

INVESTIGATION OF ARCHITECT BEGINS

Only Three of Score of Witnesses Heard in 5-Hour Session of Committee

MR. HILL CHARGES DELAY AND WASTE

Dugham Man On Stand Nearly Entire Time; Representative Givner Also Appears in Opposition and Former Chairman Dalton, of Building Commission Testifies

John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, Representative Glover, Nash, J. F. Dalton, of Greensboro were only ones of the score or more of witnesses summoned by the joint legislative committee appointed to investigate the efficiency and compensation of the Building Commission and the State Architect who were heard at the initial hearing yesterday. The committee is composed of Representatives Matthews, of Bertie; Parham and Barnes, of Swain and Senators McColin and Herford.

The hearing consumed five hours, Mr. Hill being on the stand most of the time, standing aside before the conclusion of the direct examination in order that the committee might hear Mr. Dalton, a former chairman of the Building Commission, who wished to return just night on account of ill health. Judge B. H. Stokes, of Durham, appeared as counsel for Mr. Hill. James A. Walker, State Architect, was examined by Mr. Hill and the committee voted to sit this morning from nine to eleven o'clock and this afternoon from two to six o'clock.

The office of the Attorney General, in which the hearing is being conducted, was packed with spectators and witnesses yesterday, representatives of nearly all of the State institutions having been summoned to testify. Mr. Hill, who is a member of the building committee of the University, renewed his charges made before a Senate committee that the State Architect is responsible for material delay in the construction of "Dormitory A" at the University and that the building is to cost a great deal more than it should. In corroboration of the first charge, Mr. Hill read into the record a copy of correspondence between himself, Mr. Spenser, President Chase of the University and others.

Mr. Hill asserted that the contract for "Dormitory A" which was let last June would have been let much earlier had the plans been drawn promptly and that the building, which is now about seven feet out of the ground, would have been completed had the State Architect pushed the work in a business like way. Mr. Hill asserted "Dormitory A" is to cost \$55 a cubic foot, while other buildings have been erected at a cost of from 25c to 40c a cubic foot. He cited a number of other buildings, including Gilmer's store in Raleigh, the Marvin Carr Memorial Building and the Liggett and Myers office building in Durham and the Phillips Building at the University. Mr. Hill pointed out that none of these are dormitories. The plans for the Gilmer Building were drawn by the firm of Nelson and Satter and Mr. Hill asserted the difference in cost showed the difference between Mr. Satter as a private architect and as a State official. Clashes With Senator McColin.

The witness displayed personal feeling only once. He was asked a number of questions by members of the committee and when Senator McColin became impatient on the subject that the contract had been signed by University officials, Mr. Hill after asserting that the signature of President Chase was only a formality, pointed his finger at the Senator and shouted "I didn't sign it and I didn't have a chance to sign it; if I had it would have been signed."

Mr. Hill made a further charge of inefficiency against Mr. Satter, stating that by a few scratches of a pencil he had changed the capacity of the dormitory from 72 to 54 students and that the original plans and contained other extravagance. He also stated that he "lost confidence" in the Architect after receiving a letter from him containing a number of alleged misstatements of facts.

Prison Bridgers and Satter. Mr. Dalton was on the stand only a few minutes, all parties foregoing examination on account of his desire to catch a train. He stated that in his long experience as a dealer in building supplies he had never encountered anyone who knew as much about building as Mr. Bridgers. He also stated that he had always found Mr. Satter's plans very good. Mr. Dalton ascribed the delay in the construction of "Dormitory A" to the employment of a consulting architect. Further than saying that he had never received one cent from the commission, that the \$2,500 salary paid to Mr. Bridgers was approved by Governor Bickett and that he understood Mr. Satter drew only his salary of \$5,000 a year for half time, Mr. Dalton referred all questions in regard to compensation to Mr. Bridgers. He stated that it had been found impossible to secure a competent architect for all of his time at the salary offered.

Mr. Bridgers evinced great eagerness to testify, and insisted upon beginning the hearing with a preliminary statement, asserting that if he were heard there would be no necessity to hear anyone else. The committee, however, adhered to prearranged schedule of hearing - opposition first. Just before adjournment, Mr. Bridgers made a statement, which was not put into the record, that he was personally responsible for 20 days delay in the construction of "Dormitory A," the matter being held for a while he was on his way.

Representative Glover, as the author of the bill to abolish the office which precipitated the inquiry, was the first witness called. He read into the record a number of letters tending to show that the people of the State do not desire the office continued.

Simmons Attacks Wheat Tariff Item In Fordney Tariff Bill

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his associate committees to put up money for Dr. Campbell. But if they don't former Speaker Clark, Claude Kitchen and other Democrats will find occasion to call the matter to public attention.

In a word, what the Democrats of the House are objecting to is that Republican Congressmen shall put up money to work up evidence in a case on which they are to sit in judgment. A parallel case, they say, would be for a Federal or State judge to advance money to work up evidence against a defendant on whom they are ultimately to sit in judgment.

In a statement to the Associated Press the other day, Dr. Fess said his committee had advanced money for Dr. Campbell, and would put up more later, if necessary.

Campbell Wouldn't Finance It. It is understood that Dr. Campbell declined to finance his contest individually, but that after he laid his case before Dr. Fess, the latter agreed to take over the financial responsibility. It costs a good deal of money to take the evidence and print the record in a case, but Dr. Fess told a newspaper man the other day that he was satisfied, individually, that Dr. Campbell had a good case, and that he had, therefore, advanced money for Dr. Campbell to start work on, and would put up more when needed.

The Republican congressional committee is made up of one Republican congressman from each State from which there is a Republican in Congress. The committee is composed of these Southern States where the delegation is solidly Democratic, but wherever there is a Republican in the State, that State is represented on the Republican congressional committee, a purely political committee whose duty it is each year to finance and conduct the Republican congressional campaign. The Democrats have a similar committee, but there is this difference: The Republican congressmen, as committee men, are putting up money to work up a case toward which, when the contest comes before the House, they must occupy the attitude of Judges. The Democratic committee has never financed a contest before the House.

When the time comes for the House to pass on the Doughton-Campbell contest, each member of the House will sit in judgment on the contest. It is about the only time a legislative body ever occupies a judicial position. In this case, the congressmen on the Republican congressional committee will have pre-judged or at least be prejudiced in the case to the extent that they will have an interest therein to the extent of having advanced money to work up evidence. They are in a somewhat embarrassing position.

Simmons Speaks on Tariff. Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the Senate finance committee, made a two-hour and a half speech in the Senate today against the Fordney so-called emergency tariff bill. The principal object of Senator Simmons' attack was the duty of 40 cents a bushel the bill would place on wheat importations. He plans to discuss other items later.

The cry small importations of wheat have not contributed to the decline of wheat prices in the United States, the Senator contended, and the price is virtually the same in Canada and Europe as here. The cost of production in Canada is virtually the same as in the United States, therefore there is no "dumping" of Canadian wheat in this country to bring about depression in the market. He presented Governmental statistics to show that wheat exportations have been several times the importations, and declaring that Congress owes a duty to the consumers that cannot be escaped. Senator Simmons asserted that the proposed duty had for its purpose, not the raising of revenue or the protection of the wheat farmers, but an increase in price, which the hundred million consumers in the United States would have to pay.

In this bill, Senator Simmons declared, the Republican party is perpetrating a fraud upon the farmers in attempting to make them believe that proposed duties will give them relief; when statistics show that importations of farm products have been so negligible that they have not contributed in any part to the present unfortunate plight of the farmers, and the proposed bill will afford them no relief. Senator Simmons characterized the Fordney bill as "the most vicious, iniquitous and fraudulent that has ever been presented to an American Congress."

Ignore Tariff Commission. The Republican proponents of the bill were taken to task for ignoring the tariff commission in making up its schedule of rates. The tariff commission is a non-partisan body which makes up its reports on a scientific basis and the tariff commission reports absolutely destroy the Republican position on the pending measure. No effort was made on the Republican side of the chamber to reply to Senator Simmons, and after he had concluded, Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, gained the floor and pronounced the speech unanswerable, declaring it had "demolished the contentions of the majority and that no Republican Senator had undertaken the task of answering the argument advanced therein."

The postoffice at Quinlan, in Randolph county, has been ordered discontinued. The mail will go to Sen Grove. The order is effective January 31st. Senator Overman was advised by the postoffice department today that city mail delivery service in Wilmington would be extended in accordance with a request recently made of the department by him, to all portions of the city not now serviced where the department's requirements as to street improvements, etc., had been met.

Mrs. Taylor entertained at luncheon today. Her guests were: Mrs. A. W. McLean, Mrs. John Small, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Kincaid and Mrs. Daniels.

Doughton-Connor Road Bill Starts Journey In House

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Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina State Fair to address a joint session of the General Assembly on February 2, and a Senate resolution to invite Gen. Julian B. Carr, the retiring president, to address the same joint session. Both resolutions provoked considerable discussion. Senator Burgwyn, of Northampton, could see no reason why the precedents should be broken by inviting the President of the State Fair to address the General Assembly merely because that official happened to be a woman and led a fight on the House resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 25 to 15. Senator Gallett, one of the opponents of the House resolution, then offered the resolution to invite General Carr also, which was defeated 23 to 14. Later, on motion of Senator Winborne who stated he had voted against the resolution because he had thought it to have been introduced in a spirit of levity, moved to reconsider. Senator Gallett asserted he had been perfectly serious and the Senate adopted his view that the invitation was in keeping with the proprieties and invited General Carr also.

HARDING VISITS FLORIDA RESORT

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President-elect spends several hours with fashionable colony at Palm Beach

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 27.—President-elect Harding paid a short visit to the fashionable colony at Palm Beach today on his vacation trip along the coast of Florida.

Changing his plans at the last moment, the President-elect spent several hours ashore here and did not board his houseboat "Victoria" until late in the evening for the last leg of his southward journey to Miami. The "Victoria" does not run at night, but will leave early tomorrow morning and is expected to reach Miami Saturday morning.

Ending a crowd which gathered at the docks of the winter resort hotels here, Mr. Harding went ashore early in the afternoon at the cottage of Joseph Wier, a friend of Henry P. Fletcher, who is a member of the "Victoria's" vacation party. After a private luncheon there he played eighteen holes of golf at the country club, and afterward was a guest at a dinner at the Palm Beach Club, which is a part of the Palm Beach winter colony.

Plans for an official reception to the President-elect were abandoned when his personal representatives told officials of the reception committee that he wanted no formalities to attend his visit here, and during most of the day he managed to escape the crowds which gathered along the water front.

A committee from Miami, whose members included Frank R. Stone, of the Miami Herald, and former Governor Durbin, of Indiana, conferred with Mr. Harding at his cottage and were told that he would prefer to carry out his vacation program without demonstrations in his honor. It now is expected that the Miami reception will be entirely informal and that the President-elect will spend several days after his departure from that city fishing among the keys to the southeast.

DEMAND FOR FUEL FOR POOR CONTINUES HEAVY

Although a number of contributions were received yesterday by the Associated Charities for the purpose of furnishing fuel for the poor and needy of the city, the demand for fuel is still urgent and further aid is necessary. The Associated Charities continues its appeal to the people of Raleigh to provide funds for fuel for the poor and an immediate liberal response is hoped for.

POLLOCKSVILLE MAN DIES AT NEW BERN

New Bern, Jan. 27.—Following a serious illness of several months, Mr. John M. Perry, of Pollocksville, died early last night at the New Bern General Hospital. The funeral was held this afternoon, the services taking place at the grave, Rev. J. C. Griffin, officiating. Interment was in Cedar Grove cemetery. Mr. Perry was in his fifty-fifth year. He was well and favorably known throughout his home section as a citizen of splendid character. He leaves no survivors.

BINGHAM STUDENT HURT WHILE COASTING IN SNOW

Asheville, Jan. 27.—F. A. Wilcox, Jr., son of F. A. Wilcox, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, is seriously ill in the Mission Hospital here, suffering from injuries received this afternoon at 5 o'clock at Bingham Military School, where he is a student. Officials of the school state that in coasting down a hill the sled hit a tree and the rear runner was driven through the boy's abdomen. He was operated on soon afterwards and attending surgeons said that while he is seriously ill he has a chance for his life.

Asheville Man In Nevada Prison

Asheville, Jan. 27.—R. M. Morgan, a young man who formerly conducted a typewriter store here, is now serving a term in the Nevada State Prison on charges of passing bogus checks and impersonating a son of Am G. Candler, the Atlanta Con-Coma Magnate. Morgan has a young wife here and it is understood that abandonment charges will be preferred against him.

To Omit Morning Service

The regular Friday morning service at Christ Episcopal Church will be omitted this morning because of prevailing weather conditions. The services will be resumed next Friday at 10:30 a. m.

Tin Can Tourists Organized

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 27.—At a meeting here today of campers at the local free camp site, a branch of the Tin Can tourists of the world was organized. H. W. Berger, of Carletonville, Fla., was elected chief tin can opener.

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SHOVEL BRIGADES AT WORK ON STREETS

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Slight Rise in Temperature Starts Melting Process, Bringing Much Slush

The severe snow and sleet storm which covered the entire State with a white blanket over six inches thick ended early yesterday morning after almost continuous precipitation for nearly 24 hours. Late yesterday afternoon the skies cleared, and a cold, brisk wind blowing from the north gave indication of temperature today around the freezing point.

With partial melting of the snow and sleet covering the city streets, the Carolina Power and Light Company yesterday was able to resume normal street railway service. During Wednesday afternoon and night the street car service was badly interrupted. Wednesday night one or two street cars were derailed by ice choking switches, and yesterday morning the low temperature and ice caused several trolley wires to break. These were quickly patched and by noon the cars were running on schedule time.

Shovel brigades went to work early yesterday morning in the business district clearing the sidewalks and gutters of snow and sleet and in the residential sections a number of energetic citizens did their own shoveling. Street cars and automobiles worked overtime bringing people to the business district yesterday morning, and while a number walked they found it a laborious task. Inevitably had the first opportunity to see "foot snow" fields in two years and hundreds of them are expected to appear from this snow.

Although it rained yesterday, the snow below normal, many pupils remaining at home while some teachers gave up to the elements. Local fuel dealers worked their delivery service overtime supplying emergency demands for fuel. The weather probably had the effect of checking law-breaking, Judge Harris yesterday morning holding no court because of a dearth of defendants.

A slight rise in temperature yesterday started the melting process, but colder weather last night prevented much progress being made. Trees, shrubbery, telephone and telegraph wires and roofs of buildings and houses were covered with ice, affording a typical and attractive winter-time snow scene. The mercury will probably rise today, but the weather man promises no real warm weather to clear away the snow and sleet, slushy gutters and sidewalks being in prospect.

The storm was the most severe in the city and state since 1917 and the only heavy snow since February, 1919. Last winter was practically snowless.

ASKS ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON LYNNING

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 27.—Governor McRae announced today he would send a special message to the Arkansas legislature asking it to take official cognizance of the lynching of Henry Lowry, negro, near Nodena, last night and suggested that the fact that the negro was taken from a train in Mississippi and brought into Arkansas might be a subject of Federal investigation.

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TARIFF CONGRESS HEARS COOLIDGE

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Vice President-elect Takes Americanism As Theme and Urges High Tariff

Atlanta, Jan. 27.—The object toward which the Nation should direct its industrial policy is the "building of manhood and womanhood," said Calvin Coolidge, Vice President-elect in addressing the Southern Tariff Congress here tonight.

Mr. Coolidge defended the protective tariff in the course of his address on "Americanism" but said there should be a "careful reexamination of the field in order to determine what application of former policy can be made to existing conditions in order best to provide for the public welfare."

Passage of the Fordney Emergency tariff bill was asked in a resolution adopted late today. Plans for tariff protection for Southern industries were made during the day by Governor Parker, of Louisiana, John H. Kirby, of Texas, president of the Congress, former United States Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, and others.

Governor Parker made an appeal for protection for the farmers, Mr. Kirby declared for protection in outlining the purposes of the meeting and denied that "the Republican party is manipulating the organization behind the scenes." Mr. McLaurin asserted that if a tariff is to be written by the Republican party the South should see that its products are protected as well as those of the remainder of the country.

Various group meetings were held during the day at which manufacturers and others outlined some of the tariff protection for Southern industries. Tonight the delegates and visitors gathered to hear the address of the Vice President of the United States.

SUGAR SELLS AT FOUR CENTS A POUND IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 27.—Raw sugar was quoted at 4 cents a pound in the market here today, the lowest price recorded in more than two years. This figure, including cost and freight, was due to renewed pressure.

Freshmen Too Strong for Preps

Chapel Hill, Jan. 27.—The Carolina Freshmen were too heavy and fast for Greensboro High School here tonight and won at basketball 64 to 9. Greensboro showed a fast, hard fighting team but could not penetrate the Freshmen's defense and shot only one field goal. Purser shot 7 field goals and Wright, Green and Amber played well. The Freshmen used ten men.

Wilson to Consider Debs Case

Washington, Jan. 27.—Recommendations of the Department of Justice as to a pardon of Eugene V. Debs, now serving a prison term at Atlanta for violation of the espionage act probably will be submitted to President Wilson within the next few days.

Kindly Old Lady—"Poor man! And are you married? Weary Tramp—"

"No lady, I wouldn't be relying on total strangers for support if I had a wife, lady."—London Answers.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES TO DISCUSS WAGE REDUCTIONS

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Labor Committee Representing Larger Railroads of Country Meets Today

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—General wage reductions on the larger railroads all over the country will be considered tomorrow by the labor committee of the American association of railway executives in an effort to solve what railroad officials say is a precarious transportation situation. The meeting will make definite recommendations with a view to bringing the matter before the United States railroad labor board.

W. W. Atterburg, vice president of the Pennsylvania Lines and chairman of the labor committee, arrived today to convene the committee but no action was taken. Tomorrow's meeting will be behind closed doors, but it was predicted by railroad officers that the committee's recommendations would be for some sort of reduction in wages. Labor committees besides General Atterburg is composed of W. G. Bostor, president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey; H. E. Myran, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; C. H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central; N. D. Misher, president of the Norfolk and Western, and W. R. Scott, president of the Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana.

Failure of increased rates to earn the expected revenue, decrease in business, the present large pay roll and high operating expenses were given as the reasons for probable action before the railroad labor board to cut wages.

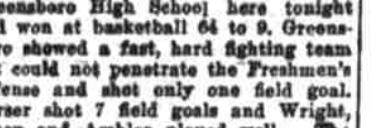
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