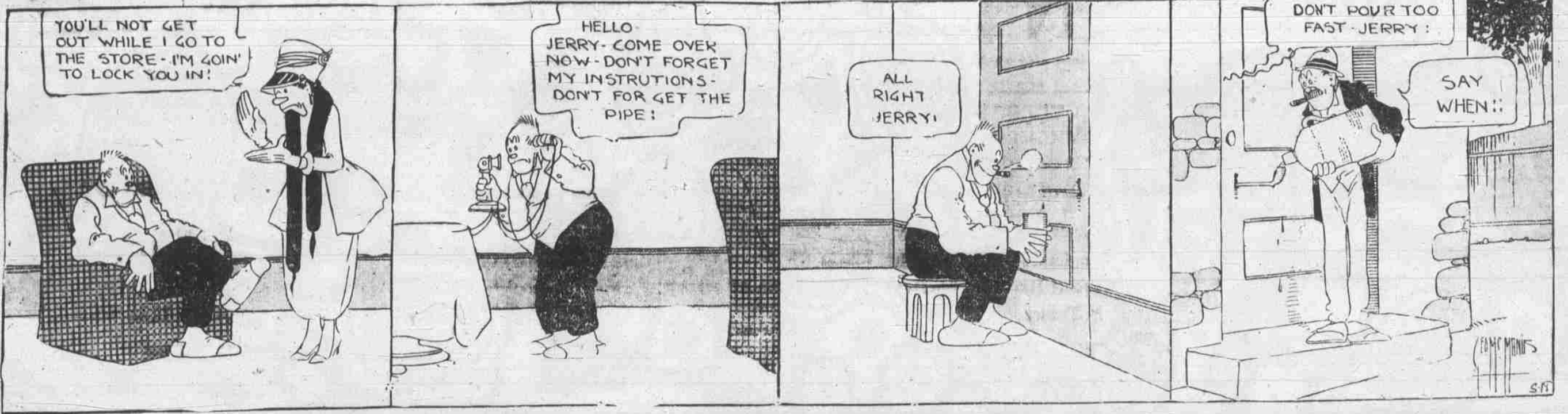
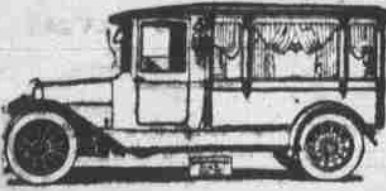


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FUNERAL 'CORTEGE' WAS LIQUOR TRAIN

Party of Mason Cityians, in Iowa Put One of Season's Best Over on Enforcement Officers.

Crafton, Ia., Sept. 17.—Residents of northern Iowa are enjoying a good laugh at the expense of law enforcement officers stationed along the Minnesota border to prevent the illegal importation of liquor. The story goes that they were cleverly outwitted by a party of thirty Mason Cityians who organized a "funeral procession to get past the vigilant officers. At a "wet" town in Minnesota, so the story goes, a motor hearse was engaged. The casket was filled with liquid refreshments of the kind that make men beat their wives and see pink elephants. The "mourners" cars were well stocked. Then the procession composed of some 25 or 30 automobiles, moved solemnly toward the State line.

As the procession neared the border the "cor cortege" moved slowly. Members of the party assumed a solemn air. They fairly exuded grief. The ministerial appearing person in the front car appeared so unctuous that he could have added nothing to his generally dejected and downcast spirit.

Arriving at the State line, the enforcement officers sized up the solemn party uncovered their heads and bowed and the procession moved on unmolested. No complete was the air of gloom and sadness that it is said the officers even shed a few tears of sympathy for those who so visibly suffered, but not stopping to inquire the name of the "dear departed."

Once the hearse was safely passed so the story goes, the pent up spirits—liquid and otherwise—were released. The sadness quickly departed and gloom and bottles were scattered along the way.

There have been indignant denials of the story, but if it is not true, the Mason City bar has got in its work. Mason City is widely credited with being the home of a budding genius. The border enforcement officers are "the goats" of the season's best booze hoax—whether true or not.

SHERIFF DESTROYS SOURCE OF MIRTH

Mount Airy, Sept. 17.—There had been for many years a mysterious attraction somewhere on the Fancy Gap road north of this city, which has been the occasion of much travel on this road. Men with the marks of cars upon their faces and signs of worry upon their brows have journeyed forth, to return jubilant and happy, with song upon their lips and nary a vestige of care. Many times the mystery has been thought solved and this source of joy removed—always to find the familiar faces returning after a time. Since the bone-dry law began working the pilgrimages had been fewer and many pilgrims have been seen returning, not happy and joyful, but footsore and weary. However, in the last week or two the old order has been apparently returning and popularity of moonlight rides increasing on the old highway, sheriff Belton became interested and last night decided to seek the source of mirth for reasons quite different from those of the regular visitors. He and his deputies drove quietly up the road to the home of Simpson Jones, who lives

search of the premises. There was no one home except a small boy, and the search progressed until Sheriff Belton opened the door to one of the upstairs rooms there he saw near the chimney a furnace five feet long, nearly stood a five-gallon oil can overhauled to meet the requirements, and a ten worn perfect in construction, a copper cap and spout completed the needs of an up-to-date distillery. There were wooden kegs conveniently arranged and everything was in readiness. Further search revealed a barrel of beer and a quantity of eye-malt in the smokehouse. The outfit was brought back to town. Jones has not been captured.

SALISBURY NEGRO SENTENCED TO DIE

Salisbury, N. C., 17.—Judge Chas. Saturday sentenced Baxter Cain to die November 9th for the killing of Ed Harris, gave Henry Lewis three and one-half years at hard labor for slaying Harry Esterminger, and Lula Allison was acquitted for killing Annie McCullough, this being a busy day for the court. The criminal term of Rowan superior court which closed Saturday afternoon was featured by the three murder trials.

MEN FROM NASH WHO GO FRIDAY

(Continued from page one)

- Earl Lile, Middlesex.
- H. W. Lamm, Bailey.
- A. C. Hinton, Spring Hope.
- J. T. Finch, Bailey.
- Andrew Joyner Wheelers, Rocky Mount.
- Clyde Alma Hunter, Rocky Mount.
- Floyd Whitley, Elm City.
- John Thomas Robbins, Rocky Mount.
- Francis B. Whitaker, Battleboro.
- James Raymond Perry, Spring Hope.
- Ira Claud May, Nashville.
- Jim Bray, Middlesex.
- Rober F. Patterson, Elm City.
- James B. Vester, Nashville.
- William H. Dixon, Rocky Mount.
- Joseph Freddie Price, Rocky Mount.
- Hassen B. Chamberlaine, Spring Hope.
- Lonnie Embro Bass, Rocky Mount.
- Franklin W. Thorpe, Rocky Mount.
- Linwood A. Collins, Nashville.
- Haywood Maryland, Rocky Mount.
- R. P. Robbins, Rocky Mount.
- Covie Morris, Middlesex.
- Desso Hoyle, Middlesex.
- Walter Phillip Braswell, Nashville.
- Ben Dunn, Whitakers.
- Roger Cooley Collins, Nashville.
- McGonny Richardson, Nashville.
- Ernest E. Turner, Nashville.
- A. P. Finch, Bailey.
- E. G. Finch, Bailey.
- M. G. Crowder, Middlesex.
- Earlie Strickland, Middlesex.
- W T Richardson Spring Hope

FULL TEXT OF VON ECKHARDT'S LETTER

The Department of State makes public the following translation of a letter dated March 8, 1916, from the German minister at Mexico City to the Imperial German chancery.

Imperial Legation, Mexico.

To His Excellency the Imperial Chancellor:

Mr. Folke Cronholm, the Swedish charge d'affaires here, since his arrival here has not disguised his sympathy for Germany, and has entered into close relations with this legation. He is the only diplomat through whom information from a hostile camp can be obtained. Moreover, he acts as intermediary for official diplomatic intercourse between this legation and your excellency. In the course of this he is obliged to go personally each time to the telegraph office, not seldom quite late at night, in order to hand in the telegrams.

Mr. Cronholm was formerly at Peking and at Tokio, and was responsible for the preliminary arrangements which

of his country in each case. Before he came out here he had been in charge of the consulate general at Hamburg. Herr Cronholm has not got a Swedish but only a Chinese passport.

It would be desirable in order not to excite the enemy's suspicion, to treat with secrecy the matter of the issue of the passport until the end of the war, should the decision be favorable to my suggestion. This would mean that the matter would be communicated to no one but the recipient and his government, and even to them only under the seal of secrecy, while the publication of the bestowal of the passport would be postponed until the end of the war.

I should be particularly grateful to your excellency if I could be furnished with telegraphic news of the bestowal of the decoration which I strongly recommend in view of the circumstances detailed above.

VON ECKHARDT.

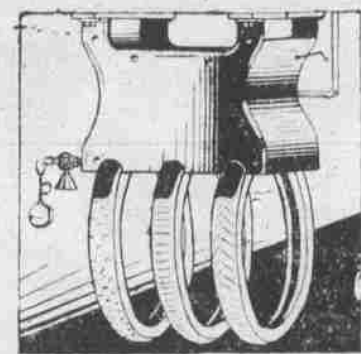
STORM WARNINGS ON THE COAST

Washington, Sept. 17.—There now

are indications that the disturbances off the South Atlantic coast for the past several days are moving northward and

northeast storm warnings are ordered (displayed today from Black Island to Boston by the weather bureau.

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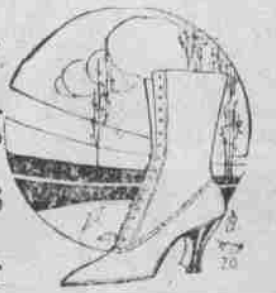
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