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PIE HUNTERS NOW RESORT TO MAIL TO PRESS CLAIMS

White House Force Kept Busy Handling Avalanche of Office-Seekers' Mail

SOUTHERN BANKERS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

War Finance Corporation To Formulate Means of Finan- cing Exportation of Cotton; Republicans Expected To Air Greenboro Proceedings In Washington This Week

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

Washington, March 29.—Their visit-
ing or rather soliciting days cut down
to three a week at the White House,
the office-seekers are using the mails in in-
creasing volume to get their say before
President Harding. The lights in the
executive offices burn late into the night
and some of them early into the morn-
ing hours in delving into the stacks of
mail that come for the new President,
while the telephones that have places
on the desks of Secretary Christian
and Executive Clerk Forester ring all
through the day with calls that are
heard in anxious voices asking for en-
gagements at the White House.

Indeed, so great became the volume
of mail that there are two shifts of
workers on it these days, and the
anxious writers must not be worried if
replies do not come at once, for it takes
time to digest the letters and recom-
mendations that pour in. And though
it has been officially given out that
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are
the "open season" days for taking a
short-cut to a hearing, there are per-
sistent callers who keep warm the chairs
in the ante-rooms. But the worst is yet
to come, for when the extra session of
Congress convenes on April 11 the
visiting list at the White House is cer-
tain to grow longer. In addition to
the office-seekers at the White House,
each of the cabinet members are besieged
by folks wanting to connect with
the pay roll.

Republicans to Capital.
It is understood here that there will
be a number of Republicans from North
Carolina in Washington the latter part
of the week, and that the scrap be-
tween the Morehead-Linney "Hog Con-
tinue" and Senator Butler is being
renewed. Butler is on the one hand, and
the combined Butler-Pritchard-Duncan
forces on the other will be aired. If
possible, the anti-state organization
crowd propose to get the matter before
President Harding. There is to be no
let-up in the fight on the part of
former Senator Butler, it is said, for he
is fighting to keep his hold on the
North Carolina. Reports that reach here
from North Carolina are that the Re-
publicans of the East are behind Butler
and that they declare that they received
the ray of light of a deal from the
Morehead-Linney combine. It is pos-
sible that a personal fight all along the
line, except as to State Chairman Lin-
ney, will be made by the Butler forces.
And it is promised to be a pretty live
proceeding that will be pulled off.

Matters having to do with financial
affairs in North Carolina are being
handled with much haste. Reports
received from the New York banks are
indicative of the fact that the
state of North Carolina on a six and a
half per cent basis. It is reasonable to
presume that the banks are making
some commission in addition to this
and when the matter of tax exemption
in North Carolina is considered, this
usually amounts to one per cent out-
side of cities and towns to about one
and a half in cities and towns where the
tax rate is high. It can be seen that
amounts to a 7 1/2 to 8 per cent
basis. If purchased by North Carolina
investors, those who are interested in
the good roads program are fearful
that the high interest rate now prevail-
ing will interfere with the temporary
notes authorized to be issued by the
General Assembly for road building
purposes and will delay road construction.

Shipman at Washington.
Commissioner of Labor and Printing,
Mr. L. Shipman, who has spent two days
at the White House with the national
and state employment service for North
Carolina, left for his home tonight. Mr.
Shipman had quite a lengthy confer-
ence today with the new Secretary of
Labor, James A. Davis, and says that he
found Secretary Davis very much inter-
ested in the employment service. From
Director General J. B. Denmore and
Assistant Director General Wade H.
Skinner, Mr. Shipman gets the impres-
sion that the present arrangements
with relation to the work in North
Carolina will be continued.

In this the national government will
furnish the clerical help for the central
office at Raleigh, which will serve as
a clearing house for the state, while it
will furnish equipment for the local
offices. Mr. Shipman, who serves as
federal director for North Carolina at
the cost of \$1 a year to the government,
tenders for that number of the largest
plants in the state. He says that his
purpose is to secure municipal, county,
state and national co-operation on the
work. Director General Denmore ex-
pressed the highest approval of the
work being done in North Carolina
hopes to have five to seven superin-
tendents under the direction of Mr. Shipman,
and declared that legislation on the
subject of employment enacted at the
session of the North Carolina General
Assembly is excellent—the best that
has been passed by any state.

Bankers to Meet.
The meeting held here a few days
ago by the North Carolina Cotton Com-
mission and bankers from the state

VENERABLE MINISTER WHO DIED SUNDAY NIGHT

John Burroughs Passes Away Near Kingsville, Ohio, at The Age of 84

BODY TAKEN TO HOME ON BANKS OF HUDSON

Private Funeral Along Simple Lines To Be Held Saturday; Body Will Be Buried In Oak- skill Mountains Sunday, An- niversary of His Birth, Near His Birthplace

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 29.—(By
The Associated Press.)—The body of
John Burroughs, naturalist of world
renown, who died suddenly this morn-
ing on a passenger train near Kings-
ville, Ohio, lies tonight in his home
by the banks of the Hudson river, a
few miles north of this city.

There, where Mr. Burroughs had
lived since 1878, the body will remain
until Saturday afternoon when a pri-
vate funeral along the simple lines he
desired will be held. The body will
be taken to Roxbury, in the Catskill
Mountains, and buried Sunday, the
eighty-fourth anniversary of his birth,
near the spot where he was born.

The great naturalist and author of
outdoor books had hoped to return to
his country home—Riverby—to die and
his last words uttered a few seconds
before death unexpectedly claimed him,
were:

"How far are we from home?"
Mr. Burroughs had spent the winter
in California and was returning. About
five weeks ago he underwent an opera-
tion for a prostatic abscess. Serious
heart and kidney complications set in
and he became so weak he decided he
must hurry home if his wish to die
amid the lovely hills and trees by the
Hudson was to be realized.

During a delay in a railway station
at Chicago yesterday he seemed nervous
and depressed, but as soon as his train
started his spirits brightened, accord-
ing to his physician and biographer
Dr. Clara Barrus. She accompanied the
naturalist from California and was talk-
ing to him when he suddenly fell dead
in his Pullman car compartment at
1 o'clock this morning.

His mind was clear to the end, she
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Mr. Burroughs's grand-daughter, Ursula
Burroughs, and Dr. Barrus' two nieces
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that lead through the rugged hills where
Mr. Burroughs devoted years of study
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the spring time.

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during the winter gathering material in
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state, literature and science began ar-
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latives and friends of the naturalist,
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read at memorial services to the author
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The only immediate surviving rela-
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nual camping trips in the last four
years, expressed deep sorrow today upon
learning of the naturalist's death.

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Other members of the camping party
were Henry Ford and Hudson Maxim.
On their camping trips, wood chopping
contests were always a matter of keen
competition and in their sport Mr. Bur-
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Winston-Salem, March 29.—Clint
Pearson, colored, was arrested at his
home in Sidestown at noon today on
charge of attempted criminal assault
on Mrs. Alonzo C. Brandon in base-
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in which her husband conducts a small
grocery store.

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attempted assault, Pearson was rushed
to another county jail.

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ASKS FOR INQUIRY INTO EIGHT NEGRO DEATHS IN GEORGIA

Governor Dorsey Takes a Hand in Investigation of Jasper County Case

WANTS SPECIAL TERM OF OCMULGEE COURT

Judge Parks Asked To Convene Court April 11 For Grand Jury To Seek Indictments Against Plantation Owner and Negro Who Told Officers of Alleged Killings

Atlanta, Ga., March 29.—Governor
Dorsey requested today that the
three sons of John S. Williams be in-
dicted in connection with the wholesale
killings of negro farm hands on the
Williams plantation in Jasper county
and at the same time dispatches from
Covington—announced that the grand
jury there was inquiring into reports
that the three sons of the planter had
been instigators of false reports of a
negro "uprising" in that section. One
white man is being held in connection
with the inquiry, but officials at Cov-
ington, declined to make public his name.

The older Williams and Clyde Man-
ning, negro foreman on his plantation,
already are under indictments charging
murder in Newton county, where Man-
ning told officials they carried three
negroes and drowned them, and Govern-
or Dorsey stated tonight he had asked
Judge John B. Hutcheson, of that judi-
cial circuit, to set the trial of the two
at a very early date. Judge Hutcheson
and Solicitor General A. M. Brand
left for Atlanta today to confer with
the governor.

After a conference here late today
with State officials and federal agents,
the latter being brought in because of
alleged peonage conditions which Man-
ning declared resulted in the killings,
the Governor requested Judge A. B.
Park, of the judicial circuit in which
Jasper is located, to call the grand jury
April 11 to make a general inquiry into
conditions and to return indictments
against Williams, his three sons and
Manning.

State Attorney General Deary, Solicitor
General Campbell, of the judicial
circuit in which Jasper county is situated,
and other State officials conferred
with Governor Dorsey this afternoon
and later it was said the Governor
would send the Attorney General of
the latter's assistant to aid in the Jen-
per county inquiry. It was put off un-
til April 11, the Governor said, be-
cause the various officials wanted until
that time to get ready for presenting
evidence to the grand jury.

Current reports that negroes were
preparing to rise against white resi-
dents in sections of Jasper and Newton
counties were the subject of a grand
jury investigation at Covington today
and it was said officials pressed evi-
dence designed to show certain whites
had spread the reports.

DAMAGE TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES NOT KNOWN

Department of Agriculture Awaiting Reports on Dam- age By Cold Wave

Washington, March 29.—Extent of
damages suffered by fruits and vegeta-
bles last night and today by the
cold wave in sections of Missouri, Illi-
nois and Indiana, as well as parts of
Virginia, Western Maryland, Pennsylv-
ania and New England had not been
determined by the Department of Agri-
culture tonight. Reports were slow in
coming in, officials said, and in addi-
tion an exact determination of the dam-
age would have to wait upon a warm
day when disclosures on frozen fruit
buds and blossoms would appear.

Meagre reports indicated that there
had been some damage to fruit trees in
blossom in Maryland and Virginia. Be-
cause of the preceding warm weather,
which had advanced blossoms and ten-
der vegetables beyond the usual de-
velopment for this time of year, offi-
cials indicated that the damage might be
considerable.

THOUSANDS VIEW BODY OF CARDINAL GIBBONS

Crowds Continue To Pass Through Cathedral; Funeral To Be Held Thursday

Baltimore, Md., March 29.—Crowds
besieged the gates of the Cathedral
today from shortly after 9 o'clock in
the morning until after 8:30 o'clock
at night, in their desire to get into the
edifice to view the body of Cardinal
Gibbons. It is estimated that between
25,000 and 30,000 persons filed past the
cathedral between 11 a. m. and 11
p. m.

Such continuous crowds were unex-
pected. It was known that the gates
would not be opened for the general
public until after the requiem high
mass, celebrated for the religious orders
of the city at 10 a. m. had been finished.
But before 9 o'clock a little group of
women, several of them aged, already
had taken their station south of the
gate to the main entrance of the Ca-
thedral. Police were on guard out-
side the gate and a special civilian guard
was on the inside.

Governor Ritchie issued a proclama-
tion today calling upon all citizens of
the State to cease work Thursday morn-
ing, 10 a. m., the hour of the funeral,
and offer a prayer of gratitude "for
the example of Cardinal Gibbons' life,
and his faithfulness for the memory of him
which will dwell with us, and for the
repose of the soul of our beloved
friend."

Wounded Officer Recovered

Kinston, March 29.—Arthur E. Lamm,
a Lenoir policeman shot by a negro
there several weeks ago, has been dis-
charged from a hospital here and will
entirely recover from his three wounds,
which for a time threatened to cause
his death. Lamm's positive identifi-
cation of Fred Penn, a negro, as his
assailant, will result in Penn's ar-
rest. The negro is being held here.
He shot Lamm, the latter alleges,
when he started to search him for con-
cealed weapons.

TELEPHONE RATE HEARING DEVELOPS MAZE OF FIGURES

Attorneys For Cities Cross Ex- amine Witnesses For South- ern Bell Company

POINT OUT THAT LARGER EXCHANGES PROFITABLE

Testimony Develops Informa- tion That In 1920 Company Earned 3.85 Per Cent On Average Investment; Pay 4 1/2 Per Cent On Gross Revenue To A. T. & T. Co.

Caught in a maze of statistics and
a bewildering fusillade of exhibits,
attorneys representing various cities in
the State opposing the Southern Bell
Telephone's petition for an increase of
23 per cent in rates in the State, had
to content themselves yesterday with
high spot cross examinations. Vice
President Yundt, Wm. F. Sloan, consult-
ing engineer, Edward L. Cox, supply
contract auditor A. T. and T. Co., were
examined by Hart Babcock for the
company and when the Corporation
Commission recessed for the night Vice
President Hoxsey was on the stand.

C. A. Hines, for Greensboro; John
Hinsdale, for Raleigh; J. A. Bell, for
Charlotte, and Robert Burk, for Wil-
mington, plied questions at the wit-
nesses.

The second day of the hearing leaves
it reasonably clear that the opposition
will have to make out its case from the
testimony of the petitioner, relying
upon the commission's knowledge of the
downward trend of things to provide
a just rate. As a general propo-
sition, this has been true of most of the
public utility hearings before the Cor-
poration Commission. Attorneys esti-
mate that thousands of dollars would be
necessary to prepare for a hearing in
anything like the detailed manner in
which the Southern Bell, most elaborate
of all petitioners for increases, has
stacked up its testimony of figures and
exhibits.

Larger Exchanges Pay Deficit.
Much of the opposition yesterday
was directed at the development of the
fact that the larger exchanges in North
Carolina bear the burden of the un-
profitable smaller ones. Wm. F. Sloan
testified that telephone rates are higher
in the larger exchanges because the
service is more valuable. All the way
through, the officials have fought shy
of measuring rates in accordance with
cost of service. The value of the
service, they insist, should be the basis
for rates, within the limitation of rea-
sonable returns upon the investment.

It was after a series of questions
devoted toward the establishment of
the fact that the larger exchanges carry
the smaller ones, that Mr. Hines wanted
to know if the increase were allowed,
would it not be to the interest of the
larger exchanges to get out of the sys-
tem and for the smaller ones to get in
Eight Cities Have Bad Stations.
The witness under the examination
of J. A. Bell, of Charlotte, conducted
with some difficulty, apparently on ac-
count of a confusion of terms, stated
that eighty-seven per cent of the entire
number of stations in North Carolina
is distributed between eight cities,
making necessary only an infinitesimal
larger rate to provide for the small
exchange deficiencies.

That four and a half per cent paid
annually on gross revenue to the A. T. &
T. Company, came in for some more
attention yesterday. J. A. Bell wanted
to know if, since the A. T. and T. Com-
pany owned all the Bell stock, if any
service rendered the associated com-
panies was not a service to itself. The
witness agreed that it was, in effect,
He likewise agreed that the value of
the smaller exchanges were being con-
stantly enhanced by the support they
get from returns from larger and more
remunerative exchanges.

Favored Prices.
Edward L. Cox, of Plainfield, N. J.,
contract auditor for the A. T. and T.
Company, charged with the review of
purchases from the Western Electric
Company, explained that the Western
Electric Company, virtually owned by
the A. T. and T. Company, has favored
prices for material furnished the as-
sociated companies and another price
for independent companies.

Vice President Hoxsey went back on
the stand late in the afternoon and told
the Commission that the Southern Bell
has not earned six per cent dividend
since 1917. For the year from July
31, 1918 to July 31, 1919 when the sys-
tem was under government ownership
the government made up the dividend,
he said.

The statement of average investment
and revenue was introduced by Mr.
Hoxsey as the first exhibit for his sec-
ond appearance on the stand.

INJURED FLIER APPEARS TO BE GROWING WEAKER

Hope Still Held Out For Recov- ery of Lieutenant W. D. Conroy, However

Nether, Miss., March 29.—After a
turn for the worse early today, Lieuten-
ant W. D. Conroy, who was injured
when his plane struck a tree Friday
morning near Crowville, La., rallied
a little later in the day, but tonight
his physicians said that he was showing
less vitality than has been evident
previously.

According to his physicians any
change in his condition will be gradual,
and while the odds are greatly against
him, they have not given up hope of
saving his life.

Major N. B. Claggett, of the Fourth
Aviation corps, who arrived here last
night to superintend the care of the
injured flier, said tonight he would
remain here until there was a definite
change in the condition of the lieuten-
ant, after which he will visit the scene
of the accident to make an investigation
and arrange for the salvaging of the
wrecked plane, which still lies where
it fell on the farm of Moses Lanier,
near Crowville.

CABINET TAKES UP SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING RAILROADS

Plan Formulation of a Definite Program For Railway Rehabilitation

HARDING TO CONSULT TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS

Discussion at Cabinet Meeting of Preliminary and Inevitable Character; President and Advisers Much Concerned Over Rumblings of Disast- erous Faction Being Heard

Washington, March 29.—A compre-
hensive study of American railway
conditions was begun by the adminis-
tration today with a view to formulation
of a definite program for railway re-
habilitation.

For more than an hour President
Harding discussed the problem with his
cabinet and later it was announced that
he would call into consultation within
the next few days the chairmen of the
two government agencies having closest
contact with transportation problems,
the Interstate Commerce Commission
and the Railway Labor Board. Confer-
ences with railway managers and em-
ployees are expected to follow in time
to permit action at the coming special
session of Congress.

Discussion at the cabinet meeting
was only for a preliminary and indeci-
sive character, but there were indica-
tions that the chief executive and his
official advisers were much concerned
over information which so far has come
into their possession. Since it took
up the reins of authority, the adminis-
tration has heard rumblings of disas-
terous faction from many sources, the
complaints of inadequate income, the
employees protesting against impending
wage reductions, shippers asking for
a reduction of freight rates, and in some
cases the general public appealing for
better service.

All of these points of dissatisfaction
are to be examined in the administra-
tion inquiry, with the general relation
to a healthy transportation industry to
the nation's commercial life. Even the
tariff question, which is to furnish the
principal topic of consideration for the
next session of Congress, is considered
by administration officials to be closely
interwoven with transportation policy,
since in some instances present im-
port duties work to the serious disad-
vantage of American producers by per-
mitting foreign products to reach
American consumers at a lower cost than
railway-borne domestic goods of the
same character.

Most Serious Feature.
The most serious feature of the situa-
tion, however, as it has been pictured
to administration officials, is the ap-
parent inability of the carriers themselves
to make both ends meet and at the
same time keep service up to standard.
A number of high railway officials have
called on Mr. Harding since his elec-
tion and have told him that unless some
way to increased earnings were found
the whole transportation system of the
nation faced paralysis. Such a possi-
bility, the railway men have insisted
could only be viewed as a public calamity.

It is understood that although few
definite remedial programs have been
suggested in these conferences, most
of those who have presented the car-
rier's side of the problem have advised
against any general increase in freight
rates. A further material rate increase
in the present condition of the nation's
industry, Mr. Harding has been told,
might result in such a curtailment of
traffic as to reduce earnings rather
than increase them.

On their side, the railway employes
have vigorously protested against wage
reductions as an economy expedient,
declaring that living costs require that
wage schedules remain unchanged. All
along the possibility of a general rail-
way strike has made both railway
executives and government agencies
think twice whenever a wage cut has
been suggested.

Added to this, and contributing ma-
terially to the present unsettled con-
dition of the industry, has been the
confusion and inconvenience of restor-
ing the roads from a wartime to a peacetime
basis and of unscrupulous use of
various properties after a long period
of operation as one system under govern-
ment control.

It remains a question whether the
roads will ask Congress for direct finan-
cial relief in addition to that provided
under the Transportation Act to com-
pensate them for deterioration of their
property while it was in government
hands. Such a proposal would be cer-
tain to develop bitter opposition in
some quarters, adding another compli-
cation to a situation that is expected to
develop some very knotty problems be-
fore the administration and Congress
have found a solution.

BODY OF STANTONSBURG WAR HERO LAID TO REST

Stantonsburg, March 29.—The re-
mains of Private Willie Walton, of
Company D, 119th Infantry, 30th Divi-
sion, one of the heroes who brought
fame to North Carolina in helping break
the Hindenburg line and who was kill-
ed in action in the memorable attack
on Stantonsburg, September 29, 1918, were
interred in the family