

MANY WITNESSES GIVE TESTIMONY

Men of Prominence Testify As To Character of Many Persons on Trial

Macon, Ga., March 30.—Men of prominence in all walks of life took the witness stand in Federal court to testify as to the character of many of the persons in connection with the thefts of a million dollars worth of express shipments from the American Railway Express company.

DR. LOVE APPEALS TO BAPTIST WOMEN

(Continued From Page One.) That the gifts of the women in this State was more than \$150,000 in excess of those of last year. Five years ago their gifts were less than \$50,000. This year they went considerably beyond \$100,000. The story of the wise men from the East, following the star unto Bethlehem, and falling down before the infant Jesus and worshipping Him, they "opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

of the organization thirty-five years ago, its first year, which was \$1,000. The Raleigh First church W. M. S. led in gifts, with an offering of \$5,574.15. The Ashe, Central, Eastern, Macon, Montgomery, Sandy Run, Stone Fork and Berry associations reached their campaign pledges. The Rockwell Association led in gifts, reporting \$23,065.58.

Two hundred and forty-one new societies have been organized this year, 70 of these being W. M. S., 23 Y. W. A., 20 G. A.'s, 15 B. A.'s and 71 Sunbeams. The total number of societies reporting this year is 1,533. Of this number only 45 reached class A in the standard of excellence, which means that they made ten points out of a possible ten; 87 are in B class, making nine points out of the ten; 69 in C class, and 43 in D class.

Federal Agents Raid Plantation To Get Witnesses

(Continued From Page One.) asked where they were he said they did not care to talk pending their possible trial. They have not yet been arrested although warrants have been sworn out against them at the request of Governor Dorey. The father is in jail in Atlanta where he and the negro Manning were taken for safe keeping. The fate of Manning, whose statements regarding the killings resulted in the indictments against himself and Williams, was the subject of speculation here today and courteous attaches voiced the opinion that Solicitor General A. M. Brand would recommend mercy, if the negro is convicted when tried here.

Telephone Rate Hearing Will Be Concluded Today

(Continued From Page One.) it has contracted to finance some to me preposterous. C. A. Hines for Greensboro objected just as strenuously. James E. Pou resisted the proposition with the additional alternative that the commission allow immediate oral argument and grant an early decision. City Attorney John Hindsdale thought the attitude of the telephone company astounding in the face of what the opposition has already developed and the fact that the case had not been concluded.

company for 1921 will be 5.61 per cent of its average investment for 1921. On cross-examination, attorneys of the opposition sought to show that North Carolina loses much of its rightful revenue in the one ticket system of crediting calls originating out of the State. Mr. Hoxsey could not say how an accounting of this revenue is reached but agreed to furnish the Commission with full data.

He stated on the stand that the property of the Southern Bell in the State is assessed at approximately eighty per cent of its reproduction costs and maintained that the valuation for taxation purposes is no fit basis for the fixing of a rate. Judge George Peck Commissioner, interposed at the morning session with a question that threatened to get the witness into an awkward position. Judge Peck stated that he had been frequently approached by protestants against the increase with the charge that the Southern Bell is draining its revenues with extravagant salaries to officials. He wanted to know, Mr. Hoxsey was apparently willing to furnish the information, but he balked to embarrass officials who might not like to have their earnings publicly scrutinized. He suggested that he submit the salaries on a slip of paper for the consumption of the Commissioners and the counsel for the opposition. While Judge Peck was examining with this dilemma, the witness caulked all parties with the blanket statement that the president and four vice-presidents of the company receive \$60,000 and give their entire time to the Southern Bell and the associated Cumberland Company. A total of \$43,000 of this comes from the Southern Bell and approximately \$5,100 is pro-rated to the North Carolina system.

On his cross-examination by Robert Buark, of Wilmington, in the afternoon, Mr. Hoxsey put the reproduction costs of the Southern Bell, December 31, 1920, at \$49,263,719; its gross revenue in 1920, \$12,965,858; its net revenue, \$815,404. For North Carolina the reproduction cost of the system at that time was \$4,739,795; its gross revenue, \$1,689,169; and its net revenue, \$171,596.

The witness did not know the value of the entire Southern Bell properties as listed for taxation. Mr. Buark inquired if it wasn't a bit strange that he had not thought to acquaint himself with this data in view of the hearings in this and other States. "Why, no one has been acute enough to ask it before," he replied smiling, and Mr. Buark turned to a different line of attack. He admitted very frankly that the A. T. and T. Company has the potential power to control all the actions of the Southern Bell, but maintained that it

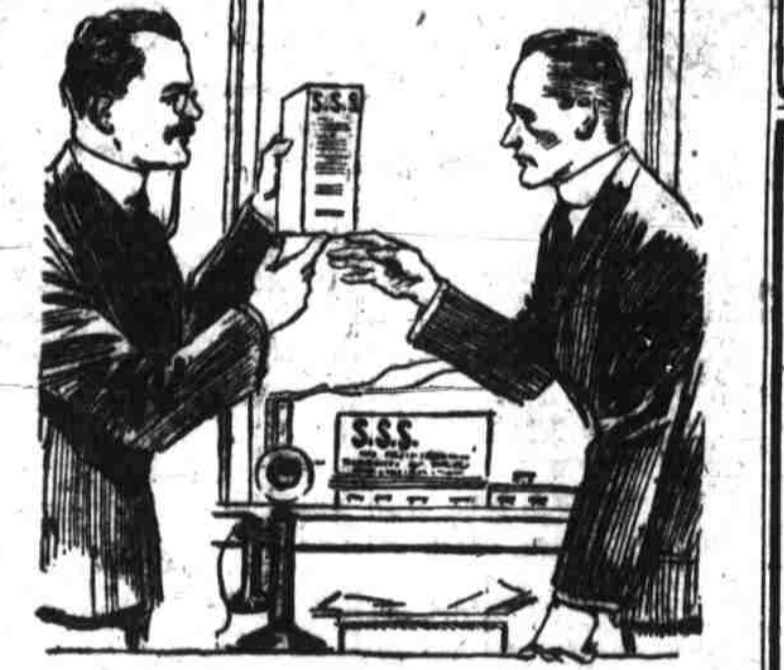
policy was liberal even as to the four and a half per cent contract and the contract with the Western Electric Company, a subsidiary. He also admitted that the American Company is borrowing money and lending it to the Southern Bell at a loss. Testifying that the proposed rates would give a net revenue equivalent to 5.61 per cent of the investment of the company in North Carolina and 4.15 of its reproduction costs as of March, 1921; prices, he maintained that the reproduction value is the only sound basis for rate making purposes. On request of Mr. Hines, the witness read a paragraph from the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company showing the immense earnings of the company in 1920, its eight per cent dividends, and its earnings, which the witness admitted was approximately 11 per cent to its capital stock.

MARKED HONOR TO GREAT SCULPTOR

(Continued From Page One.) love that gave, the devotion that will cherish it, will forever be numbered among our ennobling possessions. "Ezekiel" was able to find inspiration in the men, and women, and humanities, of his own time, without going back to the outworn models of a pagan age. Provincial enough to cling to these realities, he wrought them into works which compelled the recognition of the chief art schools, and won the honors of nations and cities that boasted of being the homes of sculpturer's best traditions. Crowned with these honors, he turned his thoughts to his own country, and as the final and finest product of his talents, gave to us the monument that from this day will mark his resting place. It is the memorial of reunited America, the testimony to the tradition of indissoluble union, the shrine to which are gathered today, and will gather through the years to come, those who would dedicate themselves to the ideal of unselfish, enlightened, upstanding Americanism as a force for our country's maintenance and all humanity's betterment.

Morehead Wants Dave Blair Cared For By President

(Continued From Page One.) on Vice-President Coolidge and the cabinet officers and invite them to attend the United States Good Roads Association convention to be held in Greensboro in April. Mrs. Vanstors is here with Mr. Vanstors. Tar Heels in Washington. Mr. J. A. Chiles, of Asheville, appeared today before the committee of



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the public health service, having the location and selection of the hospital for ex-service men. No decision was announced as to selections, but Mr. Chiles says that the outlook is good for the selection of the Otton Hospital at Ashtree, where the government owns the 100 buildings and where there are now about 1,000 patients, and for Kendallworth, where the government has a lease and where there are now about 400 patients.

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