NASSAR STANDS UP **IINDER HOT FIRE**

Rigid Cross-Examination Fails To Shake Government Witness

NORTHERN MERCHANTS

Second Day of Testimony In

of the ten Syrians comprising the first group of sixty defendants charged with compiracy and with using the United States mails to defruid, failed to shake the esential details of his testimony given in Federal court in Raleigh Wedneeday afternoon, Cross-examination of until the dinner recess. The remainder of the afternoon as taken up by the government presenting representatives of northern merchandise houses, who tified correspondence and testified as to shipments of goods, on which part payments were made in only two cases. District Attorney Aydlett amounced that N. T. Aboud, one of the defendants, would go on the witness

es-examination by Judge W. O'B. Rebinson, of counsel for eight of north ergon maximos as le lie as leged scheme worked at Countrious his

agreement with Neil Joseph to get \$16,000 worth of merchandise, cause Massar's business to fail and divide the goods, but brought out some further de-tails. Judge Robinson, Mr. James H. Pou, Mr. J. W. Balley, Mr. W. A. Finch, of Wilson, and Mr. W. L. Watson repof Wisson, and Mr. W. L. Walson of Wisson, and Mr. W. L. Walson, Joseph Narfour, Joseph Farfour, George Parfour, Chickry N. Hatem, F. T. Hakin and Murad Thomas, while Mr. Oscar P. Johnson represents Nassar and

Nassar made a marked impression as s witness, and held his ground throughout the cross examination. He showed gence, and unbesitatingly answered questions put both by prosecution and defense. Judge Consecution interest in the witness and a number of times discussed with Nassar mathis native land. Nassar was equal to the occasion in efforts to confuse him

in his testimony.

Cross Examination Resumed.

Cross-examination of Nassar began
late Wednesday afternoon, but did not proceed far before court adjourned.
Judge Robinson resumed the cross examination yesterday morning, checking
up. Nassar's movements until the time up Nassar's movements until the time he opened his store at Goldsboro. The witness testified that he opened a store under the trade name of E. Nassar and Co., in Greenville, N. C., in 1914, and failed elightly over a year later. He said he later opened a business under the name of A. Kalil, and also failed Nussar asserted he worked on a malary of that year he wrote letters to merchandise firms asking for shipments of goods under the name of E. Nassar, although he did not operate such a store He testified that he sold goods received for E. Nassar to George Parfour and Bro, of Goldsboro, through Neil ar said he went to Fayette ville in 1918 and secured a lease on s store room for three years, and subsequently sold the lease for \$900 without opening a business. He said he went to Lamberton in September, 1918, and opened a business known as The Pair, opened a business known as The Fair, under the name of N. Khoury. Nassar added that The Fair failed after a short existence, and that he then opened The Leader at Lamberton under the name of A. Nassar. This business con-tinued, he said, until it was removed to Goldsboro in February 1919.

Nassar admitted, on being questioned, that his merchandise was attached when it reached Goldsboro, but had the attachment absolved on the ground that the goods attached were secured for The Fair under the name of N. Khoury. Nassar also admitted he had secured four property exemptions since 1914

Nassar also admitted he had secured four property exemptions since 1914, each under a different name.

The witness, in explaining why the mortgage on The Leader, his store in Goldsboro, was not recorded until June morigage on The Leader, his store in Goldaboro, was not recorded until June 20, just a short time before he went to New York to purchase a large stock of goods, said it was done to withhold the information from creditors so as not to impair the credit of The Leader. He said that by delaying the recording of the mortgage the forty or more business houses with which credit had been established did not have sufficient time to investigate and accertain the

truth about the matter. Nusear sale before he asked for the subpoens.

On further examination by District

Attorney Aydiett, Nassar admitted carrying goods from Greenville to Golds boro and selling them to Geo. Farfou boro and selling them to Geo. Farfour & Bre., for 75 per cent of their cost. Namer and he seemed the goods under the name of E. Nassar, but did not have a store. He said that he told Neil Joseph and one of the Farfours he did not have a store under the name of E. Nassar. Nassar stated that Joseph's NORTHERN MERCHANTS
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was to secure goods for the Fashion
Store and that the store was to be
closed, adding that the store at Goldsboro,
show cases from the Fashion Store
for \$37.50 to show the showcases were
purchased in event they were elitimed.
He stated that Joseph eredited him
with the \$37.50. Nassar also said he
with th signed a paper tending to show that the showcases in his store belonged to Neil Joseph, so that they would not be included in the inventory when the

store failed. Samuel L. Cohen, owner of the Pior neer Knitting and Manufacturing Com-pany, of Philadelphia, told of making a shipment of \$135 in goods to The a shipment of \$135 in goods to The Leader, for which he never received payment. W. D. Gruber, who stated he was secretary and credit manager of the Cincinnati Closk and Suit Co. identified letters from A. Kalil, and that two shipments of goods totaling nearly \$100 were made and ne money for them received. Mins Tillie M. Hess, of Kuh. Rose & Co., two shipments of Kub, Rose & Co., two shipments Joseph Schwartz, of J. a E.

unpaid. Joseph Schwärtz, of J. & E. Schwartz, of New York, said that a shipment of \$47.50 worth of goods was made to N. G. Abeyonais, at Greenville, and a shipment of \$46 to A. Kalil, also at Greenville, and that no money had been received by him. Charles Isaacson, of Charles Solomon & Co., testi-fied that shipments totaling \$414.50 had been made to The Leader and only \$100 had been paid on the account. Mr. Atlas, of the Elk Dress Co., of New York, identified correspondence signed N. G. Abeyounis, but stated no ship-D. Garey, of D. Garry & Co., testified that a shipment of \$162 worth of goods was made to E. Nassar & Co., and no payment received. chandise Co., testified that one ship-ment of about \$100 was made to the Fashion Store at Princeton and that the account was settled, but that two subsequent shipments totaling \$117.52 remained unpaid.

Hoey Cheerful On Eve of Departure From Lower House

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political parties and has given the American people and the world the time-honored governmental principles as promulgated by its founder, Thomas Jefferson, and incarnated by its prime minister, Woodrow Wilson." Small Not a Candidate.

Carolica paper yesterday that he was States Senator was as much a surprise to him as to anybody else, said Repre-sentative John H. Small today. Even if he had thought of being a candidate, he certainly had never said anything about it, at least, Mr. Small said, and if he had thought about it, it is certainly too long until there will be a senatorial vacancy in North Carolina substance of Mr. Small's comment on the Charlotte paper's story when asked

for a statement today.

The statement which Mr. Small gave out about State's rights and the railthe Charlotte paper had the Senatorial bee in the act of buszing about the Congressman's head, certainly contained nothing to inspire the thought that he contemplated getting into the Senatorial. derby, still four years in the future, in the opinion of Mr. Small.

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Harding to Rescind Rule.

A special dispatch from St. Augustine printed in one of the Washington papers this afternoon tays that "one of Warren G. Harding's first acts as President of the United States will be to rescind the order of President William shades will be to rescind the order of President William shades will be to rescind the order of President William shades will be the state of the order sou placing all postmasters under the protection of civil service."

This was hardly news. It has been known for several months that such known for several months that such would be one of the first acts of Mr. Harding's administration, because the administration is to be strictly partisan. A "tagging" committee has been formed by Republicans in Washington with Marion Butler one of its most active members, for the purpose of labeling all Democratic office holders, and they will be got rid of just as fast as the Republicans can do the trick.

Presidential office postmasters, certainly those of the first grade, need not lull themselves into a feeling of security because they have commission that do not expire for two or three years, for just as soon after Mr. Harding revokes the civil service rule as it can be done, a way will be found to "kick the rancals cut" and put "tried and true" Republicans on guard.

There are several North Carolina postmasters—Asheville's is notable

the mortgage the forty or more passiness houses with which credit had seen established did not-lave sufficient line to investigate and ascertain the citaal condition of his business, thus ability to possible to work the plan to searce the goods.

The witness denied that there was my understanding between him and the latrict attorney's office as to giving assimony as a government witness. In being questioned by Mr. James H. Son, Nassar also denied he was cared into agreeing to testify by Mease. Seeler and Weed, representatives of the failonal Association of Orelit Mes.

Questioning by Mr. Pou brought from lasur the admission that the endeavored or cit Mike Mansour at Goldsboro to as him 5500 to pay attorneys to represent him 500 to fail for him 50

ong the number-whose commissions do not expire yet, but some sort of charges will be trumped up against them, if it takes a trumping process to do the trick, and means will be found to separate them from their jobs.

Mr. Wilson believed that if civil service was good for fourth-class post-masters, it was good for first-class post-masters; that sish should not be made of one and fowl of the other. the new administration is going to be strictly partiesn, and Mr. Harding will take the inconsistent position that while fourth-class postmosters should be retained under civil service, first-she

Power Rate Contract Measure Reported Without Prejudice (Continued from Page One.)

"neither fish nor fowl, heads private and tails public," while Mr. Cansier stated that there would be only two alternatives, for the power company to go into bankruptcy or charge its other customers exorbitant rates. Mr. Taylor stated that the power company has been halted on the threshold of its opportunities by the lask of capital and that the real question was, "Shall we go on, or shall we stop?" Judge Bynum asserted that the con-

racts had in a number of instances been entered into as late as last year, at a time when prices of labor and ma-terials were higher than they are now, and that if those prices had not been

just, they would not have been agreed to by the Southern Power Company. Judge Biggs cited several precedents for the law from laws enacted by ruptions from his opponents. In discompany's property in the State, he Carolina from companies in South Carolina in which it did not own a share of stock.

avested there?" demanded Mr. Taylor. "No I do not know it; they have transferred and retransferred and doubled and redoubled until no mortal

man ran tell who owns those proper-ties," retorted Mr. Biggs.
"But we haven't doubled up and juggled up the facts before this com-mittee, and you know it," was the re-W. S. Lee, vice-president of the power

company, also rose several times to challenge statements made by attor-neys on the other side, but J. B. Duke, president of the company, sat unmoved during the discussion, his only com-After the principal interests had ex-hausted the time granted them, other

interested parties asked for and obtained additional time. George W. Wilson, as a representative of nine teen mills, most of which are in Gaston county, asked that the bill be defeated in order that new mills might be built, while A. O. Mangum, representing two other mills in Gaston county, spoke for the bill.

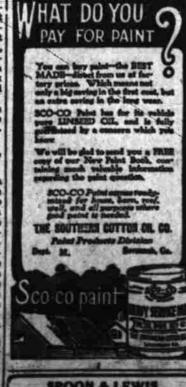
Others appearing in behalf of the bill were S. C. Gattis and Matt H. Allen. Mr. Gattis stated that the increase sought by the power company will affect smaller mills and individual consum; ers of electricity and asked for its passage in behalf of those interests. Mr. Allen stated that the several industries had been established in his section when the statement of contract given tion on the strength of a contract given by the power company and that they would probably be forced out of business should the bill fall of passage.

At the conclusion of the argument Senator Outlaw obtained the floor and moved that the bill be reported unfavorably. Senator Long, of Alamanco author of the bill, countered with a motion to go into executive session, which the chair ruled in order and which was carried.

-Mr. John G. Allen, who has been critically ill for some weeks past, has greatly improved.

—Mr. Iredell Meares, of Wilmington, is visiting in the city,

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Property Tax For State Use (Continued from Page One.)

Pinanes Commission, has taken the position since the beginning that it Finance Commission, has taken the position since the beginning that it would be a very wise thing to do, if it could be proved sound, but it has taken nearly two months to convince him that the proposal it sound. A. J. Maxwell, of the State Tax Commission, who has participated closely in the formation of the bill, early took the position that it was time for the State to get away from all property tax, and the battle, friendly as it was, has run between the two, with Mr. Maxwell appearently the friendly as it was, has run between the two, with Mr. Maxwell apparently the winner. The General Assembly, judg-ing from the ananimity of its voting last night when it transformed itself into a committee, is definitely committed

last night's seasion was a continuation from the 3 o'clock recess yesterday af-ternoon. A quarter of an hour was onsumed with committee reports, which included favorable action on the Brooks-Matthews Educational bill, and the introduction of a score new bills. Representative Hicks, of Avery, of fered the prize frenk of the session when he presented a measure allowing dog, free of tax. Other dogs in the county, or if one family has more than one canine, must have tax paid on them in acordance with the State law, but each family may have one dog free of all burdens of State.

America Claims Equal Concern Regarding German **Possessions**

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expressed that there might be a cor ference of the interested owers to dis-cuss the whole question. It is under-stood that such a course would be aceptable to the United States, although state Department officers said the modu

Referring to the Yap mandate, Secretary Colby says in his note that at the time of the discussion of the ques-tion at Paris President Wilson "was particular to stipulate" that it should be reserved for future consideration and that subsequently the United States in notes to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan "set forth at length its con and Japan set form at length its con-tention that Yap had in fact been ex-cepted" from the proposed mandate to Japan for the Pacific Islands north of the Equator formerly held by Germany.

Jack Bernie Hearn Dies Little Jack Bernie Hearn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hearn, of 217 North Dawson street, died yesterday at noon at Rex Hospital after a short illness with pneumonia. The funeral services will be held at the First Christian church on Hillsboro street this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and will be conducted by the Rev. J. V. Knight, paster. The remains will be interred n Oakwood cemetery.

Big Fire In Texas Town
Breekinridge, Texas, Feb. 24.—Fire
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block including several stores and an
apartment building. The loss is estimated at \$150-000. A hotel in the block was not burned.

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House Gives Death Blow To ORGANIZED LABOR WANTS A REAL REPRESENTATIVE

American Federation Leaders Send Telegram To Prest. dent Elect Harding

Washington, Feb. 24.—Organized labor called upon President-elect Harding today to appoint to his cabinet as Secretary of Labor "a recognized representative of organized labor" and "a real spokesman of the working people of our country and who understands the

telegram to the President-elect at St. Augustine, Fla., was declared by labor leaders to be practically an endorsement of the type of man as James Dunean, of Quincy, Mass., a vice-president and member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, whom they regard as a candidate who is a

Reports that James J. Davis of Pitts Reports that James J. Davis of Pitts-burg, had been selected by Mr. Hard-ing as Labor Recretary were not re-ferred to in the message which was signed by President Gompers, the mem-bers of the executive council and representatives of the National and interac ional unions affiliated in the America Federation of Labor and the represents tives of the four railroad brotherho

The resolution authorizing the telegram was adopted by the labor leaders after a lengthy conference at which the cabinet situation and the incoming .acpublican administration was discussed.
While approval of Mr. Duncan's appointment to the cabinet as Secretary of Labor was voiced by the speakers, it was learned that it was considered inadvisable to suggest any name President-elect.

AGED RANDOLPH WOMAN DIES AT FRANKLINVILLE

Franklinville, Peb. 24.-Mrs. Tamse of Randolph county planes and at Maner, last evening, at the ripe old age of 94 years, 8 months and 4 days. Mrs. Warn was born June 19, 1886, at Devonshire. Tavastock, England, and came to this country April 7, 1855, being then about 29 years old. She was the daughter of Robert and Clauda Green, and was 11 years old at the time Queen Victoria was crowned, and remembered the occasion distinctly. Mrs. Warn was

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rational to the last, remembering all grandshildren. She was a member of that happened within a few hours of the Episcopal Church of England. In Advanced the Police of States o Mrs. Katharine Tregoweth, Sharon, Pa.; Mins Elizabeth Warn, of this place; more the grandchildren and twelve great trained.

The National Kindergarten Associa tion has been instrumental in estab-lishing 380 kindergartons, in which more than 20,000 children have been

Rooms Wanted For The Members Of The Raleigh Baseball Club

Owing to the crowded condition of the local hotels arrangements cannot be made to house the members of the Raleigh Baseball Club who will report for duty about April 1st. The management therefore is anxious to get in touch with homes who will take two or more of the players for rooms only as arrangements have been made to feed the men. Any one who can take two or more players for the month of March are requested to phone the Secretary, Gee, L. H. White, phone 1218.

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