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## SENATORS HAVE THEIR EARS TO THE GROUND.

**Reason: Adoption of 17th Amendment to Federal Constitution for Popular Election.**

Washington, April 19th.—For the first time in the history of the body to which they belong, United States Senators have their ears to the ground. They want to know what the people of the country think about the tariff.

The reason for this is to be found in the adoption of the latest amendment to the Constitution which provides for the popular election of Senators. The Senate has become a representative body, theoretically, at least. In reality it may not be as it will be after the people have had a chance at it, but constructively it is now as close to the masses of the people as is the House of Representatives.

No longer is the Senate the saucer into which the hot tea of the house is poured to call, as George Washington once characterized the upper branch, of the National Legislature. On the contrary it is become one of the pots in which the legislative tea will be brewed. Popular election places Senators in a vastly different relation to the people. They must be keen in analyzing the public temper and quick to respond to the popular will if they are to retain their togs.

### Thirty-two For Re-election.

Thirty-two Senators must face re-election under the changed conditions next year, and thirty-two more must go up against that proposition two years later. The most important thing Congress can or will do prior to these elections is the enactment of the new tariff law. Senatorial hopes of re-election must rise or fall on the popular verdict passed on the proposed customs legislation.

Hence it is obvious why Senators of both parties and from all sections of the country are anxious to learn what the people think of the schedules established in the Underwood bill. They would far rather know what the people think of that measure before they vote on it than after they have voted. Accordingly they are seeking information from every possible source that will give them a line on the popular opinion of the Underwood bill. They are reading the newspapers and they are studying the resolutions and letters and telegrams that are pouring in upon them with reference to that measure. Indeed, they are urging their constituents to write to them, expressing freely and frankly their views on the tariff question. If Mr. Constituent does not approve the Underwood bill, Mr. Senator wants to know that fact, and the best way he can get that information is in a personal letter from Mr. Constituent.

Therefore it is up to Mr. Constituent to write to his senators and tell them just what he thinks of the Underwood bill. The senators will thus be able to represent the wishes of their people when they vote upon the bill, and will be less likely to make mistakes which they may have trouble explaining when they go back to their states and ask for the endorsement of a re-election.

Thus the old order changeth. Heretofore it has been the House only that has been anxious to ascertain and reflect the popular will. The Senate has been distinctly a deliberative body, and time and again it has proved entirely too deliberate in responding to the demands of the people. That is the reason the constitutional amendment changing the method of electing senators was adopted and ratified in such a hurry. Senators now realize this fact and therein lies the explanation of their suddenly changed attitude.

### Found a Cure for Rheumatism.

"I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Leo L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by All Dealers.

## Guilford Court Just Couldn't Do Business.

Greensboro, April 19.—Superior court, after futile attempts for a week to get down to work, made no attempt at all today. Judge R. B. Peebles announcing that the jurors might go home and come back Monday. During all of the past week adjournment has been taken daily before noon and not a single case of any consequence has been heard. The bulk of the week's court consisted of several divorce cases, which were at the head of the calendar.

The public generally realizing that Guilford's congested docket was used to good effect in the appeals for more circuits and more courts, are uniting in criticism of the *causae* here during the week and for the past several months. It is recognized that the lawyers have determined not to try any cases before Judge Peebles, there having developed a considerable "brawl" between the bar and the court several months ago. Every time a case is called the lawyers have been up with an excuse and the court has, without exception, accepted the excuses and ordered adjournment for lack of work.

Scanting the "frame up" Judge Peebles has made several pertinent remarks from the bench. "If the same condition exists at that time I am going to ignore the calendar made up by the bar and order the court to call off the docket, disposing of the cases as they come," he said.

### Can't Collect Illegal Mcney.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has held that notes given in this State for whiskey sold unlawfully in North Carolina by the agent of a non-resident seller and shipped into North Carolina to the buyer, cannot be collected.

The court's view is that it is an illegal contract and Chief Justice Walter Clark has written the opinion at some length. It must prove one of the most interesting cases recently decided by the Supreme Court. It is a majority expression, though, Justices Brown and Walker dissenting, while Justices Allen and Hoke are with Judge Clark. Judge Allen concurs in a short opinion.

This case came up from Henderson county where J. P. Israel was sued on a note for whiskey and upon instruction of the court that if the jury believed the evidence it should return a verdict against the plaintiff, the plaintiff excepted.

It was tried in a magistrate's court. There were two notes of less than \$200 each and upon appeal were consolidated into one by consent. The evidence was very brief and was simply that the whiskey had been sent from Cincinnati to Hendersonville and the notes were executed there. The issue was: "Is the defendant indebted to the plaintiff, and if so, in what sum?" The court's instructions are that if the jury believed the evidence the answer should be "No," carried the case to the Supreme Court.

## High Point Scene of Sunday Battle.

High Point, April 21.—Sunday about 3 o'clock a battle took place between Carl Hargrave, Joe Mettett and Ira Andrews. They had a free for all fight on Main street near Brown's cafe. Some indication of the extent of the injuries can be seen from the fact that it required 13 stitches for one, 33 stitches for another and 35 stitches for the third man. Hargrave managed to leave town and his whereabouts are as yet unknown. The two other men returned to their homes yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock the officers discovered what seems to be a foul case of infant murder down in the southern part of town. A white infant was found dead wrapped up in some old clothes and hid in the grass near a small stream. From all signs it had been placed there the night before. Chief Ridge has a strong clue as to the guilty parties and expects their identity to be established within a day or two.

## Governor Mann Operated on for Appendicitis.

Richmond, Va., April 21.—Gov. William Hodges Mann was today operated on for appendicitis at a Richmond hospital and in spite of his 69 years he rallied like a much younger man. His strong constitution and temperate life have told in his favor. The physicians say tonight that his condition is entirely satisfactory and this is verified by others who know the situation.

The Governor has been suffering from appendicitis since last Monday night when he attended a dinner. He recovered from the initial attack and the physicians came to the conclusion that an operation would be unnecessary. But a recurrence this morning resulted in a determination to operate at once. The Executive was conveyed in a huge basket from the Executive Mansion to a hospital nearby, where gas and oxygen were administered.

Eight doctors surrounded him while the operation was going on. It was performed rapidly, no complications appearing, although the appendix was found to be much inflamed. Recovery from the anesthetic was immediate and the Governor slept the greater part of the day. He suffers a good deal, but his pulse is nearly normal tonight and there is not a single disquieting symptom. His age makes the outcome doubtful and the physicians say that two or three days must elapse before anything definite can be determined.

## Fourteen Barrels Seized at Salisbury.

Salisbury, April 21.—Sheriff J. H. McKinzie, Deputy F. C. Tolbert and Deputy G. L. Baker tonight seized 14 barrels of liquor near the city limits, alleged to be the property of P. H. Thrash of Asheville. The latter was held under a bond of \$500, and Jim Luck, Lem Walker and Lee Springs, colored employes of Thrash, were jailed in default bond.

Upon his return from Raleigh today, Sheriff McKinzie was informed that a liquor plant was in operation on a large scale near the city and at once made for the scene. He found evidences of a complete equipment, including measures, funnels, siphons, strainers, corks and other vessels used in handling liquor.

It is said the plant was started Saturday, while the sheriff was out of the county, and that the owners were planning big things. The technical charge against Thrash is that he was selling and had on hand more liquor than the law allows. The seizure was made by the officers under the search and seizure law of the State. The first seizure in Rowan under the new law was a large one. The liquor is held under a strong guard tonight.

## Mountains Around Asheville Are Covered With Snow.

Asheville, April 17.—For the first time in many years, Asheville during the month of April are able to stand upon the streets of this city and view snow-clad mountain peaks. While the weather here is not cold or unusual for the month, various mountains which surround the city are covered with snow and the scene is an unusually pretty one. Attendees at baseball games have been able to see snow from the grandstand and visitors in the city enjoying the spring breezes from the verandas and roof gardens of the hotels have been greatly interested in the appearance of snow on the mountains.

## Cardinal Gibbons Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Baltimore, April 21.—Answering Inez Milholland, Cardinal Gibbons said the Christian religion had exalted woman's sphere, and she was no longer the slave of man, but equal and his peer. Her proper sphere is the home. The church decides morals and other matters individuals must decide for themselves. Personally he was opposed to suffrage.

## Certain Democrats Will Be Awarded the Places.

Washington, April 21.—After several conferences with Postmaster General Burleson, Representative Godwin said tonight that he did not have the slightest doubt that every fourth-class postoffice in the country would be filled by Democrats when the postoffice department finally got through with the re-arrangement of the postal service.

Mr. Godwin said that Postmaster General Burleson told him that while some kind of an examination would be held for fourth class postmasters, that examination would be so easy that no man who could read and write would fail to pass the examination.

"I am in favor of filling every fourth-class postoffice in the United States with Democrats," said Mr. Godwin. "If filling these offices with Democrats will place me in the class of the 'spoilsman,' then I am a 'spoilsman' of the rankest sort."

Mr. Godwin said if the postmaster general had left the slightest doubt in his mind about ousting the Republican fourth class postmasters he would not have given out the above interview. "I never was more confident of anything than I am that these Republicans will be ousted when the final test comes," said Mr. Godwin. Mr. Godwin said he was opposed to the plan of holding any kind of examination for the fourth class offices, but after going over the proposed plan with Mr. Burleson he was perfectly satisfied that the offices would be filled by Democrats regardless of the examinations.

## Mother and Daughter in Divorce Court at Same Time.

Atlanta, April 18.—The unique sight of a mother and daughter arraigned side by side as defendants in divorce court, will be witnessed in Fulton Superior Court here this week. Two separate suits have been filed against Mrs. Fanny Garrison and Mrs. Lillian Carrison Hicks, mother and daughter, respectively. Both men claim that they are hen-pecked. C. H. Garrison says that his wife forced him for a long period of time to turn over all of his weekly salary to her, and that she allowed him only 10c a day for car fare and spending money. The remainder of his money he says she spent in extravagance, in addition to running up bills which he was unable to pay. R. C. Hicks says that his wife, who is the daughter, forced him into marrying her, and has ruled him with an iron hand ever since. Threats of violence, he says are a common thing in the household.

## Suffragette Seeks Man for Law Partner.

New York, April 15.—Miss Inez Milholland, one of the most beautiful of the suffragettes, who as herald led the women's inauguration eve parade in Washington, and has figured conspicuously, will hang out her shingle this week as a lawyer in the Wall street district. But Miss Milholland was doing more than hunting an office the other day. She was after a partner, too.

"He must be a man," said one of her friends. "Miss Milholland will not take one of the women lawyers as a partner." There was no explanation of the reason for a leading suffragette to refuse a business partnership with one of her own sex. But the young lawyer will not have difficulty in finding a man who will go into partnership with her. She has had so much advertising that she receives regularly a half dozen letters of proposal each day.

### Simmons Opposes Oliver.

Washington, April 18.—Senator Simmons has notified Representative Stedman and Postmaster General Burleson that he will oppose John T. Oliver for postmaster at Reidsville.

This marks the beginning of opposition of men endorsed by representatives for postoffices.

## Blind Tigers on the Run.

American Issue.

If we are to believe the newspaper reports and our own observation, the blind tigers are certainly on the run since the search and seizure law become operative April 1. The Wilson Daily Times of the 9th informs us that Mr. Tom Tucker was relieved of his trunk, containing 132 half pints, which was checked in the Atlantic Coast Line depot, and that the police also took possession of liquor belonging to A. D. Dawson, a restaurant keeper, and Melvin Wagner, who carried his "gens' furnishings" around in a satchel.

The Durham Morning Herald has a long writeup of a raid made on Tom Yates' place on the outskirts of Durham when they found twenty-five gallons of liquor. In this write-up we read:

Many interesting stories come to the ears of the police about the effects of the new law. One is that a man who has the reputation of being a notorious tiger in Durham, stationed a man at the front of his place of business the first day the law went into effect and had him shake his head at every man who seemed to be a probable patron. Continuing the story teller says that the fellow stationed at the door shook his head so many people during the course of the day that he became so dizzy in the evening that he had to be carried home in a carriage.

The unusual quietness of the criminal element has been the marvel of the police department and times have been pretty dull since the first of April. An officer working in a part of the negro towns of the city that usually furnish some excitement on Saturday night or Sunday asked for an explanation of the funeral-like conduct of the people living in that part of the city. He was informed that the where-with-all to get happy was unobtainable.

The Charlotte Observer reports that the first Monday in this month was the only Monday morning since the recorder's court was established, years ago, in which there were no drunks reported. When we consider that Charlotte has a population of 35,000 and that the recorder's court on Monday morning has to pass upon all cases for Saturday and Sunday, and that Charlotte is a manufacturing town, this record is truly marvelous. The Observer says that if the Webb law and the search and seizure law do not account for this, it is a miraculous co-incident.

The News and Observer quotes Chief Stell as saying that the lid is on tighter in Raleigh than ever before. On the side we have learned that the price of liquor is now \$1 a pint and hard to get at that, and so a negro drayman philosophizes thus, "Us niggers will have to do without liquor now."

The truth is that the blind tigers are running so fast the officers are hardly able to catch them. A notorious one in this city, Frank Wilson, was advised by his attorney to leave for parts unknown before the search and seizure law became operative, and he took this legal advice. The whereabouts of another one leaving this city was unknown until he wrote to a friend from a post-office in Cuba. The indications are that most of the fellows who sold liquor in North Carolina a month or six months ago are now living in other places and generally under assumed names, and the selling of liquor has been reduced 90 per cent.

The few tigers who propose to continue the business are making a desperate and fatal fight. Tom Yates, of Durham, backed up, as the papers report, by the liquor dealers of Danville and other Virginia cities, will carry his case through the courts, and Tom Fogleman, who in a special from Greensboro to the News and Observer on the 11th is reported as "the blind tiger king" of that town, is now confined in jail without bond for the killing of Mr. W. H. Tucker from ambush on the streets of Greensboro Wednesday night, the 9th. Some time ago in the municipal court Fogleman was convicted of selling liquor in five cases, and Judge Eure gave him a sentence of two

years. From this he appealed, and was out on a \$2,500 bond. It appears that Fogleman supposed that Tucker gave information to the officers that led to his arrest, and therefore the murder. That the blind tiger business in North Carolina is in its death throes is self-evident, and the militant spirit manifested by the officers throughout the state will soon bring the final victory.

## London Public Has Tired of Militancy.

London, April 20.—The suffragettes had plenty of evidence today that the public has tired of militancy and only the protection afforded by large bodies of police saved the women from the hands of angry mobs. At Brighton the suffragettes were chased off the esplanade and took refuge in a neighboring house. This was surrounded by howling thousands who bombarded the place with stones and smashed every window.

In defiance of the ban on meetings in Hyde park, the Women's Social and Political union attempted to carry on its propaganda there. London had anticipated that such attempts would be made and 20,000 persons assembled at the customary meeting place.

No sooner had a suffragette mounted the box and unfurled the militant's flag than the police interfered. There were cries of "free speech!" "are we in Russia?" but these were drowned by hostile yells. Turf and stones were thrown and threatening rushes were made toward the women, but a large force of mounted and foot police surrounded them and kept the mob in check.

No sooner had the police escorted one group of women to a place of safety than others appeared from another quarter. It took the police three hours finally to restore order. Similar scenes were witnessed at Wimbledon and Hampstead Heath.

An infernal machine was discovered by a policeman early this morning in the doorway of the Yorkshire Herald office at York. The wrapping inscribed "votes for women," indicated its origin.

### Suit Against Woodmen

Greenville, S. C., April 17th.—Several cases of Statewide interest will come up within the next few days in Federal Court. The case attracting greatest attention is the suit brought against the Woodmen of the World for \$20,000 for the death of Samuel M. Taylor, brought by S. P. Taylor, executor. Samuel M. Taylor was a member of the degree team and was shot during the initiation ceremony by a candidate. The tragedy occurred near Hones Path.

The order is strong throughout this territory, and the case is being followed with a great deal of interest.

### Long-Hidden Value.

Kinston, April 15.—Hundreds of dollars is being realized by the men who are now working the unused turpentine stills in this part of the State for the deposits of still-rosin which accumulated, and at little expense of time or money. An ancient still purchased from a negro woman at Snow Hill for \$30 will net the owners between \$2,000 and \$5,000, at least double the profit at first expected. The recent flooding of the creek on which this still was located caused a temporary shutdown there, but operations have been resumed now.

A large rosin deposit at Clinton was recently discovered, and easily purchased. It is now being removed. When the turpentine stills in this section were operated, many of them before the War Between the States, rosin was not marketable, and was allowed to form deposits which have not been disturbed until now. Today this product of the pine brings a splendid price. The resin is just as good as it was when it ran from the stills. It lies just under the surface of the earth, and the men who are working it are finding little trouble in getting it out.