhere firmly to the policy of hand to mouth buying until something more definite can be known of the prospect for the next crop. Distant positions sympathized only remotely in the strength of the nears and just as was the case last year at about this time talk is heard of the possibility of a yery large crop if the weather proves propitious. That such a chance exists is impossible to deny any more than it is that the weather may prove more favorable than last season and if the next two months provide suitable conditions, later months may be forced lower for a time just as they were then. The point is that such a possibility has already been heavily discounted by selling for speculative short account and by post-ponement of any effort by the trade to insure against later requirements practically all of which must be supplied by the coming crop. If the schedule fails in any particular and this flood of buying is ever released we should hesitate to attempt to estimate how fast and how for the advance would travel. We are rapidly approaching the point where the road divides and traders must accept the risk of further developments impossible to foresee. There is a limit to what a long can lose but none that readily suggests itself for a short, if the crop should happen to follow the same course as last year.

POST AND FLAGG.

With Our Advertisers.

Read the new ad, of the Cabarrus Sav-

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Read the new ad. of the Cabarrus Savings Bank and begin to save against accidents, sickness, old age and any other

emergency.
Fine Goods Fairly Priced—you will Fine Goods Fairly Friced find this at the Browns-Cannon Co.
The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. has received another shipment of small sugar cured hams at 25 cents a pound.
The Bell & Harris Co. is offering some control in Linoleums and Waltons specials in Linoleums and Waltons druggets and wrought iron bridge lamps "Did you ever taste such good meat?" is the question asked concerning the meats sold by Sanitary Grocery Co. See

new ad.
The Southern Railway System is of-The Southern Railway System is offering special reduced fare to Spartanburg for the music festival May 7, 8, 9.
John K. Patterson & Co., real estate
agent, has several bargains in real estate to offer. Look up new ad. today,
May first is tax returning time. A
new series is open in the Citizens Building & Loan Association. Savings there
are tax free.
This is Armstrong's linoleum week at
the Concord Furniture Co. See new ad.
Your dollar is a part of what you
have accomplished. Will you waste your
own labor? See ad. of the Citizens Bank
and Trust Company.

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M. S. Daugherty Cited for Contempt

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—Without debate the Senate today adopted a resolution citing M. S. Daugherty of Ohio, a brother of the former Attorney General, for contempt, because of his failure to respond to the summons of the Daugherty investigating committee.

JAMES R. GARFIELD OPPOSED TO LEASE OF MUSCLE SHOALS

To Henry Ford or Any Other Individual—Says It Should Be Exploited for Good of Whole People.

WANTS TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

Says the Power at Muscle Shoals Should Be Distributed Under Provisions of the Waterpower Act.

(By the Associated Press.) (By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior,
told the Senate agricuture committee at
today's Muscle Shoals hearing that he
wished to appear because "the Ford bid
seems for me so destructive as to the
requirements very clearly understood under the provisions of the Federal Waterpower act."

"The waterpower resources of the
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"The waterpower resources of the country should be developed for the needs of all the people of the country," he continued. "It is interesting to know that Muscle Shoals was the first site to come under the government's conservation policy. President Roosevelt retoed the first bill calling for the disposal of Muscle Shoals to a private in.

vetoed the first bill calling for the dis-nosal of Muscle Shoals to a private in-dividual. The natural resources of the country should not be exploited by any individual, but should be used for the benefit of the generations to come." Garfield said the power should be dis-tributed under the provisions of the Federal Waterpower act. The act pro-vides for a fair margin of profit on the amount of capital invested, and the prop-erty would be returned to the govern-ment after expiration of the terms of the lease.

T. L. Kirkpatrick, representing the chambers of commerce of Charlotte and Salisbury, and other North Carolina or-ganizations, and E. C. Dwelle, of Charlotte, protested the selling of Muscle Shoals except in strict accordance with the terms of the Federal Waterpower

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"We appeal to you senators to hold involute this sessed true, and to administer the temperature of intelligentary in order that the taxpayer may enjoy from it the fullest fruition of all his hopes and expectations," Kirkpatrick declared.

GASTONIA WILL HAVE A \$150,000 THEATER

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Respect.

Gastonia, April 25.—Gastonia is to
have a \$150,000 theater, work to begin
early in June on the building. James
A. Estridge and J. E. Simpson, owners
of the Gartonian and Ideal moving picture theaters here, and J. White Ware,
suresident of the Third National bank,
have purchased 50 feet on Marietta
street from L. N. Patrick and will erect
thereon a modern theater, capable of
seating 1,500 people and containing the
street from to the theater will be
seating 1,500 people and containing the
construction. The lot is 190 feet deep,
The entrance to the theater will be
through an arcade. The front of the
building will be two stores 50 feet deep.
The theater will be 50 by 150.

The theater will cater to all the
tregular road attractions and vaudeville,
It will be under the general supervision
of Mr. Estridge, who has had much exprefered in theatrical work. The theater
will be equipped with every contrivance
to essential to comfort and safety. It will
be built largely of steel and concrete.
The balcony will be of concrete.

To Represent America in Balloon Rac-in Brussels.

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(By the Associated Press.)

San Antonio, Texas, April 26.—W. T.
VanOrman, Captain H. E. Honeywall, and Major-Norman W. Peek will represent America in the Gordon Bennett international balloon race at Brussels in June, as a result of their having won the first three places in the National Elimination Race which started from Kelley Field here on Wednesday, and ended yesterday in Minnesota.

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(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, April 26.—With today the last day for filing, it appeared early today that William G. McAdoo might receive the entire vote of the delegation of the Democrats at the national convention. Although Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, state manager for Oscar W. Underwood had indicated that his candidates name would be entered in the primary, election officials here had not received the formal filing up to noon. The time for filing expires at midnight. In the event there is no opposition the law will require that the entire North Carolina vote at the National Democratic Convention be cast for Mr. McAdoo. Later—Says Underwood's Name Will Not

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Salisbury, April 26.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, will not enter the North Carolina presidential primaries, Walter Murphy, his state manager, announced here this aftermoon. "Mr. Underwood's managers feel that it would be a waste of time and money, of which we have but little, to conduct a campaign in North Carolina against Mr. McAdoo, who we feel has long since been climinated."

THE WHEELER-INVESTIGATION

Glosser Testifics as to Conversation He Heard Between Campbell and Wheeler.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 26.—H. E. Glosser, formerly employed in the office of Gerdon Campbell, the Montann oil operator, indicted with Senator Wheeler, testified today before the Senate committee investigating the indictment that in January, 1923, he heard a conversation between Campbell and Wheeler in which there was talk of getting the former's oil permits "fixed up in Washington,"

"Mr. Campbell said that if Mr. Wheeler could get this fixed up in Washington,"

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Glosser said, "we can afford to cut a lot of money, or something like that."
"What did Senator Wheeler say?" ask ed Senator Sterling, republican of South Dakota.
"I don't recall that he made any reply.

"I don't recall that he made any reply. Oh, yes, he did later."
"But not that evening?"
"No, but he left us under the impression that he could fix it up at Washington because of the influence he had there."
Glosser told the committee that he had made an affidavit for Blair Coan and had testified before the grand jury that indicted Senator Wheeler.

THE COTTON MARKET

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New York April 20.—Yesterday's sharp advances were followed by moderate reactions in today's early trading in the cotton market. Liverpool did not fully meet yesterday's gains here, and the local market opened barely steady at an advance of 5 points on May, but generally 2 to 13 points lower. In addition to realizing by local or Wall Street traders, there appeared to be considerable selling through houses with southwestern connections, and the market worked about 15 to 24 points net lower after the call, May declining to 30.41 and October to 24.70.

Cotton futures opened barely steady, May 30.50 to 30.70; July 28.85; Oct. 24.84; Dec. 24.23; Jan. 23.87.

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30.12 to30.18; July 28.41 to 28.45; Oct
24.47 to 24.54; Dec. 23.92 to 23.98;
Jan. 23.60,

REPRESENTATIVE BURTON TO

Of Republican National Convention, Is Indication After a White House Con-ference Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

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Washington, April 26.—Selection of Representative Theodore Burton, of Ohio, as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention, was indicated after a political conference today at the White House.
Chairman Adams of the republican national committee, and David Mulvane, republican national committeeman for Kansas, and chairman of the convention arrangements sub-committee, presented

May First Is Tax Returning Time

Why not invest your idle funds in prepaid building and loan stock at \$72.25 per share which is tax free. \$300.00 of such income is exempt from Federal Income tax.

OUR NEW SERIES

Books are now open for our May Series. Come in today and take out a few shares which will start you on the road to saving for that future home and comfortable fire-

Citizens Building and Loan Association

Office in Citizens Bank Building

MURPHY HAS NOT VET FILED FOR UNDERWOOD BODY OF MURPHY

Flags Are at Half Mast Over

TAMMANY HALL DRAPED IN BLACK

Poverty and Rags and Riches Vie With Each Other to Do Him Honor-Who Will Succeed the Chief?

(By 'he Associated Press.)

New York, April 26.—The body of Charles Francis Murphy, for 22 years grand chieftain of Tammany Hall, and the most conspicuous shaper of political destines of his time, today dies in state the modest parlor of the East 17th treet house that for so many years was the town house of the chief.

Over all the city buildings in all the

Over all the city buildings in all the five boroughs flags were at half mast, every outpost of the 14th Street Wigwam was draped in black, while many hotels and stores, and numerous individual householders displayed evidence of their

All of Chief Murphy's friends were ex-All of Chief Murphy's friends were expected among the mourners at the Murphy home today, rich and poor, sprucely fashionable, and woefully unkempt men and women, political leaders and ward healers, with torn and ragged East Side women who knew of the Chief's bounty. Throughout all the rooms were great floral tributes from great and small throughout the country. Baskets had to be resorted to, in order that the thousands of condolatory messages might not litter the Fushed rooms. Throughout the city, at Tammany head-

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Throughout the city, at Tammany head-quarters, little bands of faithful gathered last night to discuss the future. Who was to succeed the Chief, they asked. They admitted they did not know, but several names were whispered. There was a pretty strong impression that a triumvirate such as that which succeeded Croker and of which Murphy was one, would fall heir to the Chief's political estate.

Funeral services will be held Monday in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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Mrs. Murphy Collapses.

New York, April 26.—Mrs. Charles F. Murphy, widow of the Tammany Chieftain, collapsed today in her bome here. Two trained nurses were summoned. "Her condition is grave, but I think she will pull through," her physician said. MURPHY'S DEATH

TO HELP McADOO

Frank Hampton Summarizes Situation—Says Way Is Also Opened For Senator Copeland.

H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.
Washington, April 25.—There is much speculation here as to the effect of the death of Charles F. Murphy on the fortunes of various presidential candidates. Frank A. Hampton, one of the managers of the McAdoo campaign, believes that the combination against Mr. McAdoo has been broken. But others believe it will promote George Brennen, of Illinois, to the leadership of the ruti-McAdoo movement, and he is stronger against the popular candidate than Mr. Merphy was.

Murphy was,
Mr. Hampton made this statement to

"Mr. Murphy was a great natural lead-er of men and a great organization dem-ocrat of the reactionary and standpat type. His control of the New York dem-ocracy during the past decade has been in all respects absolute and quite ar-bitrary. Mr. Murphy's death opens New York to the progressive forces of the na-tion. It was Mr. Murphy's strong hand that held New York solidly against Mc-Adoo and against any progressive can-

Chairman Adams of the republican national committee, and David Mulvane, republican national committee man for Kansas, and chairman of the convention arrangements sub-committee, presented Mr. Burton's name to the President, who approved the selection.

The formal selection will be made at the meeting of the arrangements committee in Cleveland next Wednesday.

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The letter refers rather pityingly to the increasingly popularity of birth control in Christian France.

M. Diagne suggests that, the war having led to equitable treatment of illegitimate children and their mothers (who have obtained the right of war pensions) it is time the French government went a step further and granted full citizen ship rights to the Mussulman inhabitants of the French colonies practicing polygamy.

FRANCE

At present this polygamy is the only obstacle, it is said, to the complete enfranchisement of the colonies.

BY SOUTHERN MEN

FORD BID ATTACKED

Senate Hearing Gets Surprise When Hot Opposition is Voiced on Shoals, Washington, April 24.—Another objection to Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shonls was raised by witnesses today before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, who emphasized the importance of the Muscle Shoals developments as a necessary unit in the gigantic superpower system that is struggling to become a reality.

If Muscle Shoals is to be delivered to Ford and cut out of the system, as would be the case under the Ford proposal, the super-power project will be seriously impaired and Ford will be seriously impaired and Ford will be seriously impaired and Ford will be caption with him will be impossible, according to H. W. Seaman, representative of the Mississippi Waterways Commission.

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Mr. Seaman strenuously opposed turning over Muscle Shoals "to Henry Ford or any other individual" and assailed the theory that the chief concern should be fertilizer production. The real value of Muscle Shoals is in its power potentialities, he declared, and he sketched in some of the public benefits that would come from making cheap power available to cities and towns and industry, not only throughout the South but, via the super-power chain, to the East and North.

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Pointing out that Ford and other manufacturers now have to pay as high as \$37 per horsepower, he emphasized that if Ford gets Muscle Shoals he will have \$3 horsepower, and advantage which no industry could compete with Hist testimony and that of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Asheville, N. C.; L. J. Folse of the Mississippi Development Board, G. W. Wilkinson, representing Mississippi Chamber of Commerce, and G. S. Harmon, also of Mississippi, came as a surprise to Senators Harrison (D., Miss.), and Heflin (D., Alg.), who have insisted the South was unitedly in favor of the Ford offer.

All the witnesses were emphatic in saying that wherever the Ford bid was understood there was growing opposition to it. The Mississippi representatives especially refuted the asertion that the farmers are behind is now that they begin to comprehend its nature.

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The opposition is not to Ford, but to the principle of "subsidizing any individual," as Mr. Seaman put it. "Ford or his successors for the next 100 years could beat the brains out of any industry attempting to compete," Mr. Seaman told the committee.

Former Secretary of War Bake: is scheduled to testify tomorrow in opposition to the Ford proposition. The Allied

Alabama, whose bid is also before the committee, will appear afterward.
Senator Brookhardt (Rep., Iowa) predicted today that there would be 75 votes in the Senate against the Ford bid as it stands and 65 against it unss it is so radically modified as to con-

and strong hand of the dead Tammany boss.

"Another point of significance in Mr. Murphy's death is that it opens the way for New York support of its progressive and popular junior senator, Senator Copeland, for one of the places on the democratic national ticket."

French Reply Interpreted.
Paris, April 26 (By the Associated Press.)—Official circles close to the government today interpreted the French reply to the reparation commission's communication to mean that the existing measures being taken in the Ruhr cannot be withdrawn or modified until Germany has put the experts' plan into execution.

With tomorrow the last day for filing notices of candidacy, local friends of Oscar W. Underwood were uneasy this afternoon lest Walter Murphy, the nderwood manager, should fail to list him for the presidential primary in opposition to William G. McAdoo.

Mr. Murphy announced some time ago that if McAdoo entered the primary he would enter Underwood. Later, however, there have been reports that the underwood people have decided to freit the state to McAdoo. No word has been received from Mr. Murphy here, so it is not known if he plans to get into the fight at the last minuteor if he really has decided to let Judge Walter Brock's candidate have the primary.

Cigarettes rolled in papers of various colors are on sale in New York. They are intended for the use of women who like their smokes to match their frocks.

The first of the Anglo-American international polo matches was played in 1821, while the bridegroom was attended by his sister, who is seventy-six.

ECOGNITION OF POLYGAMY BY FRANCE ALL OF FOUR

Replies of France, Italy, Belgium and Great Britain All Accept the Findings of the Dawes' Report Wholly.

FRANCE ALONE RAISES QUESTION

And That is One of Proce dure.—Italy Declares Report Should Be Considered as an "Indivisible Whole."

Paris, April 26 (By the Associated Press).—The replies of the four big al-lied powers to the reparation commis-sion's communication regarding the Dawes report, all accept the experts' find-

ngs wholly.

France alone raises the question of proeedure, while Italy declares the report to be "an indivisible whole" which should be taken in its entirety without condi-

be taken in its entirety without condi-tion or qualification.

The Belgian reply says: "The Belgian government is prepared to accept the experts' conclusions as a whole with a view to a practicable and equitable settle-ment of the reparations problem.

The British reply says: "His Majesty's government for their part, accept and will do everything in their power to give practical effect to the recommendations of the commission that the allied govern-ments should likewise adopt the conclus-ions of the committees with regard to ions of the committees with regard to the matter falling within the jurisdiction

of those governments.
"The recommendations of the experts of those governments.

"The recommendations of the experts do not appear to involve any reduction in the total of the German reparations debt, and the necessary modification of the schedule of payments of May, 1921, appear to be within the competence of an unanimous decision of the reparations commission, and not to require the specific authority of the several governments represented on the commission. If, however, there is any doubt on this point, His Majesty's governments are prepared to grant such specific authority."

The Italian reply after saying the Italian government considers, the experts' repairs "documents of the highest two reports being considered as an indivisible whole, the Rolay government notes with satisfaction that the reparation commission adopted them in their entirety and is sure the commission will be able now rapidly to continue its.

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Senator Brookbards useful action until they have exact in-formation as to the practical effect which the reparations commission gives the experts' proposals."

ASHEVILLE YOUNG MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

A. H. Davis. Street Car Conductor, Found in Room With Bullet Hole Through His Head.

Asheville, April 24.—A. H. Davis, 24, a conductor employed by the Asheville Power and Light company, ended his life Thursday afternoon by placing a revolver to his head and sending a bullet through his brain. About 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon the police were notified that a man had killed himself, in the library building. Going to room 22 on the third floor the officers found Davis lying on his bed in a pool of blood, his right hand clutching a .38 caliber revolver.

Davis lying on his bed in a pool of blood, his right hand clutching a 38 caliber revolver.

He was still breathing although a large hole had been torn through his head, the bullet entering about an inch above the right car and penetrating the skull about an inch above the left ear. He died about two hours later at a local hospital.

Just when the shot was fired, it is not known. Officers answering the call, said that blood had clotted and from all appearances the man had been in that condition over an hour.

Friends of Davis can lassign no motive for the tragic death. His acquaintance say he was in good health and always in good spirits.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT

