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JOHNSON FORCED TO DELAY PLAYING OF BLAIR'S RECORD

Senate Talks All Day On Knox Peace Resolution and No Executive Session Held

CALIFORNIA SENATOR ON PROGRAM MONDAY

Collects Data For "Gussin" Out' Speech Against Harding Administration; Lincey Asks That His Appointment Be Held Up Until He Can Close Up His Personal Affairs

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

Washington, April 30.—The "faying" that Senator William Johnson has promised to give the Republicans of the North Carolina delegation to Chicago over the head of David Blair of North Carolina nominated by President Harding for Commissioner of Internal Revenue failed to materialize today in the Senate. Not because Senator Johnson had suffered a change of heart, oh no, but because there was so much talk of the Knox peace resolution that there was no time for an executive session. So Senator Johnson had to defer action until Monday. And on Monday Dave Blair was slated to arrive and to take over the job.

In the meantime it is understood that Senator Johnson is adding to the pile of shovels that he is set off about the North Carolina Republicans who "betrayed" him at Chicago, when he was after the Republican nomination for President. Incidentally today he is known to have been seeking the initials of J. W. Cannon, the father-in-law of Dave Blair. The fuse is now set to go off on Monday, if the Senate goes into executive session. But as the matter it will be only the case of "Gussin" on the part of the California Senator, with the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Blair to follow. It was after 7 o'clock tonight before the Senate adjourned, and there was some expectation up to the very last moment that there might be an executive session, but the Senators were tired and hungry and there was none.

Lincey Asks Postponement.
The week has passed and the nomination of Frank Lincey to the district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina has not reached the Senate. But that does not mean that he is not going to be appointed, for it is known that he is slated for the position. There has been an effort on the part of some negroes to block the appointment because of the letter published from him addressed to the Democratic State Chairman Thomas B. Warden, in which were suggested matters as to getting rid of the negro voters, but that has got nowhere, so I am informed.

The real reason that the appointment has not been sent to the Senate is that Republican State Chairman Lincey has let the Department of Justice know that he will not be ready to take hold till about the middle of May, but he has to close up some of his personal business. His request is which has held up the appointment but it will come forth about the middle of May.

Speculation keeps on bubbling forth about the naming of the successor to the judgeship held by the late Judge Pritchard, with no one as yet being able to do more than hazard a guess as to the winner of the handicap, for after all it may be a handicap, that of age, which will decide the race. Attorney General Dougherty has made it plain that he desires to have the younger man appointed to the bench as Federal judges so that the appointees may be able to serve for a longer period, before the retirement age creeps upon them.

There is some talk here that if Judge Gould is appointed that former Congressman and ex-Assistant Postmaster General J. J. Britt, of Asheville, will succeed to the toga on the bench of the District Supreme court. I am not inclined to that opinion. I feel pretty sure that he is going to land something, for I happen to know that President Harding likes him, but when the British boys some of the late Judge Pritchard called on him and advocated Mr. Britt as the choice of Judge Pritchard as his successor, President Harding inquired very closely into the question as to whether Mr. Britt had ever served on the bench. He had not, and so I am making the guess that when he lands a job it will be either in the Postoffice Department or in the Department of Justice, with the seat on the Postoffice Department. The Asheville delegation to boost him for the vacant

DURHAM MAKES IT UNANIMOUS FOR HIM

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NEW APPOINTEES FOR POSTMASTER

Postoffice Department Names Large Number Fourth-Class Postmasters

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Washington, April 30.—The Postoffice Department announces that acting Postmaster Jonathan E. Parker has been appointed postmaster at Parker, a fourth class postoffice, and that certain North Carolinians as postmasters of the fourth class: Bunn, Daniel E. Cone; Crumpler, Robert L. Plummer; Curfew, Wm. M. Reel; Dana, Joseph H. Stapp; Delwood, Mary H. Fowler; (married); Denton, Marvin A. Gallimore; Guleck, David E. Midgett; Hovse Shoe, Jessie L. Shipman; Lake Landing, Norfolk L. Mann; Norton, B. Lawrence McGuire; Okisko, Perza Miller; Rockwell, Fred W. Kluttz; Saw Mill, Charles A. Craig; Slaughter, Mildred R. Korngay; Taxedo, Katharine Shipman; Windy Gap, Florence Johnson.

The Postoffice Department also announces that it has accepted the proposal of the Elkin National Bank of Elkin to renew the lease on the present quarters of the post office there, located on west side of Bridge Street, between Main Street and Gray Avenue, for term of five years, from July 1, 1921. Lease to include equipment, heat, water, light, vault and parcel post and postal savings furniture, when necessary.

The delegation here from Wilmington to arrange about the monument to the memory of the New Hanover county dead in world war perfected these arrangements today. The sculptor chosen is W. Gordon Beabo, and the architect is J. Archer Limerick, all of Baltimore. The delegation was composed of Mayor-elect James H. Cowan, Col. Walker Taylor, and E. T. Taylor. They left for their home tonight, and have the promise that the monument will be ready for the unveiling on "Armistice Day," November 11, 1921.

On behalf of the Order of Moose of Wilmington, and of the city of Wilmington, Mayor-elect James H. Cowan extended an invitation to Secretary of Labor James J. Davis to visit Wilmington. Secretary Davis, who is a personal friend of Mr. Cowan's, accepted, but is unable to fix any date at present. Former Congressman John H. Small left tonight for New Orleans, having accepted the invitation of the Mississippi River Valley Association to be its guest at a big meeting to be held in New Orleans on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The association is interested in the matter of river transportation, water powers, and Mississippi

ATTACK AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION TO ALTER TAX VALUES

Cabarrus Commissioners Seeking Mandamus To Force a Re-hearing

DRASTIC REDUCTION OF CANNON PROPERTY BASIS

Court Action Started Before Judge George W. Connor Yesterday, With Summons Returnable May 10; Claim Commission Without Authority To Reduce Values

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Reduced Nearly 50 Per Cent.
The original valuation placed on the Cannon properties and certified to the General Assembly at the Special Session last August was \$7,713,010. On this valuation the county authorities based their tax rate, and directed the sheriff to \$4,837,088. On April 4 J. S. Griffith was heard by the Commission on April 4. H. B. Williams, Cabarrus county attorney, C. U. Harris and J. S. Griffin appear as attorneys for the county. The action is filed in the name of the members of the board of county commissioners, W. B. Ward, chairman; A. C. Lentz, C. D. Alexander, J. F. Russell, and D. C. Platt. The summons was served at noon yesterday.

The complaint, a copy of which was served upon the Commission, sets forth that the General Assembly provided that appeals should be heard in the county in which they originated or in an adjoining county; that the appeal was heard in Raleigh; that the Tax Commission was without authority to "alter, amend or change said assessment;" that the aggrieved county had no opportunity to change its budget or tax rates and that its revenues have fallen \$15,000 short because of the changed valuation, which is described as an "ex parte and unlawful action."

The petition sets forth that he has been unable to obtain from the State Tax Commission a formal order declining to grant the request for a re-hearing of the case by which the valuations were reduced, but has been told verbally that there would be no re-hearing of the case. The petitioner wants the records in the case brought to court, and from that expects to be able to re-open the whole case, with probable restitution of the original tax value of the Cannon property.

At the hearing held on November 25, it is alleged that the county authorities had no information that the case was to be heard, and were not able to be present and make protest. The order was not issued until the Commission had had the property re-examined by several of its staff of assessors. The order in the case was in the form of a letter addressed to the Register of Deeds of Cabarrus County, which was in turn certified to the sheriff.

NEXT MOVE HINGES ON DELIBERATIONS OF ALLIED COUNCIL

Allies Acquainted With Views of United States On Reparations Matter

FURTHER STEPS BY U. S. MAY BE UNNECESSARY

If Allied Supreme Council Decides German Reparations Offer Is Unacceptable As a Basis of Negotiation, Some Action By American Government May Be Taken

Washington, April 30.—The next move in the reparations controversy, so far as the American government is concerned, will await the outcome of the sessions of the Supreme Council, which began today at London.

The allied governments have been acquainted with the American point of view with regard to the general subject as a result of the conferences which Secretary Hughes has had with the diplomatic representatives of those governments.

Both President Harding and Secretary Hughes are giving close attention to the whole situation, but it was indicated today that they did not look for further developments before Monday, at the earliest. They conferred at the White House today, but it was made known that the conference had to do with other matters, indicating that there had been no developments of moment since the discussion of the reparations controversy at the cabinet meeting yesterday.

Fayettesville, April 30.—Funeral services for Lieutenant Hartman J. Hartman and Joseph E. Virgin, who were killed in an aeroplane accident at Pope Field late yesterday, were held at Camp Bragg at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The body of Lieutenant Virgin was sent to the home of his mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Virgin, at Norman, Okla., leaving Fayetteville at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, accompanied by Chaplain Robb White, while Lieutenant Hartman's body was shipped to his father, John S. Hartman, in Reading, Pa., at 9 o'clock tonight. Lieutenant Challenger going with the remains.

Polish Grateful to America
Washington, April 30.—An official dispatch today to the Polish legation from Warsaw said general manifestations of gratitude to America for her aid to Poland occurred yesterday in Cracow. Masses were said in all churches and at all schools. One hour was devoted to lectures on America. A testimonial address of gratitude to Herbert Hoover was tendered to Representatives of the American mission in Poland.

ORDERS REDUCTION IN WAGE SCALE ON GOVERNMENT SHIPS

Chairman Benson Takes Only Action in Connection With Marine Strike

WOULD CUT SEAMEN'S PAY FIFTEEN PER CENT

No Agreement In Wage Controversy Between Ship-Owners and Marine Workers Reached After Several Conferences; Government May Appoint Mediators

Washington, April 30.—Just one concrete result came today out of a series of conferences here looking to a settlement of the wage dispute between the American shipowners, the Shipping Board and the marine workers. That was an order by Chairman Benson to all operators of government merchant craft to reduce wages 15 percent, effective at midnight tonight.

Secretary Hoover declined to discuss the matter, but Commerce Department officials said that he probably would take no action with respect to the appointment of a commission in the absence of Mr. Davis.

Chairman Benson left for Annapolis before his order reducing wages was made public. In his absence officials said the order would stand unless instructions were received from him to the contrary. The existing wage agreement, except those with deck officers, expires at midnight tonight, it was explained, making a decision by the board as to future wages immediately necessary.

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THE SENATE ADOPTS KNOX RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PEACE

Republicans Keep Solidly in Line in Supporting Administration Program For World Stability

THREE DEMOCRATS VOTE WITH OLD GUARD FOR DECLARING END TO WAR

Resolution Goes To House With Prospects of Prompt Action There; Lodge Puts It Through Without Change; Tells Senate That Treaties With Germany Will Be Negotiated But That United States Will Not "Abandon" Allies; Borah Takes Fling at Versailles Treaty and Hitchcock Defends Wilson

Washington, April 30.—The administration's first step toward placing the United States on a technical, legal basis of peace was taken tonight by the Senate in adopting the Knox resolution. The vote for adoption of the resolution was 49 to 23.

Three Democrats voted for the resolution and although no Republicans voted against it, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, was paired against it. The Democrats voting for it were Senators: Myers, Montana; Shields, Tennessee; and Watson, Georgia. Two other Democrats, Reed, Missouri, and Walsh, Massachusetts, were announced as favoring the resolution.

Resolution Goes To House.
The resolution now goes to the House with prospects of prompt action there. No change was made by the Senate in the resolution as reported by the Foreign Relations Committee. It would repeal the war resolutions affecting Germany and Austria-Hungary, impound alien enemy property, and reserve to the United States all rights and privileges under the treaty of Versailles and other peace treaties.

Dead Airman Ordered Coney on Fatal Flight.
Jacksonville, April 30.—Lieutenant Hartman J. Hartman, killed with Lieutenant Joseph E. Virgin in an airplane accident yesterday at Pope Field, near Fayetteville, N. C., was the air service officer who sent Lieutenant W. D. Coney away from here just a month ago on his fatal attempt to fly from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast in one day. The accident which resulted in Hartman's death was similar to that which proved fatal to Coney, in each instance the plane striking a tree after motor trouble had developed.

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There was no certainty, however, that the 120,000 figure would stand, for the vote today was in committee of the whole and the House may demand a separate vote on the amendments in passing the bill next week.