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Two Governors and McAdoo Are Present At P. and N. Hearing

Eastern North Carolina Inter- ested in Fight Because Line May Eventually Be Extended to the Coast

CONCERTED ACTION

Charlotte, June 20.—(AP)—
With the governors of two states
and a former Secretary of the
Treasury present, the hearing in-
to the need of the Carolinas for
extension of the lines of the Pied-
mont and Northern Railway, an
electric line, got under way at 10
o'clock this morning.

Governor A. W. McLean of
North Carolina arrived in the city
late yesterday, Governor Richards
of South Carolina was due this
morning, and William G. McAdoo,
arrived at nine o'clock this morn-
ing.

Haakell C. Davis, an examiner
for the Interstate Commerce
Commission, arrived last night to
conduct the hearing which is ex-
pected to last a week or ten days.
More than 100 witnesses have
been summoned and attorneys for
railroads and various communi-
ties will be heard.

The P. & N. seeks to connect
its North Carolina and South Car-
olina divisions between Spartan-
burg and Gastonia and to extend
the lines to Winston-Salem, The
Southern Railway and Seaboard
Air Line operating in the same
general territory oppose it and in
view of the fact that this is the
first test between electric and
steam lines since the powers of
the Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion were extended several years
ago, other steam lines have joined
in the case.

The states of North Carolina
and South Carolina and a large
number of communities have
joined in the case on the side of
the electric company.

Governor Angus W. McLean of
North Carolina followed the South
Carolina chief executive on the
stand. He told the examiner he
was acting in his official capacity
and that he had no desire to an-
tagonize the railroads opposing
the petition.

"The development in the section
through which the electric line
operates, the North Carolina Gov-
ernor said, "has been phenom-
enal" and completion of the pro-
posed extension in this State will
take traffic existing lines for a
time but he forecast that antici-
pated development in the territory
soon would produce traffic that
will more than counteract the loss.
"We must not think in terms
of the present," he said, urging
the examiner to visualize the
needs of 25 years hence, "when
this continuing and abounding de-
velopment will have had oppor-
tunity to go forward." He asked
the examiner to tour the section
which he said "offers perhaps
greater opportunity for industrial
growth than any other section of
the United States."

UNITED STATES ASKS EXTENSION 5-5-3 PRINCIPLE

Ambassador Gibson Opens Conference at Geneva With Brief Address After Which Presents Proposal

EXPRESSES REGRET

Sorry That France, Italy Not Active Participants But Hopes Japan and Brit- tain Will Lead the Way

Geneva, June 20.—(AP)—Ex-
tension of the 5-5-3 principle of
Naval strength to cruisers, des-
troyers and submarines of the
United States, Great Britain and
Japan was proposed today to the
Three-Power Naval Limitation
Conference by the American dele-
gation.

Opening the conference called
by President Coolidge, Ambassa-
dor Hugh Gibson, the chairman,
proposed that cruisers be limited
to tonnage of 250,000 or 300,000
tons for the United States and
Great Britain and 150,000 or
180,000 tons for Japan.

Destroyer tonnage would
be restricted to 200,000 or 250,
000 tons for the two larger pow-
ers and to 120,000 to 150,000 for
Japan. Maximum tonnage for
American and British submarines
would be 60,000 to 90,000 tons
with 30,000 to 54,000 tons fixed
for Japan.

Gibson presented his proposal
after a brief address in which he
expressed regret that France and
Italy were not active partici-
pants in the conference and urged
Japan and Great Britain who
with the United States are the
powers "which now lead in
naval armaments" to assume "all
responsibility for initiating fur-
ther naval limitation." "If we are
not prepared to limit," he said,
"we could not expect others to do
so."

France and Italy, while not ac-
tually taking part in the delibera-
tions, have observers on the
scene.

As the conference convened it
was the general impression that
the American delegates would
suggest maximum and minimum
figures for total tonnages in the
three classes of warships to be
discussed—auxiliary craft, des-
troyers and submarines—at the
same time making it known that
the United States was prepared to
go ahead with an extensive war-
ship program if no agreement
was reached. Thus it was com-
mented, the real intentions of the
nations as regards naval strength
would be drawn out and it would
be learned whether it was the
plan of the sea powers to engage
in an unlimited competitive naval
race.

Don't Get Flustered!



The Pons-Winnecke comet will approach within 3,500,000 miles of the earth on June 29. But don't get flustered! There's not the slightest danger, says Dr. A. C. Crommelin, famous British astronomer, comet expert of the Royal Greenwich Observatory.

Three Babies Dead From Poison Food At Institution

Springfield, Ills., June 20.—
(AP)—Three babies are dead,
another is believed to be dying and
five others are seriously ill of
food poisoning at the Springfield
Redemption Home, an institution
for infants under the care of the
courts.

Rose Ann Norbet and Betty
Bergman, both two years old, died
last night, while the third death
occurred early today.

The home matron, Minnie Man-
ley, and the housekeeper, Alice
Paul, also became ill, but their
condition was not regarded as
alarming.

COOLIDGE LIKES SUMMER HOME

Will Long Remember First Sunday There; Mrs. Cool- idge Goes Fishing

Rapid City, S. D., June 20.—
(AP)—Eager to partake of all
of the novel experience which this
Western country had to offer,
President Coolidge entered into
his second week in the Black
Hills, convinced that the Summer
White House is in an area exactly
to his liking.

FLIERS GUESTS OF VIENNESE AS RAIN DESCENDS

"Guten Tag, Wien," Says Chamberlin As He and Le- vine Step From Columbia at Asperin Air Field

SECOND WELCOME

Vienna, Austria, June 20.—
(AP)—President Hainisch of
the Austrian republic today
conferred upon Clarence D.
Chamberlin and Charles A. Le-
vine the republic's highest order
of merit, the "Goldenes Ehren-
zeichen Des Reiches" in recog-
nition of their trans-Atlantic
flight.

The American aviators who
arrived here with their wives
last night from Munich, Ger-
many, also were received by
Chancellor Seipel.

A military guard of honor to-
day attended all their comings
and goings in the Austrian cap-
ital while great crowds gath-
ered constantly outside of their
hotel eager to catch a glimpse
of them.

Vienna, Austria, June 20.—
(AP)—Having completed a fort-
night's stay on German soil after
their momentous trans-oceanic
flight from New York, Clarence
D. Chamberlin and Charles A. Le-
vine were guests today of the
Austrian government.

"Guten Tag, Wien!" (good day
Vienna) with these words Cham-
berlin greeted the Austrians when
he and Levine stepped from the
plane Columbia last night.

Notwithstanding a pouring rain
thousands of Viennese were gath-
ered at the Asperin Air Field to
meet the Americans who were im-
mediately surrounded and carried
on the shoulders of admirers.
Their wives came a few minutes
later as passengers in one of half
a dozen escorting planes.

After shaking hands with cabi-
net ministers and other officials,
the party was driven around the
field through dense crowds, the
band meanwhile playing the Aus-
trian anthem.

When a semblance of order was
restored and a path made for the
machine some one stepped for-
ward and offered the fliers a
stein of beer.

It was the second great wel-
come of the day, for when they
arrived at Munich from Berlin in
the afternoon, all of Bavaria ap-
parently had turned out in their
honor. The fact that their visit
to Munich was delayed a week had
no effect on the Bavarian enthu-
siasm. Here too, police could not
keep back the crowds.

Swarmed over the flying, they
surged about the Columbia as it
landed and surrounded the airman
before the welcoming committee
could greet them. Finally, how-
ever, the Americans were extri-
cated from the mass of humanity
and taken to the city hall to be
formally welcomed by the Lord
Mayor, the Bavarian Ministry, aero
club officials and the American
Consul. They then stepped out on
the balcony and the crowds in the
street gave vent to their enthu-
siasm in sustained cheering.

Chamberlin and Levine flew
from Berlin to Munich in less than
five hours. Their trip from
Munich to Vienna took about two
hours. After a long series of func-
tions in Vienna, during which they
will be received by Chancellor Seil
and President Hainisch and enter-
tained by the American Legation,
the aviators will visit Prague, Bud-
apest, Warsaw, Zurich and Paris.
Lack of time made it necessary
for them to decline innumerable
invitations to visit other cities and
towns in all parts of Europe.

They have made provisional ar-
rangements to sail for home on
the Leviathan, July 12.

Army Blimp TC-5 Resumes Journey

Fayetteville, June 20.—(AP)—
The U. S. Army blimp TC-5
which landed here yesterday af-
ternoon en route from Langley
field, Virginia to Fort Benning,
Georgia, for photographic work,
took off from the flying field at
Fort Bragg at 7 o'clock this morn-
ing to return to Langley field.

The rudder of the machine was
damaged in its attempted take off
yesterday afternoon after heavy
photographic supplies and a pho-
tographic expert had been taken
aboard. A new rudder was or-
dered, and the plan was to con-
tinue to Fort Benning.

The damaged part was repaired
last night however, and after a
trial flight over the field early
this morning the machine took off
for its home field. It will resume
its journey to Fort Benning, offi-
cials said, after repairs have been
made at Langley and when weath-
er conditions permit.

Robinson Theft Trial First In Superior Court

Court Denies Motion for Dismissal in Action Against Negro Truckman Accused Part in Stealing

PERRY CASE IS NEXT

A case in which Fred Robinson,
colored, was charged with the
theft of a quantity of merchandise
from J. B. Flora & Company,
wholesale grocers, and with re-
ceiving stolen property, was the
first action taken up in the crim-
inal term of Superior Court, which
opened Monday morning with
Judge Clayton Moore, of William-
ston, on the bench.

In the Robinson case, adjourn-
ment for lunch was ordered by
the court after the State had rested
and after George J. Spence and
T. J. Markham, attorneys for the
defense, had argued a motion for
dismissal on the ground that there
was no evidence that the merchan-
dise in question actually had been
stolen. Judge Moore denied the
motion.

A resume of the law as it bears
upon the duties of a grand jury
constituted the bulk of Judge
Moore's charge at the opening of
court. Except that he called at-
tention to misapplication of funds
by guardians for minors as a flag-
rant and widespread violation of
the law in North Carolina, the
court did not deal specifically with
any class of offenses. He remind-
ed the members of the grand jury
that it was their duty to bring up
any law violation in their respec-
tive communities, and act upon
them as circumstances might war-
rant.

The court went directly into
trial of the Robinson case, with
every prospect that the next ac-
tion to be taken up would be a
similar case against Harrison Per-
ry, colored, former deliveryman
for the Flora company, Perry was
arrested after Robinson had as-
serted to police that he had sup-
plied the merchandise which led
to Robinson's arrest on January
25, last.

Policeman G. W. Bamblett, the
first witness, told that Robinson,
shortly after his arrest, stated in
his presence that the merchandise
in question, which included quan-
tities of butter, snuff, lard, sugar,
soap, meat and cigarettes, came
from Flora's, and that "it all came
the same way." On cross examina-
tion, the officer stated that Rob-
inson did not specify how it came
into his possession.

Policeman George Twiddy, who
arrested Robinson, stated that he
found a caddy of snuff and a ten
pound package of butter in the
negro's truck at the time, and that
he recovered other merchandise
from Albert Luton, South Road
street groceryman. A search of
Robinson's home brought the dis-
covery of a tin of lard and a tin
containing a quantity of sugar, he
said.

Mr. Luton, the next witness, ex-
plained that he first bought a
quantity of cigarettes from Rob-
inson in October, accepting them
in good faith when the negro told
him he had found them. He said
the packages had the appearance
of having been run over by a ve-
hicle. Later, he continued, when
Robinson brought other merchan-
dise, he became suspicious and
entered into an arrangement to
catch him.

S. H. Johnson, member of the
Flora firm, identified containers
of butter and snuff as having
been taken from that store, but ad-
mitted he could not say positively
that they had been stolen. He
admitted also on cross examina-
tion that he did not know whether
they belonged to the Flora com-
pany when Robinson came into
possession of them. On redirect
examination, he stated that he
had not sold Robinson anything.

The members of the grand jury
are: C. C. Cartwright, foreman,
and James K. Palmer, J. C. Pal-
mer, L. S. Smith, J. U. Sedgewick,
W. E. Ball, F. P. Markham, Jr.,
W. M. Raper, J. A. Harris, H. H.
Meade, D. M. Jennings, W. B. Har-
ris, D. S. Jones, J. E. Upton, C.
Bright, Harley S. James, J. Q.
Stallings and W. P. Ferrell.

RECOVERS FROM PLANK WITH AIR COMPRESSOR

Irwin Nixon, of Hertford, re-
turned home from the Elizabeth
City Hospital Sunday, apparently
recovered from the effect of a bit
of horseplay that for a time
threatened to terminate fatally,
when a fellow employe at the
Major & Loomis lumber mill near
Hertford turned a powerful air
compressor full upon him, dis-
tending his entire alimentary system.

Physicians attending Nixon
feared that his intestinal tract
would not resume normal func-
tioning. So far as can be learned
here, Nixon is the only individual
on record to recover from such an
experience.

Man Seized By Four On Tampa Streets And Flogged

Tampa, Fla., June 20.—(AP)— William E. Sullivan, motion picture machine operator, was seized on the streets last night by four men, dragged into a waiting automobile and taken several miles into the woods and severely whipped. Sullivan was left in the woods, but returned to his home at 2:30 o'clock this morning and declared that he did not recognize any of his assailants.

Sullivan had just left the theater
where he is employed, when a big
touring car drew up at the curb
and two men leaped out and seized
him. Mrs. Sullivan, who had
followed her husband out of the
theater, screamed and ran to the
side of her husband and was like-
wise seized and drawn into the car.
Mrs. Sullivan was brought back
to the city by the floggers and, ac-
cording to police, was unharmed
but Sullivan was left in the woods.
Richard Noat, a friend of Sulli-
van's, ran to his assistance and
was struck down with the butt
end of a pistol by one of the kid-
napers as the car sped away.
Noat was treated at a hospital
for his injuries. He told officers
investigating the slugging that he
did not recognize any of the men
in the car.

CHOWAN BRIDGE SURFACING NOW FAR UNDER WAY

Little Other Construction Remains to be Done, Ac- cording to Reports Re- ceived From Edenton

LINK IN FOUR ROADS

Final construction work is be-
ing rushed to completion this
week on the \$600,000 Chowan
Bridge, greatest of all engineer-
ing projects undertaken in North-
eastern Carolina. Reports from
Edenton state that little remains
to be done except to finish surfac-
ing the mile and a half structure
with Kentucky rock asphalt as an
enduring traffic road.

Work also is proceeding rap-
idly on the bridge approach, ex-
tending 15 miles from Windsor
county seat of Bertie, to the west-
ern terminus of the structure, and
four miles from its eastern termi-
nus to Edenton. It is anticipat-
ed that that work will be finished
in time for the celebration at
Eden House and in Edenton on
Wednesday, July 20, when many
thousands from all along the At-
lantic Seaboard are expected to
gather in North Carolina's his-
toric Colonial capital for a day of
sight-seeing and rejoicing.

An examination of highway
maps disclose that the Chowan
Bridge is an essential link in two
National roads, in the State high-
way system, and in the newly
created Virginia Dare Trail, a sec-
tional road.

First in importance among
these is the Atlantic Coastal High-
way, extending from Northeast
Bertie, Maine to Key West, Florida.
This great highway, ever skirting
the coast, passes through 15
states, and is declared to be 200
miles shorter than any other
North and South road, besides
having more miles of hardsurfacing
than any other.

Among the cities through which
the Atlantic Coastal Highway
passes are Portland, Maine, Ports-
mouth, New Hampshire, Boston,
Providence, New London, New
Haven, Bridgeport, New York,
Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia,
Wilmington, Delaware, Baltimore,
Washington, Fredericksburg, Vir-
ginia, Newport News, Norfolk,
Elizabeth City, Hertford, Ed-
enton, Washington, North Carolina,
New Bern, Wilmington, Charlot-
te, Savannah and Jacksonville,
and thence to Key West.

Frank O. Miller, of Jackso-
ville, president of the Atlantic
Coastal Highway Association, is
scheduled to be one of the speak-
ers at the celebration.

The second National road in
which the bridge is a link is Route
17 of the Federal Highway Sys-
tem. Route 17 begins at Fred-
ericksburg, Virginia, and follows
the course of the Atlantic Coastal
Highway to Jacksonville, Florida.
It is a unit in the system of roads
whereby the Government would
be enabled to move troops, artil-
lery and supplies quickly from
point to point along the coast in
the event of a threat of foreign
invasion.

In the State highway system,
the bridge links Route 30, at
Windsor, with Route 342, at
Edenton. The old State highway
from Windsor to Edenton via
Winton and Gatesville is given as
86 miles long on the State high-
way map. The distance via this
bridge is 21 1/2 miles—a differ-
ence of 64 1/2 miles.

The Virginia Dare Trail is a
newly christened historic high-
way swinging away to the East-
ward from the Roanoke River, at
Williamston, through Windsor
across the Chowan Bridge into
Edenton, and thence across the
Albemarle counties to the lower
tip of Currituck. The ferries
transport the motorist to the
North Carolina coast at Kitty
Hawk Bay, on the one hand, and
to Roanoke Island, on the other.

Alternative highways from
Norfolk, hardsurfaced all the way,
lead into the Virginia Dare Trail
at Elizabeth City.

Four Persons Hurt When Chauffeur Naps At Wheel

Raleigh, June 20.—(AP)—Four
persons injured, one seriously,
early this morning when the auto-
mobile in which they were riding
crashed into a tree on the Raleigh-
Smithfield Highway at Auburn,
ten miles from here.

Miss Nannie Riggs, a business
student here, was seriously in-
jured, while W. R. Trull, Miss
Sina J. Riggs, and Chauncey M.
Jones, all of Raleigh, suffered cuts
and bruises.

Jones said that Trull, driving,
had fallen asleep on the long
weekend trip home from the Bay-
boro section.