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### **GOING BEGGING IN** WASHINGTON NOV

Two Million Bits of Bronze Remain Unclaimed By Former Servicemen

ARMY OFFICERS WILL

Unable To Secure Recruits Great War; Agricultural De. sion.

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, March 26 .- One would autorally think that the men of the American expeditionary force would elaim the Victory medals which Con gress authorized as a special distinction, but it does not appear so from the records. Out of about four million men who saw service in the war with Germany there have been only 1,500,000 to whom medals have been issued, leaving some two million still held by

the United States. The War Department is making a to locate former service men or their relatives, so as to distribute the medals and to get this going 24 of-fleers, who have been withdrawn as re-cruiting agents because of the cut in the size of the regular army ordered by Congress, have been detailed to make a canvass of the ex-soldiers and facilitate distribution of the medals. For this purpose the country has been divided six districts and batch of field clerks assigned to assist the officers. North Carolinians who are ex-service should call for their medals while in the case of deceased soldiers, fathers, rs, brothers or sisters beginning at the eldest where the parents are not living are entitled to receive the

Department Issues Warning. Agricultural Department today issued a warning to buyers of clover-timothy mixtures, saying that so called elever-timothy seed mixtures which are widely advertised by certain seed firms

widely advertised by certain seed firms at what may appear attractive prices, often contain so fittle red clover that they are of little if any more value than timothy seed, but actually bost nearly double the market price of that seed. These mixtures are usually offered by the bushel, with the qualifying statement that a bushel weight only ing statement that a bushel weighs only as pounds. The Department says that while this seed is offered as clover and timothy with the claim that the different seeds occur in the proper proportions for seeding, while frequently there is not more than 5 or 6 per cent of clover present—not enough to be of any value in the crop.

Persons who buy mixed seed are warned to be careful to learn the exact proportions of the mixtures offered and

proportions of the mixtures offered and the quality of the seed contained, other-

produce the crop wanted.

To Hear Southern Views.

It was announced today by Chairman Pordney of the House Ways and Mesus committee that it would be called in special session on Wednesday, April 20 to hear representatives of the Soutiern Tariff association present their views on tariff legislation for the South. A meeting of the directing heads of the 57 industries affiliated with the Southern Tariff association has been called to be held here on Monday and Tucaday, April 18 and 19. It is sought as a purpose of the meeting to secure definite commitments from the secure definite commitments from the roducing, consuming, political, commercial and distributing interests of the South as to what is the desire as to tariff requirements by Southern agricultural, livestock, manufacturing and mining industries. It is announced to be held that a series of meetings are to be held in the South prior to the Washington conference for the purpose of develop-ing Southern sentiment on the tariff

Sherrill Takes Charge. Lieutenant Colonel Clarence O. Sher Lieutenant Colonel Clarence O. Sher-rill, United States Army, who has been made chief military side to the Presi-dent and superintendent of public buildings and grounds, entered upon his new duties today. Being a native of North Carolina, born at Newton, a son of the late Col. Miles O. Sherrill, son of the late Col. Miles O. Sherrill, for many years State librarian of North Cerolina, makes his appointment a matter of interest among North Caro-

Pormer President Wilson was re Pormer President Wilson was re-parted today by his physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayaon, as being a little weak as the result of the neute st-nek of indigestion he had yesterday, but otherwise he has apparently re-covered from the attack.

Bawyer Pats On Uniform

Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, the President's physician whose rank in the army comes by appointment of the

he army comes by appointment of the President, appeared today for the first lime in the uniform of his rank. The ime in the uniform of his rank. The imeramen were busy at once and the octor-general was "shot" no less than I times, but this camera "shooting" see not hurt. It gets publicity for the cooter.

Pollowing up the matter in which mater Simmons has heretofore interted himself, his secretary. Frank ampton, today called on Under Sectary of State Fietcher and presented min the matter of the return to the notified Proshyterian Beformed Church of compensation for its use, of its urch property, being worth several indred thousand dollars. Mr. Hampa was given assurances that the matyear being investigated and an early mort is expected.

### Open School of Journalism at College as Memorial to Lee

Lexington, Va., March 26.—The founded the first school of journalism is in the United States. This school soon to be established at Washington offered 20 free scholarships for deand Lee University in memory of the serving and capable men lasking for great Southern general who as president of the institution in 1869 founded inaugurated a working connection with the first chair on that subject in the history of the country. This announcement was made today by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee, after an extended trip through the South during which he earliest

nable To Secure Recruits "It is not generally known," said Dr. Longer, Officers Find Jobs Smith, "that General Lee was the first educator in the United States to recog-Distributing Mementoes of nize journalism as a learned profesgreat War; Agricultural De.

markable foresight and knowledge of the times by establishing founder in America of journalism as at Lexington one of the first schools of engineering in the South to rebuild dowing the school which was discontinued after his death."

ward to the editorial profession, and a well-equipped printing plant, that every student might through aporenticeship in actual newspaper work become upon graduation thoroughly equipped for an editorial or managerial profession. Nothing in all General Lee's remarkable history was more it Y OFFICERS WILL

OPEN PUBLICITY DRIVE

through the South during which he encentrated the support of a large number of newspaper editors in the project, and received their promise to aid in the south than his actional needs of the Sou tion in thus providing a school journalism as a complement to

school of engineering.
"It is proposed that the editors of the South, as their tribute to his memory, recognize General Lee as the

## PROVIDE BIG NAVY

Military Dictator By Controlling Food Supply Forced Sailors To Submission

Stockholm, March 28 .- (By the Asso ciated Press.)-The details of the beginning of the revolt in Kronstadt against the Bolshevik administration, and the circumstances forming a background against which this episode can be seen and judged have been learned by the correspondent from well informed sources by way of Riga, Letvia

and Helsingfors, Fisland.

Ever since the Beisheviki revolution
Kronstadt had a tendency to develop
into a dependent Soviet republic within
the larger Russian republic. Under discipline in the navy was stricter than in the army but since the revolution lack of discipline among the milors has been hard to check. Kronstadt the sailors lived in officers' private villas and idled in officers' clubs, avoiding all drills and enjoying a paradise as long as they were supplied with food and clothing from Petrograd. The government in Moscow did not interfers appraise it was better the house terfere, arguing it was better to have the sailors for it than against it. General Denikins, Admiral Kolchak,

General Yudenitch and General Wran gel, the anti-Bolshevik leaders, had to be fought on land and it was neces-sary to establish a Bolshevik army, but sary to establish a Betshevik army, but not a navy. Yet Trotzky never forgot he had once been in the Russian navy and he only awaited the proper epper tunity to make the Russian navy as strong and supple a weapon in his hands us he had made the army.

Controls Food Supply. The Soviet government had a program clear and precise—that the Baltic sea must become and remain a Bussian lake—and deciared the Aland Island question proved this. It has been repeatedly contended from the Russian regarding the Alands would be invalid unless signed by Russia.

During the Yudenitch offensive against

wise they are likely to pay an ex-erbitant price for seel that will not produce the crop wanted.

Petrograd in 1919 the Kronstadt navy was useless, not through lack of good material, but owing to the absence of discipline. Trotzky started its reorga-nization directly the Yudenitch adven-ture was ended and appointed M. Ras-kolnikov its chief, assisted by a former Czrist admiral to form an efficient Cearist admiral to form an efficient battle squadron. He declared the red flag should fly from warships along the Baltie, giving evidence of the Soviet government's power. It was from these days the conflict between Trotzky and the sailors dated. <sup>8</sup> The sailors

and the sailors dated. The sailors hated discipline, loved their freedom of action and the privilege of attending the amusement places in Petrograd.

Finally, Trotaky employed a weapon ready to his hand—he reduced the food supplies. The sailors thereupon had recourse to requisitioning foodstuffs outside Petrograd which caused dis-turbances which were given the color of a counter revolution. The sailors are declared to have had no idea of overturning the Moscow government but only wanted to be masters on their

The tension, meanwhile, was growing and became still more severe with Trotzky at th end of February cut food supplies to a minimum. The answer of the sailers was to destroy the railway leading from Petrograd to Moscov and to march over the ice toward Orani enbaum. This moment was seized upor by anti-Bolsheviki elements and seriou uprisings were arranged in Petrograd. Simultaneously rations were reduced to the minimum in Petrograd and else-

Used Sham Descripts.
The so-called "intelligent" element adopted a waiting stitude during these adopted a waiting attitude during these events. It did not care to join the so-called counter revolutionaries, fearing that if Lenine were overturned it would mean complete anarchy. The pensants are mainly against the Soviet administration, but are suspicious of any new movement which they are not sure at first hand will protect their interests.

Under such circumstances it was an easy task for Trotaky to crush the risings in the country. He had, however, first of all to crush Kronstadt, for which the Third army, and not the Seventh, as has erreneously been reported, was sent against the fortress. How the offensive developed is generally known. Trotaky's first attack was a failure, but he adopted other methods. By means of sham attacks he allowed part of his troops to run over to the enemy and when night time came launched his main attack, during which the defenders were attacked from behind by the sham descripts.

Defendant Tells Connected Story But Breaks Down Under Cross-Examination

Plorence, S. C., March 26.-Edmund R. Bigham, defendant in one of the most sensational cases ever tried in this State, in which he is charged with murder in connection with the deaths of his brother Smiley and four other members of his family, went on the killed have been found by officials. Preceding him on the stand at the afternoon session were his wife and his 14-year-old daughter, Louise. testimony of the members of the Bigham family, which had been expected to come today, drew an even larger crowd of spectators than had marked previous sessions of the trial.

Edmund Bigham gave a detailed story of his actions from January to time of the death of his relatives He speke in a clear voice and appeared to have an excellent memdry for de tails. Her memory failed in some debroken, however, when he reached the question came up that was not easily answered he would lean ward Solicitor Gasque asking him to "hold on a minute," or "just wait."

when he described the inding of his brother's body, Bigham showed the first sign of feeling, breaking into sobs and it was several minutes before he could continue. The witness again broke into sobs when he described the finding of the bodies of his sister and the McCracken children.

Cracken children.

Bigham made a statement concerning the financial affairs of the family, selling of loans he had made and declaring he never had received any share in his father's estate. The family eyed him, he said, something like \$25,000 and he had given them. and he had given them a mortgage covering the difference between that amount and 047,000, the amount named in the face of the deed to the property, which had been made to him by the rest of the family. It was this deed, he said, his wife sought to record the day he was placed in jail.

On cross-examination Bigham was

asked why he had kept this deed in his possession after it had been re-fused record. He declared that Monroe Spears, of Darlington, had told him to keep the deed, but admitted Mr. Spears

shouted the solicitor.

"No, he didn't," replied the witness
"if he had I would have done it."

The reply caused a roar of laughter in the court-room and resulted in Judge Memminger declaring a recess until 8 o'clock tonight.

### IRVING COL'S SLATED FOR KENTUCKY COLONELCY

Louisville, Ky., March 28.—Irwin Shrewsbery Cobb, better known as Irvin S. Cobb, noted humorist and lecturer, who served his native State with distinction us a colonel on the staff of Governor A. O. Stanley, has been renominated for a commission at his for-mer rank. Governor Morrow annunces that when Mr. Cobb arrives here April 3 he will be called back into service and commissioned a colonel.

ERWIN BERGDOLL WEARS OLIVE DRAB AT HEARING

Philadelphia Millionaire, Con. victed of Draft Evasion, Seeks His Release

Kansas City, Mo., March 26.—Hadd-cuffed to a military guard and dressed in the olive drab he declined to war during the war, Erwin Bergdoll, Phil-adelphia millionaire, convicted of draft evasion, appeared today before Judge John C. Pollock in the Faderal District court in Kansas City, Kansas, where habeas corpus proceedings have been in-stituted seeking his release from the military prison at Port Leavenworth, Kansas.

when Bergdoll was seated in the which region was scatted in the judge's chambers the handcuffs were removed and he listened to Major Charles C. Cresson, who had prosecuted the court-martial case against him, tell that Bergdoll had told him that he re-

### FIVE MORE BODIES NEW MEMBERS ARE OF NEGROES FOUND GEORGIA FARM

Promised in Alleged Jasper County Peonage Case

**NEGRO LEADS OFFICERS** TO SCENE OF GRAVES

John Williams, White Man, Held In Jail On Negro's Al. leged Confession That He Killed Four of Men at Direction of Williams; Nine Bodies Recovered By Officers

Atlanta, Go., March 26.-Disclosures that will surpass developments already made in the alleged Jasper county peonnegro in the Yellow river.

With the six bodies unearthed yesterto hat kills four of the negroes and the eleven negroes said to have been meeting Tuesday. Thursday is now mentioned as a tentative date for

Under the protection of a posse of 15 men and the guidance of the negro, a number of men searched for the scene in case of opposition.

Williams is held in the Pulton county jail here having been arrested after rive in the city late this afternoon. Manning's alleged confession. He today denied his guilt and declared that an old family feud had resulted in a frame up" to cause his arrest.

Warrants for three sons of Williams Julius, Huyler and Marvin, were taken out in Fulton county yesterday at the request of Governor Dorsey, and were to have been turned over to officers in Jasper county, but reports tonight from Montesums, Ga., stated that the Williams bays were there, but had not been

bridge. These six, together with those recovered from Yellow river several days ago, weighted down with rocks, makes a total of nine bedies accounted

liams place since February 21, when agents of the Department of Justice visited the farm during an investigation of alleged penage in that vicinity. Williams is a cousin of Sheriff Persons, had never seen the paper.

"Didn't he tell you to destroy that deed or it would break your neck!" shouted the solicitor.

"Didn't he tell you to destroy that dictment for alleged peopage. It developed today that information also has been filed with the United States attorney here against Williams, relative to

peonage charges.

Manning, the negro whose confession led to the revelations on the Williams farm, was brought back to Atlanta to night and placed in the Fulton county

### UNION ROAD ELECTORS TENDER RESIGNATION Dissatisfaction On The Part of

Citizens and Other Rea. sons Conjectured Monroe, March 26 .- The entire road

electorate of Union county, except W E. Lemmond, of Vance township, in session today agreed to resign on masse and their joint resignation was filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners to be acted upon at the next meeting of the board and to become effective Saturday, April 16th, 1921. No reason was given in the resignation which was very brief.

It is known that the commission is considerably in debt having contracted

accounts for about \$80,000 in excess of the half million dollar bond lasue and the half million dollar bond lasue and tax money for two years past and there has been some difference of opinion as to whether the county is legally liable for this indebtedness. Dissatisfaction on the part of citizens because of unpaid claims, clamoring for additional road work with no funds to build or maintain any roads, and the

build or maintain any roads, and the whether the county shall continue the present road electorate plan or return to county commissioner control of road work are suggested as probable continuents. The electors resigning are W. C. Heath, at large; R. F. Parker, Lane Creek township; N. N. Davia, Jackson; G. W. Smith, New Salem; T. Le Price, Goose Creek; J. C. Winchester, Monroe; Sam Redwine, Sandy Ridge; McIntire, Marshville T. C. Eubanks, tell Buford; W. E. Lemmond did not attend the meeting or sign the resignation. Under the present law vacancies occurring are filed by the county commissioner will sat until after the electorate chooses the road commission from among its own at until after the electorate will be abeliated if the peeple vote to return to find and Western railway were inided as the road electorate will be abeliated if the peeple vote to return to find and Western railway were inided at noon today to remain idle until appli 1. impending election on the question of whether the county shall continue the present road electorate plan or return

# RESTLESS BECAUSE

Startling Disclosures Seven New Highway Commissioners Want To Get Work Started

> FOLKS BACK HOME ARE EAGER FOR ROADS

Tentative Understanding Reorganization Meeting Would Be Held Next Tuesday; Gov. ernor Morrison Has Not Yet Called The Commission Together

Unrest has laid hold of newly appointed members of the State Highway Commission because of the fact that it age cases were promised tonight by is apparent that the calling of the suthorities following the discovery today initial meeting of the enlarged comof the bodies of five negroes buried mission will be delayed beyond next near the home of John Williams, a Tuesday. Tentative understanding on prominent Jasper county furmer, and the part of the new membership was to the recovery of the body of another the effect that March 29 would be the day when the seven take oath.

Multitudes of things are arising back in 1914. day under the direction of Clyde Man; at home, and reaching out as far as ning, who was taken to the scene to Raleigh that make the new members sul-frantiste his alleged confession that of the Commission desirous of starting something, but no call has as yet been issued from the Governor's office and nided in the death of others at the none can likely be to bring the moun direction of Williams, a total of nine of taineer members here in time for a calling the session.

Governor Morrison, it is said, had agreed to issue the call for March 29 before he left the city ten days ago for a visit to Charlotte, but no move has been made from there, in so far as dies today near Williams' home and his office staff here knows, to call the in the Yellow river while the Jackson meeting. At the instance of people who company of the National Guard was have an interest in the meeting, his atheld under arms ready to go to the tention was directed to the matter from the Executive Office here Friday afternoon by letter. 'He is expected to ar

Numerous delegations have already been in Raleigh seeking action on various projected road building operations. but most of them have been advised to await the full meeting of the Commis sion. Other projects having more or to do with roads have directly been laid before Chairman Page, mat ters of sources of raw materials indivi-

inms boys were there, but had not been placed under street.

Of the bodies recovered today three were found in a passura near the Williams house during the morning. In the afternoon, it was stated, the aggregate with the afternoon, it was stated, the aggregate williams place, where two more bodies were disintered. The Campbell farm is said to be under the management of the Williams.

The sixth body recovered today was taken from the river near the Waters' bridge. These six, together with those taken from Yellow river several days ago, weighted down with rocks,

days ago, weighted down with rocks, makes a total of nine bodies accounted for to date.

Probe Started in February.

Belief was expressed tonight that all the victime had been killed at the William on the members to the started in unwilling to do other than general pre-liminary work until the full commis-

sion has reviewed the situation. Chief interest in the meeting will center about the first issue of the au-thorized read building bonds, and the plan of maintenance provided for in the bill. Governor Morrison is understood to be unwilling to berrow money on short form notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds. The Commission, under the law, has no part in that phase of the problem, it being named merely to spend the money after it is rovided by the Governor and Coun-

cil of State. Consult Full Commission. Doubts are entertained as to whether the State will be able to sell the bonds in the present market at the authorized interest rate of five per cent. Apparently it is a question of borrowing the money or letting the road building stand idle for the time being. The Governor is understood to desire to discuss this phase of the situation with the full commission before any action

(Continued On Page Two) COOLER WEATHER FOR

FIRST PART OF WEEK Washington, March 26.—Weather predictions for the week beginning

Monday are: Middle Atlantic States: Unsettled with showers at beginning of the week and again Thursday or Friday. Much cooler weather first half of week, nor-

mal temperature thereafter. South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Showers the first part of week and again after Thursday; considerably cooler weather the first half of the week. West Gulf States: Generally fair but with showers Wednesday or Thursday, much cooler first part of week with frosts likely in the interior.

MAY AGAIN GO TO FRENCH CAPITAL



Myron T. Herrick, former United time Governor of Ohio, who is slated for the post of Ambassador to France. He resigned as Ambassador to France

## TO FIND BALLOON

Officials at Naval Air Station Decline To Give Up Hope For Safety of Men

Pensacola, Pla., March 26 .- Officials at the naval air station here declined to give up hope for the safety of Chief Quartermaster G. R. Wilkinson and his four companions, who have been missing since March 22, when they left on a free balloon hop. Search of all the area to which the wind might have blown their cruft has been made by dirigibles, semplanes and Eagle boats

Pailure to find the balloon or the bas ket is tiken by efficials as an indica-tion that the balloon either drifted ashore on some uninhabited and unfreballeon was picked up by some flahing boat which refused to put back to port with them. The search is being con-tinued and officials say they will not

nbandon hope for three weeks, the duri-tion of the usual fishing cruise.

The missing new are Chief Quarter-master G. R. Wilkinson of Houston, Texas; first-class Hachinists Mate R. V. Eland, Belleville, Ille.; Private F. L. Kershaw, Payae, Ia.; Private J. C. Elder, Lebanon, N. Y., and Private Wil-liam H. Tressry, Salem, Mass. The last three are United States marines.

Search for the missing balloonists was directed by Commander Robert W. Cabaniss in person, assisted by Lieut. William F. Beed, Jr., aerographer. Lieutenant Reed has taken part in two international balloon races and was called in as an expert advisor to the navy crew on mapping out plans for the last

Lieutenant Reed and Commander Cabanias plotted every course the missing balloon could possibly have taken considering the wind conditions which prevailed and planes and surface craft out result.

Radio messages from the station here were broadcasted to all vessels in the gulf but no favorable replies have een received. Naval officials believe that even if

the balloon fell into the water it would have remained affect for days because it would be practically impossible for all the hydrogen to escape. Failure to find the balloon leads to the hope that some fishing vessel or other craft without radio equipment has picked up the missing men. It is pointed out that Captain Harry Hawker finally apppeared days after he had been given up as lost and naval officials here believe that Chief Wilkinson and his com-rades will finally make their appearance at some out of the way point.

MOBILE JOINS IN SEARCH FOR MISSING BALLOONISTS.

Mobile, Ala., March 26.—Mobile today, joined in the search for the naval balin the gulf, when the hoisting of warnings of strong winds on the coast served to intensify the feeling of unensiness regarding the plight of the

Th: 'ceal wireless station sent mes stiges to all ships within its radius to keep a lookout for the gas bag, and masters of all vessels going out of the harbor were requested to watch for the

Rumors that two of the men had been picked up by a ship bound for Mobile were current here during the after-neon, but efforts on the part of the wireless station to get in touch with such a vessel were futile. Efforis will be kept up here for several hours, how-ever, while planes from Pensacola con-tinued their flights over the gulf, south of Pensacola.

REDUCE BREAD PRICES IN CITY 0's CLEVELLAND Cleveland, Ohio, March 26.—A pound and 2 half loaf of bread will cost ten and 2 haif toar of bread will cost ten-cents and a pound leaf eight cents be-gianing Monday, a drop of three cents on the large loaf and two cents on the small loaf, it was announced by re-tailers today following a reduction by wholesalers of two cents on both loaves affective Monday.

MR. AND MRS. WILSON SEND FLOWERS TO WHITE HOUSE Washington, March 36.—Included in ster gifts delivered at the White use foday was a manmoth busket of

# GAS RATE HEARING

Representatives of Big Five Believe They Have Shown Reasons For Decrease

RALEIGH CITY ATTORNEY CONCLUDES HIS CASE

Directs Questions Toward Es. tablishment of Fact That Carolina Power and Light Company Puts Unnecessarily Heavy Share of General Expense On Gas Department

Gas rate hearings before the North Carolina Corporation Commission ended yesterday morning with the completion of the examination of P. A. Tillery, manager, by City Attorney John Hinsdale, and the Commissioners anounced that a decision will be realready indicated that the few rates will become effective April 1.

The conclusion of the hearings leaves representatives of the Big Five cities involved, Charlotte, Baleigh, Winston-Salem, Durham, and Wilmington, confident that they have made a showing of declining costs of production and distribution of gas sufficient to commence the commission of the need for relief from gal rates which all the eites agree is extoritonate.

The ruling of the commission against the introduction of testimony of inade quate service hit the representatives of the cities hard. Most of them came loaded with affidavits and complaints in various forms of poor service. Mr. Hinsdale's cross examination was

brief. It was directed mainly at the distribution of the general expense among the various departments contending that the Gas department bears an unnecessarily large share of the burden. He drew out the statement that \$32,826 of the general expense is borne by the gas division and there-upon asked Mr. Tillery to explain why n the case of the Southern Public Util ities Company of Charlotte, a much larger concern, only \$12,252 of this expense is allocated to the gas departnent. Mr. Tillery's answer was that he could not say unless he could see the books of the Charlotte company, but

books of the Charlotte company, but expressed the opinion that it was a difference in bookkeeping methods.

When Mr. Himsdale had concluded James H. Pou, counsel for the Carolina Power and Light Company, tendered a copy of a questionnaire for Utility companies, facetiously characterising it as "a direction from higher up" and asking Mr. Tillery-if in his testimony, he had not answered all the questions and furnished all the information suggested therein. Mr. Tillery-stated that he had given most of the information called for and the rest of it was available to suditors who had examined the books of the company for the city. for the city.

NO PROSPECTS IN SIGHT FOR SETTLING STRIKE

Federal Court Holds It Is With. out Authority To Order Men Discharged

Atlanta, Ga., March 36.—Possfbill-ties of an early settlement of the strike of the union employes of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, railroad faded into today when representatives of the strikers withdrew from the Federal court-room, after Judges S. H. Sibley and Henry D. Clayton had ruled that the court was without authority to direct the receiver to discharge men employed to take the places of the

strikers.

Earlier in the day conciliatory proposals had come from the strikers when
their representatives stated the men
would call off the strike immediately would call off the strike immediately and return to work at the reduced scale of wages, if they were permitted to re-turn in a body and resume their for-mer status and provided that the court would order an audit of the company's books to determine if they were able

books to determine if they were and to pay the wage scale at issue.

This proposal was rejected by Morris Brandon, of counsel for the railread, who declared that 900 men had been employed by the road since the former employes went on strike and these could not be discharged to make room

for the return of the eld men.

After the union men had withdrawn, argument proceeded on the question as to whether the railroad is able to pay the old scale of wages.

### HARDING SENDS MESSAGE ENDORSING WISH REWER

Washington, March 26.—In response to a request by a group of Irish leaders in this country President Harding sent to New York tonight a message of sympathy for the Irish relief movement, to be read at a relief meeting held there on April 3. The communication was transmitted to Morgan J. O'Brien, chairman of the New York relief committee, and was as follows: J. O'Brien, chairman of the New York relief committee, and was as follows:

"I wish you the fullest measure of success not only in the great benefit performance at the Metropellia Opern House on April third, but in every worthy effort to make a becoming contribution on the part of our people to relieve distress among the women and children in Ireland. The people of America never will be deaf to the call for relief in behalf of suffering humanity, and the knewledge of distress in Ireland makes quick and deep appeal to the more fortunate af our appeal to the more fortunate of own land where so many of our erens trace kinship to the Emerald Is

Marshall Named On Commission. Washington, March 26.—Former Vic President Thomas B. Marshall, and fo mer Senator Nathan B. Scott, of Wa