

CROWDS GATHER TO WITNESS RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT

Hardings Center of Attraction For Sightseers in Washington These Days

CLOSELY GUARDED BY SECRET SERVICE MEN

Young Marion Butler Proving Capable Flier in Naval Aviation Service; Charlotte Woman Candidate for National D. A. R. Office; Young Roosevelt Has Naval Aide

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Washington, March 20.—Sightseers made a regular gala day event on the White House lawn and driveway this morning. Long before noon the crowd began to gather to watch for return of President and Mrs. Harding from Calvary Baptist church where they went to worship this morning. Half way down the sweeping driveway from the White House main entrance, right up to the entrance itself, the crowd bulked while there were other crowds gathered about the gateway to the grounds and along the big iron fence.

Young Butler Making Map.

Folks in Washington who had been "looking up" to a young North Carolinian the last few days who had been doing some strictly business flying over the district, Ensign Marion Butler, of the Naval Reserve force, son of former Senator and Mrs. Marion Butler is the young man. He is a naval aviator and did service overseas in the world war. Returning to duty recently after being treated for injuries received in an airplane accident, Ensign Butler was given an assignment to map the ten square miles of the District of Columbia by the aeroplane method, and he went to the work with a will.

Flying low above the city he has a photographer with him to take pictures, while he figures the distance by the method that is employed. It is said, that there can be a far more accurate bit of surveying done than by a surveying party on the ground with all the paraphernalia of a civil engineer surveying party. The pictures made by young Butler are clear and distinct buildings and locations being clearly shown, and the cost is said to be about one-tenth that of a ground surveying party, the work done being absolutely accurate and more quickly done. The value of this special photographing and distance estimating work in war is shown by the fact that in five and a half minutes after pictures had been taken and developed in a dark room several miles away at the naval air station by carrier pigeons carried on the aeroplane.

North Carolina is providing one of the nine candidates for election as Vice-President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Continental Congress which meets here April 18-20, while there are but eight vacancies to fill, and other honorees into expected to throw their names into the ring. The North Carolina candidate is Mrs. Benjamin D. Health, of Charlotte, N. C. The other announced candidates are: Mrs. Albert L. Calder, of Rhode Island; Mrs. Sarah G. K. Chenault, of Kentucky; Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Lyman E. Holden, of Vermont; Mrs. John Trigg Moss, of Missouri; Miss Althea Serpell, of Virginia; Mrs. Singleton M. Ashenfelter, of New Mexico, and Mrs. Charles J. Lanthorn, of Maryland.

Suspends Sunday Work.

The Washington Evening Star's Sunday edition carried a special display of articles relating to new Navy orders issued by Secretary of the Navy Daniels as found in the revised naval regulations which became effective a short time ago, the special order being one that bars work on Sunday in the Navy. The article reads:

"Cessation from all except absolutely necessary work on the Sabbath is enjoined by all members of the naval personnel by the revised naval regulations approved by former Secretary Daniels and now ready for issue to the service. It is understood that this particular order was written by Mr. Daniels. For every reason, physical as well as spiritual, Sunday should be a day of rest and worship. In the rigorous naval service, with men away from home influences, rest from the ordinary duties makes for contentment and health while religious services gives moral direction and moral stamina, the order reads."

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, assistant naval secretary, is now acting secretary of the Navy, Secretary Danby having left last night to join the fleet at Guantanamo. An assistant Secretary of the Navy he has had assigned to his office a naval aide in the person of Lieutenant Commander Lee F. Warren, until lately of the staff of Admiral Counts, chief of the office of operation of the Navy. Since about the first of the term of Assistant Secretary Franklin Roosevelt, back in 1913, there has been no naval aide in the office of the assistant secretary.

Raising Money For College.
The Washington chapter of the Alumnae Association of the North Carolina College for Women is now actively

Two New Assistant Secretaries Named



Left—Eliot Wadsworth, of Boston, new Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He will be in charge of foreign loans. Right—Lieut. Col. J. Mayhew Wainwright, of New York, new Assistant Secretary of War. He is a lawyer and served on the staff of Major General O'Ryan.

CAPITALIST GETS RELEASED AGAIN

New York Millionaire Charged With Violation of the Liquor Laws

Tampa, Fla., March 20.—Charges of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act will be pressed against Harry S. Black, New York, millionaire and his two negro employees before the Federal grand jury, United States attorney Herbert S. Phillips for the Southern district of Florida said here today. According to Mr. Phillips, the grand jury will meet in Miami the last Monday in April to take up the case.

Miami, Fla., March 20.—Harry S. Black, New York multi-millionaire, re-arrested last night in West Palm Beach under the State liquor laws, on orders from Gov. Carey A. Hardee, was released today when Edward C. Romf, president of the First National Bank, of Miami, and Theodore G. Houser, trustee of the same bank, appeared and gave their personal bond of \$1,000 for Black and \$1,000 for the negro porter employed on Black's private pullman car.

Black, who was taken into custody early last Thursday morning after local and federal authorities had raided his private car and seized 55 cases of liquor stored in it, was released Friday by United States Commissioner, John M. Graham. J. R. Mandley, the negro porter, testified at the hearing that he had placed the liquor aboard without Black's knowledge.

Although Black was still under \$500 bond to appear in Cocoon Grove police court tomorrow, he left Miami immediately after his hearing here.

ANOTHER MISSISSIPPI NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB

Man Charged With Killing Negro Woman Taken From Jail and Hanged

Hattiesburg, Miss., March 20.—Arthur Jennings, negro, held here on a charge of killing a negro woman several days ago, was taken from the county jail early today by a number of armed men, who overpowered the sheriff.

At daylight the negro's body was found hanging in a tree near the city. At the time Jennings was arrested, he fired several shots at the officers, and feeling afraid he has been bitter. Jennings, after a pistol duel with two deputy sheriffs in which he was wounded, was captured here last week and had been held in the county jail awaiting the arrival of Taylorville officers.

According to Deputy Jailor Herring a mob of about 15 men came to the jail about 1:30 o'clock this morning, covered with mud and armed with guns, ordered him to turn out the jail keys and taking his keys, proceeded to the negro ward of the jail and informed Jennings they were "from Columbia and had come for him."

They placed him in an automobile and quietly proceeded to the spot, where the negro's body was found early today.

County Coroner Hullett empaneled a jury this afternoon and is conducting an investigation.

Resume Freight Service Today.
Atlanta, Ga., March 20.—Beginning Monday the local freight service of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad will be extended to all points of the system except the small Waycross division, according to an announcement tonight by officials of the road.

HARDING VISITS WOUNDED SERVICE MEN IN HOSPITAL

President Promises Disabled Veterans That Government Will Stand By Them

HOSPITALITY OF WHITE HOUSE EXTENDED THEM

Errand of Mercy Combined With First Hand Study of Administrative Problem By the Chief Executive; Pays Tribute To Service Rendered By Women in the World War

Washington, March 20.—President Harding combined an errand of mercy with a first hand study of one of his administrative problems today by spending more than two hours among the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed hospital.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and Dr. C. E. Sawyer, his personal physician, whom he has charged with an investigation of the general problem of public health and social welfare, the President looked through the wards and entertainment rooms of the hospital, greeting scores of the patients and asking them what could be done to make them more comfortable.

In a short talk from the front steps of administration building he told an assemblage of patients and nurses that he wanted to see a government policy that should fully recognize what the soldiers of the great war gave to their country, and later at the Red Cross hut he made a speech praising the services of women in the winning of the war.

Studies Vocational Training.

The question of proper hospital facilities and medical attention for wounded soldiers is one which has been much in Mr. Harding's mind since his election and during today's visit he asked about many details of hospital administration. Among other things he studied the vocational training system for the wounded, and Mrs. Harding brought away as a souvenir of the vocational plant a hammered silver jewel case made and presented to her by Private Joseph Yurkuni.

To all of the wounded men with whom they talked the President and Mrs. Harding extended the hospitality of the White House suggesting that those from Ohio arrange to come in a body soon to call on them.

In his talk from the hospital steps, Mr. Harding recalled the example of a Civil War veteran he had known who despite the loss of both arms and one leg always kept talking cheerfully of the future and of the opportunities it might bring.

Pays Tribute To Women.

"I offer to you men," continued Mr. Harding "that same compensation. Look forward always to the morrow. I am sorry the burden has come so hard to you, but you may be sure the government never will be unmindful of you and your condition."

At the Red Cross hut the President declared the work of the women in the war and the aftermath of war ranked as the greatest service ever rendered by the sex to humanity.

"The greatest thing woman has done in history," he said, "was the fulfillment of her part in the winning of the war for civilization. When I bring that tribute to you I know it is the tribute that has been in the hearts of the men in the armed forces who felt that you ministered unto them as only angles of God Almighty could minister."

THREE POSTMASTERS IN ONE DAY IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, March 20.—Asheville had three postmasters in 12 hours Monday, it becoming known yesterday that a first telegram received here was addressed to "John W. Hill," the name and initials of Dan Hill's brother, Walter Hill. Soon thereafter, however, the mistake was discovered here that First Assistant Postmaster General J. C. Koons had appointed Walter Hill postmaster instead of appointing Dan and the error was corrected, with an order to Dan W. Hill.

Although Walt Hill had the official appointment as postmaster, his appointment was short lived and he did not get the satisfaction of taking over the office, this honor falling to his brother later in the day.

Don Hill stated yesterday that he had assumed charge of the office and last night held what he termed the first get-together meeting of the employees, many of whom he did not know and many of whom did not know him. Mr. Golder says he will return to the practice of law, his profession before he was appointed postmaster eight years ago.

KINSTON YOUTH DROWNS IN THE NEUSE RIVER

Kinston, March 20.—Ernest W. Pate, Jr., 10 years old, was accidentally drowned in the Neuse river near the Caswell street bridge this afternoon. The lad was playing a row boat and lost his balance, falling into the river. His body was recovered but the efforts of two physicians to resuscitate him were to no avail. The funeral will be held Monday. His parents reside on Grainger avenue, Mr. Pate being a linotype operator at a local newspaper office.

LARGEST QUANTITY OF COTTON EVER DELIVERED ON FUTURES

Washington, March 20.—The largest quantity of cotton delivered in any one month on future contracts since the inauguration of the United States cotton futures act was in January when 102,300 bales were delivered in New York and New Orleans. The Department of Agriculture announced today. During that month the department closed and certified 64,818 bales for delivery in New York and 12,286 bales for delivery in New Orleans.

In addition 2,306 bales were closed in New York and 1,571 bales in New Orleans in the preliminary informal classification service.

BEGIN EFFORTS TO AVOID STRIKE IN PACKING HOUSES

Gompers Promises Moral Support of American Federation To the Workers

LEADERS OF PACKING UNIONS IN WASHINGTON

Representatives of Packers and Their Employes Confer Today With Secretary of Labor Davis; Conference Regarded As Important In Establishing Precedent

Washington, March 20.—Representatives of the five big packers and of their union employes tonight concluded preparations for tomorrow's conference with Secretary Davis, who at the direction of President Harding and with the assistance of Secretaries Hoover and Wallace will attempt to mediate in the controversy arising from the decision of the packers to reduce wages and alter working conditions.

Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butchers' Workers of North America, and R. S. Brennan, attorney for the order, who will represent the employes in the conference arrived in Washington during the day and tonight conferred with Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, president and secretary, respectively of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers on entering into conference with Messrs Lane and Brennan announced that the employes would have the moral support of the American Federation of Labor in their attempt, as labor leaders said, to compel the packers to observe the working agreement concluded during the war.

Conference Considered Important.

The representatives of the packers, Carl Meyer and James L. Condon, have been in Washington the past week and have presented their side of the case to Secretary Davis. The employes' delegates will be accorded a similar hearing by Secretary Davis tomorrow prior to the meeting in joint session.

The exact procedure to be followed tomorrow has not been worked out so far as could be learned tonight. Secretary Davis, it was learned, had been pledged the assistance of Secretaries Wallace and Hoover, but whether the latter would sit in the conference was in doubt.

Labor officials generally attached considerable importance to the outcome of the conference for the result, it was said, might set a precedent for settlement of all of the many controversies involving discontinuance or abrogation of war time agreements as to wages and working conditions.

Proceedings of the conference and the results attained by Secretary Davis in his and the administration's first attempt at mediation in a labor dispute will be watched closely also in official circles.

Gompers Makes Statement.

The employes' representatives were to meet with American Federation of Labor officials this afternoon but the return of Mr. Gompers from New York delayed the meeting until tonight. Before going into conference with Messrs. Lane and Brennan, Mr. Gompers said:

"It goes without saying that the packing unions will have the moral support of the American Federation of Labor. The fact that their representatives bring with them a vote showing the almost unanimous support of their rank and file is an added reason for their counting upon our support."

Mr. Gompers declined to indicate whether the Federation would go further or than lend its moral support. Any further action, it was said, would depend on all of the executive council of the federation which could be taken by telegraph.

Mr. Lane conveyed to President Gompers and Secretary Morrison the decision of the organized employes in the meat packing industry.

"The one big point involved in the controversy," Mr. Lane said tonight, "is the real question and not the eight hour day or the attempted reduction of wages."

CLARA HAMON JOINS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Okla., March 20.—Clara Smith Hamon, acquitted here Thursday of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, reputed millionaire and late Republican National committeeman from Oklahoma, tonight was baptized in the First Christian church of Ardmore by Dr. Grayton S. Brooks, its pastor. Mrs. G. J. James of Los Angeles, Cal., sister of Mr. Hamon, was baptized at the same time.

The baptism followed the Sunday night service and was witnessed by her family, a number of friends and church members.

Accompanied by her family, Mrs. Hamon attended the morning service after which she approached the pastor and asked for baptism. After her confession and declaration Dr. Brooks announced that Mrs. Hamon would be baptized tonight.

BLACK WEEK-END FOR IRISH CROWN FORCES

Dublin, March 20.—A "Black Week-end" has just been experienced by the Crown forces in Ireland, according to official reports. Eleven members of the government forces were killed and 11 wounded in various ambushes, while it is believed that thirteen of their assailants were killed and ten wounded. The reports do not take account of isolated murders and outrages which are continually reported.

BOSTON MAYOR PUTS ON RAGS FOR NIGHT



Seeking to learn first hand unemployment conditions and how his city is meeting them, Mayor Andrew J. Peters, of Boston, spent a night in Wayfarers Lodge, where the city's homeless are sheltered and fed. Effortfully disguised the Mayor spent the night in a room with forty unfortunates and in the morning he piled in on the wood pile for several hours to earn his breakfast.

HOLD PLEBISCITE IN UPPER SILESIA

Take Vote To Decide Whether Country Shall Be Ruled By Poland or Germany

Berlin, March 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Special dispatches from Katowitz, Silesia, report that Polish bands crossed the Silesian frontier into Rosenberg and became involved in fights with British troops at Gross Lasowitz. Several persons on both sides were seriously wounded, the dispatches state.

The plebiscite in upper Silesia has been carried out every where in perfect order, according to an official statement made here. There is no confirmation of reported collisions with British troops.

Tarnowitz, Upper Silesia, March 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—All preparations had been completed when the polls opened for the plebiscite today throughout upper Silesia to determine whether the region, rich in coal, iron, zinc and lead, and comprising approximately 5,000 square miles, henceforth shall be under the sovereignty of Germany or Poland.

The plebiscite, it is estimated, involved the pilgrimage of 140,000 Germans.

The final results were expected to be delayed somewhat owing to the order of the inter-allied plebiscite commission suspending telephonic and telegraphic communication with the outside world, with the exception of press dispatches, which, however, were subject to the approval of the Silesian authorities.

TWO PERSONS KNOWN TO BE DEAD FROM EXPLOSION

Chicago, Mar. 20.—Two persons are known to be dead and four others are missing as a result of the grain dust explosion which rocked South Chicago last night and wrecked one of the world's largest grain elevators. One body was removed from the debris a few hours after the blast and the second was found today.

Officials of the Armour Grain Company, which operated the elevator, said that it might be several days before it could be definitely known how many met death in the disaster as their records containing list of men employed at the plant had been destroyed by the fire which followed the explosion.

Besides the two bodies recovered only four men remained unaccounted for tonight and it was believed that these may have been buried beneath the thousands of tons of grain, released by the blast. All of the victims were employed at the elevator.

John C. McDonnell, chief of the fire prevention bureau, said that his investigation had convinced him that the explosion was due to spontaneous combustion which ignited inflammable mill dust.

MORE STARTLING FACTS PROMISED THIS WEEK

Macon, Ga., March 20.—Assistant District Attorney E. Clem Powers declared today that the government expects to produce testimony equally as startling as that given during the past week in the trial of 53 persons charged with conspiracy to steal express shipments from the United States government.

W. A. Hughes, who has been on the witness stand for two days, will return to the stand tomorrow morning. The jury in the case was permitted to take two long walks today. They attended a local church, in a body, this morning and plan to attend Easter services next Sunday.

PROPOSES CLOSER CO-ORDINATION OF RAILWAY SERVICE

Strict Government Supervision of Railroads Declared To Be Essential Now

PRESIDENT WARFIELD TO SUBMIT PLAN TODAY

National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities Goes On Record as Favoring Intensive Economical Methods in Administration To Prevent Government Ownership

Washington, March 20.—Co-ordination of the facilities and service of the railroads of the country under strict government supervision is proposed by the National Association of owners of railroad securities as a way out of the present transportation crisis.

The plan will be submitted tomorrow to Chairman Cummings, of the Senate Interstate Commerce committee and S. Davies Warfield, president of the Association announced today that representatives of his organization would appear before that committee to urge its adoption.

Mr. Warfield says the plan will ensure annual savings of millions of dollars, increase facilities and service and lower railroad fares and rates. He adds that American transportation has outgrown the system under which it now operates and warns that the railroads must recognize that only drastic measures on their part "will save them from being swallowed up in the demoralization that government operation and after-war readjustment has brought upon them."

"Unless intensive economical methods in railroad administration are adopted," he continues, "there is no alternative but government ownership, followed by government ownership, although the country has given overwhelming evidence of being opposed to it."

Supplements Transportation Act.

The proposed plan is supplemental to provisions of the transportation act permitting regional consolidation of physical properties by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Certain consolidations of railroads are necessary, Mr. Warfield says, "but an emergency now exists and the public is entitled to more immediate and substantial benefits than can be derived from the great physical consolidations of railroads."

The proposed co-ordination would be brought about through a National railway service to be organized by an act of Congress and which also would be an agency to purchase cars and other equipment to be furnished to the railroads without profit.

The Interstate Commerce Commission would select five of its members who would constitute the service division of the National organization. This division would have supervisory and regulatory powers to be exercised through the board of the National railway service.

The board would be composed of 40 members, subdivided into two divisions, finance and administrative and railroad officials, of 20 members each.

Four Group Railway Boards.

Subordinate to the board would be four group railway boards, one in each of the four large territories into which the commission has divided the country—Eastern, Southern, Western and Mountain Pacific. Each board would consist of seven members, five to be selected by the railroads of each group and two from the shippers located in each group territory. The 20 railway officials serving on these four boards would serve as the railway officials' division of the national board.

Co-operating with the group boards would be ten committees, each selected from the railroads of each group. These committees would conduct a large range of investigation and report, including the normal equipment requirements of each railroad; additional equipment to be leased from the national railway service; standardization of equipment; useless expenditures incident to competition; a study of joint use of terminals, yards and shop facilities; surplus property not required in legitimate transportation; cost of carrying; purchase of fuel and supplies; application of a standard of efficiency in railroad operations; working conditions, wages and the like.

The National Railway Service Corporation recently organized by the Association of Security Owners to furnish financial and administrative support to the national railway service with extended powers for financing and leasing equipment. The 20 trustees of the present service corporation would serve as the finance and administrative division of the national board.

Would Lease Equipment.

The excess earnings created under the transportation act would be used in connection with the sale of trust certificates of the national railway service to provide for the purchase of freight cars and equipment for the railroads under the plan proposed. Equipment would be leased by the service to the roads to meet seasonal requirements and thus used at different times on different railroads.

"The savings in this method of handling equipment would be very great," says Mr. Warfield. "The rental cost to the railroads would be gradually cut down and railroad rates correspondingly lowered."

Discussing the proposed regional consolidations of the carriers Mr. Warfield says a troublesome question arises in connection with the possible conflict of this section of the transportation act with State laws. He points to the laws of Oklahoma by which dissenting stockholders and says dissenting states will likely challenge the authority of Congress to authorize a consolidation contrary to the statutes

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