

EIGHTY DISTILLERIES SEIZED IN FEBRUARY

Revenue Office, Working Big Squad of Men, Make Big Showing For Month

Greensboro N. C., March 15.—Officials here of the United States internal revenue department have just completed their report of the work during February. This report shows that 80 illicit distilleries were destroyed during the month. Of this total number, 48 were seized in the fifth district, comprising the western part of North Carolina; 20 were captured in the fourth district, comprising the eastern part of the state; one was taken in the sixth district of Virginia, and one was destroyed in the Georgia district.

Considering the fact that February was a short month, this record of work accomplished is exceedingly good. Besides the destruction of plants, a large amount of equipment, spirits and beer was destroyed, and a number of arrests were made.

The capture of the Georgia plant was made through a mistake, the officers taking no authority to operate in that district. They had gone out on a rail from Murphy, and went over the line without knowing it. Their trip was not without result, however, for they found an illicit plant in Fanning county.

There are 25 men working under the revenue agent of this division now, this being the largest number ever before employed for the division. Nine of these men are income tax collectors, while the others are working as deputy collectors and special employes in the field. This is thought to be the largest squad of men, stationed in any division in the United States, not considering the income tax men. There is really a reason for having so many men in this division, however. Records show that illicit distilling within its boundaries is second in volume in the country, the Georgia district ranking first.

Money For Schools.

The State Board of Education has apportioned the school equalizing fund for the State, distributing \$403,630.45 with which to project the school term to an average of 100.3 days. The money allotted the several counties in the State comes from what is known as the State equalizing fund. It was provided for by the 1913 General Assembly and raised by a 5-cent levy on each \$100 valuation and set aside from the State tax levy.

The term of 100.3 days lacks three and one-tenth days of equalling the term of last year which went 103.3 days, which the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News says is due to the fact that "salaries of teachers have been raised and the compulsory school law has placed so many additional children in the schools that a larger number of teachers had to be employed. And while the term has been shortened by a half week, the number of children put in the schools runs into many thousands."

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MR. R. J. REYNOLDS IS INTERVIEWED

Talks Interestingly of Tobacco Plant While in Dallas.

The following interview from Mr. R. J. Reynolds, which appeared in the Dallas Morning News of Dallas, Texas, last Thursday morning, will be of interest locally:

K. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, N. C., head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, is in Dallas at the Adolphus Hotel, on the way to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He is accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds. Since arriving here they have received word of an ill daughter at home, and may turn back today.

Mr. Reynolds began his career as a tobacco manufacturer in 1873 in a small factory constructed of logs in Patrick county, Virginia, with a capacity of 40,000 pounds per year. Today his factory property, worth millions of dollars, is capable of turning out about 61,000,000 pounds per year.

"I used to farm in Patrick county, Virginia, sixty miles from a railroad," said Mr. Reynolds. "I quit because the most I could make was \$300 a year, and went into the manufacturing end of the tobacco business. That was in 1873. In a year and half I sold out and left because there was no railroad near me, and went to Winston-Salem N. C. Soon after that a railroad went right through the farm next to my log factory, but I'm not sorry I moved."

In the editorial rooms of The Dallas News and Evening Journal Building Mr. Reynolds caught sight of a familiar little red can of tobacco on a desk. He was pleased and spoke briefly of his factory.

"We have invented machinery for making the cans and manufacturing this year equal to the \$700,000 appropriation for advertising in newspapers and magazines.

"The weighing machines have grease hoppers for receiving the tobacco. The machine weighs it, wraps it, puts it in the can, seals the can—all without the human hand touching the tobacco."

"We used to have trouble with foreign particles—even cartridges in the tobacco. Now any foreign particle in the hopper will cause a bell to ring and the machinery stops, thereby preventing any foreign substance from getting into the tobacco."

State Highway Commission Appointed

In accordance with the act of the recent Legislature, Gov. Craig has appointed M. H. Stacey, professor of engineering at the University of North Carolina; W. C. Riddick, professor of engineering at A. & M. College; E. C. Duncan, Republican, of Beaufort county; Col. Benehan Cameron of Durham, and Guy V. Roberts, of Asheville, State highway commissioners. The Governor and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State geologist, are ex-officio members of the commission.

The commission will organize at an early date and elect an engineer. It has an appropriation of \$10,000 for its work.

Western Banks Show Deposit Gains of 26 Million in Year

The Washington Post says: The Post desires to direct the attention of its readers to the significance to the business interests of the United States of the great value of the reserves of grain held by the farmers of the United States on March 1, 1915.

The stores of wheat, corn, and oats remaining in the bins of the farmers, according to the government estimates, totaled nearly 1,500,000,000 bushels, and computing each class of grain at the prevailing market price for same it shows that the farmers still hold grain reserves, readily convertible into cash, of the immense value of quite \$1,000,000,000.

Despite the efforts made by the government officials for utmost accuracy in this estimates, the conservatism of the farmer in estimating holdings of production invariably leads to estimates less than the actual totals on hand, but accepting these present estimates to be correct, what a firm, solid, broad and strong foundation for business during the coming months is found in this great sum of purchasing power still at the command of our agriculturists.

The banks in St. Paul and Minneapolis in their report of March 1, under the call of the controller of the currency, showed deposits of \$218,000,000, a gain of \$14,000,000 since December, and a gain of \$26,000,000 since last March.

A marvelous showing, indeed, and one made possible by the prosperity the farmers of Minnesota and the adjacent States.

So it is with banks throughout the agricultural sections of the North, the center, and the West, and here we have disclosed in the estimates of the grain reserves a treasure that will command an additional billion of dollars when the farmers choose to market these reserves of grain.

Millions of tons of freight for the railways during the next ninety days as these reserves go to market; hundreds of millions of dollars to be deposited with the banks or spent with the merchants of the United States where the farmers turn this grain into cash.

Hundreds of millions of dollars for our manufacturers as our merchants replenish their stocks. A magnificent exhibit of financial strength that cannot fail to encourage business in every branch of trade.

Miss Agnes Dodson of No. 633 Summit street entertained most delightfully on Saturday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Mary Martin of Danbury, at a rook party. After the games a delicious two-course collation was served. Later music by Messrs. William Wright and Eddie Sheppard was greatly enjoyed.—Winston Journal.

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Notwithstanding the dull times of the past six months, we are now closing a successful year, and will pay our stockholders the usual dividend. Our bank is in excellent condition, and we guarantee that if you deposit your money with us it will be safe, and at the same time it will always be ready for you when you need it. We have lately put in two of the latest modern burglar-proof safes, which burglars CANNOT crack, and besides we carry full insurance against burglars and fire.

What Is The Matter With The United States?

(By Herbert H. Carson.)

"What is the matter with the United States?"

As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I have been hearing this question asked on all sides. I have never heard any satisfactory answer. No one seems to know.

Why are the American factories not running night and day?

Why are railroads not opening up new territories and getting ready for millions of immigrants who have already made up their minds to leave Europe as soon as the war is over.

Why are there not 50 American drummers in London right now, trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria.

Why have advertisers become quitters, just at the time when their advertisements were most needed and most effective in cheering on the business forces of the United States?

From the European point of view, the United States is a haven of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dare to mention to Belgium or Austria or France or Germany or Serbia or Great Britain or Russia.

Every tenth Briton has enlisted. Every tenth Frenchman is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the

United States know of trouble?

If I could afford it I would charter the Mauretani and Louisiana and convey a party of 5,000 American advertisers to Europe for a trip of education. I would give them a week in London, a week in Paris, and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the scene of war. I would give them a look at real trouble. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes apart, packed with the maimed and dying.

I would let them hear, from fragmentary survivors, the incredible story of battlefields 150 miles wide, and armies that are greater than the entire population of Texas.

I would let them see graves 100 yards long and full, and Belgium, the country that was,

nothing now but 12,000 square miles of wreckage.

Then when they began to understand, to some slight extent, the magnitude and awfulness of this war, I would say to them:

"Now, go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have not been hit. Don't be blind to the most glorious chance you have ever had in your life.

"Go back and advertise. Get ready for the most tremendous business boom that any nation ever had. Build your factories bigger. Train more salesmen. Borrow more money. Go ahead and thank God that you are alive and that your family is alive and that you are living in a land that is at peace, at a time when nearly the whole world is at war."

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