

STARRETT DISAPPROVES SHIPYARD PROHIBITION

Carolina General Manager Thinks It Will Reduce Efficiency.

Conditions Under Which Men Work Require Beer as a Beverage—Labor Union Adopts Resolution Against It.

National prohibition will reduce the efficiency of shipbuilding plants by 25 per cent, and the effect of strict prohibition here has already handicapped the work of the Carolina Shipbuilding corporation to that extent, was the statement made by Ralph Starrett, vice president and general manager, yesterday afternoon when interviewed on the subject.

The opposite view was expressed by Lewis R. Ferguson, general manager of the Liberty Shipbuilding company, who asserted that beer was not essential to the efficiency of the workmen at his plant. Captain George W. McKown, superintendent of the Wilmington Wooden Shipbuilding company, agreed with the statements of Mr. Starrett that beer was essential.

Discussion of the matter of the effect of prohibition on workmen at shipyards before the agricultural committee of the United States senate, has served to localize interest in the question here, since there are two shipyards here under the direct supervision of the emergency fleet corporation, and there is a possibility that, if the shipping board gains its contention that prohibition will serve to slow up the output of ships, beer and light wines may be served to workmen in the local plants.

Mr. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board, has asserted that prohibition nationally, or the absence of beer as a part of the diet in any shipyard, will serve to hamper operations, in accordance with every member of the official staff of the Carolina shipyard. Advocates of national prohibition have made the fight for national prohibition on the basis that what would be well for a yard in dry territory would be well for yards the country over. They state that nation-wide prohibition will affect every yard identically and that then there will be no discrimination by workmen against sections of the country where there is already prohibition by state enactment.

Prohibition leaders point out the possibility that workmen will not go into a dry territory from a wet territory. Since most of the shipbuilding has been done in sections where there is no prohibition, they contend that there will be a tendency to migrate to prohibition and presume that it is upon this basis that the advocates of beer are making their fight.

While recognizing that fact, Mr. Starrett stated that it was not the basis of his national prohibition contentions under which shipworkers labor, he asserts, are entirely different from those of ordinary labor, and require different treatment. Riveters are subjected to severe heat, engendering a thirst that cannot be quenched with water. If a workman drinks all the water that he demands, he is unfitted for work. Beer is the only element that will supply the want. Beer is not advocated as an intoxicant of the kind that causes the conditions that is developed by the peculiar conditions under which they work.

Whether or not beer would be made available for the men here, Mr. Starrett would not hazard a guess. The sale of beer would be a direct violation of the state laws. There is no law prohibiting the giving away of beer or any other alcoholic beverage, and there is a possibility that such an arrangement could be made. State laws, however, and federal law as well, limit the amount on hand. The corporation will maintain a mess hall and canteen, where meals will be served and other drinks sold. The matter of transporting beer into the state for purposes other than selling seems to be somewhat confused. There are added possibilities that the shipping board, with war-time authority, may order beer sold or given away at the shipyards. The site is a United States property and is not to be sold or given away by the shipping board.

Bringing the question upon the public at this time, when every energy of the country is needed to prosecute the war was denounced by Mr. Starrett. He said he would not stop to quibble over the matter; the need is recognized and admitted by practically every shipbuilder in the country, and by members of the shipping board, and that ought to end it, he said. All of them agree that the denial of beer will decrease the efficiency of the yards 25 per cent, he continued, and the raising of the cry of prohibition now, when the one great need of the country is ships, is not short of unparliamentary.

Radically different views are expressed by Lewis R. Ferguson, general manager of the Liberty Shipbuilding company. He speaks for local conditions only, he says, when he asserts that prohibition will not reduce the efficiency of his men. They will be a different class of men, working under different conditions, and there will be no physical need of the quantities that are found in beer. He would not express an opinion as to the effect of prohibition would have on yards with conditions different from those under which his men work.

Reports have been circulated to the effect that beer was already being sold at the Liberty plant. A canteen is maintained to serve the requirements of the men in the way of lunches and soft drinks, but nothing is offered that is not sold at uptown lunch counters and soda fountains. No beer is sold and none will be, according to the statements of officials of the company.

The matter of beer for the shipyards has been discussed generally in the city since the possibility of its being sold here served here is being recognized from reading the Associated Press dispatches during the past few days, but no concrete expression of opinion has (Continued on Page Seven).

DO YOU SMILE OR FROWN? PHENETS GIVE YOU A HEALTHY SMILE.

You don't smile if you're constipated, have a headache and all out of sorts. Phenets put the system in working order, enable every organ to function as nature intended and you just have to smile with the joy of living. Phenets relieve all ills occasioned by a torpid or sluggish liver. For sale by all druggists.

MUST REGISTER LABOR THROUGH THE BUREAUS

If More Than One Hundred Workmen Employed in War Work.

Executive Committee of Chamber Endorses Action of President in Directing Government Service to Assume Control.

Resolutions endorsing the action of President Wilson in authorizing the United States employment service to assume control of recruiting and distributing all common labor, beginning August 1, were adopted by the executive committee of the chamber of commerce at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The resolutions follow:

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the chamber of commerce of Wilmington, realizing the interests of the government must be served, and the necessity for the proper distribution and control of labor for essential industries, endorses the work of the U. S. employment service of the department of labor and extends the co-operation of this organization to the office serving the Wilmington district.

"Further, the action of the president in authorizing the U. S. employment service to assume control of recruiting and distributing all common labor, beginning August 1st, preventing any further activity on the part of labor scouts representing private interests who have operated with detrimental and reckless disregard, deserves the commendation of manufacturers and the business public, and the support of this organization."

A recent bulletin of the government employment service contains the following concerning the new order: "After August 1 no employer with war business who has a force of more than 100 workers will be permitted to recruit common labor and all such employers will be required to use the federal employment service. While the restriction against private recruiting for the present applies only to unskilled labor, as soon as possible it will be extended to include skilled labor, and eventually no employer may be permitted to employ men unless the latter have United States employment service cards. In the meantime, however, private recruiting of skilled workers will be subject to regulations prescribed by the service, which will prevent the wholesale labor 'stealing' and 'poaching' that has been largely responsible for the disorganization of the labor supply."

"By his statement the president approved the recommendation of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the labor administrator, that war-labor supplying by the United States employment service exclusively. The secretary's action followed the unanimous decision of the members of the war labor policies board of the department of labor that the first step toward labor stabilization must be the centralization of all labor recruiting activities in the employment service. This board consists of the heads of the various arms of the department of labor and the production chiefs of the war, navy and agriculture departments, the shipping and war industries boards, and the food, fuel and railroad administrations. Its chairman is Felix Frazer, assistant to the secretary of labor."

"While the war labor policies board, in its resolution of agreement upon the centralization policy and outline of the common-labor recruiting program, has provided that the first step in private recruiting was to cease, the president, at Secretary Wilson's suggestion, postponed the date to August 1. The employment service, however, will rush its plans at the rate of speed called for by the earlier date, if possible, will begin wholesale recruiting for war industries by the middle of next month."

BISHOP DART NAMED.

He Will Serve on Y. M. C. A. Committee for Southeastern Department.

Rev. Thos. C. Dart, D. D. bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, has accepted his appointment as a member of the national war work Y. M. C. A. committee for the southeastern military department and will attend a meeting of the committee to be held in the capital city club, Atlanta, Ga., on July 15 as the date upon which the requirements of the American expeditionary forces and allied armies before the American people. Among the members of the committee are: President Wm. H. Taft, Cleveland H. Dodge, Coleman Dupont, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Cyrus H. McCormick, Samuel Mather, Chas. R. Crane and Henry Ford. George W. Perkins is chairman of the committee.

As announced several days ago, Archbishop Thos. E. Noe, of this city, has also been appointed a member of this committee.

NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR.

Hon. Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Wires News to Captain Meares.

In connection with a telegram to Capt. Thos. D. Meares, supreme master of the exchequer, about some important Pythian matters, Hon. Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., supreme keeper of records and seals, incidentally mentioned in his message that he had been nominated for governor on the democratic ticket by a safe majority. He did not say so, but Captain Meares says that a democratic nomination in that state is equivalent to election.

Captain Meares placed his compliments first in his reply and incidentally mentioned the Pythian business. He thought being nominated for governor was an important event and told his friend so.

QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN A WEEK.

Registrants Can Secure Assistance of Any Attorney in Wilmington.

The newly registered selectmen who are receiving their questionnaires this week are required by the regulations to have them back in the office of the local board within a week from the date they are sent out. They are reminded of the urgent importance of giving this prompt attention.

They can secure the assistance of any attorney in the city by calling on them at their offices. In the event that an attorney is unable to render assistance, he will refer the registrant to another attorney to help him. This service is absolutely without charge and is rendered as a patriotic service by the attorneys of the city.

Hot supper rolls at 6 o'clock. Call at Bakery; no delivery of rolls. Farris Bakery, adv.

THIS IS LAST DAY TO SIGN SAVINGS CARD

President Wilson Has Asked Every American to Help Now.

Wilmington Workers Will Meet This Afternoon to Make Final Returns. Heartly Response Being Made by Citizens.

Today is national war savings day. Today is the last day to sign the pledge to buy war savings stamps. If you want to help your country and help your county at the same time, now is the time to act. If you wait until after today you will not have heeded the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson who has urged everybody to sign the pledge. Buy war savings stamps is the slogan of the hour. "Obey that impulse" and sign the pledge today.

A W. S. workers' conference was held yesterday afternoon in campaign headquarters in the federal court room. Another meeting will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock when final reports will be made and the pledge cards will be tabulated. All workers are requested to meet promptly and to bring in the reports and pledge cards for their respective blocks.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon one worker stated that a pledge for \$1,000 had been received by wire. Postmaster Green also received a letter from E. E. Lundy, who is absent from the city, in which he pledged \$100. If the plans of the committee carry, no one will be overlooked and everyone will be given an opportunity to subscribe.

If for any reason you have not been solicited it would be well to call upon campaign headquarters over telephone 943 today and find out how to get your pledge card in before the campaign is over.

Remember the words of President Wilson, who said: "Let none be found un-enlisted on that day."

IMPORTANT REALTY DEALS.

Several Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday in Office of Register.

Several deeds for important realty deals were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds, among them being the following: J. W. Mason and wife to Interstate Land company, for \$500 and other considerations, four lots at Lakeside Park. John R. Hanby and wife, to James A. Brown and wife, for \$700, lot at Winter Park Gardens.

Charlie Childs and wife to E. S. Piver and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, lot on the south side of Castle, 165 feet west of 15th street. Mary Capps to F. C. Branch and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, lot on the northwest corner of Fourth and Greenfield streets.

E. Payson Willard and wife to James A. Brown and wife, for \$1,000 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Fourth street, 100 feet north of Greenfield.

ALIEN WOMEN REGISTER.

Seventeen Female Subjects of German Empire Enrolled.

There are only 17 female subjects of the German empire having their residence in the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county according to the registration with Chief of Police N. J. Williams, and Postmaster H. M. C. Green. Five of the registrants were women who had married German subjects. The same rules obtained in the registration as did the registration of male aliens earlier in the year. So far as is known there was no attempt on the part of those who came within the provisions of the regulations to evade registration. Names are withheld.

WANT MEN FOR AVIATION.

Qualified Men Can Now be Accepted by Local Recruiting Officer.

Qualified men can be accepted now for the aviation service in the national army. Sergeant James B. Bradford, local recruiting officer, announced yesterday that the air service, national army was formerly known as the "aviation section, signal corps." Full particulars may be secured at the local recruiting station, 315 1-2 North Front street. Letters authorizing enlistment can be secured from the chief signal officer, Washington, D. C.

DEATH OF MISS WEAVER.

Passed Away Last Night After Long Illness in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Berta May Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Weaver, 409 Red Cross street, passed away last evening at 8:30 o'clock at a sanitarium in Greenville, S. C., whither she had been taken several months ago following an attack of pneumonia from which she never recovered. She became ill in Wilmington and was taken to the western part of the state with the hope that a change of climate would benefit her. Later she went to Greenville and there became seriously ill.

CONCERT MONDAY NIGHT.

Class of Children From Odd Fellows' Home Will Be in Wilmington.

The children's class from the Odd Fellows' home in Goldsboro give a concert in the Academy of Music Monday night at 8:30 o'clock, which promises to be one of the best entertainments of the summer. It will consist largely of patriotic selections. The class recently sang here at the annual meeting of the North Carolina grand lodge of Odd Fellows.

At a recent appearance of the class in Goldsboro, the citizens there gave the home \$3,000 to be used in carrying on the splendid work of training and educating orphan children.

"SAND FLIES" GREET BAPTISTS AT BEACH

Dr. R. F. Pierce Delivered Entertaining Address.

Seaside Assembly Opens at Harbor Inland With Good Attendance—Dr. McGoethlin Begins Series of Lectures this Morning.

By REV. W. M. GILMORE. Wrightsville Beach, June 27.—The Baptists were greeted by an army of sand flies tonight as they met in Harbor Island auditorium for the initial service of their fourth annual session of the Seaside Assembly. Despite this rather unusual experience for the up-State guests, everybody seemed in a good humor, and entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion, and the Assembly opened with the most flattering prospects in its history. President J. Pierce explained that these friendly little pests would pass on with the first stiff breeze.

The attendance at this first session was very gratifying. Already good delegations have arrived from Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte, Wadesboro, Dunn and from many other sections of the state. The outlook is for the largest attendance yet.

The outstanding features of the evening session was the music led by Evangelist E. L. Wolslagel, of Asheville, assisted by his wife, and the address by Dr. R. F. Pierce of New York City, who illustrated with crayon on his address on "The Will That Wins." Those who heard and saw Dr. Pierce at the assembly last year were prepared for the rare and rich entertainment he gave tonight. Dr. Pierce is an artist of first rate ability as well as a speaker of note. Literally he makes his chalk talk. His address on "The Medicine of Mirth" will be the principal feature of the evening session Friday.

Dr. W. J. McGoethlin, professor of church history in the Southern Baptist Theological seminary of Louisville, Ky., who is to deliver a series of lectures extending throughout the assembly, on "Studies in the Gospel of John," arrived this afternoon from Mr. Airy, where he has been delivering a series of addresses. He will deliver his first address at 12 o'clock Friday. Other speakers on the program Friday are:

3 A. M.—Rev. J. D. Moore, "The B. P. U. Defined." Rev. W. A. Ayers, Durham, "The Ministry of the Spirit in Evangelism." Miss Margaret Frost, Nashville, Tenn., "The Cradle Roll." 10 A. M.—Dr. V. I. Masters, Atlanta, "A Country Church and Country Life." Mr. W. D. Hudgins, "Building the Sunday School." Mrs. H. T. Pope, Business Session of the Wilmington W. M. U.; "The Pastor and His Savior." Dr. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest; "The Battle Ground of Character."

INVENTION NOT MARKETABLE.

E. C. Besselleu Named by Court as Temporary Receiver for Post Dater Stamp Company.

Organized seven years ago for the manufacture and the selling of a patented dater stamp, the Post Dater Stamp Co., through its principal stockholder, T. R. Post, the inventor of the device, has asked for the appointment of a receiver to close up its affairs on the ground that the invention is not marketable and that, therefore, its affairs should be closed up while it is still solvent.

Judge C. C. Lyon yesterday named E. C. Besselleu as temporary receiver and the papers are made returnable July 13 before Judge W. P. Stacy for a final hearing as to whether the receivership shall be made permanent. McClammy & Burgwin represented the plaintiff in the action started in superior court yesterday. The receiver furnished bond in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties.

In the order granting the appointment of a receiver, it is set forth that the company was organized seven years ago with an authorized capital of \$500,000, of which \$257,416 was sold to stockholders, \$200,000 worth of stock being given to T. R. Post in return for the rights to the patents and the remaining \$57,416 being sold for cash.

Of the \$27,416 received for stock, \$22,964 was paid in commissions to one G. F. Peed, a promoter, according to the order, leaving a balance of \$4,452. In the complaint the assets of the company in 1911 are given as \$33,360.25, which included the \$34,446 received for stock, \$3,366.55 as interest on money in bank and \$547.70 for the sale of dater stamps. The available assets at the present time are given as \$22,567.32 which includes \$6,623.80 in money on deposit in banks, \$256.33 in furniture and \$15,687.19 in materials stored in Newark and New York, this showing a net loss of \$15,732.93 since 1911.

It is stated in the complaint and in the order that the company has never paid any dividends, that all efforts to

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