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CLOVER SHUTS OFF LIQUOR SUPPLY

JUDGE RICE DISCOVERS LAW THAT PUTS GLOOM AMONG THE MORALLY STUNTED.

Those Calling for their "Booze" are Informed That there is "Nothing Doing" in the way of Securing the "Conversation Water" at South Carolina Town—Conditions Had Become Very Obnoxious to Clover and Surrounding Community, Including Gastonia.

When the law prohibiting the shipping of whiskey into Gaston county went into effect it looked as if those who had to have their "booze" were up against it. But soon some fellow with a little more ingenuity than others found that he could have his whiskey shipped to Clover, S. C., and then go down and get it. Others got onto the scheme and as a consequence the road from Gastonia to Clover has been the busiest in the county. It had become very objectionable to the Clover people and they passed an ordinance that prevented the whiskey being opened in the corporate limits. The people along the road were complaining on account of the disorderly conduct of the men going to and from Clover.

The situation was reported to Judge Rice, who was holding court in York last week, and he said it could be stopped and he resurrected a law that did stop it. The wording of the law we are not familiar with but it provides that whiskey cannot be delivered to a non-resident. The first installment that went down Saturday morning was politely informed by officers that if they took the whiskey from the express office they would be immediately arrested. They did not get their liquor. They came back and reported the occurrence and it spread like wildfire. The "regulars" were up against it; they knew not which way to turn. There was nothing to do. The "jitney" buses had time to spare while on the previous Saturday they hardly stopped to eat.

This is going to make a great difference in the attendance at the City Court for a while at least. Recently drunkenness has been on the increase and it could be attributed to nothing else than the fact that this whiskey was being brought in from Clover. It will also be a relief to the people of Clover who have long ago become disgusted at the crowds running into their town for whiskey.

One man from here went to Clover Saturday and stated to the authorities that his home was in South Carolina, and by doing that he secured his whiskey and returned to the city. That trick might be worked once or twice, but it will not take long to get onto that and some one is going to get in trouble.

The law under which the Clover authorities are acting is a dispensary law which makes it a crime to transport whiskey across the line. Monroe Lockhart, colored, went down and insisted that he was from South Carolina. The officers suspicioned him and told him that they would get him if they found he was a resident of North Carolina. He got the liquor and they arrested him and now have him locked up. Two men from this section were arrested at Gaffney for the same offense and had to put up bond for their appearance at court.

As a result of the shut down at Clover there were only two cases before the Recorder this morning and they were traced to a man who works here but claims that his father lives just over the South Carolina line and in this way he got his. There is some doubt about just where the man lives and whether or not he is in South Carolina.

Judge Rice in speaking of this evil to the grand jury last week said: "It should be an easy matter to get those North Carolina people who are making Clover a dumping ground for their liquor. The law on that point is plain. It is only necessary for the authorities to enforce that law."

He had hardly made the statement until the Clover people applied to him for relief, so utterly disgusted were they with the conditions. Conditions in South Carolina along some lines must be just as they are in this State. We quote further from Judge Rice's talk which can be applied to North Carolina:

"During the four years which I have been on the bench keeping my eyes open in order to ascertain what is needed to uphold the law and discover the reason for so many killings in this state. The number of killing

RED FLAG FLOATS AT HILLSTORM'S FUNERAL.

No Other Funeral Like it Ever Held in Chicago—There Were No Prayers—Coffin Borne by Anarchists.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The funeral of Joseph Hillstorm, I. W. W. member executed by a firing squad in Utah last week, was held here today and the body was later cremated.

The funeral was unlike anything ever held in Chicago before. Gathered in the Westside auditorium were 3,000 persons, while other thousands were unable to gain entrance.

Incoming freight trains, factories, lodging houses, the slums, and the workmen's cottages contributed to the crowd.

The red flag floated unmolested at every turn. Draped around the plain pine coffin of the man who was legally shot to death by the Utah authorities was a red banner.

No creed or religion found a place at the services. There were no prayers and no hymns, but there was a mighty chorus of voices joining in songs written by Hillstorm. Throughout the decedent was referred to as "Joe Hill."

On a banner above the coffin and on the programs containing the songs which were sung; was this inscription:

"In memoriam, Joe Hill. We never forget. Murdered by the authorities of the state of Utah, November 19, 1915.

William D. Haywood was chairman of the meeting. He made a speech, as did James Larkin, who led the last dock workers' strike in England. The funeral oration was made by O. N. Hilton, the lawyer, who defended Hillstorm.

Eight men said to be anarchists carried the coffin to the building. In the procession one long formed behind it and marched to a station of the elevated railroad. The trip to the cemetery was made in this way. Comparatively few persons went to the cemetery.

Looking for Owner.

Wadesboro, Nov. 25.—A trunk containing 102 pints of liquor is in the trunk was checked from Roanoke, Va., as baggage and came over the Norfolk & Western and Winston-Salem Southbound. When it reached Wadesboro, Bennett Leak, local agent of the Southbound, became suspicious and made some investigation which led him to believe that the trunk contained "joy water."

When a drayman came down and presented the check efforts were made to locate the owner of the trunk, but without success. After asking for instructions from his superintendent, Mr. Leak turned the trunk over to Sheriff Clark, who will make efforts to apprehend the sender and the one for which it was intended.

In South Carolina during the past 15 or 20 years has been simply appalling. There is something radically wrong. You often hear the expression, "there is no use going to court; you can't get justice." I don't know whether that is true in York county or not but I will have a chance to learn.

"The trouble is that the average petit juror thinks he has a right to acquit or convict a defendant as he pleases, regardless of the law and the evidence. Many of them honestly think that. So far as I have seen, York county jurors are not of that kind. These cases here this week have been disposed of in accordance with the law and the evidence. But in some counties it seems that a defendant is acquitted or convicted as the jurors please, regardless of the facts.

"As an illustration I cite you a case which came under my observation in one of the lower counties of the state several months ago. A man was on trial for killing another. The undisputed testimony was that the deceased had been shot in the back four times. The defendant had the gall to plead self-defense and was acquitted.

"How can we administer justice when such things exist?" asked his honor, "Can it be the fault of the judge? No, because it is not for him to say whether the defendant is guilty or not. Neither is it the fault of the solicitor, because he does not pass on the guilt or innocence of the party. The petit juror alone are responsible. They are the most powerful factors in the judicial system of the state. As I have pointed out in some counties, the average petit juror believes he has a right to settle a case as he pleases regardless of evidence if a solicitor or judge tried to do that he would lose his job in 12 months."

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Short News Notes of Happenings in Different Parts of the World.

Prospects of settling out of court all the cases of American meat packers, involving cagoes valued at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, pending before prize courts, was discussed in Washington this week. It is possible the British government may look with favor on a private and correct disposition of the cases.

Judge Wilson at Spartanburg, held the South Carolina gallon-a-month law unconstitutional in its application to intra state shipments of liquor. The trouble is in the title of the act and is one that a legislative amendment will cure readily. The law provides that individuals may not receive more than a gallon of liquor a month.

Neutrality in the European conflict as practiced by the United States was approved by the American Federation of Labor Convention at San Francisco. The shipment of munition to belligerents was approved and the efforts of the sympathizers of belligerents in this country to use workmen in behalf of belligerents was condemned.

The has been some agitation for the change of locations of some of the Federal Reserve Banks and the probable reduction of the number. The Attorney General of the United States was asked for advice and in his opinion the Federal Reserve Board has no power to reduce the number of banks or to change their locations.

Rear Admiral William N. Little, United States Navy, retired, has been acquitted by the court martial before which he was tried on the charge of negligence of duty in connection with his inspection of the submarine K-2, but the findings of the court have not met with the approval of Secretary of the Navy Daniels. A new trial will not be ordered however.

The membership of the Methodist church in the north now numbers exactly 4,033,123, according to official statistics. The net increase in membership last year was 164,000. The report shows that Methodism is losing slowly in New England, holding its own in the middle West and Philadelphia, Chicago, Omaha, and Minneapolis.

Contracts involving the expenditure of half a million dollars in the Yosemite National Park for new hotels, transportation facilities and camp sites have been signed by Secretary Lane of the Interior Department. The concessions are granted to private concerns, but will be operated upon completion next summer under strict government supervision.

The American Federation of Labor, after a contest waged on the floor of the convention for four hours, refused by a close vote to indorse State and Federal legislation providing for an 8 hour day. President Samuel Gompers ended the debate in an impassioned speech in which he declared the Socialist party was behind the movement to force the Federation to indorse the proposed legislation.

Execution at Beirut of 11 members of an Egyptian secret society which it is claimed had for its object the creation of an independent Arabian State under protectorate of Great Britain, is announced in Washington by the Turkish embassy. The members of the society, the embassy alleges, planned to assassinate high official and many other prominent people.

The conviction of Hans Schmidt former New York Romish priest charged with murdering Anna Ammuller, was upheld by the Court of Appeals of New York. Schmidt was arrested September 15, 1913, and confessed to the police that he had killed Miss Ammuller, whose dismembered body had been found in the North river. After two trials he was convicted. He then repudiated his confession and the case was appealed.

Auto Accident at Wilmington.

Wilmington, Nov. 26.—Dr. J. H. Dreher, of this city, was caught on the railroad track near the city, yesterday in his automobile between the arms used to stop vehicles from going across while trains are nearby and one of the arms struck one of the occupants of the car, injuring her slightly and he lost control of the machine plunging into the car of J. D. Brown, who was coming from the opposite direction and both automobiles were badly damaged. Miss Lena Schulken was thrown out of the car by the impact and Mrs. Alice Schulken was struck on the head by the car. Both women had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

READ GASTONIAN ADS—IT PAYS.

THREE TRAINMEN WERE NEGLIGENT

ENGINEER TANKERSLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE SIGNAL DISPLAYED MEANT.

Verdict Says That Flagman Clyde Wilson was Grossly Negligent and That Engineer Tankersly and Fireman Kelly Were Also to Blame for the Accident.

Salisbury, Nov. 27.—Charging three railroad men with negligence in connection with the wreck, the jury of Coroner Summersett, of Rowan county today investigating the death of C. E. Hall and H. C. Severs of Charlotte, who were killed when Southern train No. 38 struck the rear Pullman of second section of No. 32, the football special, on the yards Wednesday night, late this afternoon returned the following verdict:

"That C. E. Hall and H. C. Severs came to their death by being killed in a wreck on the Southern Railway in the Salisbury yard on November 24, 1915, on second 32....

"First, That Clyde Wilson, a flagman, was grossly negligent in failing to display the proper signals to protect his train, second No. 32 from train No. 38.

"Second, that A. Tankersly, engineer on train No. 38, was negligent in disregarding signals at block and not bringing his train in under control as per rules of the railway company.

"Third, that Arthur Kelley, fireman, was guilty of contributory negligence in failing to observe and notify the engineer of the displayed signals on rear of train No. 32."

Engineer Tankersly of No. 38 stated that he left Charlotte at 8:32, passed China Grove at 9:24, one minute late. As soon as he could get light after the crash he saw that it was 9:38. There is a down grade for two miles and his rate of speed before seeing the signal light was 40 miles an hour, this was reduced to 15 when passing the signals and to eight or ten when he saw the rear of the special train, about 50 feet ahead.

"I could not stop in season of my vision at that time," he said, "but had ample time to stop at the cross-over where I expected to get the signal. I saw the flagman at the same time I saw the rear of the special."

Asked what caused the wreck, Tankersly replied that in his judgment it was due to "improper flagging." A fusee in the rear of the special would have been sufficient. This was the first time he had ever caught a train without a flag out. The signals at this place always show the same—red above green—giving him the right of way to the passenger station track and there was nothing to indicate that there was a train on the track. He had never seen a train at that place. The green signal gave him the right of way to the passenger track. If red only had been showing, he would have stopped. He did not know until this wreck that red and green only gave him qualified rights. If the cross-over switch had not been shown, both lights would have shown red, no train on the track the lights would have been the same as they were.

Arch Helms, Charged with the Murder of Henry Shoe, Acquitted.

Albemarle, Nov. 27.—After deliberating for several hours the jury in the case against Arch Helms, charged with the murder of Henry Shoe, at sunset this afternoon filed into the court room and rendered a verdict of not guilty. Judge Carter at once ordered Helms into the custody of the sheriff until he gives a bond in the sum of \$2,000 to appear and answer to the charge of manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquors contrary to the law.

Helms was exceedingly nervous while awaiting the foreman's statement.

Rioting at Greenfield Cotton Mill; Three Stabbed.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 27.—In rioting which occurred at the opening of the Judson Cotton Mill here today, David Frieze, a striking operative, was probably fatally stabbed and two strike breakers, Gordon Brown and J. M. Humphries, severely cut. Brown and Humphries with two other strike-breakers are under arrest.

Strikers said that the fight started when the strike-breakers, who jeered them, became enraged when the strikers asked sheriff's deputies for protection. Strike-breakers asserted they they were attacked on their way to work.

BIG FIGHT WILL BE ON "WOMAN AND WINE."

Congressman E. Yates Webb Says These Two Questions Will Loom Big in the Coming Session of Congress.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Representative Webb, who arrived here today, says that the two biggest questions to come before his committee when it meets a week from Monday will be woman suffrage and prohibition. Some minor changes may be made in the Webb-Clayton anti-trust laws, but the big fight will be centered around whiskey and woman suffrage.

Mr. Webb is chairman of the judiciary committee and has been one of the prohibitionist's most loyal and consistent supporters. He voted against woman suffrage when it last came before the house and delivered one of the strongest speeches heard in the lower branch of Congress giving his reasons for opposing the amendment.

It is expected Mr. Webb will introduce a resolution in the house for nationwide prohibition. Mr. Webb will hold a conference with a special committee December 4, when the nature of the bill to be introduced will be discussed.

There is little doubt that "John Barleycorn" will be voted out of Washington by the Congress which meets December 6, and there is a good chance that the nationwide movement will receive substantial support.

Mr. Webb came here from Salisbury. He was on the special train from Charlotte that was wrecked by No. 38 Wednesday night. Along with hundreds of others he was en route to Richmond to witness the Virginia Carolina football game. Mr. Webb himself barely escaped serious injury. He had just moved from the end of the car where Ed Hall and Captain Severs were killed, when the crash came.

AMERICAN TROOPS SLAY MEXICANS.

Soldiers Crossing Into the United States Find a Warm Reception and Return Leaving Several of Their Comrades Dead—Situation is a Terrible One.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 25.—Fifty-eight Mexican soldiers, crossing into the United States at Harrison's ranch, east of here, fired on six American troopers of the tenth cavalry today. Twenty-five other troopers of the tenth cavalry, who were on reserve post, opened fire on the Mexicans, killing a number, according to reports and bringing one wounded prisoner into camp.

Sentiment among Villa adherents was apparently growing against Americans today. The military authorities on this side of the boundary were unusually vigilant.

Vicente Terrapas, a civil official of Nogales, Sonora, was executed today by order of General Acosta, for having exceeded his authority in ordering the death of a Mexican who participated in the riots in the Mexican town last night.

Acting Gov. Carlos Randall said today he had telegraphed to Washington that the rioting was caused by rumors that General Obregon had been allowed to advance on Mexican Nogales over American territory.

Thomas Watson on Trial Charged With Sending Obscene Literature Through the Mail.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 25.—Thomas F. Watson, once populist party candidate for the presidency, and well known editor and author, is expected to go trial here tomorrow in federal court on a charge of sending obscene literature through the United States mails.

The indictment in four courts is based upon a serial published in Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine entitled "The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the Deadliest Menace to Our Liberties and Our Civilization."

This is the second time Watson has faced trial on the same charge and because of the same article. At the first trial Judge Rufus Foster, quashed the indictment on the ground that the entire article should have appeared in the indictment rather than excerpts. The populist then declared that portions of what was objected to were extracts from a Catholic book on theology.

The matter was brought to the attention of the next federal grand jury and a new indictment returned. Judge W. W. Lambden of the Southern district of Georgia will preside at the trial.

Mr. Ernest Warren has returned to school at Chapel Hill.

SHORT ITEMS OF STATE NEWS

Any thing and Everything That is News, Gathered and Put in Short Form So as to be Easy Reading by Busy People.

In Charlotte one day last week a turkey gobbler flew through a plate glass window. The owner of the "bird" put up \$40 to pay for the smashed glass.

Chas. McAfree, an employee of the Champion Pine Fiber Company at Canton, Haywood county, was fatally injured in an accident at Canton and died in an Asheville hospital. His skull was fractured.

Alleging malicious prosecution, suit for the recovery of \$20,000 has been instituted for the recovery of that amount from S. Sternberg by A. J. Harvard. The plaintiff was arrested charged with theft and was acquitted.

At Reidsville, Tuesday night Will Davis, negro fired two shot at his wife as she entered the railway station waiting room and killed her. In attempting to arrest him Policeman Sullivan shot him and probably the wound will prove fatal.

Mr. J. F. Miller has sold the Hickory Times-Mercury to John O. Berkeley, a newspaper man of Waterloo, Ia. The Times-Mercury is Republican in politics and it is announced that the new editor will continue it as a Republican paper.

Ray Story, about 17 years of age, was killed Saturday about 4 miles from Blowing Rock by a companion, another youth of about the same age. They were drinking freely and handling firearms carelessly. The coroner's jury found that the shooting was accidental.

The engagement of Bishop Thomas C. Dorst of the Eastern Carolina diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Miss Lauriston Hardin is announced. The marriage will take place in the spring. The bride-to-be is a member of one of the most prominent families of Wilmington.

Julius Heller, a Jew and a merchant of Raleigh, was found dead in bed Monday morning. He was unmarried and about 60 years old. He had come to Raleigh a peddler. He left an estate valued at \$50,000.

Insurance losses on the News and Observer fire in Raleigh have been adjusted. The News and Observer Company is allowed \$15,000 on the building which is valued at \$20,000, and \$44,000 on the equipment which was valued at \$85,000. This figures a net loss of 46,000.

J. M. Johnston, of Willard, Pender county, got his hand caught in a cotton gin and hand and arm were so badly mangled that the arm was amputated just below the elbow. In the days of hand-fed cotton gins accidents of this kind were numerous. With the modern gin there is not so much danger.

Of the 47 applicants who took the examination before the State Board of Pharmacy only 18 passed. Among those who passed were Harry H. Allen of Shelby, Earl L. Canton, of Charlotte, R. N. Mann of High Point, Robert S. Daily of Reidsville, and Harry L. Riddle of Morganton.

Mr. H. C. Martin, of Lenoir, former editor of the Lenoir News, is endeavoring to organize an expedition to discover the source of the mysterious light that has been mystifying the inhabitants of Burke County for some years. Mr. Martin called a meeting at Lenoir Saturday afternoon to organize the expedition.

Man and Wife in Court for Imprisoning Daughter.

Easton, Md., Nov. 26.—Frank Marshall and his wife today were bound over to the county grand jury on charges connected with the alleged imprisonment for 12 years in their home, of Marshall's daughter, Grace, now 28 years old. Marshall was charged with assault with intent to commit murder and Mrs. Marshall with assault.

Bond of \$2,500 each was furnished by a delegation of St. Michaels residents.

Automobile Turns Turle Near Newton. Several Hurt.

Newton, Nov. 25.—An automobile carrying six young people from Lincoln town turned over three miles south of Newton this afternoon and every member of the party was more or less hurt, none seriously excepting possibly Reuben Ford, who was brought back to Newton and given medical attention.

Burgin Goodson and Misses Perry Hallman, Mattie Goodson, Ellen Goodson and Ethel Hines, the last of Spartanburg, were carried back to Lincoln town.