Old Fight Between Rivers And Rails Seems On Again

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 27. - The Rivers and Harbors Congress, held in Washington recently, wanted considerably



money, for development of Amer- as possible. ica's inland water- Shipstead, dent Roosevelt regards as a judicious federal expenditure at present. It's the usual situation. Theoretieverybody's strongly pro-eco-noniy. But no special group is in favor of it in connection with the

particular objective that that group is interested in. From remarks I overheard at the

last R. and H. congress I wouldn't draw the conclusion that those in attendance were violently clamorous for coastal harbor improvements, but there was no doubt that all hands wanted plenty of cash to make our rivers more and more conveniently navigable.

There also was vehement objection to making inland water transportation subject to regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission or any other government bureau.

The foremost proponent of I. C. C. regulation is Senator Burton K Wheeler of Montana, who has just completed an investigation of the railroads' financial straits during the last decade or two. There's no doubt Candidates' Claims For that the rail lines are hard up. The Wheeler inquiry explained their distress on the ground that auto trucks and river steamboatmen have had their highways and waterways improved for them at public expense, enabling them to underbid the rail companies, which have to pay for their own permanent equipment. Rival Views.

The Wheeler theory is that the I C. C. should be empowered to require the truckmen and rivermen to hike their rates, to permit the railroads the better to compete with

This may be all right from the standpoint of Senator Wheeler, who hails from an area which is very dependent on railroads, but isn't in Buncombe and the West, much tapped by waterways. It isn't much satisfactory reasoning to Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota, who's up at the head of mid-continental water. Senator Shipstead recalls times when the railroads, uncompeted with, were middling oppressive to his section of the country. It's largely their own fault, he says that they're pinched today, they wouldn't have been, if they hadn't been so greedy when they had a

The Minnesota senator calls atten- in 1938.

makes by getting its coal by river, and "Anti" down the Ohio river and up the Misof Waters, up the Ohio and the Big with his opponents assigning Muddy, and thereabouts. He's for

"What's more," observes Senator as possible, by nature's own means. Argument for Water.

only as it's needed, to float river situation. boats. It prevents erosion. It preserves our soil. It's anything but a Bill Would Limit liability.

This isn't much of a defense of the auto-truck, of which the railroads also complain.

Trucks, after all, can't do a large bulk business.

They can carry quite a few second-class passengers. I say secondclass advisedly. I've traveled both by bus and by train, and I'll guarantee that a train is the more comfortable of the two. I don't think that aviaon makes much of a dent.

grain in appreciable quantities. River

Essentially the row is between the railroads' puredeeas and current inditions Senator Shipstead is right, though, n saying that inland water is an

It's involved in the rivers and harbors controversy-rivers particularly; and cultural institutions. not so much harbors.

Buncombe Are Illustrative Of Muddled Campaign

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vears", he said. So much for the Broughton pic-

are of the Buncombe situation. The contrasting point of view is so diametrically different as to raise ome doubt whether the same county being considered

Naturally nobody in either Maxwell or Horton headquarters cared o make any quotable statements would anyone openly disclose the as co-managers. political "hand" his candidate holds

Horton and Maxwell camps, is about county court for several years. In like this:

Anson he picked Baxter F. McRae,

The "Rings" and the "Anti-Rings" Each is reputed to control about forty ote, leaving only about ten per cent affairs. who hold the balance of power in any show down. The "Ring" won in 1936, headquarters, announced the first cobut the "Antis" generally prevailed

solidly lined up for Maxwell, while the "Ring" group is said to be leaning strongly to Horton, despite fact. Judge Bell also released appointsome of its leaders personally prefer Broughton. They cannot, so the story goes, deliver to the Raleigh man, Mr. Speaks is a past state president largely because he will not "play of the Patriotic Order of Sons of ball" only with them, but insists on America. bidding for support of both "Ring"

So we have, on the one side, the sissippi: to its economy in its own sissippi: to its economy in its own broughton contention that he's a products' shipment down the Father standout in Buncombe and the west; State Senator H. J. Hatcher; Clay, not more than ten per cent of the

more navigation and lots of it, as cheaply vote to divide with three others. Perhaps a story about Buncombe county only isn't worth all this piece, "water's an asset. We but the situation there is similar to ways, than Presi- don't want to trickle it off as soon that in many other Tar Heel counties, and therefore a story about Buncombe may convey some of the dif-"We want to conserve it, upriver, ficulty which confronts the fellow by means of dams, turning it loose who seeks, impartially, to report the

Spendng' In Campaigns

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Hatch "anti-politics" bill adopted by the Senate.

The bill would curb political activities of most state employees paid in whole or in part with federal funds. The sub-committee made some changes.

These changes were praised highly Anyway, buses can't carry coal and by Representative Dempsey, Democrat, New Mexico, who has been fighting with Senator Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, for the curb on political activity by federally paid state employees.

The sub-committee struck out a Senate amendment exempting from the bill's provisions employees of Howell. educational, religious, philanthropic

Maxwell Leads in Naming of Managers

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just one; while neither Paul Grady, furnished this Bureau with the name of even one county manager. The Broughton managers named

today were: Cabarrus: H. W. Calloway, Jr., a Concord lawyer.

Swain: Frank Hyatt, clerk of court at Bryson City

Alexander: Hayden Millsap, Stony Point merchant, and J. Hayden about the Broughton claims, nor Burke, Taylorsville lawyer, to act

Last night Maxwell added a sheriff, a lumberman and a lawyer to Your reporter gained the very definite impression, however, that the Buncombe picture, as seen by the attorney who has been judge of the prominent lumberman and farmer of re almost equal in voting strength. Peachland. In Gates he selected Each is reputed to control about forty George D. Williams. In Clay county per cent of the Democratic primary P. C. Scroggs will handle Maxwell's

Judge Daniel Bell, for Horton managership for the Lieutenant Governor. Harley R. Cabe. clerk of Su-Now, it is said, the "Antis" are perior court, and Lester L. Arnold,

U. S. Steel ment of I. T. Speaks of Statesville Leads Rally as Horton's Iredell county manager.

Chrysler

Southern Railway

Standard Oil N J

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Closing Grain

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OPENS AT FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, March 27 .- A jury

trial a \$30,000 damage suit brought by T. A. Jackson, administrator of H. D. Fowler, against the

Coast Line railroad and the Petro-

leum Carrier corporation for Fow-

ler's death in a collision between an

A. C. L. freight train and a gasoline

truck on the morning of May 6.

Fowler was a brakeman of the freight which collided with the load-

ed gasoline truck at the Russell street crossing. He was fatally burn-

ed along with two other trainmen

and the truck driver. Of several

similar suits, this is the first to come

to trial. Nineteen lawyers are ap-

Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 27.-Bill Fenner

of Rocky Mount is going to support

Lee Gravely for governor, according

to recent news stories; but Gravely

wasn't Bill Fenner's first choice for

the Executive Mansion-that was

The House will next January be

without one of its really popular veterans. W. W. (Cap) Eagles of

Edgecombe is not going to make the

race this year, on his physicians ad-

pearing in the case.

D. Fowler, against the Atlantic

SUIT AGAINST RAILWAY

New York, March 27 .- (AP)-The County managers announced to stock market rallied smartly today date by the candidates are: Maxwell: Anson, Baxter F. McRae;

State Senator H. J. Hatcher; Clay, P. C. Scroggs; Cleveland, Clyde Nolan; Craven, Sheriff Richard B. stocks was up half a point at noon Lane; Cumberland, Dr. O. C. Mc-Fayden; Durham, J. F. Barfield; toward the Edgecombe, George M. Fountain; fairly well. P. C. Froneberger; Gates. Sheriff off by United States Steel Corp., George D. Williams; Graham, L. W. which late yesterday announced a \$1 Wilson; Harnett, James Best; Hay-wood, Walter Crawford; Hyde, T. C. American Radiator Hyde; Iredell, Fred Deaton; Jones, American Telephone 172 1-2

lenburg, C. Burwell; Mitchell, Mrs.
Myrtle Ellis; Onslow, D. Russell; Perquimans, J. E. Winslow; Pitt, Harvey
Ward: Transplyania Part F. Ward; Transylvania, Bert Freeman; Bethlehem Steel Wayne, Paul Edmundson.

Broughton: Alexander, Hayden Columbia Gas & Elec Co...
Burke and Hayden Millsap; Cabar-Commercial Solvents rus, H. W. Calloway, Jr.; Caldwell, Consolidated Oil
Committee of Twelve; Cleveland, Curtiss Wright
Roscoe Lutz; Davie, P. S. Young; DuPont Henderson, Otis Powers; Hyde, M. A. Electric Pow & Light ... 5

Matthews; Iredell J. T. Gillersie: Copper Floring 19 Matthews: Iredell, J. T. Gillespie: General Electric Sampson, J. Lofton Kerr; Swain, General Motors Frank Hyatt; Yancey, Dover Fouts. Liggett & Myers B 108 7-8
Horton: Caswell, John O. Gunn; Montgomery Ward & Co 53 3-4
Columbus, J. W. Hall; Davie, Mrs. Reynolds Tob B 41 3-4 R. H. Hayes; Gaston, Fred Arwood; Iredell, I. T. Speaks; Lenior, Paul LeRoque; Macon, H. R. Cabe and L. L. Arnold: Onslow, G. W. Phillips; Stokes, Gid Mitchell; Yadkin, G. S. Williams; Yancey, F. W.

Gravely: Harnett, State Senator

Farley Lauds Record Of Democrats

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administration and all its works for Tom Cooper nor Arthur Simmons has seven long years the (Republican) party has now discovered that it may be compelled to indorse the

major administration policies xxx" Farley spoke at a convention in which flowed a strong current of sentiment for President Roosevelt if he wants a third term and for Far-ley if "the chief" decided to retire.

Woodring Defends Sale Of Warplanes

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Woodring said," will be liberalized to accomplish the foregoing, to further stimulate productive capacity and to insure improved types of planes for our forces. Each such case must be decided on its merits. Prior to the release of any of our designs for sale abroad the manufacturer must negotiate with the war department for such changes in those models as are under contract for the United States army in order to insure that improved types of planes are delivered to the war department. 'No military secrets will be di-

Few Points

Cotton futures opened 2 higher to 1

A good demand for July cotton, plus trade support and foreign buying, lifted futures 6 to 9 points dur-

Cotton Gains

New York, March 27.-(AP)-

54 3-8

Granberry Dickson, Horton press chief, is a serious sort of chap from ABC store and lay in a store whom little in the way of humor is expected; but he has a dry wit, just

Tuesday he gave your Raleigh reporter announcement that a superior under the leadership of steels, and court clerk and a register of deeds gains of 1 to 4 points appeared had been named Horton co-managers.

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"Mr. Broughton just announced The AP average of 60 selected he'd named_a court clerk as a county manager," remarked your reporter. and although profit taking appeared toward the fourth hour the level held "Well, that still leaves us a register of deeds up on him," came back Granberry without the faintest trace of a smile.

> Judge Walter A. Siler, loyal supporter of his fellow citizen from Chatham, Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton, visited all the gubernatorial headquarters except Broughton's on Tuesday. 34 3-4

"Mr. Broughton had already claim-76 1-2 ed ten districts and I see where he 86 1-8 says this morning that he'll get the 5 5-8 Eleventh, so maybe we'd all just as Eleventh, so maybe we'd all just as well shut up and hold a good old- 21-28-6-13-20-27 15 3-8

cratic states keep the Yankees com- fashion wake," he solemnly Maxwell and Gravely aides "If you do decide to close me know in time to get done wake", he added as a parting

We have this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Vance County, North Carolina Executors under the Last Will Testament of our Aunt, the Late Ma Mollie P. Hargrove, and this notify all persons holding el against her estate to present the same to us or to our Attorneys, within on year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar to any recovery Persons indebted to said estate requested to make prompt settle.

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"Maine Will Have White Easter," "I checked the gun for fingerstood below the window, then read headlines in a North Carolina walked back. He made no attempt prints, just as a precaution," Hen-Around mid-day prices were ahead paper on Sunday morning. derson interrupted. "The only prints on it corresponded to the to cover up.' In that respect some of the Demo-"That might indicate," I sugto 10 points. prints of the boy's fingers. He fired gested, "that he had no idea he t, all right." was going to be involved in an-CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

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I. Bill Strickland, am suspected in the murder of my friend, Alfred Markham, rich young jeweler, at a party at the Rio Vista club. Captain of Detectives Clyde MaDonald is convinced of my innocence, but young Coroner Silver still doubts me. The oroner is surprised when he learns that tracks of hobnailed boots were found in the garden near where Markham was killed. He reports he has found similar tracks near the body of a supposed suicide.

THE CORONER'S announcement, that linked my friend's death with this new tragedy, was probably more startling to me than to Captain McDonald. I was speech-The captain jumped up, leaving his coffee cup half full. He slapped

a half dollar on the counter. "We've get to look into this! Where in it. Silver?" "Out on the West Side. Pathetic case. He was hardly more than a boy, and the only breadwinner in

the family. Shot himself. It was plain as day. I don't understand." We all hopped into the captain's car, and again were accompanied by a fingerprint expert as we rolled away from the police station, turn-ing westward on San Miguel

street. It was almost 1 a. m. by now. The theater patrons had gone home and the streets were deserted. Captain McDonald made no attempt to slow down for intersections. Coroner Silver's right hand gripped a door handle, and I could tell from the expression on his face that he wished he'd driven his own car. "Next turn to the right," he said. "Better slow down. It's a narrow

We drew up behind another car in front of a narrow, two-story house. The street lamp showed gray paint from the rickety porch

pillars. The top step was broken. "I left one of my deputies, Henderson, to complete the investiga-tion," the coroner explained. "He's probably upstairs. We pushed the front door open

without ceremony. Somewhere in

the back of the house, through the open living room door, I heard a woman weeping. It made my heart

The coroner nodded and followed

right temple. The gun was lying | Donald was saying. These are the had dropped from the boy's hand. the side of the bed."

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"How about the door?" asked Captain McDonald. "Locked on the inside," Silver told him. "We had to break the

lock to get in. The window was locked on the inside, too." "Rather strange for a bedroom vindow to be locked, wasn't it?' "That's what I thought, I decided the boy had locked it before

he shot himself, perhaps to deaden the sound of the shot." "Or perhaps he was afraid of something outside?" the captain suggested. "I thought of that, too, so I went down and examined the vacant lot

next to this. That's where I found the boot prints." "Let's look at them," the captain suggested.

Henderson put a hand on my irm as I followed the others out

the door. "I don't get it," he said. What's the mystery? Looked like plain suicide to me.' "Better stay here and see that nothing is touched," Coroner Sil-

ver told him. Again came the sound of weepng. "Who is she?" I whispered to

"Mother," he informed me. "They lived here all alone. Father's dead. "They have an idea it may be

nurder," I told him. He whistled softly. I was glad we went out the front loor instead of the back, although I felt somehow as though I were shirking a duty. Someone ought to be with that heart-broken woman.

"There's a light next door," I ob-

served. "I'm going to see if a neighbor won't come over." "Good idea." The woman next door thought at first I was her husband returning home. She came to the front The coroner led the way up the door in her kimona, a beligerent worn, red-carpeted stairs to the gleam in her eye. She was a formid second floor. Henderson heard us able person; but sympathy transand came into the narrow hall from the back bedroom. Seemed she exclaimed when I told her what was the matter. "To be shure, I'll be right over. I'd no idea, at all, what was all the goin's on. The poor, poor dear—and him such a nice boy!" surprised. "I've already sent the was the matter. "To be shure, I'll body to the morgue," he said. "I be right over. I'd no idea, at all, was just cleaning up a few de- what was all the goin's on. The

him through the door. "This is the room, Gentlemen. The body was lying on that bed, shot through the "There's no doubt about it," Mc-

on the floor where it apparently same size boots as left the tracks in the garden at the Rio Vista His right arm was hanging over club last night. The fellow walked in here from the sidewalk and

> other death. Captain McDonald chewed his cigar. "He seems to be on hand when things happen. I'd like to that man! Sullivan, take some photographs of those tracks and make casts of them, if you

can. We'll compare them with the tracks in the garden, and be sure.' We left Sullivan setting up his equipment, and went back into the house and upstairs to the death room. I heard the back door downstairs slam, and recognized the

voice of the neighbor as it drifted faintly to the upstairs hall. "Find anything unusual in the room?" Coroner Silver asked his

assistant. "Nothing at all. Waste basket empty. Nothing in his clothes worth mentioning." He hesitated. "Of course, you already know about the hypodermic needle."

"What's that?" asked Captain McDonald, figuratively pricking up his ears. "The poor boy was a dope addict," Coroner Silver told him. "His mother apparently doesn't know

She told us he'd been ill for

months. Aside from that, I couldn't

get much out of her.' I was looking at the floor under the dresser. A small crumpled piece of paper lay next to the base-board. It had been out of sight until a breeze through the newly opened window had moved it into view. I picked it up and idly smoothed it out, then my heart jumped. It was a sheet from a notebook, similar to that tossed through the library window at the

Markham place.

"What's that?" the captain asked quickly.

"A warning," I said, passing it

over. "No wonder the boy locked the window, after this came through from the man below!" He read it aloud: "If you tell the police where I was last night, I won't keep your secret. Meet me at midnight. You'll do the job this

y-where he worked?"
"Yes, sir. He was cook's helper

at the Rio Vista club." (To Be Continued)