The Weather

Fair and continued cool Saturday; Sunday fair and warmer.

Stage of river at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. yesterday, 7.4 feet.

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TRADE COMMISSION TO PROCEED AGAINST U. S. STEEL AND ITS UNITS

Complaint Filed Alleging Unfair Competition in Interstate Trade

SETS STEEL PRICE

In Position to Force All Producers to Adopt Its Own Price Lists

WASHINGTON, April 29.—A formal complaint against the United States Steel corporation and 11 subsidiary companies, alleging unfair competition in interstate commerce, was issued today by the Federal Trade commission.

Thus the commission finally has decided that it has sufficient jurisdiction to take up the long-standing complaints by various users of steel products and others against the alleged use by the corporation of the device known as "the Pittsburgh plus price."

It was anounced, however, that the commission had divided three to two, Chairman Thompson and Commissioners Pollard and Nugent voting for issuance of the complaint, and Commissioners Gaskill and Murdock dissenting.

The steel corporation and its subsidiaries are given 30 days or until May 31, to make formal answer to the complaint, after which the case will proceed to trial on its merits. The complaint was issued under the Clayton anti-trust act and the law establishing the commission and the commission's annoucement said the case was "an outgrowth of conditions complained of by more than 2,700 manufacturers of steel in the Chicago, Duluth and Birmingham districts, by legislators of three states, by several municipalities, and by chambers of commerce and many business organizations throughout the United States."

The "Pittsburgh plus price" is described at length in the commission's announcement which says that under it "all steel, except rails, whether made in United States Steel corporation plants or by its independents, is sold at the f. o. b. Pitsburgh price plus, an amount equivalent to the freight to point of destinations, and as an illustration the complaint said that this "means that the Gary steel fabricator who runs his own truck to the Gary, Ind., steel mill and purchases steel manufactured at that plant, must pay the price charged in Pittsburgh plus an amount equaling the freight rate from Pittsburgh to Gary."

The complaint is not limited, however, to the alleged use of this device. It charges specifically that the steel corporation "owns and controls the ultimate iron ore supply in the United States" and that because of "its power and influence through the last percentage of the steel manufacturing business done by it and supported by it, its consequent potential power to embarrass or destroy its competitors by unduly lowering its price schedules is tantamount to the naming by the steel corporation of prices that are to be charged by all steel manufacturers in the United States."

The charge also is made that the steel corporation "for at least seven years has issued from time to time price quotations and schedules covering rolled steel manufactured by its subsidiaries and that these quotations are adopted by all of the respondent subsidiaries and their competitors, substantially as their quotations of prices, and that this alleged practice of steel manufacturing in fixing uniform prices succeeded the custom which formerly prevailed whereby such manufacturers openly met at intervals and agreed upon prices which they were to charge and maintain.

PAYS $500 AND GETS SIX MONTHS IN WHISKEY CASE

FORT MYERS, Fla., April 29.—Edward Hastings, proprietor of a local garage, was fined $500 and sentenced to serve six months on the county roads by Judge N. G. Stout, in county court here today on charges of violating the prohibition laws. Police testified they found several cases of whiskey on Hastings houseboat.

The penalty is the heaviest ever assessed in this county under the prohibition laws, according to court records.

Argument for a new trial will be heard Monday.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS HOLD TWO AMERICANS IN JAIL

LAREDO, Texas, April 29.—San Antonio Jesue and Martin Trejo, American citizens, are under arrest in Nuevo Laredo, opposite here, charged with being emissaries of Francisco Murguia. They are held incommunicado.

General Cabanes, commander of the Mexican garrison at Nuevo Laredo, refused American Consul Robertson permission to see the men and refused Consul Robertson an audience.

Mr. Robertson will take the matter to Washington, he said, if he is not granted an immediate interview with the men and permitted to arrange for their release.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN MISSOURI

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., April 29.—Roy Hammonds, a 19-year-old negro awaiting transportation to the penitentiary for attempted assault on a 14-year-old white girl, was seized at the depot here tonight by a mob. They overpowered the sheriff and half a dozen deputies and took Hammonds and lynched him at 7:45 p. m., the crowd hanging him to a telegraph pole.

BOYCOTT AMERICAN SHIPS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 29.—The United States shipping board steamer Aeolus, which arrived here Wednesday, has been boycotted by the ship repair workers' union on the request of the Argentine union which is boycotting the Martha Washington, the Munson Line which operates the two vessels, announced today.

Helps Renters Fight Chicago Profiteers

Mrs. John Deynzer, of Evanston, Ill., prominent society leader, who has turned over a six-acre tract fronting on Lake Michigan for the purpose of erecting a "tent city" to house the victims of Chicago rent profiteers. Tents and portable houses may be erected on the site at the option of the tenant, and the rent will be just sufficient to cover the cost of electric lights, gas and general upkeep. The tenants must furnish their own tents or houses.

BERRY SECTION IS HIT BY HEAVY HAILSTORM

Country Around Chadbourn Suffers Unestimated Damage—Berry Reports

(Special to The Star)

CHADBOURN, April 29.—A very heavy hailstorm struck the Chadbourn section this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and while the extent of damage to crops is not known at this hour, it must be heavy where the storm got in its hardest licks.

Most berries brought here today were for express shipments to nearby points, as too much rain has affected the carrying quality. Market conditions here and prices are practically unchanged from yesterday.

The New York market broke under strain of heavy shipments with best Klondikes at 28 to 30 cents, a few at 35, poorer 15 to 20. Missionaries 10 to 18, few at 25, poorer 10 cents. Other markets as follows: Boston—Few sales, Missionaries 27 to 30; Washington—Klondikes 25 to 30; Philadelphia—Missionaries, mostly 25 to 26, low as 18.

All states shipped 103 cars, North Carolina 10, destined seven for New York, two for Potomac yards and one to Newark.

The market service, department of agriculture, which has been conducted here by Gorrell Shumaker, closes its office tomorrow and will issue no further reports on the berry movement. Mr. Shumaker, who has been here for several seasons, will return to Raleigh.

HOPEFUL REPARATIONS MAY BE AGREED UPON

Washington Officials Seem Optimistic

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The American government is still hopeful that the reparations controversy between Germany and the allies can be settled by discussion.

This was learned tonight after the whole situation had been discussed by President Harding and his cabinet and Secretary Hughes had conferred with J. Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador and Roland Ricci, the Italian ambassador.

Upon what administration officials based their hopefulness was not disclosed. It became known, however, that neither Great Britain nor Italy had finally rejected as a basis for possible discussion the German offer.

France and Belgium were understood to hold that the proposals as such were unacceptable.

The impression gained ground here tonight that the next formal move in the controversy would await the outcome of the meeting at London tomorrow of the allied supreme council.

State department officers refused to say today whether the United States would have an official observer at the meeting of the supreme council.

The chief problem in the whole controversy, in the view here, is to determine how much Germany can pay and make her pay that sum.

ADAMS TO SUCCEED HAYS?

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Selection of John T. Adams, of Iowa, vice-chairman of the Republican national commitee, to succeed Postmaster-General Will Hays, as chairman, is expected by many Republican leaders in congress. The national committee meeting to elect a new chairman will be early in June, it was said, although calls for the meeting are not expected to go out for a week.

BRITISH CAPTURE 40 IRISHMEN

DUBLIN, April 29.—Crown forces tonight surrounded a building of Blackhall place and captured 40 members of the Dublin battalion of the Irsh republican army.

Bombs were thrown at a detachment of auxiliaries in Brounswick street today. Fragments of the bombs wounded two civilians. Later auxiliaries twice occupied and searched the offices of the Freeman's Journal.

JOHNSON WILL ATTACK DAVID H. BLAIR TODAY FOR CHICAGO CONDUCT

May Allege Blair Gave Him Pledge He Would Support His Candidacy

INTEREST IS KEEN

Believe Iredell Meares Could Throw Light on Preconvention Doings

(Special to The Star)

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Roaring Hiram Johnson, senator from California, will blow a blast tomorrow, when he attacks David H. Blair, the North Carolinian nominated revenue commissioner. He thinks that he was cheated out of the Chicago nomination last June and will charge Mr. Blair with part of his undoing.

It was stated here today that the North Carolina delegation had given the first ballot to Judge Pritchard. The delegation quit him and at a meeting called by Chairman Linney, a proposition to give Johnson the entire delegation on the second ballot was voted down, Mr. Moorehead leading the fight against it.

After that each man followed his inclination, and most of the delegation voted for Lowden. On the final showdown Mr. Morehead voted for Wood to carry out a promise to do so if Lowden had no show. It is understood that Mr. Blair stood with Mr. Morehead until the last ballot.

Mr. Johnson may spring a surprise on the friends of Mr. Blair by presenting some sort of private pledge from him to the manager of the Johnson campaign. No doubt somebody from the state is tipping off the California senator. Iredell Meares, who managed the Johnson campaign in the state, was here for several days, and no doubt he talked the situation over with Mr. Johnson, feeling that it was his duty to do so.

Senator Butler said today he had not mentioned the matter to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Meares, it is believed, could throw interesting light on the preconvention position of Blair.

Republican leaders here are very anxious to have Mr. Blair confirmed, so that the bureau of internal revenue can function. Many important matters are clogged there.

Senator Johnson's scheduled attack on Mr. Blair is awaited with keen interest by friends of the President. Political treachery is the charge against the North Carolina Republican. The North Carolina primary was held on the day before the Chicago convention convened, but the delegation from the state was already lined up for other candidates. Leading Republicans of the state did not look upon the contest between Wood and Johnson as a serious one, but an exhibition game for the benefit of the stage managers in the Wood-Johnson merry-go-round.

But they reckoned without Senator Johnson, for he was in earnest and claimed the victory and the delegates. On the first ballot the delegation, with the exception of one man, R. W. Ward, of Raleigh, now a candidate for marshal for the eastern district of the state, voted for Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, a favorite son. This was followed by a proposition to give Johnson a complimentary vote, but National Committeeman Morehead opposed that, and Mr. Blair was among those who helped him to vote it down. Four delegates, Marion Butler, George Butler, Frank A. Linney, state chairman, and Brownlow Jackson, supported Johnson, while the others scattered most of them voting for Lowden.

ZAYAS IS PROCLAIMED AS CUBA'S NEXT PRESIDENT

HAVANA, April 29.—A joint session of congress tonight formally proclaimed Dr. Alfredo Zayas as president and General Francisco Carrillo vice-president of the republic of Cuba. The new officials will be inaugurated May 20, when President Menocal will relinquish office.

A large crowd assembled at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the hour set for the meeting of the joint session, but the ceremony was delayed until after 9 o'clock this evening, when members of the liberal party, who for a long time have been on a legislative "strike," arrived in the chamber and formed the necessary quorum.

After the formalities had been complied with the successful candidates in the elections of last year were formally proclaimed by Aurelio Alvarez president of the senate.

Dr. Zayas has announced his intention of leaving immediately for the country in order to formulate his policies, select a cabinet and draft his inaugural address.

CHINA LODGES PROTEST ON PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE ACT

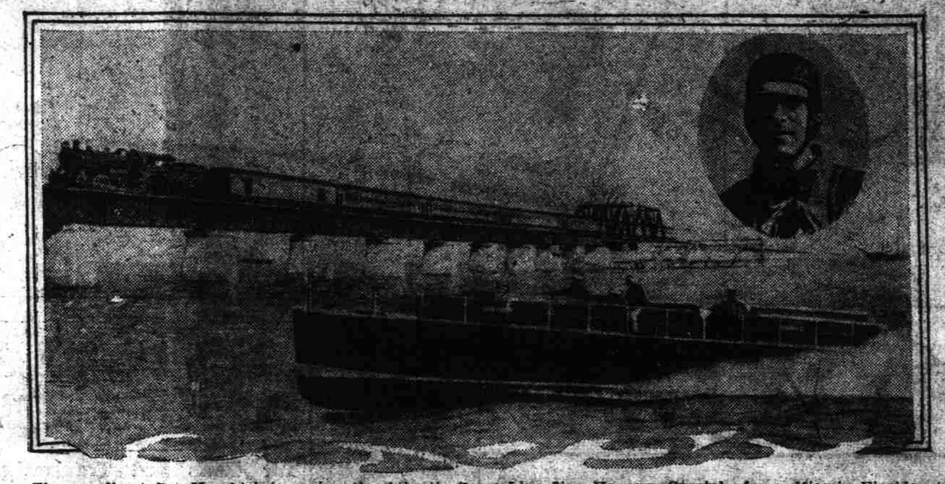
PEKING, April 29.—Following upon verbal representations made through the Chinese minister at Washington, the foreign office has formally protested to Charles R. Crane, the American minister, "against the proposed Philippine book-keeping regulation" on the ground that it will work discrimination against 15,000 Chinese merchants who will be obliged to hire foreign help. The foreign office declares such legislation is likely to impair the friendly relations between the two countries and asks that the Chinese language be included or the regulation modified.

FORTY EXPRESS CASE MEN WILL BE SENTENCED TODAY

MACON, Ga., April 29.—Forty men will be sentenced by Judge Beverly D. Evans, in federal court tomorrow in connection with a conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company of property valued at $1,000,000. Four of these men pleaded guilty, the others being found guilty by a jury the early part of this month.

Lawyers and defendants, many of whom are from southwest Georgia and Alabama, arrived here tonight to be ready to go before Judge Evans tomorrow.

Speed Cruiser Gar II, Jr., Racing From Florida With A. C. L. Special



The speedboat Gar II, which is racing the Atlantic Coast Line flier, Havana Special, from Miami, Florida, to New York. At the end of the first 400 miles the motor boat was 15 minutes ahead of the train. On his arrival at Southport, N. C., Garfield A. Wood, shown in the insert, who is driving the vessel, said he was a half day ahead of his schedule.

ITALY SAYS AMERICAN POSITION AS TO CABLE ISLAND EXACTLY RIGHT

Complete Agreement With the United States on Yap Issue Is Expressed

FOR SERENE PEACE

The Italian State Department Wishes Justice to Prevail Everywhere

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Complete agreement with the position of the United States in regard to the island of Yap as expressed by Secretary Hughes in his notes to the four principal allied powers is expressed in a note delivered to the state department today by the Italian ambassador.

The Italian government said it was convinced that the United States was seeking no privilege in Yap not granted to other nations and it offered Italy's co-operation to restore equanimity to the world.

"Italy is also convinced that the United States intends to protect their interests in the island of Yap with full consideration for the interests of other nations" the note declared, adding that "Italy therefore has not hesitated to express herself in a way which completely agrees with the text of the American note of the fifth of April concerning the equality of rights among mandatories in the exercise of their mandates."

The full text of the Italian note follows:

"Italy is fully convinced that the United States are not asking for any privilege in the island of Yap which is not equally granted to every other nation, including Japan.

"Italy is also convinced that the United States intend to protect their interest in the island of Yap with full consideration for the interest of other nations.

"Italy therefore has not hesitated to express herself in a way which completely agrees with the text of the American note of the fifth of April instant, concerning the equality of rights among mandatories in the exercise of their mandates.

"Italy wishes and trusts that the just rights of everybody concerned be recognized always and everywhere, in the island of Yap as well as in every other place and circumstance, with perfect equality and justice.

"Italy seconded the Anglo-French proposal which confided the study of the Yap question to the juridical committee and the conference of ambassadors in Paris, and she now expects that the conference will pronounce itself with equanimity in such a way as to eliminate every possibility of disagreement and to conciliate all conflicting interests.

"Italy is particularly glad whenever the moral policies of the two governments and the material interests of the nations agree in such a way as to put Italy and the United States in a position to co-operate towards the attainment of the common end, which consists in the realization of an era of serene peace and prosperity for the civilized world."

SPEED BOAT BREAKS A SHAFT BUT WILL WIN

Puts in At Sandy Hook for Rapid Repairs

NEW YORK, April 29.—The speed boat Gar II, Jr., racing against passenger train time between Florida and New York, put into Sandy Hook late this afternoon with a broken shaft. Repairs are expected to be made there tonight. The racer had one hour and three minutes to complete the 18 miles of her journey in order to equal the time of the express train.

The accident occurred at 2:40 p. m., while the craft was racing up the coast off Asbury Park, N. J. An extra shaft is carried aboard and no trouble in making repairs was expected.

The express train time, which the Gar II, Jr., seeks to lower is 41 hours from Miami to New York.

The Gar II, Jr., will leave the coast guard station at Sandy Hook tomorrow morning on the last lap of her journey, it was announced later. The craft will be moored at the Columbia yacht club.

"Forgotten Provinces" Will Be Connected With State

Counties of West, Isolated Because of No Highways, and the Counties of the East, Cut Off From North Carolina By Same Lack of Communication, Will Be Linked Under New Highway System Now Planned

By JULE B. WARREN

RALEIGH, April 29.—Work mapped out by the highway commission at its meeting this week will connect the "forgotten provinces" of both the northeastern part of the state and the mountain sections with the state. It will not take a great deal of construction work to connect these counties with other counties which already have good roads and which will put them in touch with the whole central section of North Carolina.

The commission plans not only to build links of road that will bind the central highway into a long stretch of road traversing the central section of North Carolina, but it has also mapped out plans and approved projects which will put a road through the Dismal swamp through Gates county, with a bridge across the Chowan river at Winton, which will link up the whole northeastern section of the state. This bridge at Winton, together with the one at Williamston, which has already been constructed and is in use, will handle an immense traffic which is now pouring over the state line into Virginia.

The Central highway, of course, will handle more traffic than any other road in the state, and with the good roads already constructed both by counties and the highway commission, will not take a great deal of money to finish up the links which will give North Carolina a fine road, good in all weathers, through the heart of the state.

In the western counties projects have been approved for roads from Boone to Wilkesboro and down to Sparta which will link up that section of the state with Winston-Salem and thence to the Central highway. Other projects have been approved for the northwestern section which will tie up with these roads. Out beyond Asheville the commission has approved the construction of a road from Sylva and into Clay county which will connect with the fine system of roads around Asheville. In the opinion of Governor Morrison these roads of a little over 50 miles will cost less than a million dollars, but will bring millions of dollars into the state in a few years time.

Offering the bonds for sale was merely a formality, declares Governor Morrison, which had to be gone through with in compliance with the law. Money may be borrowed if the bonds are not sold, and the only way to comply with the law was to offer the bonds for sale. The money can be secured for the road work and for all of the other building work the state now has under way or under consideration. It can and will be secured when it is needed and in amounts that are needed.

Failure to sell part of the bonds authorized by the last legislature for road and institutional work will not hold up any of the work in North Carolina. Governor Morrison and the council of state have already determined to go ahead with the work of financing the road building and the new building program for educational and humane institutions. They have made arrangements to secure as much money as will be needed when it will be needed, and have given the road commission and the institutional heads the signal to proceed with their programs.

The money for this work will be secured wherever it can be secured at the best rate of interest when it is needed, according to a statement by the governor today. If the state banking institutions can furnish this money just as cheaply as the Wall street concerns, the money will be secured from state banking institutions. If the New York bankers are in better position to furnish the money at a cheaper rate of interest it will be secured from the New York banks. There are plenty of banks who have assured the governor and treasurer that the money will be ready for them at any time they need it for state purposes.

The offer to sell the bonds was made merely for the purpose of feeling out the market at the present time. Since the bonds were not sold, the money will have to be borrowed and arrangements made to sell the bonds at some later time for the purpose of taking up the short term notes that will have to be issued.

Salaries of various clerks and assistant clerks in state departments have been raised by the council of state, which acted under authority of legislation passed by the last session. This law gave the governor and council of state the power to adjust salaries of clerks and others who were not taken care of in separate salary bills. The council of state has had so many other things before it since adjournment of the legislature that it has just reached the adjustment of the salary schedule. State Auditor Baxter Durham estimates that the increases authorized will total about $1,000 a month.

Governor Morrison will hold a conference with Attorney-General James S. Manning over the predicament resulting from the clerical error in recording in the senate journal the ayes and nay vote on the municipal finance bill. The governor knew in a general way about the situation, but had not made any study of the question consequently, did not know just what effect the error would have on municipal finance in the state.

He was inclined to believe the old municipal finance act would stand and that this, together with the authority vested in the municipal board of control, would provide a way out of the difficulty. After all, it was merely an amendment to the municipal finance bill and not a totally new bill. The clerical error merely leaves the bill as it was before the legislature met, without the amendments tacked on. The original bill which the legislature was trying to amend provided the ways and means for cities and towns to take care of their current expenses by borrowing money and floating bonds to take care of deficits, provided the 10 per cent limitation was not passed. That is the cities could not raise more than 10 per cent over the amount of revenue that was secured prior to the special session of the legislature in 1920. That 10 per cent limitation was there for only one year and has expired by limitation. Some believe now that the municipal board of control, under authority of the act, will have the right to adjust matters so the cities and towns can finance themselves until the next session of the legislature.

In the meantime there is persistent talk about an extra session of the legislature. The governor takes no stock in this talk. He does not want to put the state to the expense of holding an extra session if there is any possible way around it. Few state officials were sufficiently well informed on the subject to hazard an opinion about the necessity for calling an extra session.

There has been, however, a great deal of talk about the extra session and the miscue discovered in the municipal finance act has resulted in giving impetus to this sentiment.

Governor Morrison today announced the appointment of membership to a number of boards. The board of engineering is appointed new, while vacancies are merely filled on other boards. The following were appointed members of the board of engineering: Gilbert C. Whit, Durham; P. H. Daggett, Chapel Hill; Harry St. George Tucker, West Raleigh; N. S. Mullican, Mocksville, and Charles E. Waddell, Asheville.

Dr. Sam Levy, of Charlotte, was appointed a member of the board of optometry. C. P. Grier, of Morganton, was appointed a member of the board of pharmacy. Eugene L. Cox, of Winston-Salem, was named a member of the state board of chiropractics. James F. McMahon, of Raleigh, was named a member of the board of trustees of the Caswell Training school.

In compliance with a request of Judge William F. Harding, the governor today issued a pardon for Margaret Hanna, of Gaston county, who was in jail on a charge of prostitution. Judge Harding wrote the governor that in his opinion the woman was not properly convicted and that now he was of the opinion that she was not guilty of the charge. He not only recommended, but urged the pardon.

R. B. Babbington, of Gastonia, was in Raleigh today making arrangements with the governor and council of state for the formal opening of the North Carolina Orthopaedic hospital June 15. Mr. Babbington conferred with the council of state about getting the appropriations for the maintenance of this institution. He wants the appropriations available about the middle of June so there will be no trouble on the part of the hospital in meeting its expenses from the beginning. He invited the governor to attend the formal opening of the hospital and its dedicatory exercises.

MARINE STRIKE SEEMS PROBABLE UNLESS THE PRESIDENT AVERTS IT

Seamen Refuse Compromise Wage Reduction Offer of Fifteen Per Cent

VISIT WHITE HOUSE

Chairman Benson of Shipping Board and Union Men Both Pay Calls

WASHINGTON, April 29.—A general tie-up of all shipping at American ports except on the great lakes May 1 appeared imminent tonight after negotiations between the shipping board, steamshipowners and marine workers had been abandoned as a result of the refusal of the employers to accept a 15 per cent wage reduction.

A last effort to avert a final breach between the employers and marine workers was made late today when Chairman Benson of the shipping board and representatives of the marine unions called separately at the white house to lay their cases before the President. Previously the chairman and the shipowners had rejected a proposal by Andrew Fureuth, president of the International Seamen's union, to submit the whole question to President Harding for arbitration.

Chairman Benson declined to discuss his visit at the white house but the union representatives, in the absence of the President, left a "report and a prayer" in behalf of all the workers submitting the matter to him. They later announced that they would return to the white house tomorrow in an effort to see the President in person. The union representatives also called on Secretary Hoover but received, they said, no assurances of action on his part.

The break in negotiations came after a final conference called by Chairman Benson, to consider new wage and working agreements. The chairman's proposal for a 15 per cent wage cut was rejected for the engineers on the ground that it was not justified by living costs or necessary as an economy in operating expenses. H. P. Griffin, for the cooks and stewards declared that the proposed wage cut was a "sign on the dotted line proposition" and asked that the controversy be submitted to a disinterested party.

Mr. Furuseth asked for assurance that certain conditions would be made a part of any new agreement, including preference for American citizens in employment, enforcement of the seamens act, and recognition of the unions' right to act for the men. Chairman Benson replied that he indorsed the idea of preference for American citizens and would carry out those parts of the law under his jurisdiction, but that the other points were matters of working conditions to be determined later.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED IN FLIGHT AT POPE FIELD

Lieuts. Hartman and Virgin Lose Their Lives

(Special to The Star)

FAYETTEVILLE, April 29.—Lieut. Joseph E. Virgin and Lieut. Hardson J. Hartman, of the eighth aero squadron, were instantly killed at Pope field, Camp Bragg, near here, this afternoon when the engine of their plane is thought to have died on a sharp turn and the machine, going into a side slip, crashed into a pine tree.

The ship was being piloted by Lieutenant Virgin. The plane was a new DeHaviland type 4-B, with a 480 horsepower liberty motor. In making test flights with the same plane Tuesday, Lieutenant Hartman had made the 80-mile trip from Pope field to Goldsboro in 30 minutes.

Lieutenant Virgin's nearest relative is his mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Virgin, of Norman, Okla., while Lieutenant Hartman's home address is Reading, Pa., where his father, John H. Hartman, lives. It was said tonight that the bodies will be forwarded to their respective homes Sunday. Parents of both the young officers were notified by telegraph immediately after the accident.

Both Hartman and Virgin were excellent young men, said Col. R. C. Foy, camp commander, adding that the service had lost two men who were fine young fellows as well as capable aviators.

"OUR BEST CITIZENS" BUY WHISKEY SAYS DRY OFFICER

ATLANTA, April 29.—Lack of co-operation on the part of the public is "largely responsible for failure properly to enforce prohibition in Atlanta," D. J. Gantt, supervising prohibition officer for this district, told the councilmanic committee investigating the city detective and police depairements here today.

Mr. Gantt was testifying in defense of W. L. Payne, city detective, accused of accepting $200 a week from a confessed bootlegger, and he declared he did not think it would be possible for a group of detectives to furnish "protection" to liquor peddlers.

"People in Atlanta known as our best citizens, are buying whiskey every day, aren't they?" asked Robert P. Jones, of counsel for the detectives.

"To a great extent you are right," replied the federal prohibition officer, and then stated that failure of the public to co-operate with officials hindered proper enforcement of the law.

Gantt, Oscar Mills, chairman of the board of Fulton county commissioners and a number of other well known Atlantans, testified to the good character of Payne. There was testimony, too that Payne had often arrested the very negro who accused him and Recorder Johnson testified 25,000 cases were tried last year in police court due to activities of police and detectives in upholding the law