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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Appointment by Senator Simmons of a campaign manager and field marshal for his campaign for re-election, opening of Simmons headquarters in Greensboro with a directing branch in Raleigh and opening of the Bailey headquarters in Raleigh were three moves this week which interested the state—presaging as they do the firing of opening guns in the near future of the Simmons-Bailey primary race, by all odds one of the most interesting races of recent years and expected to have a decided bearing on the future of the Democratic party in the state. The expelling of three students at State college for hazing was followed this week by the expulsion of four others guilty of similar offenses, ruling that the state can not collect gasoline tax from counties using gasoline, affirmation of a sentence given under the Turlington act for buying liquor, the first of its kind ever to reach the high court, defeat of a countywide eight months school referendum for Wake county, awarding of bids for highway construction, and other matters of interest kept the State's capital in the limelight of the news last week.

Senator Simmons ended the speculation over his campaign manager by appointing Charles A. Hines of Greensboro. Mr. Hines will be assisted by John D. Langston of Goldsboro, who will be in charge of activities at Raleigh while Mr. Hines will direct the entire campaign from Greensboro. Neill McKay Salmon of Lillington will be Mr. Hines' assistant at Greensboro while T. B. Ward of Wilson will be on hand to aid Colonel Langston.

While these developments were taking place, the Bailey forces were busy. James S. Manning, head of the Bailey board of strategy, was directing the campaign from Raleigh and today the campaign manager, Mr. Shuping of Greensboro, arrived in the city to start an active drive for votes for Bailey. He indicated today that while his fight would be waged actively, there would be no room for workers who desire only to abuse. Mr. Shuping is convinced of the constructive righteousness of his candidate's case and expects to pitch the campaign on a high level.

By 35 votes the rural sections of Wake county this past week refused to approve a county-wide eight months school system. It was said that the opposition was not so much based on opposition to expenditures for education as an opposition at this time of business depression to anything which might bring about even a slight increase in the tax required.

Dr. E. C. Brooks continued his investigation of hazing activities at State college this past week, with the result that four more students were expelled in addition to the three expelled last week. A curious development was the expulsion of two freshmen for hazing a sophomore, somewhat reversing the usual order of hazing parties. Dr. Brooks feels that he has gotten to the bottom of the entire situation and that the outbreak of hazing which figured a great deal in the papers has been put down permanently.

In the first case of the sort ever to come before it, the Supreme Court ruled that the purchaser of liquor under the Turlington act in North Carolina is guilty of a crime, even though the 18th amendment does not so classify him. He ruled that a state has the right to go beyond the 18th amendment in regulating the liquor traffic. Opinion by Chief Justice Stacy was of wide interest in dry circles.

In addition to ruling on this very important case the Supreme Court held that counties of the state are not liable to taxation for the gasoline they use, as the statute clearly prohibits the taxation of a sub-division of the State government. Only gasoline used for county purposes, however is excepted. The revenue department estimates that the ruling of the high court will cut the revenue of the state from the gasoline tax by half a million dollars a year.

Fifteen projects of the state highway commission were let to contractors this week at a total cost of \$1,358,917.61. The roadbuilding is scattered widely over the state. The report of the fatalities chargeable to automobiles last month was released and showed that 53 persons lost their lives, eleven of which fatal accidents were at grade crossings. While the total was less than the 68 killed in December, it was greater than the 43 killed in January, 1929. There was considerable interest in the proposal coming from Asheville that horse racing with betting be legalized so that Asheville may set up a great race track. While it was indicated if the matter comes before the legislature in the form of a bill to amend the wagering laws of the state, still it was pointed out that such a measure had little chance of approval, as public betting as long since been condemned.

Governor Gardner having been attacked for alleged purchasing of groceries from chain stores while preaching a Live at Home doctrine gave answer to his critics in a most gentlemanly yet scorching form this past week. While denying that his major purchases were made from chain stores, as alleged by critics, the governor called attention to the fact that since he paid for his groceries out of his own pocket, he figured that he had the same right as every other citizen to purchase from whomsoever he pleased. Thus far there is no record that the unmanly critics have had any effective reply to make to Mr. Gardner's gentlemanly yet telling declaration.

A move to clear the senatorial field for former governor A. W. McLean by having both Messrs. Bailey and Simmons withdraw, "in the interests of the party" met with little approval

from Mr. Bailey. He said he was in the race to stay to the finish.

With plans for the Democrats' Jackson Day dinner on March 15 going ahead, no little comment was caused this past week when it was discovered that five state officials had been left off the list of honor guests. They are Frank Grist, William A. Graham, W. T. Lee, George Pell and Stanley Winborne. It was explained by the young Democrats in charge of the affair that no slight was intended, that the invitations just ran out before these names were reached. It is estimated that about 600 will be present at the dinner, from every section of the state.

Floyd Stanley, negro, was to have died in the electric chair on February 28 for murder, but he will not as the governor has reduced his sentence to life imprisonment. Governor Gardner took a few days off this past week and he and Mrs. Gardner rested and golfed at Pinhurst. A whale is now on display at the state museum, having been transported piece by piece from Wrightsville beach, where it was beached. This whale was subjected to considerable treatment by museum officials before being ready to mount.

"MR. IRELAND LEADING A PEACE BRIGADE."

Editor of The Daily News:

Your Mr. Ireland leading a peace brigade is one of those things I not looked to see. But I understand that even grim Mars had his intervals of peace, particularly when he contemplated a call upon the lady Venus. And no doubt, had one of his friends been running for office, he might have been seen putting on a clumsy attempt at capturing the dove.

But isn't Mr. Ireland somewhat selfish in his attitude? Altogether

too much like the young man in from his honeymoon, who, when his young bride, in her inexperience with the cooking stove, let fall a naughty word, said to her: "Annie, you and I are good friends and all that, but I want you distinctly to understand that when there is any cussing to be done around here I am the one who is going to do it."

Isn't it overbearing for the Simmons, Ireland, McNinch wing of the party to insist that there is to be any conscientious hell-raising within the ranks, they alone shall be entitled to do it?

If, in my simplicity, I should actually believe that charity and forbearance were more important than prohibition; if, after looking in my Bible and seeing that part of God's daily offering, as required by his own command—through His prophet Moses—was wine; and if, as I believe, I have historical proof that wine—not less than one half of one per cent—was poured for a thousand years on the altar of Jehovah; if I should find that Christ's first miracle was changing water into wine, and that His most sacred sacrament taken today in wine—not in less than one half of one per cent—is an eternal refutation of prohibition by force, and from all this conclude that such a method of handling alcoholic drinks is without divine authority, shall I be denied the right of standing by my conviction?

Mr. Ireland may very well say that if God did not know that wine drinking was wrong, in the olden times, he ought to know it now, as good Bishop Cannon, the saintly Simmons and others have told him so in their prayers. And there is always the possibility that in a difference of opinion between Mr. Ireland and Providence over a moral issue, Mr. Ireland could tell us definitely and

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at once which one of them was right. I grant all this.

But, still if Mr. Ireland is really and truly a Democrat, and belongs to the party whose chief tenet is fair play, oughtn't he to grant me the same right he assumes for himself, and not, as in his letter he so clearly does, chide me for voting as my conscience dictates.

J. PALMER.

Sanford.—Greensboro Daily News.

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