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'Covering Up' Ruse Charged

Garrison Brothers Tried To Hide Alleged Bribes To May, Witness Says

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Three government witnesses gave support today to charges that munitions-makers Henry and Murray Garrison tried to "cover up" alleged bribes to Andrew J. May, wartime chairman of the House Military Affairs committee.

May, ex-Congressman from Kentucky, is on trial in district court on charges of war fraud. Co-defendants in the case are the Garrison brothers and Joseph F. Freeman, their Washington agent, who are accused of conspiring to buy May's influence in getting War department favors.

Highlights of the day's testimony:

1. Frank M. Miller, FBI identification expert, testified that typewritten bills of the Cumberland Lumber company, in which May was interested, bore characteristics similar to typewritten specimens taken from machines in Garrison firm offices.

2. Robert P. O'Connor, Centerville, Iowa, bookkeeper for the Batavia (Ill.) Metal Products co., a Garrison firm, testified he was "instructed" at a meeting with Henry Garrison and other Batavia officials to alter Batavia books.

O'Connor said that acting on instructions he put an entry in the books dating six months back to show that Batavia had purchased \$10,850 worth of lumber from Cumberland. This was after Batavia had advanced \$10,850 to Cumberland.

3. Harry S. Glick, assistant treasurer of the Garsons' Erie Basin Metal Products company, Erie, Ill., said he could not explain why an Erie lumber order to Cumberland bore the same Erie serial number as an order to the Fostoria Screw co., Fostoria, Ohio.

Paisley told the jury that Cumberland never delivered any lumber to either the Batavia or Erie firms. Documents purporting to ship orders from the two Garsons firms to Cumberland for lumber and Cumberland bills for deliveries were prepared afterward to "cover up," he said.

UMSTEAD ASSURES ANXIOUS VETERANS

Legion Receives Telegram From Senator On Deficiency Bill Signing

Ray Galloway, department vice commander of the American Legion and Executive Director of Wilmington Post No. 10, announced last night that in response to a telegram which was forwarded to Sen. William B. Umstead asking for assistance to veterans because of non-passage of the pending deficiency bill in Congress, the following telegram was received today from Senator Umstead:

"Telegram received. Deficiency appropriation bill approved by House and Senate and now awaiting signature of the President. This will probably be done without delay."

A panel of officers for the year 1947-1948 was submitted by the nominating committee of Wilmington Post No. 10 at last night's session of the post.

The following names were submitted:

Commander, James E. Holton, Jr.; first vice commander, James Craig; second vice commander, Kenneth Corbett; third vice commander, Robert N. Getty; finance officer, W. L. Burkheimer; service officer, Leonard Barrett; judge advocate, Sol Sternberger; historian, Miss Lois Cox; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Sturges; executive committee (three replacements for two year term) W. K. Stewart, Jr., Chas. H. Foard, W. Frank Burns; trustees (two replacements) J. G. Thornton, Wilbur D. Jones.

Seymour Chairman
The nominating committee appointed some time ago by Commander Stewart consisted of the following Legionnaires: J. Carl Seymour, chairman; M. T. Craig.

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The Weather

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Fairmont Storm Damage May Total \$1,000,000; House Passes Bill Continuing Rent Controls

Tenants have Say On Raise

Measure, Which Now Goes To Senate, Abolishes Building Priorities

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The House passed a bill tonight continuing rent control but not the new President Truman wanted it done.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, authorizes landlords to raise rents 15 per cent in return for a two-year lease if the tenant agrees.

It exempts new houses and apartments, and any which have not been rented in the last two years.

It abolishes priority and other powers over building materials and construction except those which enable the government to curb the building of amusement places.

It bars the federal government (but not states) from enforcing the rent controls in any city, town or county where the local government decrees they are not needed.

And it continues the federal rent control only until December 31, with authority for the president to extend this to March 31 if he finds it necessary. Mr. Truman has requested a full year's extension beyond June 30, when the present act expires.

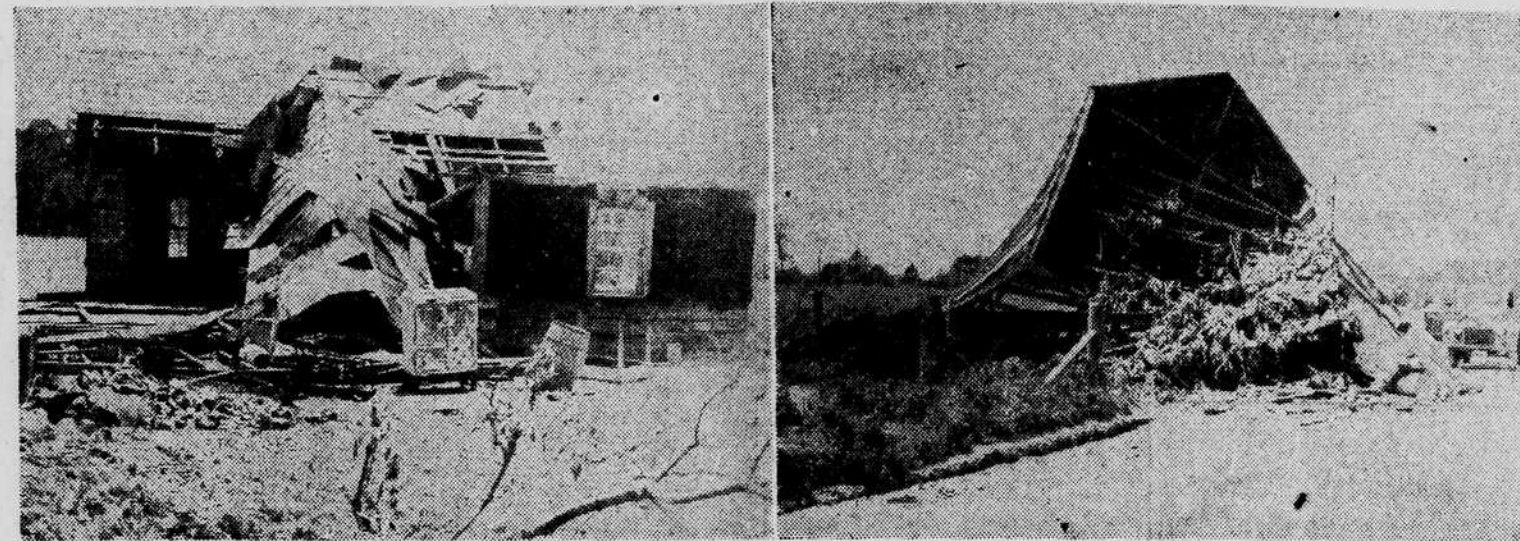
The House almost authorized a 10 per cent increase of the rent ceilings. But this proposal, long debated and finally opposed by both the House and Senate Banking committees, was defeated on a rollcall vote of 119 to 135.

Then, after some further tests of voting strength, the House finally passed the bill 204 to 182. The final roll call found 141 Republicans joined by 63 Democrats for the bill; 109 Democrats, 72 Republicans and Rep. Marcantonio (AL-N.Y.) against it.

If the Senate passes a similar measure, as expected, the upshot will be that Mr. Truman must sign a measure unpalatable to him or veto it and request the Republican-controlled Congress to pass another one more to his liking. Such a situation could bring a repetition of the squabble over the OPA last year, when price control lapses expired completely for a time.

The House showdown came dramatically after the bill narrowly escaped being swept from the floor and returned to the Banking committee for further study. Only fast action of the Republican leadership, with several members reversing their votes, saved the bill.

On a standing vote the House



TORNADO STRIKES WITH FURY AT FAIRMONT leveling 24 homes and scores of tobacco barns and farm buildings. Left photo shows share-croppers cabin with roof blown off. At the right is a large tobacco barn blown 15 feet from its original position. The freak twister originated near Dillon, S. C., Wednesday afternoon and swept a path 30 miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide through lower Robeson county. Ann Powell, three-year-old Negro girl was the only person killed. Over 200 were left homeless and property and crop damages are expected to be one million dollars. (STAFF PHOTOS).

STATE POLITICAL POT WARMING UP

Wilkins P. Horton Not Yet Ready To Make Statement On Plans

RALEIGH, May 1.—(AP)—The rapidly warming North Carolina political pot gained more fuel today with the announcement of Democratic National Committeeman Wilkins P. Horton from his home at Pittsboro that "in due course and as promptly as circumstances permit, I will make my intentions" known with regard to his possible candidacy for governor.

Horton is a former lieutenant governor. He was an avid supporter of R. Gregg Cherry in the latter's successful campaign for the party nomination and subsequent election.

Sometime ago he said that at the conclusion of the party's Jefferson day dinner, held to raise campaign funds, that he might have an announcement by May 1.

Went To Umstead

Although his name was mentioned as a possible successor to the late U. S. Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Horton did not get the nomination. Instead, Governor Cherry named William B. Umstead of Durham, former congressman and Cherry's campaign manager, to the senatorial post.

At his press conference today, and before Horton sent his statement to the press, the governor had he nothing to say on the next governor's race. He previously had said he would stand by Umstead if the latter chose to run for re-nomination.

It is generally expected that Umstead will be opposed by former Governor J. M. Broughton.

LEADERS DISCUSS MERGING UNIONS

William Green, Phillip Murray Both Report Progress At Unity Meet

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The AFL and CIO held a five-hour session today on the subject of merging their strength and found enough harmony to permit continuation of the talks tomorrow.

AFL President William Green and CIO President Phillip Murray, heading committees of five representatives from each of the big labor organizations, told reporters they made "definite progress toward an understanding and genuine contribution" toward solving differences.

The meetings will continue at 10:30 a. m. (EST) tomorrow.

"I think everyone is agreed that it was very interesting and friendly discussion of our common problems — anti-labor legislation as well as organic unity within the labor movement," Green said.

The five representatives of the AFL include John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the CIO committee departed on apparently friendly terms.

Murray told reporters: "We covered the field fairly well here today and we gave each other a greater understanding of our common problems.

"As a result of our discussion I believe we have a greater appreciation of our mutual interest." "We are of course united in our opposition to pending anti-labor legislation."

Grange Tobacco Group Asks Sound Trade Plan

Committee Passes Motion Urging Grower Support For Organization

WASHINGTON, Friday May 2.—(AP)—Leaders of the striking telephone workers and the American Telephone and Telegraph company went into joint session at 12:25 a. m. EST today after negotiating for more than three hours through labor department go-betweens.

GREENSBORO, May 1.—(AP)—The future welfare and security of our nation and the peace of the world will depend to a large extent upon friendly commercial relationship and trade between nations," according to the tobacco committee of the North Carolina State grange which met here today.

The committee, with T. W. Allen, chairman, of Creedmoor, presiding, resolved:

"That our government take steps to establish sound foreign trade policy which permits an exchange of goods and services between nations so that more stabilized conditions may be established throughout the world and the course of world peace, encouraged.

Second resolution of the group was "that our growers support the program of Tobacco Associates Inc., to establish and maintain the largest market for our products."

To Further Research

It was further resolved that steps be taken to strengthen the tobacco program by providing for its effective administration and the expansion of the federal grading service so that supply and demand may be kept in relative balance and adequate marketing facilities maintained, and the growers support research designed to reduce the cost of production and improved quality.

J. E. Thigpen, assistant chief of the tobacco section, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., presided.

At 11 p. m., EST., the negotiations were still in session, with no indication that any progress had been made or any wage raise offered. The meeting and the union were still meeting in separate rooms.

ARAB COUNTRIES LOSE HOT BATTLE

Special UN Session Votes Against Placing Independence Demand

NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—The Arab countries lost a determined and heated fight in the United Nations assembly tonight for a chance to plead their case for Palestine independence at this special session.

The assembly voted 24 to 13 against putting on its agenda a proposal by the Arab states for consideration at this session of their demands for termination of the British mandate over Palestine and for independence of the Holy Land.

There were 10 abstentions when the roll call was completed at 7:25 p. m. (E.D.T.).

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35-FOOT CHANNEL PROJECT OFFERED

Cape Fear Deepening Tops List Presented To Rivers, Harbors Congress

WASHINGTON, May 1.—A 35-foot channel for the Cape Fear river topped the list of projects presented to the Rivers and Harbors Congress here today by R. B. Page, chairman of the State Ports Authority, publisher, and a delegate from North Carolina to the annual conference.

Six other projects pertinent to the development of rivers and harbors in the Tar Heel state were offered by Page, who said he would present the list to the projects committee of the Congress with the hope that the body would react favorably and thus possibly pave the way for Congressional action.

The proposal presented by Page is that the river channel be deepened to a depth of 35 feet, an action which has been called necessary to the development of Wilmington and the state.

Project List

The project list also called for a re-survey and ultimate dredging of Masonboro Inlet at Wrightsville Beach. Several moves have been initiated to force Federal action on the survey and a resolution is now before the public works committee of the House approving the survey.

The third proposal calls for the deepening of the channel from the ocean into the Morehead City harbor. Page maintains that tankers will save \$4,000 a day if the channel is dredged to a depth of 32 feet. It was pointed out that tankers now have to stop at Norfolk and lighten their cargo before proceeding on to Morehead City because of the 30 foot depth now existing there.

Carolina Basin

Other requests presented to the Congress were the deepening of a channel at Carolina Beach from the yacht basin to the waterway

ALLENTON 4-H BOY AGAIN SHOWS BEST STEER AT FAT SHOW

Special to The Star
LUMBERTON, May 1.—J. D. West, 4-H club member from Allentown, for the second consecutive year exhibited the grand champion steer at the sixth annual fat stock show and sale held in Lumberton today under sponsorship of the Merchants association and the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The champion was a 690-pound Hereford which brought top price of \$0 cents per pound at the afternoon sale with Austin Walters of Lumberton as auctioneer.

The reserve champion steer weighing 602 pounds, was exhibited by Patsy Page of the South Robeson 4-H club and brought 50 cents per pound.

Thirty-eight steers were exhibited.

Prices at the sale were far below those of last year, many ranging from 25 to 30 cents. Judges were from the animal husbandry department of N. S. State college.

Robeson farm agent, O. P. Owens was in charge of arrangements for the show.

TRUMAN'S PRICE CAMPAIGN 'HIT'

New President Of U. S. Chamber Says Policy Cannot Apply

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Earl O. Shreve, new president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, tonight criticized President Truman's campaign for general price cuts, declaring no such policy can apply "across the board."

New wage increases will prevent many companies from lowering prices, Shreve said, although many others are in a profit position to do so, and I believe they will."

Shreve, vice president of General Electric company, New York, was named president as the chamber closed its 35th annual convention. He succeeds William K. Jackson of Boston.

Shreve told a news conference that a concerted, industry-wide dropping of prices could bring about a recession.

I have absolute confidence in the good judgement of businessmen, he declared.

Supply, Demand

"With very few exceptions they will follow the policy of more goods for more people at less cost."

In a statement he expanded his views:

"Talk alone will not bring prices down. Nor will the American people be fooled by attempts to make businessmen scape goats and to blame business alone for the wage-price spiral.

"Prices are starting to come down on many items because supply is catching up with demand. The most effective way of achieving wider cuts in prices and living costs is to maintain production at high levels."

The chamber called for a "liberal and realistic" international trade policy to encourage lower tariffs and eliminate trade obstacles.

EDUCATION BOARD BUYS TEXTBOOKS

State Group Also Authorizes \$11,117 Budget For Veterans' Courses

RALEIGH, May 1.—(AP)—The State Board of Education today approved bids for 18 new textbooks, authorized an \$11,117 budget for veterans' trade courses, and surveyed general school problems.

However, no action was taken on teacher allocation or plans for a proposed trades school at Camp Butler. No reason was given as to why the board did not reach a decision.

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Millions Of Communists, Socialists All Over World Celebrate May Day Along The Cape Fear

Six-Hour Parade, Speeches Feature Moscow Fete; Fights In Italy

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—Millions of Communists and Socialists throughout the world celebrated May Day, the biggest holiday, with parades, speeches, demonstrations and manifestos.

Premier Joseph Stalin today reviewed the biggest celebration of all—a six-hour parade of soldiers, sailors, tanks, trucks, tractors and workers in Moscow. Communism's fountainhead.

There was little violence anywhere except in the free city of Trieste, where feeling is always high between pro-Slovene and pro-Italian elements. Fifteen pro-Slovenes were killed and 18 wounded last night by bombs thrown into a torchlight parade.

Premier Stalin confined himself to smiling and saluting from atop the Lenin's mausoleum. Hundreds of thousands packed Red Square, bathed in warm spring sunlight.

Marshal Semyon Budenny, a favorite of Stalin, is still standing.

Today we bring the Cape Fear along with the parade. The interesting story from the pen of C. C. Chadbourn. His story concerns old landmarks of the city and follows:

LANDMARKS DWINDLING

One by one the old Wilmington landmarks are disappearing. It is appearing that commercialism has superseded patriotism and civic pride. Landmarks formed by our ancestors are being destroyed and a portion of them are being ruined because of the remodeling of the buildings that some people want to make money instead of making historical sights in our city.

LILLINGTON — ANDERSON McKOY HOME — This time it is the old historical Lillington-Anderson McCoy home on the South-east corner of Front and Orange streets. This house is not being torn down, but it is being remodeled. In the process it seemed necessary to remove the picturesque iron balconies, a distinguished feature or other typical historical object that should not be obstructed. These types of homes are found in a lot of the southern cities such as Charleston and New Orleans. The above mentioned house in the days gone by was the scene of many brilliant social events.

OCCUPANT — Dr. Anderson, its occupant for many years, was inherently aristocratic but democratic in that none was too poor and humble to receive his careful and skillful attention. As he walked along the streets, as all doctors had to do before the invention of automobiles, his distinguished demeanor, snow white hair, and long white beard, caused him to be followed by the respectful, loving looks of all his friends as well as those whom he had befriended professionally. His little office in the rear of the house is still standing.

Monster Of Loch Ness Honored By Councilmen

INVERNESS, Scotland, May 1.—(AP)—The indestructible monster of Loch Ness, the phantom creature which lives in the 'loche' of Scotland's highlands despite the sneering of scoffers and detractors, was proposed for membership in the Inverness County council today.

The suggestion, after County Clerk J. W. McKillop, described by his colleagues as a man of probity and good eye sight, told of catching a glimpse of the monster which, so they say, lives in the very deep loch.

McKillop confessed that he was among the skeptical until the other day, while motoring along the loch, he caught sight of the beast, or fish, or dragon or whatever it is.

"I am now firmly convinced," the county clerk said, "that there is something very quite abnormal in the depths of the loch. It is capable of great extraordinary power, and creates a disturbance in the water that would suggest it must be of immense proportions."

McKillop could not say definitely whether it has scales or feathers or more than one head.

Pondering the clerk's report, Councilman F. W. Walker said no matter how the monster looks it would be an ornament to the council and suggested it be made an honorary member. Statues were scrutinized but the matter was dropped when no precedent for such an action was found.

GIFT FOR NEEDY

Seven hundred cases of vegetables and canned goods are being donated to residents of the Fairmont area by G. H. and T. C. Hutaff of Gordon.

The donation to the residents of the Robeson county section hit hard by a tornado Wednesday afternoon will be handled through the local Red Cross chapter.

Delivery of the foodstuffs is scheduled to take place around noon today.

RED CROSS AID STORM HOMELESS

Robeson County, Wilmington Units On Disaster Scene In Quick Time

FAIRMONT, May 1.—Field workers of the American Red Cross yesterday arrived on the scene of the worst tornado to hit in this section about two hours after the storm had passed.

The workers immediately set up temporary headquarters in the Fairmont Tobacco Trade offices and workers were sent to the area hardest hit by the tornado.

Miss Anne Coucoules, executive secretary of the Robeson county chapter and Miss Marian Everett, general field representative of the National Staff, with headquarters in Wilmington, were the first to arrive after a call from C. B. Stafford, secretary of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce and local chapter chairman of the Red Cross.

Damage Surveyed

After a quick survey of the damage wrought by the terrific winds, the Red Cross workers immediately set out an urgent appeal for aid for the 200 homeless, mostly Negroes.

Shortly after midnight, District chairman J. S. Huske, of Fayetteville, arrived with 100 coats, blankets and other equipment from Fort Bragg and temporary sleeping quarters were set up in the Roseland Negro school.

Roads Searched

At dawn this morning the Red Cross workers were busily engaged in searching the many secondary roads leading into this tobacco town for additional casualties.

House to house surveys were conducted under the direction of Miss Coucoules and Ellis Fysal, special field representative, of Atlanta, who rushed to the scene of the disaster from Fort Bragg where he was giving instructions in water safety to the 82nd Airborne Division.

Additional volunteer workers, including Mrs. Jimmy Davis, Mr.

Twister Just Misses Town

Farmers Suffer Heavily When Winds Sweep Houses, Crops

By ROY COOK
Staff Correspondent
FAIRMONT, May 1.—Unofficial estimates of the damage wrought in this area by a devastating tornado that originated near Dillon, S. C., yesterday, from on and swept a section 30 miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide was set at \$1,000,000 tonight.

Although the property and crop damage was high, only one life was lost in the freak wind that struck without warning, leveling 24 homes and scores of tobacco barns and other farm buildings.

Ann Sharolyn Powell, three-year-old daughter of Earl Powell, Negro farmer, lost her life when the terrific winds completely demolished the five-room frame dwelling.

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Three other Powell children were injured and rushed to the Wernberg clinic at Fairmont for treatment. Their condition was reported as "fair" by attendants late this afternoon.

Formed Near Dillon

The storm apparently formed near Dillon, S. C., and touched several areas in a 30-mile path. It passed one mile southeast of the main street of Fairmont. It seemed to hit the outlying districts and completely missed the city.

Heavy rains and hail fell in the city during the height of the freak twister, reported to be the first in the history of this community of 2,000.

Eyewitnesses said the raging tornado passed over in five minutes, leaving a path of destruction in its wake.

The American Red Cross field workers arrived on the scene two hours after the tornado spent its way toward the Clarkton section.

ALEMAN ARRANGES LOAN FOR MEXICO

Mexican President Gets Big Ovation When He Addresses Congress

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—President Miguel Aleman of Mexico concluded a big U. S. reconstruction loan for his country today and then before a joint session of Congress warned the United States that it must back its democracy against dictatorship by moral and material force.

"I am convinced it is not backed by force, whets the appetites of dictators," the handsome Mexican leader declared in an historic, 18-minute address to the joint session.

Just before he entered the jammed House of representatives to receive a thundering ovation from 41 Congressmen and Senators, and President Truman, issued a joint announcement putting their official endorsement on a multi-million-dollar loan to Mexico.

\$50,000,000 Credit

The two executives said the new credit, intended to finance Mexican industrial and agricultural development projected to supplement the U. S. "Export-Import" bank. They gave no details, but it was believed the loan would amount to about \$50,000,000 or about one-third of the sum originally requested by Mexico.

The world reconstruction bank, however, announced yesterday that it is extending a similar development loan of \$208,000,000 to Mexico to supplement the American credit.

Mr. Truman and Aleman also announced that the two countries intend to sign a new agreement stabilizing the rate of exchange between their currencies and that other plans for economic cooperation are being studied.

Obviously enthused over the loan agreement, Aleman was smiling happily as he mounted the speaker's rostrum in the House to plead for the United States to remain strong, not only in its own interests but for all democracies.

And So To Bed

There is always one at every baseball game.

Wednesday night a young lady, apparently attending her first baseball game was asking question after question of her male companion, who wanted to be nice, but seemed to be worried with some of the questions fired at him by his companion.

"You know," she blurted, "It's bad about that poor number 26."

The male member of the duo after thinking over the question for a minute inquired why it was bad about number 26.

"Why, the poor fellow, is on the suspended list and they are making him stand in the box over there at third base."

Five innings later, the male was trying to explain baseball to the female. But number 26 kept on the suspended list, for each inning he would try to get that same spot.

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