

MORE WHISKEY IS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL REPORT, BEING CONSUMED

Figures Made Public by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue Are Calculated to Startle.

LICENSE ISSUED THIS YEAR TO 618 CAROLINA DEALERS

Little Decrease in Number of Licenses Issued Since Enactment of Prohibition Law in This State.

Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue discloses almost startling facts bearing on the prohibition law, which is supposed to be in effect in North Carolina. This report, which was made public yesterday, furnishes the very interesting information that the federal government, through the bureau of internal revenue, issued retail liquor licenses for the fiscal year ending June 30 of the present year to 618 dealers. But this is not all. In prohibition North Carolina the report discloses the fact that 24 wholesale dealers licenses were issued during the past year.

But the 24 wholesale liquor dealers and the 618 retailers, who made a mockery of prohibition in North Carolina last year, do not tell the whole story. The report of the commissioner of internal revenue discloses the fact that 16 grain distilleries were registered in the state last year, and in addition, nine more were operated. Of fruit distilleries, 324 were registered and 318 operated. Most of these distilleries were in the Fifth district. They consumed more than 55,000 bushels of grain, nearly all of which was corn. More than 60,000 gallons of fruit brandy were produced in the state during the year. There are a number of bonded warehouses in the western part of the state that are still holding whiskey manufactured before prohibition became effective. They will keep the stock for ages. This supply amounts to 120,000 gallons. During the last year 239,000 gallons of whiskey were rectified in North Carolina.

Getting back to the small dealer, there are eight wholesale whiskey dealers doing business in the western North Carolina internal revenue collection district, and two in the eastern district. The fourth, or eastern district, has the western district badly beaten in its patronage of retail whiskey dealers. There were 327 licenses issued in the eastern district and only 251 in the west. The eastern end of the state also brags of more dispensers of malt liquors. There are 582 of these in the east and 347 in the west. The wholesale dealers in malt liquors in the state last year numbered 35.

Kisses, Real, Are to Be Sold; All Roads Lead to Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Twenty-five hundred kisses, real lip-kisses, will be sold to all comers by twenty charming young women at Turner Hall, Sunday, at rates of four dollars worth of kisses, real lip-kisses, will be sold to all comers.

HOUSE OF LORDS REJECTS BUDGET

An Unprecedented Situation Is Introduced in a Sedate, Detached Sort of Way, ACT OF LORDS WILL BE CAUSE OF FINANCIAL CHAOS

London, Dec. 1.—A political crisis, caused by the unprecedented action of the House of Lords in refusing its consent to the government's budget, is developing rapidly. The cabinet, which had determined upon its policy in the event of Lord Lansdown's amendment being carried, had an early meeting today to consider the wording of a motion which Premier Asquith will ask the house of commons to adopt. This motion constitutes a remonstrance against the invasion by the peers of the rights of the lower house.

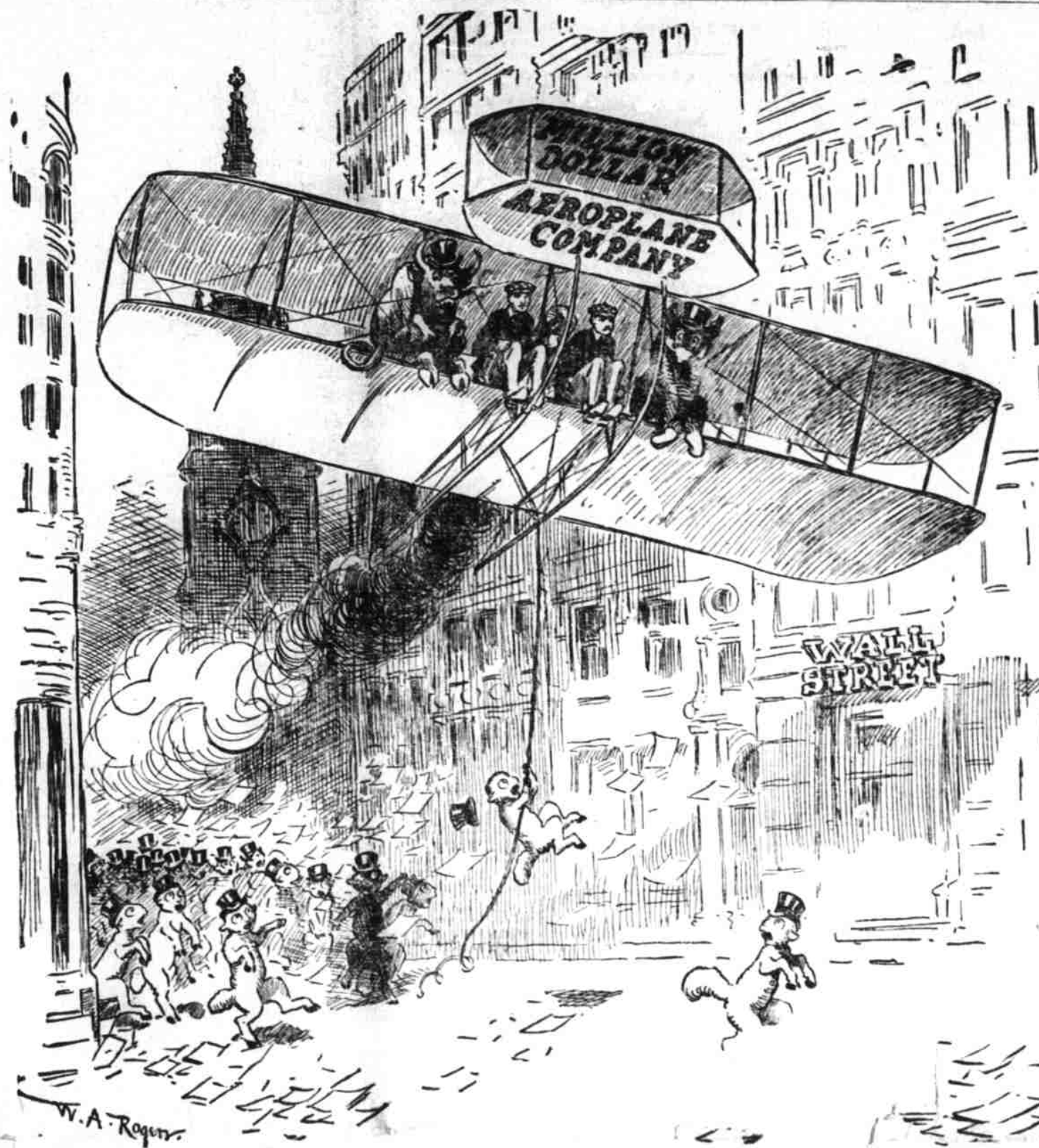
After six days debate, notable for the high standard of the oratory, as well as for the able and convincing arguments arrayed on both sides for and against the budget, and placing in every possible light the aspects of the great constitutional question involved, the house of lords cleared its division at half past eleven o'clock last night. The scene was impressive but in no sense exciting. None would have supposed that the event proceeding was destined not only to prove memorable in the annals of British history, but possibly also involving far-reaching changes in the British constitution.

When division was taken there was practically no excitement in the streets, although earlier in the evening considerable crowds gathered in the vicinity of the house and attempted a pre-budget demonstration. A large number of demonstrators were dispersed.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR SALISBURY

Team Run Away, Injuring William Watson, and Killing His Seven Years Old Son.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 1.—While William Watson and two sons were returning today from their country home at Woodleaf, their team became frightened at a passing automobile and ran away. Watson was painfully hurt. The elder son jumped, and was uninjured, but the younger boy, seven years old, was dragged some distance, dying afterwards from his injuries.



GOING SOME

A Population of 30,000, Is Showing Made By the Directory of Asheville for Year 1909

THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEFRAUDED

Further Evidence to This Effect Introduced Today in the Sugar Cases Now Being Tried.

New York, Dec. 1.—With the resumption of the trial of James P. Henderson, Oliver Spitzer, and four other former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, charged with conspiracy to defraud, there were indications that the government counsel intends in the present action, to probe deep into the occurrence, for a number of years, at the Williamsburg Sugar docks.

A NEW TRIAL IN THE HARRIS CASE

Supreme Court of Appeals at Richmond Reserves Decision of the Fauquier County Court.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 1.—In the Supreme Court of Appeals Attorney General Anderson confessed error in the case of Harris against Commonwealth, the court reversing the decision of the Fauquier County court, remanding the case for a new trial.

Mitchell President of Sun Company. New York, Dec. 1.—Edward P. Mitchell, of the editorial staff of the New York Sun, has been elected to succeed the late William M. Laffan, as president of the Sun Printing and Publishing association.

To Be Exact, 29,987 Is Estimate of Greater Asheville and Suburbs, and Directory Closed Two Months Ago—Multiple, 2 1-2, Used—Increase of 1000 Over Last Year.

The 1909 directory of Greater Asheville, including Asheville, Victoria, Blinnox, Woolsey, West Asheville and Bingham Heights, is being issued from the presses of the Hackney & Moseley company. The directory is issued by the Piedmont Directory company under the direction of E. H. Miller, and is by far the best directory yet issued for Asheville.

Wine Casks Were Short; A Shake-up in Baltimore

Washington, Dec. 1.—As a result of the investigation of shortages from wine casks and other packages at the Baltimore customs house, a shake-up in that end of the service is announced. The treasury department approved the reduction of John E. Montgomery, superintendent of the bonded warehouses, to a clerkship, and several minor officials were also reduced. Thomas Arnold, a clerk, was appointed to succeed Montgomery.

Bureau Chiefs Gagged; New White House Order

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft issues a "gag" order, prohibiting bureau chiefs, officers of the army, navy and marine corps stationed here, from giving information to committees of the house or senate, unless authorized by the head of a department. At the White House, it was declared that the president's order has for its object the centralization of authority in the department heads.

Togo is Transferred. Tokyo, Dec. 1.—Admiral Togo, the chief of staff of the navy, retires today from the naval command and becomes a member of the military council.

THE SWITCHMEN ARE ON STRIKE

Roads of the Northwest Are Effected, and the Wheat Market Became Bullish.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Ten thousand men will be thrown out of employment if there is a continuation of the switchmen's strike on the northwest railroads, in cities between here and the Pacific coast.

EIGHT MINERS RESCUED; NOT ONE WAS DISABLED

Protected Themselves from Smoke and Gases by Building a Partition Wall.

Ducktown, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The eight men who were imprisoned in London mine yesterday as the result of a shaft fire were brought to the surface today. Not one was physically disabled following the entombment.

Working on His Message All Day. Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft today is devoting the entire day to working on his first annual message to congress. He did not go to the executive offices during the usual working hours, and denied himself to all visitors, including Speaker Cannon.

Steamer Necess Ashore. New York, Dec. 1.—The steamer Necess of the Malloy line is ashore off French reef on the Florida coast. The news was received here by wireless from Key West. The Necess has sent out a call for assistance and the government tug Ocoke has been sent to her aid.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Thursday, for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer weather, with probably showers late tonight or Thursday.