

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 cleared and certificated 84,813 bales for delivery in New York and 18,265 bales for delivery in New Orleans.

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."

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF DRY LAWS IS DEMANDED

Residents of Waughtown Call On Governor Morrison Not To Pardon Prisoners

Winston-Salem, Mar. 20.—Resolutions asking for prison sentences for violators of the prohibition laws and calling upon Governor Morrison to refuse to pardon men convicted of the offense were circulated in the five churches of Waughtown, a suburb, this morning and were widely signed. They will be presented to Judge Webb of the Superior Court tomorrow morning. A law and order league is to be organized at Waughtown to help the officers enforce the laws.

The resolutions set forth that there has been an increase in the illegal sale of liquor, and declares that it is a powerful force for evil in the community.

It pledges the support of the citizens of Waughtown in helping to stop the sale of liquor, and urges superior and municipal court judges to pass grand sentences.

It pledges mercy not to sign petition asking for mercy or for pardon of people convicted of dealing in whiskey.

RETURNS TO LIFE AFTER BEING PRONOUNCED DEAD

Geneva, March 20.—(By The Associated Press)—A case of a man's heart ceasing to beat for 14 hours and then resuming work is reported from Geneva, where a pastor of that city, the Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, after being officially declared dead suddenly awoke.

The Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, aged 49 and suffering from heart trouble of long standing, fell senseless Friday. His physician issued a death certificate, arrangements were made for the funeral and Saturday's newspapers published obituaries of him. The pastor awoke after 14 hours, surprised to find his bed strewn with flowers, wreaths, discolored ribbons and other things. He said weakly: "My wife has not yet come."

The funeral has been postponed indefinitely, as the doctor said the Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher might live many years.

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. From distant parts of the world Germans and Poles, former residents of Silesia and entitled to cast their ballots, had journeyed in the hope of aiding their respective countries to win the region.

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-related 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.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Fayetteville, March 20.—Judge H. F. Lane, of Reidsville, has been appointed by Governor Morrison to hold a special term of Superior Court here from April 13 to 15 for the trial of criminal cases.

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; unless 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 support for the plan, would be financed by 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.

World 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 Mississippi 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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