MECKLENBURG FARMERS WILLARD CITES FIGURES WANT ASSESSMENTS PUT REFUTING TESTIMONY OF BACK ON FORMER BASIS WILLIAM G. M'ADOD

Traffic in 1918 Than in

1917 - McAdoo Charges

That Roads Had Broken

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 4.-Figures

Asserting he was unable to "find

Rapidly mounting operating expen

nancial problem for many of the roads,

"Former Director General McAdoo

WILL SPEND MILLIONS

Power company, of Raleigh, supplying

power to 40 communities and 65 cotton

mills in the central section of the state.

will expend between three and one-half

and four million dollars in the extension

of its tower lines from Sanford to Badin

from the Tallassee Power company, ac-

The Carolina Power company is a re-

TIME ON VACATION

The commissioner declared that he last Japany,

Landis, baseball commissioner, was back is the nne of the Philadelphia & Real

in Chicago today from what he describ- ing Cos Company at Locust Gap, Pa. ed as the "best vacation I ever had." where ir three months thirty men have

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 4. - Kennesow M.

elared.

cording to announcement today.

lina Power & Light company

Down in 1917

Favor Old Time Way of Val-uing Real Estate at Half or Only Two Per Cent More Two Thirds of Its Value Which Means Income Value Not Marketable Value-Many Speeches at Monday Meeting in Charlotte.

(Charlotte News.)

Mecklenburg farmers, who largely showing the railroads of the country constitute the organization now making moved only two per cent more traffic an inquiry into taxes, are in favor of in 1918 than in 1917 were cited by returning to the old basis of land as Daniel Willard, president of the Baltisessment, namely, one-third of its mon- more & Ohio Railroad Company, beey value, or the basis upon which real fore the Senate Interstate Commerce estate was assessed prior to the enact. Committee today to refute the recent ment of the revaluation.

At the April mars meeting of the in- testimony of William G. McAdoo, forquiry followers held Monday in the mer director general of railroads, to chamber of commerce, L. H. Robin the effect that the roads and broken son sought a test of sentiment on this down in the latter year before being question and was greeted by an over- placed under Government control. Mr. whelming show of hands in favor of Willard appeared at a resumption of the old system. He said he would pre- the committee's investigation into the sent the formal resolution at the May general railroad situation. meeting petitioning the members of the Legislature from this county to allow anything in the record to justify the Mecklenburg to return to the old basis.

on this issue came in the applause which before, during or since Federal cou E. M. Cole frequently drew from the audience as he, with blackboard and figures, sought to prove to the assemble war load in 1917 might rather be bly, that only by a return to that sys- attributed to a "failure, if not tem would the taxation now resting breakdown, of our system of railroad burdensomely upon the farmers be regulations as then in effect." shifted to make the owners of personal property bear their part of the general ses in 1917, were proving a serious fi

Mr. Cole unresitatingly voiced his he said, because under the law they advocacy of the return. The crowd was were unable to advance their rates with him. He declared that taxes now without permission from the Interstate falling upon farmers and all real es Commerce Commission. The Commistate owners could be reduced by 30 to sion, he asserted, did "not seem will-40 per cent by several propositions ing (perhaps did not feel authorized undy. All of them were predicated upon with such promptaess and liberality as modern and best equipped school builda return to another system of assess the situation, in my opinion, demandment, for farm property and the varied ed : percentage of tax reduction which, he said, could be realized, was contingent upon imaginary rates which Mr. Cole

Assessment Is Issue

Mr. Cole said that the rate of taxa- but the figures show that the same railof taxation problem lies in the assess- in 1917, moved only 440 billion ton ment, and he believed that the framers miles in 1918, or about two per cent Beard and Miss Armstrong who roomed were talking about when they said that accomplishment of only two per cent the school building. taxes ought to be levied upon the between the two periods is hardly sufsaid that up to three years ago, the one year and a satisfactory accomplishbest thought in taxation was agreed ment in the other." but three years ago it was suddenly adjess to Congress in January, 1918, in greed that this should be interpreted to which he stated that the taking over opinion of those first on the scene that that "money value" meant, income, mean "marketable value." for the shift of the burden over the only because there are some things

tionate share of the load, "

GOVERNMENT SAYS JUDGE

If Permitted to Continue Will Overthrow the Government Declares Federal Judge tion ton miles greater than that han-Wilson, of Texas District - dled two years before. Says It Is Form of Anarch-

(By The Associated Press.) WEATHERFORD, Texas, April 4 .-Expressing apposition to everything that the Ku Klux Klan stands for, "As far as I know," Federal Judge James C. Wilson, of the northern district of Texas, in an address before the Wentherford Chamber of Commerce last night, declared that Senator Culberson "did not miss it far" when he said that if "permitted to continue the Klan would soon overthrow the Government''. The Federal judge stated that it was nothing more than a form of anarchism which operated by first getting as members the sheriffs, then the police, trial judges and preachers. "It is a smooth system of chloroforming the Government under the plea of 100 per cent Ameri-

ral curbing of the organization, the large hydro-electric plant of the Tallas the union mean as the "first break it, removed in the rescue work would come resulting in increased picketing strength, fair, would force it to earth. As another system of the Yadkin River i ower come the ranks of the operators" may result. The first step, according to Mr. They found the strength and the ranks of the operators is may result. remedy, he said, to "mob the mob."

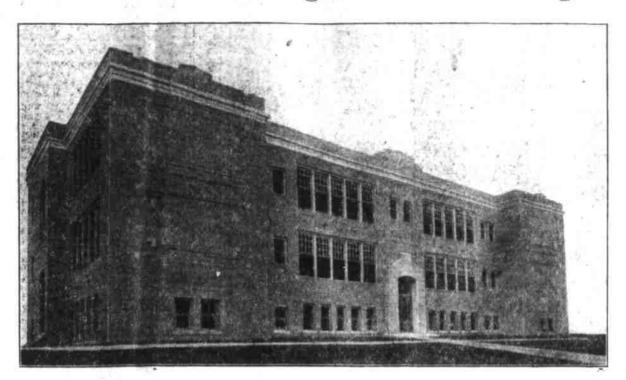
This, he declared, could be done without violation of the law for the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the law for the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the law for the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the law for the constitution of the law for the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the law for the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution gives the inflicit of the constitution of the constitut out violation of the law for the contribution gives the individual the right the Carolina Power company and south of the Ukted Mine Workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers and mother of four Verlag Power company and south of the Ukted Mine Workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers and mother of four Verlag Power company and south of the Ukted Mine Workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the few loyal workers of America introduction in Congress of a bill pro-cleared up with the congress of a bill pro to protect his life and his property ward to the systems of the Yadkin River internatinal from the attacks of another. Judge Power company and the Palmetto Pow-Wilson asserted that he was strongly or & Light company. against the anti-Kn Klax Klan as he was against the Klan. "All mobs are LANDIS HAS GREAT

he stated. In conclusion the judge urged the arming of all jails with machine guns and men to man them, so that mobs which attack jails to obtain possession of prisoners could be thwarted

PREDICT LEGION AND A. F. (By The Associated Press.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., April 3. had never enjoyed pleasure more during Knowledge of this violation of the be for regulatory control of all mines, means failed. and the American Federation of Labor ing oranges and star baseball players Mr. Golen, before the wage negotiation would forbid the development of new New York stage to assume leadership at dent Harding. will be found working hand in hand and accumulating a coat of the present fields until the present fields are worked Lawrence when he heard of the wage cut through all the years to come for the nary to opening of the tan season in miners and operators to continue the out. It would halt the existing condimander of the Legion.

Belmont Public High School Building



Completely Destroyed by Fire at Early Hour Today-Was Erected at Cost of \$50,000 in 1916-Loss Covered by Insurance.

feeklenburg to return to the old basis. Statement that the railroads in this BELMONT SCHOOL BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY BIG FIRE IN RURAL SECTIONS OF

Beautiful Structure Erected in 1916 Completely Burned Up-Origin of Fire Is Unknown—Loss Fully Covered by Insur STATE ance-East School Buildings to Serve Remainder of Term

(By Mrs. Adelaide S. Beard.)

ever befallen Be'mont occurred early ed. Tuesday morning when the beautiful high school building was burned to the ground. Erected at a cost of \$50,000 which he had to offer by way of rem- der the law), to deal with the matter five years ago it was one of the most and that it would be rebuilt at once. ings in the state, and was the object of pride and love of all in the community. Unly the walls are now stand-

has pointed with pride and justifiably Mr. Willard continued, "to the record of accomplishments of the railroads under his direction during 1918, weather, and no one can account for rary quarters. tion amounts to nothing, that the crux roads that moved 430 billion ton miles any possible cause of the conflagration. The alarm was given by Miss Meak doors but were entirely confined to the south stairway, evidently coming up Quoting from President Wilson's ad-"marketable value." He de of the roads was "not because of any that this had been responsible dereliction or failure on their part, but neeks of the farmers who "are being which the Government can do and pri worse. There was no adequate means and to earry more than their propor vate management cannot," Mr. Wil of fighting the fire here, the Belmont

board in 1917, solving many difficult which is immediately couth of the \$55,000 on building and futurement transportation problems, he said, and scholl, was in such danger of burning new building will be annediately as stall handling a volume of traffic 127 bit that all the fundance and personal of this summer.

Carolina Power Co. To Prepare To Use Break In Ranks Of Operators

RALEIGH, April 3. - The Carolina General Policies Committee Will Meet to Act on Report of In-

(Ry The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 1. - Strike lead-

cies committee arrived here today.

J. Golde, president of district No. 9, at

They Would Return to Their Jobs.

| feets of the teachers was removed. The most terrible calamity that has Fortunately however this was uninjur-

Prof. P. P. Hall, in discussing the fire Tuesday stated that the building was adequately covered by insurance The school board is meeting this morn ing at 8 o'clock when some definite ar rangements will be completed as to the continuance of school. While there are only five more weeks of school for this The origin of the fire is unknown as term it is expected that only an interthere had been no fire in the building mission of one day will take place be since last week on account of the mild fore the schools will reopen in tempo-

It is thought that probably the high school will hold its sessions in the Sonday school room of the Presbyterma of the Constitution knew what they more. I submit that a difference in the church and the primary and grammar grades double up at the East school by holding only part of the day schedules However, definite announcement about his will be given after the board meet

payment on the new paner at the taget school and had also recently bought so all hundred dollars worth of erything possible the fire rapidly grew of which were burned. Many of the Until this re ent provision only 16 children's books were also burned, but counties have been able to maintain this Lieut, Col. Paul M Beck, Commandcounte share of the load." lard declared the former President of fighting the fire here, the former best that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor apparatus consisting of only fire here, the opening of school will be done, districts. to the opening of school will be done, districts. In some of these that immor-

the mounting costs of operation in the realist and resolved splendid serv | superintendent, 1) contained 16 or 15 he added, "was one of the outstanding lee in saving other buildings but the large class rooms, including a complete KU KLUX KLAN IS SMOOTH
The added, "was one of the outstanding reasons why the Government took over their control."

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Union Men Hail Offer As First

dependent Producers to Grant Strikers Wage Demands If

43 NEW HIGH SCHOOLS

Department of Education Ap- for sighted" merchant marine policy Counties to Get These Schools Are Clay, Ashe, Avery and Dare.

through the state board \$54,850 for the purpose of establishing four year stand the bill will come up for consideration ard high schools in the rural disticts. The new schools will be required to form.

stance in the high school department of ing anything itself. not less than 45 pupils. Besides these, there are certain minimum requirements AVIATION OFFICER SHOT

the best thing that can be arranged as high seniod or standard grades for rural, ant of Post Field, Shot by Jean P. county have increased 31 per cent within the past two years'. It makes no (Continued on page three.)

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LABOR UNIONS STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF THE NEW

Shrall Control Situation.

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militant factor overnight through the his automobile action of Per Legere, in obtaining from Upon Day's return home, Dick said, the Christian Church at Jefferstown, the

for the transmission of power purchased ers annount is here today that the on rett, when the walls of the shaft and thracite mars' murral policies com lapord. Barrett said es partuer was extend its forces without regard to the Day, continued Dick, and Day struck professionally with Mr. Watterson. They mittee want meet in New York to buried beneath the too of coal ages old-witting. As an added factor in the him over the head with the revolver, included Judge Robert W. Bingham, The Carolina Power company is a removed from the opening because obstracted.

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cause of d pressent two open only to GREENWOOD, S. C., April 4. - The

() a thorough investigation of mine dove strike in a way new to New England, due to suicide. lopment, alleged waste, profits, working according to lagere. In a statement he Shamoki, said that at least one and combitions, wages and markets. "We recited the history of the movement bethracite mine in the United States is are confidnt," said Mr. Golden, "that sinning at Winning, its origin, on comoperating regardless of the strike. It the revelations of such a committee munity lines by which it seeks a men. WASHINGTON, April 4.—Prediction control of the industry be taken from ments within private interests and placed under Gov would be to

rescuework while the strike is in prog- tion of overdevelopment, bring product hat the old line of labor organizations

MERCHANT MARINE BILL COUNTY TAX RATE IS COMES UP FOR HEARING LOWERED FROM 99 TO 89 BEFORE CONGRESS TODAY CENTS ON THE HUNDRED

fident the House Will Act on Measure Before Close of Present Session - Doubtfu As to Senate.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 4 - Joint Congressional hearings on the Administration's merchant marine bill were began today with Republican leaders confident the House would be able to act on the measure before the close of the present session but generally doubtful as to whether the Senate would find time to dispose of it until after Congress reconvenes in December.

Sitting in joint sessions the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee plan first to hear the testimony of shipping board officials, with Chair man Lasker as the initial witness, and then to ascertain the views of both proponents and opponents of the tegislation. Members of both committees were generally of the opinion the hear-ings would continue for a month or

Prepared by Shipping Board officials, with the approval of President Hardng, identical bills proposing Governaid for the United States Mer. ant Marine are pending before both mmittees. They were introduced simultaneously by Chairman Jones of he Senate committee, and Chairman POSSIBLE Freene, of the House committee, immey 28, addressing a joint session of the Senate and House, urged adoption of a propriates \$54,000-Among Centrary to the usual custom of Sen-

ate and House committees holding separate hearings, those to which the ad ministration bill was referred, decided, in an effort to speed up action on the measure, to join in the holding of pub-RALEDOH, April 5. - Forty three lie hearings. At their conclusion it new high achoos is as many counties are was indicated today by chairmen of the today announced by the department of committees, conferences will be held beeducation which Saturday appropriated tween members of the two groups to reconcile differences of apinion so that in both houses in practically the same

run full x months and when they are set! Mr. Lasker had announced that in to work they will make with the 16 count his opening statement to the committee ties already maintaining these standard he would declare the Shipping Board high schools 58 which are situate in the believes that any free competition with miral districts of these 5s counties the privately owned shipping of the the These high schools of standard grade world, through successful government must maintain their eight months, operation, is an impossibility. Governbern, but they must do more. They are ment operation of ships, in the opinion required to have as many as three teach, of the shipping board head, is not only is denoting their whole time to high a costly failure, but is driving private school instruction and an average aften owners off the zens without accomplish-

Day Who Saw Officer Struggling With His Wife in Their Home.

(By The Associated Press.) OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 4. - Lieut Col. Paul M. Beck, command

tion of Fort Sill, was shot to death here early today in the fachionable residence of Jean P. Day, widely known oil operator. Day is held at his home in custody of a deputy sheriff pending

Not Only Is There A Struggle Between after exerting home a number of Jacksonville, Fig., December 22, was Striking Operatives and Empleyes guests which his wife earlier had en But Boween Unions As To Which fertained at eards, and found Mrs. Day straggling in the arms of the army was met by a committee of citizens and officer. Dick, who is an intimate are taken to a mortuary chapel where it rests. LAWRENCE, MASS. April 4. - quaintance of the family, said Day au-jed, banked high with floral offerings

This ever to at was the scene not only therized the statement, of a structed believe ection and worst of a structed believe ection and worst of mills and their striking operatives, place friend of the Days. He came for the fameral ceremony at the First over a way or, but of a contest be here yester-lay by airplane from Port two a constants and radical laber set, to be one of the guests at the majors for the secondary.

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Then Day's return home, Dick said, the Christian Church at Jefferstown, Lice of the Linited Textile Workers of America. The latter organic saitor, Leader by Tresident Thomas F. M. Malar, who is in personal charge of the Malar, who is in personal charge of the Christian Church at Jefferstown, Lice State of the Christian Church at Jefferstown, Lice State Christian Church at Jefferstown, Lice State Christian Church at Jefferstown, Lice States Christian Church at Jefferstown and Jefferstown at Jefferstown and Jefferstown at Jeffe

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Mr. McMahan announced that it would Beck made a motion as if to strike

Mrs. Day this morning was in a state

(By The Associated Press.)

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> Bill Will Pass. (By The Associated Press.)

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TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Republican Leaders Are Con- County Commissioners and Board of Education Find That Tax Rate For Next Year Can Be Lowered Ten Cents - Comes Off Schools and Roads.

Through joint action of the coun-

ty board of commissioners and county beard of education taken Monday at the regular meeting of the two bodies, the tax rate for Gaston county was lowered ten cents, the rate being reduced from 99 to 89 cents. This reduction in the rate was made possible, it us understood, by a decrease in the building program for next year and also the lessened cost of road maintenance. It is generally known that the past year or two has witnessed an unusually large amount of school building in the county. The program for the coming year does not call for any great expenditure of money for new buildings. Hence, it was the opinion of the board that a smaller budget could be authorized. Owing to the fact, also, that the State has taken over some 40-odd miles of highway in the county for construction and maintenance, the cost of road upkeep is materially lessened as far as the county tax rate is concerned. Owing to the use of improved road machinery, tractors, etc., the cost of working the roads has been materially lessened. It was in recognition of these facts that the boards came to the decision to reduce the tax rate. The new rate will go into effect on the 1922 valuations, listing of which will begin May 1. Both boards were emphatic in their statements that the reduction in the tax rate meant no retreuchment either in schools or roads. The present tax rate is apportioned as follows: itonds, 21 cents; roud maintenance, 14; county purposes, 7 cents; schools, 57 cents, making a total of 99 cents. It is proposed to reduce the school tax to 50 coats and the road tax to 11 cents.

HENRY WATTERSON'S BODY IS INTERNED IN VAULT AT LOUISVILLE KY., HOME

Many Citizens Pay Tribute to Memory of Great Journalist-Vault in Which He Is. **Buried Will Resist Corrosion** For Thousand Years.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 4. - Honor to Henry Watterson, dean of America's ENGLAND STRIKE SITUATION According to a statement issued by journalists, and veteran editor of The R. W. Dack, Day returned to his boost Louisville Courier Journal, who died in rendered at his funeral services here today. The body arrived last night. It from persons and organizations in many

honorary pullbearers. The first numbers ed men who long had been associated known persons were on the list of honorary pullbearers. They were among

Governor Edwin P. Marrow; Lieutenant Governor S. Thurston Ballard; Geo. Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain; Senators A. O. Stanley and Richard P. Ernest; Congressman Joseph York and Texas; Charles Deering, Chi-Frank I. Cobb, E. S. Martin, E. P. Mitchell, Adolph S. Ochs, Frank A. Munsey, and Herbert Bayard Swope, all New York newspaper men, A vault in Cave Hill cemetery, de-

signed to resist corrosion for a thousand years, had been designed to receive Mr. Watterson's body. At the head of the grave had been erected a simple granite shaft chosen by Mr. Watterson several months before his death. It here no inscription other than Mr. Watterson's name and that of his widow

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight and pr

benefit of all their members and the good the north.

If the country " was made here has might by Hanford MacNeider, national com- born order to the United Textile Work to United Textile