

IMPORTED BOOZE IS SEIZED BY OFFICERS

Board Returning Excursion Train From Norfolk, Va.

Several White Passengers, Who Had Their Liquor Taken, Reported to Contemplate Claim and Delivery Proceedings.

Realizing the temptations that beset many a visitor from a dry town when he wanders into a city where thirst quenching parlors are wide open, and knowing how apt he will be to disregard the strict Tar Heel prohibition laws, in regard to the amount of tan-giefoot that he may carry concealed on his person while within the boundaries of the Old North State, a party of officers quietly boarded the returning excursion from Norfolk at the New Hanover county line yesterday morning.

That bunch was quite a collection of booze finders, too, for it was composed of County Officer H. Mack Godwin, Plainclothesman Leon George and Policemen W. W. Lewis and J. S. Bullard. Passing through the car occupied by the more dusky portion of the passengers, they saw a husky negro man lying with his elbows on a suit case, which was on the seat beside him. That in itself was nothing unusual, but when Officer George came back through the car after the train pulled out of Castle Haynes, he saw the negro hurriedly turning over the aforesaid suit case to a negro boy, and making a quick getaway into another car.

"Whose suit case is that?" demanded Mr. George. "Mine, there ain't nothing in it," replied the boy. The officer, however, decided to take a look at the contents, and, lo and behold, nestled among various articles of feminine wearing apparel, was a considerable quantity of "eye opener" put up in bottles of pints and half pints. When this apparition burst upon the view of the cowering pickaninny he at once disclaimed it, and alleged that the negro man whom the officers saw bending over him was the real owner. This dusky gentleman, who gave his name as J. L. Lee, was at once taken into custody, and, although he vehemently protested his ignorance of the suit case and its contents, he drew down 90 days on the roads when he faced the Recorder a few hours later.

When the train rolled into the shed at the union station after this catastrophe had occurred, several suit cases, about a dozen in all, were thrown down and their owners slipped away. The officers at once took charge of the deserted pieces of baggage and found enough booze to stock a small dispensary.

This collection was at once removed to headquarters and arranged in an orderly pile in the lounge rooms. Now it so happened that all of this contraband stuff did not belong to the colored portion of the train's passengers, and when these white victims of the police department's vigilance began to make counsel among themselves, they asked each other this question: What right had the police to interfere if they desired to take a little pleasure trip, and bring back a wee drop to their less fortunate friends? Or for that matter, what right did the police have to keep liquor in their possession any more than anybody else?

The more they pondered over this question the more convinced they became that the cops had overstepped their authority. With this view of the matter, they sought the advice of an attorney. What the barrister told them was not announced, but anyway, a short time ago and under the name of the liquor appeared at police headquarters and looked with longing eyes at their confiscated treasures.

While no steps had actually been taken last night to regain possession of the whiskey, it was expected that the evening that the owners are going to make a legal effort to recover their property. It is likely that claim and seizure proceedings will be instituted this morning. In this event, it is understood that the police department can do nothing except submit and turn the liquor back to its original owners, provided they furnish bond. The question as to the amount of whiskey that a man may transport into North Carolina will be the point on which the proceedings will probably be hinged, when the matter comes up before the Recorder.

TEMPERATURE APPROACHED RECORD FOR THE SEASON. Thermometer Showed Maximum of 92 Degrees—Highest This Year, 95.

You can't get ahead of the weather man. Get that down right now. Tuesday when an unexpected storm stole a march on him and pulled a joke on him, the public thought he was kidding. But, that march the hurricane stole on him was quite tame in comparison to the one that he stole back on the people of Wilmington yesterday. Since the month of September has ushered in with somewhat cooler weather, all Wilmington began to congratulate itself that the sweltering period of 1916 had passed into history, when suddenly like a bolt from the blue the weather man unhooked one of the hottest days of the year. The mercury yesterday took an upward run that was so sudden that no one noticed what it was about until it had reached 92, within three hours of the season's record. Evidently it is intending to stay there some time, for the local bureau last night predicted that today would be generally fair and warm. The latest report of Tuesday's hurricane was to the effect that it had spent itself on the invulnerable surface of the ocean and was off the coast of New Jersey, a mere depression. Wilmington, however, was not the only city to feel the returning grip of heat for abnormal temperatures prevailed in the interior, the Lake region and the Northeast. Sunday will be the anniversary of last year's hottest day.

BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING

Wilmington Association to Meet at Wallace October 5 and 6—Programme Issued.

The annual session of the Wilmington Baptist Association, which embraces all the Baptist churches of New Hanover and also a number of churches in Pender, Duplin and Onslow counties, will be held at Wallace Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6. The programme has just been printed and circulated. There will be morning and afternoon sessions on both days and a night session Wednesday.

The meeting will open with devotional exercises at 10 o'clock on October 5, followed by roll call of churches, organization and announcement of committees. At 11 o'clock the introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside church, Wilmington, who will also read the report on Sunday schools at 2:15 that afternoon, following devotional exercises at 2 o'clock.

Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, will read the report on the Orphanage at 4 o'clock the same afternoon, following the presentation of the report on State Missions by Rev. C. V. Brooks at 5 o'clock. That night the report on home missions will be presented by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary church, Wilmington, at 8 o'clock, and the report on foreign missions by Rev. J. M. Booth at 8:45.

On Thursday morning, following opening devotional exercises, Woman's Work will be presented by J. R. Green; Men's Movement by C. E. McCullen, Esq.; Christian Education by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church of Wilmington; the Biblical Recorder, by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark, followed by "Associational Topic," by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. This will complete the programme for the morning. Tuesday afternoon, following a period devoted to miscellaneous business, the report on temperance will be presented by A. D. Carter, the report of the B. Y. P. U. by Rev. E. L. Weston and the Association's History and Outlook by Rev. J. D. Houghton. This completes the programme of the session.

RATTLE COMES TO TOWN.

Big Snake Meets His Death at Corner of Tenth and Meares.

Having heard of Wilmington's reputation for hospitals a five-foot rattlesnake who modestly admitted nine summers to have passed over his mottled hide, decided yesterday morning that he would pay the city a visit.

Now that part of it was alright, but Mr. Snake evidently forgot that he might meet a very fierce citizen of Wilmington that he happened to see was A. W. Covington, a colored insurance man. Mr. Snake promptly stopped to exchange the top of the morning with him, but great was his surprise when the man, instead of giving him a jolly hello, Covington gave a yell of alarm.

Surprised and mortified at such a reception, Mr. Rattles was too astounded to move, so he simply lay perfectly still while a crowd began to gather. The snake who modestly had looked over one woman who acknowledged the cognomen of Jones, grabbed a stick and after two or three smashing blows sent the poor benighted wanderer to the happy swamp or whatever name is paid for every trip that is made. Rates on water are higher than they have been since the War Between the States.

According to Mr. D. H. Penton, secretary of the Springer Coal Company, this firm is in a position to supply its trucks for possibly the next few months. Customers lay in larger stocks than in their general habit. This company has placed orders for additional supplies of coal, but orders which were placed on August 4th have not yet been received.

THE WRIGHTSVILLE EXCHANGE.

Southern Telephone News Carries Photograph of Decorated Cottage.

Under the heading, "Wrightsville Won Fine Comment," the September issue of the Southern Telephone News, the shop organ of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, carried an interesting article by Mr. L. O. Wortman, of Wilmington, who tells of the "Flag Day" celebration at the beach early in the summer. The cottage in which the exchange is located was strikingly decorated by having a large United States flag nailed to the top and also with other appropriate decorations.

In connection with Mr. Wortman's article there is published a photograph of the building. The exchange is operated under the Wilmington station which consists of Mr. E. D. Lucas, district manager; Mr. E. A. Woodruff, district plant chief, and Miss Sallie Justice, chief operator.

Mr. Wortman also gives interesting details concerning Wrightsville Beach, which he describes as "beyond comparison."

SOLDIER LADS RETURN.

Thirty-First Company, C. A. C., Arrives from Border.

In a special train of two Pullmans and an express car, the 31st Company of the United States Army, which was at Fort Caswell, arrived in Wilmington early yesterday morning, on the last leg of their long journey from Del Rio, Texas. The company was under the command of First Lieut. R. R. Wilshier. Major F. H. Cook, who was the former commander of the company with the rank of captain, and who was advanced to the grade of major while on the border, accompanied this old command back to Fort Caswell. After a few hours spent in the city, the soldiers embarked for Fort Caswell by boat. The return to the quiet life of the fort will be more than a relief to the men, who have for months been performing a never-ending guard duty on the banks of the Rio Grande. The Texas sun has left its mark on their faces, too, and their tanned countenances bear testimony of the strenuous life they led on the international border. Their patrol duty was confined to guarding the bridges of the Southern Pacific Railroad, which at this point runs parallel to the Rio Grande.

WILMINGTON TO HAVE NEW FISHING CONCERN

Company Chartered With Authorized Capital of \$125,000.

Thos. H. Hayes, of Newport, R. I., and Messrs. Davis and Poisson, of Wilmington, are incorporators—Officers.

With an authorized capital of \$125,000, of which \$10,000 has been already subscribed, the Fisheries Products Company, of Wilmington, was chartered yesterday by the Secretary of State at Raleigh. The incorporators of the new company are Mr. Thomas H. Hayes, of Newport, R. I.; Thomas W. Davis and Louis J. Poisson, Esqs., of Wilmington. The object as stated in the application for the charter for the new company is given as being for the purpose of engaging in the fish and fish products business.

Mr. Hayes, who is well known in Wilmington, has been in the city for several days past looking over the local situation. He has made several trips down the Cape Fear river investigating the conditions under which oil fish or menhaden, are taken in local and adjacent waters. It is understood that the new company has leased the plant of the Carolina Fish & Oil Company, one of the largest of the various local plants located on the lower Cape Fear river. This plant, which is located at Brundage, has a capacity for handling about 5,000 barrels of fish daily. The report that this plant has been leased was not confirmed last night. When asked what the plans of the new company were last night, Mr. Hayes stated that the incorporators of the company were not yet ready to make public their plans. Mr. Hayes could not be reached by telephone, it being stated that he was on a trip down the river in the interest of the new concern.

Within the next few days the incorporators plan to hold a meeting at which officers, including a president and general manager, will be elected. Whether the new concern will operate steamers of their own or pay so much per barrel to the steamers that annually come south to fish for menhaden, could not be learned. Officers of other local concerns have found this method of securing their raw products more satisfactory than operating their own fleet of steamers.

JUMP IN PRICE OF COAL EXPECTED THIS WINTER.

Shortage of Cars is Serious, But Good Supply is on Hand.

Although at the present time the coal situation in Wilmington is in good shape and no immediate shortage in the supply is looked for, it is the consensus of opinion among local dealers that owing to an almost unprecedented shortage of coal cars on the railroads and the prohibitive prices being found by steamers engaged in the coastwise trade for the transportation of coal, the people of Wilmington are more than likely to have to pay a higher price for some if not all grades of coal than they did last winter.

According to Mr. B. A. Merritt, a well known local coal dealer, the price of coal on account of this shortage of cars and shipping tonnage is likely to rise on the coastwise trade. He pointed out that the shortage in coal cars is due to the fact that most railroad companies are sending their cars to the West to get the Lake business before the water in the canals and other water courses freeze over when cold weather sets in. As to shipping coal by water that is practically out of the question, as ships have to almost be paid for every trip that is made. Rates on water are higher than they have been since the War Between the States.

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MR. PENTON EMPHASIZES THE FACT THAT THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF COAL CARS ON PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE EASTERN RAILROADS.

A shortage which is more than 60 per cent greater than the one of 1907. The shortage of cars this year aggregates more than 27,000 in number.

DARKTOWN AMAZON USES KNIFE

Lillie Johnson Carved Up By Janie Weeks Yesterday.

Having, after due deliberation, reached the conclusion that it was radically unfair for the police department to receive their pay without doing more work, two colored women, Lillie Johnson and Janie Weeks, decided to give the department a little diversion yesterday afternoon at Seventh and Nixon streets. Consequently, after exhausting their supply of complimentary epithets on each other, and having as yet succeeded in doing nothing more than attract a crowd, Janie decided that it was high time to prove by demonstration that actions spoke louder than words. Suiting her action to the word, she drew from somewhere on her person a knife and began a great drive against her adversary.

That drive ended the first reel of this episode, and the second showed Lillie being carried to the hospital, where her wounds were being pronounced as somewhat serious. The usual time was making a search for Janie, who at a late hour last night had not been apprehended.

MANY RESPONSES RECEIVED

Wilmington Glad to Help in Providing Aid For Blind Soldiers of Europe.

Many responses were received yesterday by Mr. F. W. Dick, local treasurer of the Permanent Relief Blind fund for the unfortunate soldiers of Europe, who have lost their sight while fighting for their country. The cause is an exceptionally worthy one as it is planned to train these soldiers so that they may become useful citizens in spite of their misfortune. A list of the Wilmington contributors to this fund will be published soon. All desiring to help should send their contributions to Mr. F. W. Dick, at the Peoples' Savings Bank and he will forward them to Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, in New York, the latter being treasurer in America for the fund.

VALIDITY IS NOT DECIDED

Recorder Emple Not Pressed Case Charging Man With Carrying Laborers Without Paying License.

The question of the validity of the recent city ordinance passed by Council, imposing a tax of \$100 a day upon persons operating within the city for the purpose of inducing employes or wage hands under contract to take employment outside of North Carolina, involved in the case of State against W. C. Perkins, which was set for a hearing before Recorder Emple yesterday, was not decided. Counsel for the State, Solicitor George L. Peschau and City Attorney Ruark, announced that they would take a no pro in the case. Thos. W. Davis, Esq., of the firm of Rountree, Carr & Davis, represented the defendant.

The defendant in this case was arrested several days ago by Chief of Police Williams, just as he was in the act of carrying off about 50 negroes from Wilmington and vicinity, on a charge of having failed to secure a license from the city. Counsel for the defense admitted that Mr. Perkins had hired the negroes here and carried them off. This, he declared, he had a perfect right to do. They challenged the validity of the ordinance passed by City Council on the ground that it sought to impose a tax upon engaging in a business which the State law makes a misdemeanor. They further contended that their client had in no way violated the State law, as he was employed in the office of the superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and the negroes were employed to work directly under Mr. Perkins. This being the case, they contended that Mr. Perkins could have carried off 2,000 or any number of employes, if he had so desired.

The announcement that the case would be not pressed followed a conference held yesterday morning between Solicitor Peschau and City Attorney Ruark, representing the State. The action of counsel for the State did not come as a surprise as it has been known for some time that the County Solicitor had expressed doubts as to the validity of the ordinance which was passed by the Council to conserve the local supply of labor, a shortage being threatened by the action of persons from other states who have been carrying off casual laborers in large numbers for several weeks past.

Solicitor Peschau's doubts as to the validity of the law were based principally on the fact that the ordinance sought to impose a license tax of \$100 per day on persons or corporations operating within the city for the purpose of inducing employes or wage hands, under contract, oral or otherwise, to leave their employment here and take employment elsewhere outside the State.

In asking for a continuance of the case several days ago, the solicitor guardedly admitted that the State law made it a misdemeanor for persons to persuade or induce employes to leave their employment while under contract, and the prohibitions appeared to license a business or methods prohibited by statute, and that he desired to examine its provisions more carefully.

It developed yesterday from statements made by counsel for the State that an effort was made at the time Mr. Perkins was in Wilmington to procure evidence under which to bring a charge against Mr. Perkins for alleged violation of the ordinance while under contract. It is shown that he could be successfully prosecuted or was liable under the State law could be procured.

Whether the action of the counsel for the State in not pressing the case was due to the ordinance being held to be invalid as at present framed or whether they were without evidence necessary to bring the defendants within its provisions, was not announced. City Attorney Ruark declined to express an opinion last night as to the validity of the ordinance.

VACANCY FOR FILE CLERK AT ENGINEER'S OFFICE HERE.

Other Attractive Openings Under Civil Service—200 Stenographers Wanted.

In addition to a number of desirable positions under the civil service regulations, which are open to residents of Wilmington and elsewhere, and for which examinations are announced during the latter part of this month and October, there is a vacancy in the office of the United States engineer at Wilmington district for an experienced record or file clerk, for which the salary is \$75 a month. A temporary appointment can be made to this position without examination, but eventually whoever is given the temporary appointment will have to stand an examination prescribed by the United States Civil Service Commission. Application in person or by letter may be made to the chief of clerk at the Wilmington postoffice.

Open competitive examinations at Wilmington for stenographers and typewriters, for men only, are announced by the commission on September 12 and 26. By reason of the fact that the positions of this kind have been recently created by Congress, it is expected that appointments will be given to approximately that number of persons provided they pass the prescribed tests successfully. The usual entrance salary is \$900 a year, but a few appointments are made at \$1,000 and higher salaries. Appointments at \$1,200 will only be made in case the person qualifying in the examination makes a percentage of 85 per cent or over.

MEETING AT CLARKTOWN.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan Conducting Services in Baptist Church There.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, who is assisting Rev. J. D. Howell in a very successful tour of evangelistic services in the Baptist church at Clarktown, spent yesterday in Wilmington, returning in time to hold services last night. He was accompanied to Clarktown by Mr. Odie E. Hinant, city boys' work secretary here, who will aid in the meetings.

First Trip to Sea.

With the opening of the fall season, Capt. John W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington, promises his friends and the general public the first of those delightful trips to sea on Sunday, leaving the city at 10 o'clock, touching at Carolina Beach and Southport, both on the down trip and returning. The steamer will leave Southport at 3 P. M. on the return, reaching the city early in the evening. The fare for the round trip is only 50 cents.

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PREPARING FOR CONVENTION Local W. C. T. U. Appoints Committees to Take Charge of Arrangements for State Meeting. Committees were appointed to take charge of the general arrangements for the annual meeting of the State W. C. T. U., which will be held in Wilmington October 4 to 7, inclusive, at the regular monthly meeting of the local chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union yesterday afternoon. It is expected that there will be at least 100 visiting delegates present at the convention and they will be entertained in the homes of the Wilmington members while they are in the city. Plans were also outlined for the night meetings of the convention which will be of a nature to be of interest to the general public. On the first night addresses of welcome will be made by representatives of the different organizations in the city. The feature of the session on the second night will be an address by Dr. Anna Gordon, president of the National W. C. T. U. On the third night of the convention there will be a demonstration showing just how the W. C. T. U. has been instrumental in rendering great service in the field of temperance. The committees appointed yesterday afternoon to take charge of the different features of arranging for the convention are as follows: Entertainment—Mrs. M. H. Shepherd, Mrs. D. W. Hulluck, Mrs. W. M. Cumming, Mrs. O. A. Osborne, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mrs. R. A. Montgomery, Mrs. W. A. Sanders and Miss Lizzie Mulford. Reception—Mrs. B. A. Robeson, Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. James Howard, Mrs. R. D. Tucker and Miss Mary Belle Taylor. Programme—Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. F. A. Muse and Miss Lottie Smith. SEPA GROTTO WILL MEET AT THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT Ceremonial Session Will Be Held Next Friday Night at 12 O'clock. By order of his royal highness the supreme monarch of Sepa Grotto has come the order signed by yours truly, A. S. Holden, the highly esteemed and most obliging secretary of the aforementioned organization, that a short ceremonial session of this Mystic Order will be held in the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, September 16th, at the hour of midnight to make a quick trip through the "Rapids" over the river "Styx" to the Grotto of the Enchanted Realm, for all Master Masons who may present themselves at that time. The reason for having this ceremonial session at the hour named, the deponent knoweth not, but only has it on the word of the honored prophet, who directs the affairs of this dark and mysterious order, that every member of the Grotto, who is in the city at that time, is expected to be on hand with smile and wearing the fez, the emblem of good fellowship. All who have the good fortune to pass into the enchanted realm will be rendered fully capable of giving advice to others and probably the first piece of advice they will have to give will be that midnight is a good time to be at home, particularly for married men. Be that as it may, the ceremonial session will be held and rumor has it that a goodly number of Master Masons are going to be on hand to be inducted into its mysteries. TRIP TO SEA SUNDAY, SEPT. 10th. Steamer Wilmington will make one of her usual delightful trips on the ocean. Leaves 10:00 A. M. Fare, Round Trip... 50 Cents

Some Styles That Will Reign Supreme in Fall Millinery WHILE elaboration of shapes is carried to the extreme in the new Fall Millinery, this feature of itself has necessitated the use of simple trimmings that the smartness and cleverness of the lines may not be lost. A multitude of new ideas have been evolved and when the season gets fully under way many more are promised. We shall show them all, without, however, including the tiresome, commonplace and "over popular" features. Despite the great variety of charming modes and effective shapes—their distinction and "class"—we have arranged as an opening inducement an admirable and special line at the humble price of \$5.00 and \$5.95 each. No two are alike, and hence the opportunity presented is most unusual. Ready tomorrow morning—ready for the woman alert to rare values. BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY