

ADMINISTRATION SOON TO FRAME A POLICY ON POSTAL APPOINTMENTS

Hays Says an Early Announcement May Be Expected. A COMPROMISE IS LIKELY Middle Ground Between Patronage System and Civil Service Is Indicated.

TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY Prospective Postmasters May Be Examined to Determine Their Fitness—Overman Again Calls On the President.

Washington, March 23.—With indications pointing to a compromise between the spoils system and classification under civil service rules, the Harding administration soon will announce its policy regarding the appointment of several thousand postmasters throughout the country.

There are approximately 100 vacancies in North Carolina to be filled either on a patronage or civil service basis.

At his conference with newspaper today, Mr. Hays referred in a general statement to increased efficiency in the postal service, and a broadening of the civil service so that "merit may govern."

He was asked if his reference to merit meant a continuation of the Wilson executive order putting first, second and third class postmasters in the civil service.

Mr. Hays said that any decision had been reached regarding them. Postmaster General Hays admitted it was feasible to apply the "merit" system in appointing postmasters.

SCHOONER'S SKIPPER IS ARRESTED FOR THEFT Will Face Charge of Embezzlement. Had Received Advance Since Middle of Last Year.

Pensacola, Fla., March 23.—Charged with the embezzlement in connection with the abandonment of the schooner Marletta G. and the sale of her cargo to St. Andrews in 1919, Nelson R. Alexander, former master of the schooner, was indicted in the United States district court in June, 1920, but he had not been placed under arrest before.

HAVE NO RIGHT TO APPEAL DECLARES A. B. AND A. COUNSEL

Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—The union men who left the service of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway because of its wage reduction have no right now to appeal to the United States railway labor board.

TWENTY PEOPLE KILLED BY BOMB EXPLOSION AT MILAN

London, March 23.—A bomb explosion took place in the Diana theater at Milan, Italy, last night, 29 persons being killed, according to a dispatch to the London Times from that city.

BERGDOLL'S WOULD-BE KIDNAPERS SENTENCED

American Officials in Germany Declare Action of the Court is Satisfactory. Try To Secure Release.

Special Cable to Daily News. (Copyright, 1921, by Philadelphia Public Ledger.) Mosbach, Baden, March 23.—American officials declare the sentences of 15 months and six months imprisonment imposed yesterday on Carl Neuf and Frank Zimmer, the American detectives who attempted to apprehend Grover Bergdoll, the American draft dodger at Eberbach, are an outrage.

They say they will take the matter up with the German federal authorities immediately. Captain Osanda, who represented the American authorities at Coblenz at the trial, assured the two detectives that everything possible would be done to secure their release.

Four German assistants of the American detectives were sentenced to six months' imprisonment as accessories in the unlawful assumption of authority.

The reading of the sentence created great excitement in the audience which shouted its satisfaction.

POLAND WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE GERMAN CLAIM

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Poland will press the inter-ally commission, charged with the determination of Upper Silesia, for a distribution of the territory between Poland and Germany based on the commune vote, according to official advices received today by the Polish legation here from Warsaw.

Germany had indicated her intention to lay claim to the entire region on the basis of the numerical majority returned by voters in Upper Silesia as a whole without distinction to communes or districts.

MOTION PICTURE MANAGERS OPPOSED TO HAMON PICTURES

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—The allied amusement industries of California composed of representatives of motion picture theaters, went on record today as opposing the appearance in films of Clara Smith Hamon, recently acquitted of the slaying of Jake L. Hamon in Ardmore, Okla.

The motion picture industry representatives adopted a resolution declaring "this association is of the opinion that an exhibition of this sort would unduly and improperly put a premium on violence."

WE DON'T OWE FRANCE ANY SUCH SUM AS IS CLAIMED

Washington, March 23.—Treasury officials again insisted today that search of files revealed no unpaid debts to France in the assertion in the French senate last night of Senator Gaudin de Villaine "that Louis XVI in 1778, in the name of the French nation and to save the young American republic, lent the United States \$100,000,000 public debt, which the senator said, had never been repaid."

POLES PROCLAIM REPUBLIC IN PART OF UPPER SILESIA

London, March 23.—A wireless dispatch received here today states that the Polish government has proclaimed a republic in part of Upper Silesia.

Harding to Head Parade

New York, March 23.—President Harding will head a parade of American diplomats and other notables in the city of Paris on the afternoon of April 19 in connection with the unveiling in Central park of an equestrian statue of Simon Bolivar.

Twenty Nine Reaches Masses

Marion, Ga., March 23.—Yale University's basketball team arrived here late today for spring training.

MR. LINNEY WILL NOT RESIGN CHAIRMANSHIP OF G. O. P. COMMITTEE

His Announcement Last Night Came As Surprise. MARION BUTLER DID IT? It Is Rumored That the Old Warrior Is Responsible For Mr. Linney's Action.

MANY NOTABLES IN CITY Among Them Is Morehead, But He Is Keeping Counsel With Himself. It Is Said Butler Has Gathered the Dissatisfied.

Frank A. Linney's formal announcement, made at 11 o'clock last night, that he would not resign as chairman of the state executive committee threw a big surprise into plans for the meeting of the Republican executive committee which meets at noon today.

However, the division of the political pie will take place anyway. In answer to the call for the meeting of the executive committee, Republicans from all corners of the state arrived in Greensboro last night and the division of the spoils was being discussed in every corner of the hotels, which were crowded to overflowing.

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\$50,000 WORTH BONDS ARE FOUND BY FARMER

W. W. Edmunds Finds Bonds and Other Papers Under Straw Stack. Belongs to Houston Bank.

Danville, Va., March 23.—Another echo of the robbery of the bank of Halifax at Houston reached here early this afternoon, when long distance telephone advices received from Gretna, N. C., brought word that W. W. Edmunds, a farmer, had discovered negotiable paper worth \$50,000 stolen from the bank, secured under a straw stack.

The farmer was removing straw from the stack this morning when his pitchfork brought to light a roll of paper. He got no time in discovering where it had come from because of the name of the bank being on some of the paper.

CATAWBA MAN HIT ON HEAD; SERIOUSLY HURT

Homer Harringer in Hospital at Statesville and Fred Brinkley Is Held by Officers.

Statesville, March 23.—Homer Harringer, aged 29 of Catawba county, is in Dr. Long's sanatorium here in a critical condition resulting from a blow on the head. Latest reports indicate that the young man is still unconscious and his condition is precarious.

STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING COMMISSION IS ANNOUNCED

The Greensboro Daily News Bureau. 308 Merchants National Bank Bldg. Raleigh, March 23.—University trustees in executive committee session today named their building commission and am doing it. But it never would have been heard had this public back home discouraged building that it can. I am determined to break it up. And the reason I have reported this offense to the next day is because I am doing it.

GOV. MORRISON AND FAMILY RETURN TO RALEIGH TODAY

Charlotte, March 23.—Governor Cameron Morrison and family leave Charlotte tomorrow morning on their return to Raleigh after a short stay in this city to arrange for the letting of the Morrison home on East Boulevard.

Gardner Is Re-appointed.

Washington, March 23.—Obadiah Gardner, of Maine, who resigned from the international joint commission in the closing days of the last administration, has been re-appointed by President Wilson.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S BROTHER GIVEN A \$2,250 VERDICT

Supreme Court Affirms Clark vs. Bland and Coast Line From Halifax—Other Opinions Handed Down.

Raleigh, March 23.—Supreme court opinions today give to Chief Justice Clark's brother, Harry N. Clark, \$2,250 for the assault of one H. G. Bland, agent of the Coast Line, on the distinguished jurist's kinsman.

Chief Justice Clark did not sit in this case which came up from Halifax county. The junior Clark was tackled by Bland who accused Clark of reporting him for selling liquor and was battered with a big stick.

For all that the court finds with Judge Devin below and the fire-eating Bland must pay if he can.

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WILL NAME AN EXPERT TO TEST GAS SERVICE CITIES ARE RECEIVING

Gas Companies and Protestants Reach This Agreement. A DAY OF HEATED DEBATE

Companies and Cities Concerned Will Pay the Cost of Investigation. COLLEGE BATTLE ABATES

President Riddick Minimizes the Recent Hazing Incident—Two Automobile Insurance Companies Declared Insolvent.

Raleigh, March 23.—Host debates in motley consumed much of the gas hearing before the corporation commission today, the testimony of J. P. Tillery, chief witness for the companies and special testifier for his own, the Carolina Power and Light company, going off the stand near noon after a day and a half.

The dispute was waged around the commission's decision not to go into the service in the respective towns. Having rates to make and book statements to ship to the commission declared that it could not undertake to determine the quality of service from the testimony of thousands of witnesses.

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PACKERS' EMPLOYEES TO ACCEPT REDUCED WAGE

Packers For Their Part Consent to Six Months' Extension of Alschuler Arbitration Agreement.

Washington, March 23.—Prospects of an immediate strike in the packing industry were averted tonight through the mediation of Secretary of Labor Davis.

The terms of the settlement as agreed to tonight are as follows: Reduction of wages amounting to 8 cents an hour for hourly workers and to 12 1/2 per cent. for piece workers.

Retention of the basic eight hour day and overtime rates as provided in the wartime Alschuler rulings.

Extensions for six months, or until next September 15, of the arrangement whereby Judge Alschuler shall decide all questions of hours, wages, conditions and adjustments not specifically provided for in the written agreement.

Pressure by the government was understood to have been largely responsible for the settling of the agreement. The controversy between the packers and their employees was the first major labor difficulty to face the new administration, and President Harding referred to the matter to Secretary Davis, who called in Secretaries Hoover and Wallace to assist him.

HAMBURG COMMUNISTS HOIST THE RED FLAG

They Seize Administration Buildings and Then Blow and Vess Shipyards—Bomb Outrage at Leipzig.

Berlin, March 23.—Communist workers seized the city administration buildings in Hamburg today, then occupied the Dicht and Voss shipyards for the destruction of the red flag, a dispatch from Hamburg. Workers in other shipyards quit work and began organizing mass demonstrations, according to the dispatch.

In Rodewisch the city hall was virtually destroyed by a bomb which had been concealed in the basement. The use of dynamite against the city administration buildings at Auerbach, Froberg and Dresden resulted in heavy property loss and the wounding severely of at least three persons. Others were slightly injured.

A 21-year-old man was arrested in Auerbach with a sack of dynamite in his possession. A companion was arrested and charged with the same offense. The man arrested said he was from Danzig, but declined to talk further.

PERMIT TO MAKE WINE OUT OF STRAWBERRIES IS ISSUED

Washington, March 23.—A permit to manufacture wine out of strawberries was issued today by the bureau of internal revenue. Provision is made in the permit that no sugar shall be added to increase the alcoholic content of the wine.

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DEFENSE PRAYS THAT JURY'S VERDICT STAND AGAINST MRS. VARNER

Declares It Was In Accord With Weight Of The Evidence. SET FOR HEARING FRIDAY

However, It May Be Postponed For Several Days At Request Of Mr. Cansler. BIG BATCH OF AFFIDAVITS

Deputy Marshal Roane, Backed By Nine Jurors, Declares That He Never Expressed an Opinion Before Jury Regarding Mrs. Varner.

Attorneys for H. B. Varner, of Lexington, filed in Federal court yesterday a reply to Mrs. Florence V. Varner's motion to have the verdict, which declared her guilty of improper relations with R. Baxter McHenry, mulatto, set aside and a new trial given.

The motion is scheduled to be heard here in Federal court, Judge James L. Bost, Friday morning, March 26. However, it is learned, that a postponement is probable, inasmuch as E. T. Cansler, chief counsel for the defense, is at present engaged in an important matter in another state.

In addition to the reply there was filed a big batch of affidavits from various persons. Among the affidavits is Deputy Marshal C. T. Roane, who, it is alleged, was present at the trial in a barber shop here while in charge of the jury, that Mrs. Varner was guilty, declares that he at no time during the trial in the courtroom, or elsewhere, expressed the opinion that Mrs. Varner was guilty.

Nine of the 12 jurors state in affidavits that they did not hear Mr. Roane express the opinion that Mrs. Varner was guilty. C. Reeves, a member of the jury, who made an affidavit sometime ago in which he declared that Mr. Roane, while the jury was in a barber shop being shaved, said in a barber shop here while in charge of the jury, that Mrs. Varner was guilty, declares that he at no time during the trial in the courtroom, or elsewhere, expressed the opinion that Mrs. Varner was guilty.

Mr. Varner, who testified during the trial last month, that Mrs. Varner had visited in Salt Lake City in 1917, at Lake City, Utah, since 1908, filed a copy of a letter which he recently forwarded to Judge Boyd, asserting that testimony, Mr. Varner declares that he was mistaken in testifying that Mrs. Varner hadn't been home since 1908, stating that it appears from the files of the Lexington Dispatch that Mrs. Varner left Lexington in July, 1917 for a Lake City, Utah, residence.

A long string of Burlington and Smithfield citizens signed affidavits giving O. P. Dickerson a good character. Mr. Dickerson testified that he considered probably the most damaging of any offered against Mrs. Varner during the trial. The plaintiff in its motion for a new trial filed many affidavits from persons, declaring that Mrs. Varner was a man without a good character.

F. J. Thomas, a member of the jury, declares in an affidavit that his brother G. C. Thomas only visited the jury room at the hotel for the purpose of bringing him clean underclothes, along with a few other articles.

G. C. Thomas made practically the same affidavit as did F. C. Thomas. He also replied to Robert D. Shore's affidavit by testifying that in 1917, he (Thomas) was sent to Lexington by his employers to demonstrate a Cadillac automobile to Mr. Varner, that Mrs. Varner became impressed with the car and laughingly said to him that she didn't break him up financially, he might buy a Cadillac car from the company sometime during the summer, that she sometimes afterwards and before the trial, she testified that she never brought him clean underclothes, along with a few other articles.

J. F. Garner, one of the deputy marshals who at times had charge of the jury, declares in an affidavit that he heard all that took place between F. J. Thomas and G. C. Thomas in the hotel room and nothing whatever was mentioned about the Varner case. Mr. Garner further states that the case was never discussed by him, Mr. Roane, or anyone else in the presence of the jury during the trial, while he was present.

A copy of the reply to the motion, which is signed by Cansler and Cansler, Waples and R. W. Wallenrod, Walter, J. R. McCray and J. F. Sprull, Phillips and Bower, reads in full as follows:

"The defendant comes into court and files this reply to the plaintiff's motion for new trial in this action and says: 'I. That the rulings of the court made during the trial of the action to which plaintiff assigned error in the record were in accordance with the law and are correct, and that the verdict is supported by and in accordance with the weight of the evidence offered at the trial.'

"II. That the plaintiff had a fair and impartial trial and that the jury was impartial and he denies that outside influences were exerted and brought to bear on the jury or that the verdict against the plaintiff was affected by any outside influences, and he denies the allegation. That the verdict as rendered did not express the real sentiment of all the jurors, and further says that said verdict was rendered by the jury after they had considered and deliberated upon the evidence for nearly two days and after such deliberation and consideration rendered their verdict.

"III. The defendant denies the allegations made by the trial of said case newly discovered evidence has been discovered by the jury. (Continued on Page Four.)