

**BILL TO UNMASK KLANSMEN DIVERTED INTO LONELY BYPATH**

Judiciary Committee Sends Baggett Bill to Sub-Committee for Public Hearing

**DEFEAT OF MEASURE PRACTICALLY ASSURED**

Another Act Aimed at Registration of Secret Orders Also Appears Doomed

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RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—Senator J. L. Deane's judiciary committee sent the Baggett bill to unmask the Ku Klux Klan out into a lonely bypath today, when it handed it down to a sub-committee with instructions to hold a public hearing and then sit in judgment over it. This most widely advertised of the individually advocated measures was introduced in the senate the second day of the session. It was turned over to judiciary No. 1, but Senator Baggett asked that it be transferred to judiciary No. 2, of which he is a member. He was on hand today to all through, but when Senator Mark Squibbs reported considerable opposition in the senate and asked the Harnett man if he had any public support for it, he was able to offer only a bunch of letters he had received commending him for his move.

Squibbs moved a sub-committee, and Senator Delaney named the Caldwell county senator, Paul Grady, of Johnson, and Senator Emmett Bellamy, of New Hanover, setting Thursday afternoon of next week as the time when any or all parts of the bill interested in the measure may appear to offer arguments for or against it.

After the hearing, if any one appears, the bill will be reported back to the judiciary committee with the sub-committee's recommendation as to life or death.

The same that is forecast for this measure, which would prohibit the wearing of masks on any occasion except at Halloween parties, and the like, or by persons less than 18 years of age, is also forecast for the bill introduced in the house that would require all fraternal and secret societies to register their memberships with the secretary of state.

The legislature doesn't take much klan agitation, and it can not see the dignity in striking at the secret order and thereby giving it a lot of free legislative recognition and publicity.

A short while before the judiciary committee had let the anti-klan slide, the house of representatives was recommitting Representative T. E. Owen's bill to abolish capital punishment. The measure met with a lot of opposition in the house, and the committee considered it yesterday afternoon and the committee reported this morning it had condemned it to annihilation.

Representative Owen, one of the small group of Republicans in the house, brought the opportunity to make a speech over it so the house agreed to let him breach the funeral.

So violent a death for the bill so early in the session, may keep quiet the assembly over the proposed measure to do away with capital punishment. And it is quite positive that the fate promised for the Baggett anti-klan bill will shut out any chance of assembly debates on this organization.

Governor Morrison's ship line bill was formally introduced in the senate by Harris, of Wake, and Bellamy of New Hanover. The house passed a resolution to print 2,500 copies of the bill for general distribution and the senate passed a resolution to print 1,500 copies.

**Fire Destroyed Home of Kinston Senator**

(Special to the Star) KINSTON, Jan. 11.—More than \$17,500 was the estimated damage when fire gutted the residence of Luther P. Tapp here early today. Firemen prevented complete destruction of the home, one of the finest in an exclusive northwest Kinston neighborhood. The blaze was apparently of incendiary origin.

Three weeks ago a tobacco warehouse operated by Tapp was burned by unidentified persons. The loss in that fire was \$40,000.

Tapp, a member of the state senate, was at Raleigh when his home was ruined this morning. His wife and other members of the family were also out of the city.

**Flood of Liquor Poured on Jersey Coast**

(Continued from Page One) over which the international cup races had been run in 1920. Soon the course took on a race day appearance, so many craft, big and little, had assembled. Two good sized steamers—apparently a tanker—arrived first, accompanied by more than a dozen sailing craft which apparently had been converted from fishing smacks into rum runners.

The welcoming fleet that put off was formidable in more than one number. There were powerful gasoline cruising yachts; fleet craft of the famous Seabright sea-skiff model, capable of 20 knots or more, and nondescript launches with swift heels.

**GENERAL CONTRACTORS STAGE CONVENTION AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.**

The North Carolina chapter of Associated General Contractors will hold its annual convention at Wrightsville Beach during July, according to a telegram received yesterday by Thomas H. Wright, mayor of the resort. This is the first convention thus far secured for Wrightsville Beach, so far as is known, but Louis T. Moore, secretary, chamber of commerce, is working on other organizations, which he hopes will conduct their conventions at the beach this summer.

**INDUSTRIAL WOMEN GATHER IN CAPITAL**

Greetings Read From President Harding and Secretary Davis to Delegates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—With the reading of a greeting from President Harding and an address by Secretary Davis, the three-day industrial conference of women, held under the auspices of the women's bureau, today got under way. More than 300 delegates from 50 or more industrial, social and civic organizations were in attendance.

The president, in his letter, encouraged women to participate more generally in public and social activities, while the secretary of labor stressed the importance of preventing the exploitation of women in industry.

Miss Mary Van Kleef, of the Russell Sage foundation, declared that industry means to women an opportunity to earn, an endurance test, and a challenge to share in the construction of a better social order, while Mrs. Raymond Robins, of Chicago, president of the International Federation of Working Women, asserted she favored industrial welfare legislation for both men and women, because "humanity was intended not only to produce material things, but also to have leisure and strength to enjoy those material things."

Discussing from the employer's viewpoint "what women workers mean to industry," Charles Cheney, of South Manchester, Conn., representing the national association of manufacturers, declared that "women mean to industry a supply of labor."

**State Places Bonds in Sum of \$1,700,000**

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The state late today sold the balance for roads, \$10,073,000, of bonds, \$1,700,000 school bonds being for schools. The issue was taken by H. J. Van Ingen company, of New York, representing the First National bank, the National City bank, the Bankers Trust company, Kissell, Kinnicut and company, National bank of Raleigh, William R. Compton and company, E. H. Rollins and company, Eldridge and company, and Budget and company, all of New York city; the American Trust company, of Charlotte, and the Citizens National bank, of Raleigh. The buyers paid a premium of \$1,000 and the bonds will bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

The state offered \$20,000,000 and got bids for the full amount, the buyer of the block sold offering to take the remainder at 4 3/4, which was refused. An option on the remainder of the \$20,000,000 was given at par and 4 1/2 per cent, and Mr. E. J. Van Ingen stated that the Associated Press that the option would be exercised within 90 days.

**NATIONAL OPENS APRIL 17**

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Opening games of the National League on April 17, disclosed today at League headquarters will find New York at Boston, Pittsburgh at Chicago; Philadelphia at Brooklyn; and St. Louis at Cincinnati.

**Drunken Driver Bill and Seduction Change Killed in Lower House**

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RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—"Too drastic" was the verdict of house judiciary committee No. 2, after it had considered Representative Will Neal's state-wide bill to "jail the drunk driver," this afternoon. The bill went into the house hopper this morning.

Representative Neal proposed taking the discretionary power away from the judges in the matter of punishment for driving an automobile while drunk. His bill specified a jail sentence of from 30 days to two years. Three or four local bills have been introduced in the house and senate providing the jail sentence for drunken drivers, and it was presumed the precedent set by the judiciary committee this afternoon will put the other measures out of the running.

The committee also killed the bill introduced last week, amending the law so as to make a woman's unsupported testimony acceptable in abduction and seduction cases. This measure constitutes one of the pieces of legislation the women's organizations are seeking to have enacted, but the committee could not see the wisdom of so radical a change in the law.

**WESTERN CAROLINA FAVORS ENFORCING OF PROHIBITION LAW**

Director Kohloss Makes Public Statement of Activities For Past Year

SALISBURY, Jan. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Public sentiment in North Carolina, especially in the western part of the state, is "overwhelmingly in favor of enforcing the prohibition law," R. A. Kohloss, state prohibition director, declared today in making a report of the activities of his department last year, which showed 182 automobiles, valued at \$43,382, had been seized; 1,025,745 gallons of malt liquors destroyed; \$100,848 in fines and \$17,618 in assessments by the collector of internal revenue, had been collected and 1,918 persons prosecuted. The report showed 326 persons had been given jail sentences and 725 fine. Assessments amounted to \$361,579.68 and the total appraised value of property destroyed \$390,300.55. The total appraised value of property not destroyed was placed at \$45,988.10.

In a letter to Federal Prohibition Commissioner R. A. Haynes, Washington, D. C., Director Kohloss called attention to the large number of convictions in the federal courts of the state and asserted the total of 1,051 did not include the cases tried by the state courts. When the reports from the full terms of federal courts in Wilmington and Raleigh are received, he continued, the total number of convictions is expected to reach 1,200.

"You will note that our men have destroyed approximately 1,000,000 gallons of moonshine, beer and pomace. The quantity utilized for making 'moonshine' in this section of the country where a great deal of sugar is used in the mixture and the liquor produced from same is known as 'Sugar Head' approximately 150,000 gallons of whiskey, basing the figures on information acquired by me from those who are familiar with the distillation and who have estimated the quantity above this figure. In addition to this you will note we have destroyed in real made whiskey 13,011 3-8 gallons.

"While there is a great deal of 'moonshine' liquor being made in the state, yet, from the reports and information gathered throughout this state, has led me to believe that the traffic in whiskey has been greatly reduced and that many cases of drunkenness occasionally visible in the general communities of the state are caused by the promiscuous selling of denatured alcohol by garages, paint shops and occasionally drug stores, where Act 17, National Prohibition Law, and Act 7, Raleigh, 1919, are violated.

"I am endeavoring to procure the names of all automobile dealers in the state to whom I intend to issue a circular letter calling attention to the dealers who are required to label same as 'poison,' and refrain from selling to anyone except when alcohol is to be utilized for automobile purposes. I wish to state that the law is very strict in the distribution of denatured alcohol, but I find that the garages are the places where the law is violated, while perhaps unintentionally on the part of many of them, yet the people in pint and quart quantities and put it in their pockets and carry it away to be consumed for beverage purposes.

"I beg to suggest that some provision be made for selling garages not same is placed in the radiators of automobiles. I also find that some garages have notices in their windows 'Alcohol for Sale' so much as to allow falling to the kind of alcohol that they are selling. Such signs attract the attention to those who are looking for intoxicating beverages.

"I am glad to state that public sentiment in this state, especially in the western part of the state, is overwhelmingly in favor of enforcing the prohibition law. I base my assertion upon observing the attitude of jurors throughout the state in the federal courts, which is invariably, if not reasonable and sufficient evidence against the violator of the prohibition law, the jury brings in a verdict of 'guilty.'

"Taking conditions as a whole I think we should be gratified at the results produced during the year 1922. I wish to say in behalf of the officers connected with this organization that they have displayed a great deal of ability, energy and courage in coping with the situation, and this combined with the hearty co-operation from your department and your personal inspiration and those of the department of justice of the state, and some of the state county officers, have made it possible for men to submit to you this splendid report," he said.

The report follows: Complete distilleries, 1,600. Number of stills worked, 228. Number of gallons of spirits, 13,011. Number of gallons of Malt liquors destroyed, 1,025,745. Number of gallons of wine destroyed, 4,371 3/4. Number of gallons of cider destroyed, 2,800. Number of gallons of mash destroyed, 22,732. Number of gallons of pomace, 26,939. Number of ferries destroyed, 13,130. Value of automobiles seized, 43,382. Number of boats—launches seized, 2. Value of launches seized, 495. Net proceeds of sales, 5,711.67. Expense incurred incident sales, 887.83. Number of agents injured on duty, 2. Number of arrests, 837. Number of prosecutions, 1,818. Assessments, recommended, \$361,579.68. Total appraised value property not destroyed, 45,988.10. Total appraised value of property destroyed, 390,300.55. Total convictions in federal courts in North Carolina (exclusive of fall term of Wilmington and Raleigh courts), 1,051. Jail sentences, 326. Number of fines imposed, 725. Total amount collected in fines through courts (exclusive of Raleigh and Wilmington,) fall terms of court, 100,848.14. Amount collected from assessments by collector of internal revenue, 17,618.68.

Miscellaneous. Number of horses seized, 8. Number of buggies, 5. Number of mules, 7. Number of wagons, 8. Number of harness, 8. Number of travelling bags, 4. Number of trunks, 3. Number of overcoats, 1. Number of horse collars, 25 sets. (These were seized from a harness drummer, who was selling whiskey as a business and horse collars as a sideline.)

**Varsar's Daughter to be Senate Page**

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RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—The first lady page of the North Carolina general assembly—that is the title Senator D. F. Giles of Marion proposes for little Miss Lillie Snead Varsar, daughter of Senator and Mrs. L. R. Varsar of Lumberton, in a resolution he will introduce in the senate tomorrow.

And of course the senate will pass it, thereby proclaiming Miss Lillie Snead Varsar the first of her sex to occupy a position on the floor of the chamber of dignity. Like the men are supposed to have grabbed all the other offices in the days before woman suffrage, so have the boys held a clear title to the jobs of page. But Senator Giles is going to break the tie and a senator's little daughter will have as much right to carry notes and bills and the like from senator to senator, and even up to the lieutenant governor as any youngster who has a place on the floor.

Senator Giles has played neutral in this suffrage business. And the young Miss Varsar will be the first lady he has supported in politics.

**BERGDOLL, MARRIED AND IN SWITZERLAND**

Draft Dodger Awaiting Amnesty; Claims he is Still an American Citizen

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll is married and living in Switzerland awaiting a proclamation of amnesty for political and military offenses to be declared, when he will return to this country, according to press dispatches received last night from Philadelphia.

Last week it was reported that Bergdoll was endeavoring to secretly enter the country aboard the American steamer Aquafius, and the vessel was stopped and searched at sea by department of justice agents and officers and members of the coast guard cutter Modoc, which intercepted the Aquafius at sea. Search of the vessel was made, but Bergdoll was not found. It was stated by member of the crew that Bergdoll applied for a job as a member of the Aquafius crew just as that vessel was leaving Nordaphia, Germany.

The item from Philadelphia follows: "Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious draft dodger, is married and living in Switzerland and awaiting a proclamation of amnesty for political and military offenses to be declared, when he will return to this country."

"This news, contained in a dispatch from Eberbach, Germany, must have upset his mother, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, for when she was asked to verify the report this morning her answer was: "It's none of your business, you meddlers."

A letter sent by Bergdoll to a friend in Eberbach is dated St. Gall, Switzerland, and reads: "I wish to inform you herewith that I am again in Switzerland, and am married. My name is Friedel Schmidt, who was born in Alexandria, Egypt, January 28, 1907. My father-in-law is a native of Germany."

"I contemplate transferring my residence to Switzerland, to wait there until amnesty for political and military offenses is proclaimed in the United States. I'd like to add that I still am an American citizen."

**DAY IN WASHINGTON**

Ira Nelson Morris, American minister to Sweden, resigned.

When the radio control bill was reported by the house merchant marine committee.

The house approved the senate bill making possible the appointment of Major General Crowder as ambassador to Cuba.

The Pennsylvania railroad, in argument before the supreme court, challenged the jurisdiction of the railroad labor board, in adjustments of wages.

Dr. Otto Waidfeld, the German ambassador, formally presented to Secretary Hughes, the protests of Germany against French occupation of the Ruhr.

The Interstate Commerce commission notified railroads it would investigate their recent expenditures for equipment maintenance, and their methods of supplying care to shippers.

Announcing it had official information that a revolt had broken out in the Lithuanian district East Prussia, the Lithuanian legion denied reports that Lithuanian troops had entered the region.

Efforts of Senator Ferand, Republican of Maine, to nullify the packer trust act by denying appropriations for its enforcement, precipitated a three-hour debate in the senate on the question.

Hope that congress at the present session will provide effective relief for farmers was expressed by President Harding in a letter to a representative of the Frederick, Md., chamber of commerce.

Despite congressional agitation for the recall of William W. Boyden, unofficial American observer with the reparations committee, the administration was understood to believe he should continue in his present capacity.

Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American debt commission, was represented as confident an agreement on the funding of the British debt would be reached before January 20, the tentative sailing date of the British mission.

President Harding, in a letter read at the opening session of the Woman's Industrial conference, declared the changed status of women justified and necessitated their broader participation in various public and social activities.

C. C. Covington Still in Critical Condition. Advice from Greensboro last night indicates that the condition of C. C. Covington, of this city, is still critical, and but little hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. Covington, who is also ill, is reported improving.

**SUBMARINE SECTION OF TOOMER'S CREEK INTAKE BEING LAID**

City Pumping Station is to be Electrified; Big Saving Expected

Work was started yesterday on laying the submarine section of the 24-inch intake pipe under the Cape Fear river, and the pipe line will be constructed on piling above ground for a distance of two and one-quarter miles to Toomer's creek, from which source the water supply for the city of Wilmington will be piped.

Contract for the extension of the intake from its present location at Hilton, to Toomer's creek, was awarded some time ago to Tucker and Laxton, of Charlotte. Bonds amounting to \$250,000 were floated by the city commissioners to pay for this, and also to electrify the pumping station.

John H. Sweeney, superintendent of the pumping station, stated yesterday that it would take about three or four months to complete the work that is now in progress.

Mayor James H. Cowan, in an interview last night, said that the money savings that would be effected through the use of electric power in the operation of the pumping plant, would not only pay the interest on the \$250,000 bonds, but that it would also enable the bonds to be retired serially. The steam engines at the plant will be retained, for auxiliary power and in case of emergencies.

The change of the intake to Toomer's creek will insure better water, free of the brine. It will also result in a decrease in the amount of chemicals used for clarification and filtration, and the money saving on chemicals will be quite an item.

Superintendent Baldwin is supervising the laying of the submarine intake pipe, which is being placed in sections, of which there are five. Mr. Sweeney said that the intake, when changed, would be sufficiently large to supply water for a city of 100,000 inhabitants.

Centrifugal pumps will afterwards be installed in the station, these to be operated by electric power, for which the city has effected a contract at a nominal rate with the Tide Water Power company.

**Fake Fire Staged For Safety Week**

A fake fire was staged yesterday morning when O. C. Kelly slipped a lighted match in a trash barrel in front of Ehrd's department store, and the city had created when Kelly was "arrested," the whole affair being planned and carried out under the direction of the safety week committee.

The fire fighting apparatus was nearby and the burning barrel was soon extinguished. Mr. Kelly was carried to the police station in the patrol, but was immediately given freedom, after it was explained that the fire was a hoax.

Boy Scouts are still actively engaged in handing jay-walking cards to all jay walkers whom they observe crossing the street in the middle of the block. They are also spotting motorists for traffic violations.

**Arrested in Norfolk on Embezzling Charge**

WINSTON-SALEM, Jan. 11.—L. W. Moore, arrested today in Norfolk, Va., for Forsyth county authorities, was indicted here in the superior court this week on the charge of embezzling funds from the McLane Tire and Rubber company, of Cincinnati, O., whom Moore represented for some time in this territory.

It is alleged that Moore's affairs became so involved that the Cincinnati firm directed him to return all stock that he had on hand. Moore did this, but, it is stated, his accounts showed a shortage, and on the complaint lodged against him by the Cincinnati house, the grand jury this week returned a true bill, charging embezzlement.

**Urges Study of Home Economics by Women**

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 11.—The study of home economics by young women is necessary because of the great change in social conditions, particularly in the south. Dr. J. A. Chandler, president of William and Mary college, declared in an address today before the regional agricultural and home economics conference here.

"The teaching of home economics, to high school girls is not only a question of their ability to do things in the home, but it carries with it the instilling of a love for the home. They will learn to love the home a little more and make the home the center of their life. However, I am sorry to say that the home is not the centre of home life today."

Small fire last night at the Universal oil plant entailed only a slight loss. The fire apparatus responded to the box alarm.

Coming—that mysterious "Seventh Guest."—Adv.

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