

First Serious Stumble
Outcome--Better
Service
The Promised Veto
No One Hurt

Washington—The popular expression nowadays when two political observers meet—and everybody in Washington is either a politician or a political observer—is "Well, the honeymoon's over." The reference is, of course, to the love-feast in which the President, Congress, business, industry, agriculture, labor and all the other elements of the American population have been sitting together for the past year. And what is implied in the phrase is that Mr. Roosevelt is not so likely to have everything his own way from now on. He probably will get most everything he goes after for another year or so to come, but he will have to fight for what he gets, or much of it.

There is, yet, no effective organized opposition, either within or without the Democratic party; nothing whatever that can be called organization among the Republicans, who are in a good deal of a mixup among themselves as to what policy to pursue or whether to sit tight and await developments. But there are many minor manifestations of dissatisfaction, some of which contain the seeds of future trouble for the Administration.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, is an adept at meeting trouble. The most serious trouble that he has faced thus far is the uproar over the cancellation of the air mail contracts and the effort to carry on the air mail by the use of the Army's planes and flyers.

The death of ten young Army men in the first two weeks, and the doubt as to whether there had been sound ground for the barring of commercial companies from the mail routes, aroused a storm of protest here among Democrats as well as Republicans, which the President met by ordering mail-carrying by the Army suspended except under the most favorable conditions and starting the machinery for the restoration of the air-mail services to commercial companies equipped and manned to perform.

No better proof could be adduced of the President's political acumen than the appointment of Col. Lindbergh on the Committee to investigate the whole subject of army and commercial aviation.

The outcome of the whole air-mail matter is to force into the consciousness of the American people and of many in Washington who did not understand the facts, that the Government's air services are away behind those of commercial companies, in speed, quality and equipment of planes and in the skill of their aviators. This is the result of several factors, one of them being the fact, of course that Army and Navy flyers are trained for only one thing, which is war; and a fighting plane is not intended to carry cargo or passengers or to make schedule flights "blind" at night.

Another important factor, however, is the Governmental idea, which applies to everything any Government does, of "standing pat" on fixed ideas and designs for everything. So Army planes are equipped with engines which were discarded as inefficient by commercial concerns several years ago, built to designs which make speed impossible. And the Army flyers are still getting the same sort of training they got during the war.

There is a general feeling here that the President's promise to veto any bill for increasing payments to veterans will not have a very serious reaction on his political popularity. Congress will pass such a bill, because it seems necessary to a good many Congressmen to go on record in favor of it, if they want to be re-elected—as all of them do. But it is believed here that there is a strong public sentiment against this particular form of Government extravagance.

Even the President's closest friends concede that he will not have such a unanimous Congress next year. There will be a good many Republicans elected to success.

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"THE WATCHMAN
CARRIES A SUMMARY
OF ALL THE NEWS"

Army May Get Air Mail Funds HOSPITAL DRIVE ENDS SAT. NIGHT

Amendment To Provide Money Expected Soon

Emergency Bill Is Expected To Be
Approved By Both Houses
Promptly.

FUNDS NEEDED BADLY

Lack Of Funds Is Blamed By Many
For Result Of Air Mail
Fatalities.

Washington—An agreement between senate and house conferees on the emergency air mail indicated that the army would soon receive the benefit of postoffice funds to pay for the work it took over from private companies.

The emergency bill goes back to both houses for final action, but approval is expected without extended debate.

The administration brought pressure to hasten completion of the emergency measure after the army had complained that lack of funds was a contributing factor to the series of air mail fatalities.

One of the last witnesses was Colonel William Mitchell, who repeated testimony he had made before the senate postoffice committee that America lagged behind in aviation development.

The house committee probably will begin a study in executive session of the administration measure today, and the senate committee which also had concluded hearings, is to meet within the next two or three days.

Quite a few changes probably will be made in the administration bill, principally with regard to reorganization provisions, but the postoffice department is expected to insist that the companies which receive contracts in the future be divorced almost entirely from holding companies and interlocking directorates.

There is strong support on the senate side for a bill drawn by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat of Wyoming, which would authorize the postmaster general immediately to put the mail back on private planes and would establish a system similar to that used in carrying the mail by rail.

February Spinning Activity Is Higher

The cotton spinning industry as reported by the census bureau to have operated during February at 10.15 per cent of capacity on a single shift basis as compared with 98.5 per cent for January this year and 95.0 per cent for February, 1933.

Spinning spindles in place on February 28 totaled 30,992,496 of which 26,355,498 were active at some time during the month, compared with 30,967,862 and 25,653,324 on January 31 and 31,088,382 and 23,659,100 on February 28 last year.

Active spindle hours for February totaled 6,692,120,318 or an average of 216 per spindle in place, compared with 6,970,394,758 last year.

TWO HELD IN FATAL SHOOTING

James H. Lester and David M. Lester, brothers, were jailed Sunday afternoon by High Point police for investigation in connection with the shooting of Wiley T. Brown, aged cafe operator, whose body was found in his place of business on South Hamilton St., about 11 o'clock Saturday night with a bullet hole piercing the stomach.

NEWS BRIEFS

COLLEGE HEAD DIES

Dr. J. A. Campbell, 72, president of Campbell's college and prominent educator of North Carolina, died in a hospital at Fayetteville Sunday afternoon after five days of critical illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Buies Creek from the college auditorium.

IN HOT OVEN 45 MINUTES

A New York repair man was incased in a baker's oven for 45 minutes Sunday with heat registering 350 degrees. The man was alive when finally removed, but in bad condition. He had gone in to repair the oven after fire had been drawn, and he could not back out.

CHARLOTTE POSTMASTER NAMED

Major W. R. Robertson has been named temporary postmaster to succeed J. D. Albright, Republican incumbent whose term had expired, and after a good administration and holding the esteem of office patrons. Robertson is a prominent Democrat and has a record of World war service.

DR. VENABLE DIES IN VIRGINIA

Dr. Francis Preston Venable, noted chemist and president of the University of North Carolina from 1900 to 1914, died in Richmond, Va., after an illness of several months. He was 77 years of age. He ranked as one of the best known educators of the South.

TWO WEEK-END FATALITIES

On highway 10 near Burlington the body of an unknown man of about 40 was found early Sunday night. He had evidently been struck by a heavy automobile or truck, his body badly mangled. J. C. Holcomb, 49, of Winston-Salem, died Sunday of injuries received in an auto accident near East Bend, Yadkin county.

TWENTY-THREE ON DEATH ROW

The State prison now has 23 persons sentenced to met death in the electric chair. Last week two men were executed for murder, but two replaced them from Forsyth county, Walter Thaxton, of Person county, is scheduled for death today. Twenty-three equals the highest record in the history of the prison.

ARMY FLIERS ON JOB AGAIN

Army air mail pilots resumed the work of carrying mail Monday morning. Routes to be made are reduced, from eighteen to eight and every possible precaution has been used to avoid further disasters. Eleven pilots have been killed since the government took over the mails, although only four of the number were actually engaged in the work of flying mails at the time of the fatalities.

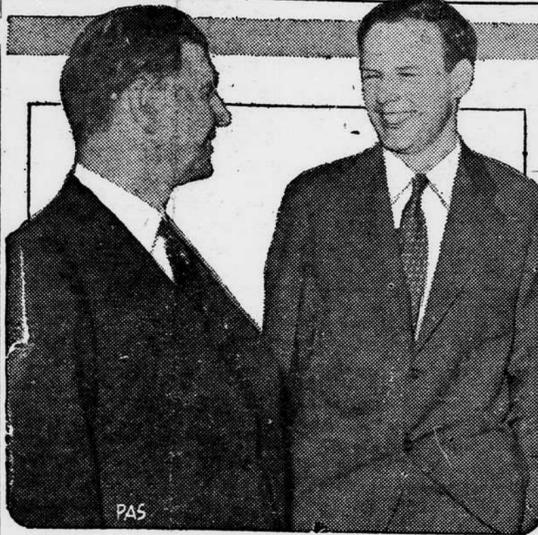
TRUCK DRIVER KILLED WHEN CARS COLLIDE

Ed Adams, of Morven, driver of a bread truck, was instantly killed when his truck collided with a car driven by W. C. Hardison, well-known Wadesboro citizen. The accident occurred on a straight stretch on highway 80 about six miles southeast of Wadesboro.

WOMAN IS FATALLY INJURED

Mrs. Robert Midkiff, 44, of Mount Airy, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which she was riding with her brother, J. W. Snoddy, also of Mount Airy, overturned on highway 70, near Asheboro.

Lindbergh in Washington for Air Conference



WASHINGTON... Upon the invitation of Secretary of War, George H. Dern, Colonel Charles Lindbergh came to Washington to confer with the Secretary concerning army aviation matters and also the airmail flying, it was reported. Photo shows Secretary Dern greeting Colonel Lindbergh when the tall flyer arrived at the Army building, hatless and without overcoat.

Rail Factions Agree On Strike Mediator

Washington—Negotiations seeking peaceable settlement of the railway labor dispute moved into a favorable phase when both executives and labor officials accepted President Roosevelt's offer of the services of the federal coordinator of transportation, Joseph B. Eastman, to help smooth the troubled waters.

W. F. Thiehoff, chairman of the rail conference of managers, advised the President that the executives would join the labor officials in acceptance of the President's offer.

Similar action was taken by A. F. Whitney, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives' Association. At the same time Thiehoff wrote Whitney that the managers disapproved of the labor officials' demands for a 10 per cent increase in basic pay.

Thiehoff told Whitney the managers did not even consider that the 10 per cent raise proposal was before them. In this letter, Whitney told Thiehoff it was useless for the two parties involved in the railway labor dispute to continue their conferences as at present, and said the labor officials were accepting the President's proposal for calling in Eastman before further meetings are held.

The Whitney letter advised Mr. Roosevelt that he would be kept abreast of all developments, and also was accompanied by a copy of the labor officials' most recent answer to proposals of the rail executives for a cut of 15 per cent.

No Banks Failed In United States In Past Two Months

Report Reveals That Bank Structure in This Country Is Sound.

Raleigh—Not a single bank in the United States failed during the first two months of 1934, January and February, Paul P. Brown, secretary of the North Carolina Bankers' association, said, saying he saw such a report in a national publication and quoting official sources.

All of which, he states, indicated that the banks of the nation are in excellent shape, carrying out the declaration of President Roosevelt after the banking holiday ordered on the day he became President, March 4, 1933, that banks which reopened after that date would be sound and dependable.

In North Carolina Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood issued a statement some weeks ago that all state banks which were operating under restrictions would have to submit some plan of reorganization by March 4, 1934 or they would be taken over for liquidation by his department. This means that all banks operating now are on an unrestricted basis or that a plan of reorganization has been submitted and approved and this is in progress, or otherwise, the banks not in these classes have been taken over for liquidation.

GOOD MORNING

A BLISSFUL DELAY

Mrs.: "Can you remember when you proposed to me? I was so overcome I couldn't speak for an hour."

Mr.: "Yes, it was the happiest hour of my life."

TEMPEST FUGIT

A fly was walking with her daughter over the head of a very bald man. She said: "How things change, my dear. When I was your age this was only a footpain."

THE BARE FACTS

"I hear Howard has become a nudist."

"Yeah, he burned his britches behind him."

SAFETY NOTE

First Taxi Driver: "I met my wife in an unusual way—ran over her with my car, and later I married her."

Second Taxi Driver: "If that happened very often there wouldn't be so much reckless driving."

OLD CUSTOM IN DISCARD

A certain cannibal king announced to the British government that he has given up the habit of eating small boys. Youth, notes the L. & N. Employee Magazine, will apparently no longer be served.

EGGS-ACT

Cook: "I'm leavin' in exactly three minutes."

Mrs. Jones: "Then put the eggs on to boil, and we'll have them right for a change."

BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION

Customer: "I've brought that last pair of trousers to be reseat-ed. You know, I sit a lot."

Tailor: "Yes, and perhaps you've brought the bill to be re-ceived, too. You know, I've stood a lot."

ON THE USES OF ADVERSITY

Plumber (arriving late): "How's everything?"

Man of the House: "Not so bad. While we were waiting for you to arrive I taught my wife how to swim."

SCOTCHMAN BUYS SOMETHING

"Did you hear about Sandy McCollough findin' a box of court-plasters?"

"No, did he?"

"Yes—so he went and bought a pair of tight shoes."

NATURALLY

He devoured as much food as the average man eats in a week. Then he leaned back in his chair and looked full in my eyes.—(From a novel.)

Is it any wonder?

ADD BRIGHT SAYINGS

"Why, daddy, this is roast beef," said little Willie at a dinner one evening when Mr. Smith's boss was present.

"That's right son," said the older Smith, "What of it?"

"Why you told Momma this morning that you were going to bring an old mutton head home to dinner this evening."

EX-NEGRO

"Say, Sambo, what time in yo' life does yo' think yo' wuz scared de worst?"

"Once when Ah was callin' on a hen house an' de farmer came in an' caught me. Boy, wuz Ah scared!"

"How are you sah dat wuz de worstest yo' evah been scared?"

"'Cause de farmer grab me by the shoulder an' he say: 'White boy, whut yo' doin' here?'"

\$4,750 Raised Towards Mem. Hospital Here

Large Group Of Canvassers Engaged In Active Work Have Not Made Their Report.

SCHOOLS RAISE \$706.22

\$41.17 Cash Is Reported Thursday Morning As Being Raised By Colored Division.

A report Thursday morning by Bryce P. Beard, chairman of the Rowan Memorial hospital drive indicated that \$4,750 had been raised to date in the last roundup drive to net \$15,000 necessary for the erection of a modern fireproof hospital in Rowan county.

Arrangements have been made to have the roundup campaign come to a close Saturday night of this week and those who have been engaged in active canvassing for donations are requested to complete their canvass by tonight in order that the full amount of the drive may be known by Saturday.

Donations from school children or the county amount to \$706.22, of this amount, \$609.17 was raised by the Salisbury school system.

The first report from the colored division showed at headquarters yesterday was \$41.17 in cash and while no report was given of the number of pledges the amount raised in this manner was indicated to be about \$160.

The class of Miss Ruth Pierce of the Wiley school has led the local schools in contribution to the campaign with \$20.

The Henderson school reported donations to the hospital of \$52.62. The report from the Innes Street school showed they had raised \$58.87.

The colored school, county schools and the Spencer schools have not reported to headquarters.

High Record For Home Loans Made

Establishing for the second week a high record in the number of loans closed and cash and bonds paid out to take up mortgages the Home Owners' Loan corporation during the week which ended March 16 closed and made disbursements to take up 170 mortgages on homes, the amount involved being \$384,066.98, it was reported by Alan S. O'Neal, state manager, with headquarters here. Disbursements for the week reported upon carried the total thus far paid out to \$4,175,080.67, and the number of mortgages which have been taken over by the corporation to 619.

In his weekly report Mr. O'Neal stated that 119 loans for \$268,586.66 were approved and sent to the legal department for final examination of titles. These commitments brought the total number of loans approved and sent to the legal department for final action to 3,786 involving a total of \$8,310,549.55.

Rowan Cotton Report

E. B. Marsh, special agent for the Department of Commerce, advises The Watchman that 12,944 bales of cotton are being ginned in Rowan county from the 1933 crop as compared with 10,660 bales from the crop of 1932.

The pioneers used to go to bed at nine o'clock, and they were able on their long and restful sleep to build up this great country, while now we begin our parties at that hour or later, and we are hardly able to keep the country going.