

## SIX WHISKEY CASE ARRESTS

### WELL KNOWN MEN HELD UNDER BOND

Proprietors of Battery Park and Langren Hotels and Two Employes Now Face Charges

### SELLING LIQUOR OR ABETTING IS ALLEGED

Capiases Also Issued by Judge Carter for Others Employed in Hotels or Drug Stores

The second chapter in the investigation into the alleged illicit traffic in liquor in Asheville and Buncombe county was written here this morning when Superior Court Judge Frank Carter, sitting as a committing magistrate, exploded a bomb by ordering the immediate arrests of John H. Lange and Guy Green, owners and proprietors of the Langren hotel and the Century Drug store; James L. Alexander, proprietor of the Battery Park hotel; and J. Baylis Rector, manager of the Langren; together with two other men, Vance L. Wells and Isadore Grant, the latter colored, these two men being alleged agents of one or the other of the first four men named. The arrests followed immediately and the defendants were placed under heavy bonds.

These men are charged with selling whiskey directly or indirectly, and a few of them with aiding and abetting in the traffic through their agents. The affidavits against J. L. Alexander and Isadore Grant were made by Chief of Police C. N. Lominac, and those against the others by Sheriff C. F. Williams. The arrests were made at the instance of J. W. Haynes of the prosecution.

Three of the defendants, Messrs. Lanfe, Green and Alexander, were required by Judge Carter to furnish bond for their appearance from day to day in the sum of \$3000 each; Mr. Rector was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$1000; and a similar bond was named for the negro, Grant. There was a warrant issued for Vance L. Wells but he was reported by the officers to be out of the city. The charges against him are similar to those against Grant.

Against John H. Lange there are two indictments, including three counts. The first of these counts is made under Section 2, Chapter 44 of the Public Laws of 1913 and charges the defendant with "selling, exchanging, bartering, giving away for the purpose of direct or indirect gain, and otherwise handling spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the state of North Carolina." The second and third counts charge that he "unlawfully aided and abetted the sale for gain of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors to John Doe, a person unknown to the affiant, thereby becoming a principal to said sale."

The same charges are made against J. L. Alexander, Guy Green and J. Baylis Rector, although there are only two counts against each of these, included in one indictment. Vance L. Wells and Isadore Grant are charged with a direct sale to a person "unknown to the affiant."

### BALWIN AGREES TO PLEAD GUILTY

Druggist Admits Technical Violation and Promises to Stop Liquor Selling.

The three druggists, Penrose Baldwin, D. McE. Mackay and F. H. McMullen who were arrested about two weeks ago when the investigation was launched, were called into court this morning to plead the charges against them of violating the prohibition law by making illegal sales under license held to sell intoxicants on prescription. The only pleading, however, was made by Mr. Baldwin, the others being continued from day to day, the court stating the records of the business of the other two places has not yet been completed.

Mr. Baldwin, through his attorney, Judge Thomas A. Jones, agreed to plead guilty in a technical sense to the charges against him before a court of competent jurisdiction; to give up his license to sell whiskey on prescription; to ship all intoxicants in his place of business back to the people from whom they were purchased; and to quit the business as long as the prohibition law remains in effect in Asheville. In support of this he also agreed to furnish any bond that the court may deem necessary to show good faith in carrying out the agreement.

Judge Carter allowed this plea to be entered. The defendant waived a preliminary hearing in making this plea.

The three defendants remain under the same bonds, \$1000 each, named by Judge Carter when they were arrested.

sale of liquor on prescription was held by the store; and Will W. Patton, formerly a bookkeeper at the Glen Rock hotel, of which J. H. Lange is the owner and proprietor.

These capias were issued under the authority of Section 3721 of the Revised of 1905, and set forth that the judge of the Superior court has good reason to believe that these persons "have knowledge of a place where intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law and that such persons are not minded to make voluntary information thereof on oath, therefore the sheriff is commanded to summons them to personally appear instant before the court to give evidence of such places."

These men were also placed under heavy bond for their appearance before the court at the hearing from day to day. If they refuse to testify fully as to their knowledge of these places they may be attached for contempt and locked up in the common jail until they do testify.

It is of interest to note in this connection that Judge Carter, while sitting as a committing magistrate, has the same jurisdiction as any other officer under the statute, even that of an associate justice of the Supreme court of the state and there is no appeal, neither will a writ of habeas corpus lie, the only recourse of the witness being to tell all he knows and make a full disclosure. Should the witness testify falsely he is subject to an indictment for perjury, as all authorities are agreed that where a statute such as Chapter 44 of the Public Laws of 1913 altogether pardons a witness for any disclosures that he may make which tend to incriminate him, he cannot refuse to testify.

To Investigate Licenses. Judge Carter stated at the hearing today that the state is in possession of a list of the retail liquor dealers in Asheville and Buncombe county and that the business of all persons holding such license will be thoroughly investigated. Two of the men arrested today, Vance L. Wells and Isadore Grant, hold such licenses. Wells' license names the Glen Rock hotel as his place of business, and that of Grant, a negro, names the Battery Park hotel as his place of business.

In the indictments secured today, J. H. Lange is charged specifically with aiding and abetting F. M. Lange in selling and abetting F. M. Lange in selling and abetting F. H. McMullen and Vance L. Wells, Guy Green and J. Baylis Rector are specifically charged with aiding and abetting McMullen, and J. L. Alexander is charged with aiding and abetting Isadore Grant in carrying on the illicit traffic in liquor.

## WILSON STILL IS CONFIDENT

Reiterates Belief Huerta Government is Crumbling—Refers to Reports in Mexico

INTEREST ATTACHES TO COMING MESSAGE

President Will Review Situation to Congress—He is satisfied With Foreign Attitude

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson's belief that the government of Provisional President Huerta is slowly crumbling was reiterated today at the White House. Discussing the situation generally, the president pointed out that the local press in Mexico City could print, uncontradicted, baseless statements as to the future intentions of the United States.

As evidence of the ability of the Huerta government to spread any impression it pleased through the Mexican press the president referred incidentally to optimistic predictions during the last few days in Mexican newspapers that recognition of the Huerta government by the United States was forthcoming. The Washington government, it is known, is irrevocably determined under no circumstances to recognize Huerta.

There were no new developments today in the situation generally, according to White House officials, but added interest was developed in the president's forthcoming annual message which he will read to congress when it became known that among the subjects to be discussed will be included a statement giving the status of the Mexican situation. The president indicated that he would keep his message abreast of developments in Mexico so that his presentation of events would be up to the day of delivery.

Mr. Wilson expressed satisfaction today over the attitude of foreign governments and indicated it was wholly friendly and showed a desire to co-operate with the United States wherever possible.

As to the conference between Sir William Tyrrell, private secretary to Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and President Wilson last night, it was stated at the White House that the meeting was for "mutual information."

### HAILED TO COURT FOR YELLING "SHAKESPEARE"

Rufus Knute Found Guilty of Improper Conduct Toward Teacher

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, Nov. 24.—George H. Smathers, for many years one of Waynesville's most popular attorneys, has moved his offices to Asheville, where he will in the future practice law. His many friends here will regret to lose him, but wish him well in his new field.

Prof. D. F. Nicholson, superintendent of the graded schools, has a rule in the schools that when a pupil has been found guilty of misbehavior he or she shall learn several paragraphs of Shakespeare. No doubt this particular rule did not please Rufus Knute, a chauffeur; for Saturday, while the superintendent and his wife were walking down Main street, he is stated to have seen them and yelled out, "Shakespeare," in a very loud voice.

The superintendent at once had a warrant sworn out for him and he was haled to the Police court, where he was found guilty of improper conduct, although sentence has not yet been passed on him.

## OWEN BEGINS DEBATE ON CURRENCY MEASURE

Tells How Administration Plan Would Operate—Hitchcock Follows

Washington, Nov. 24.—The administration currency bill began the second stage of its legislative journey today when Senator Owen, chairman of the senate banking committee, opened debate in the senate. Mr. Owen devoted a great deal of his speech to demonstrating how the administration plan would operate.

Senator Hitchcock, of the anti-administration wing of the banking committee will follow Senator Owen to present the bill drawn by himself and the five republicans of the committee.

### SITE FINALLY SELECTED FOR THE CITADEL CAMP

Event Celebrated with Banquet by Members of the Brevard Club

Capt. H. E. Raines of the Citadel Military academy of Charleston, accompanied by other officers of the academy, made a trip to Brevard last Saturday and made a final selection of the site for the summer school and camp that is to be established. There were two sites under consideration, and the one near Wilson's bridge, about a mile from Brevard, was decided upon. The work of erecting the necessary buildings and improving the grounds will be begun at once.

Saturday night there was a banquet by the Brevard club at the Elowah hotel, when Capt. Raines and his associates and Col. Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina association, were guests of honor. J. S. Silverstein, president of the club, acted as toastmaster and there was a number of informal talks following the serving of the banquet. Appreciation on the part of the citizens of the town was expressed for the coming of the school and camp, and for the very active work that had been done by Col. Cohen in securing the development. Capt. Raines responded to these remarks by saying that he believes the site is the best that could have been secured.

### WARM IN ASHEVILLE; SNOWING ON PISGAH

Visitors There Yesterday Report a Snow Flurry at the Summit.

With the extremely warm weather in Asheville yesterday, it is hard to realize that snow was falling within a radius of 25 miles of the city, yet it is so. It was the summit of Mount Pisgah in the morning and returned late in the afternoon reported that it was snowing while they were on the summit of the mountain. They did not feel the necessity of wraps when they left Asheville, but as a precautionary measure wraps were taken. They were not at all out of place, either, when the summit of the mountain was being approached.

### NO WIRELESS PHONE ACROSS ATLANTIC

New York, Nov. 24.—The despatches received from Berlin and published in this country last Saturday that there had been wireless telephone exchanges across the Atlantic between Germany and New Jersey are today declared to have been erroneous. Aerograms or wireless telegraph signs were transmitted but the error was in describing the sounds as those of the human voice and it apparently originated in Berlin, where the word for aerial telegraph was confused with that for an aerial telephons message.

### NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED FOR PURCHASE OF RAILROAD

London, Nov. 24.—Negotiations were concluded today for the acquisition of the Cuban Central railways by the United Railroads of the Havana and Regula Warshouses, limited. The shareholders of the Central are to receive \$37,600 nominal in United shares in exchange for their 45 cent shares.

## WEDDING PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Finishing Touches Made in Arranging For the Ceremonies at White House Tomorrow

MANY OF GUESTS NOW IN WASHINGTON

Hundreds of Wedding Gifts Ready for Exhibi-Entertainment For the Bridal Party

Washington, Nov. 24.—Finishing touches on arrangements for the White House wedding were in evidence in the historic East room today and a rehearsal of the ceremony late in the afternoon completed all the plans for tomorrow's program when Jessie Wilson, the president's second daughter, will become the wife of Francis Bowes Sayre.

Gifts and guests continued to arrive during the day. While the number of guests will be much smaller than at the wedding of Alice Roosevelt and Nicholas Longworth, a distinguished company has been invited and the ceremony tomorrow promises to be a brilliant scene.

The house of representatives had adjourned until Wednesday, and while the senate has planned to work on the day of the wedding it may adjourn in time to permit those of its membership who have been invited to attend.

Guests Arrive. Dr. Winfred T. Grenfell, the Labrador coast mission worker and close friend of Mr. Sayre, who is to be best man, arrived here today. Mrs. Sayre, mother-of-the-bride, was expected late in the afternoon to be a guest at the White House. Numbers of guests from Princeton also began arriving.

Although no guest list has been permitted to become public at the White House it is known that the invitations have been limited almost entirely to personal friends of Mr. Sayre. Miss Wilson and the two families. No invitations have been issued to senators or representatives as such, though a few have been invited, and outside of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps and some high officials of the army and navy, invitations to official Washington have been very scarce.

Wedding Gifts. As the wedding gifts have arrived they have been placed in one of the largest rooms on the second floor of the White House. The most valuable gift in the entire lot is the diamond pendant given by members of the house of representatives, and White House officials say the bride-to-be has been greatly displeased by exaggerated statements of the value of many of the presents.

One of the most striking gifts received is a pure white vicuna skin rug from the Peruvian minister and Madame Pehast. Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Dewey have given a wonderful silver vase; Mr. Sayre's family have sent a complete set of small silver and a silver tea service. These, however, are only among hundreds of gifts which have been arriving almost hourly for the last week.

Secretary Bryan and Mrs. Bryan entertained Dr. Grenfell today at luncheon; a dinner was planned for this evening by the president and Mrs. Wilson for the wedding party and relatives, and later the officers of the president's yacht, Mayflower, were planning to give a dinner and dance aboard the ship for the immediate members of the bridal party.

New York, Nov. 24.—A delegation representing 500 girl employees of a white goods factory left today for Washington to present Miss Jessie Wilson, the president's daughter, a hand-embroidered linen petticoat as a wedding gift. Miss Wilson, it was understood, had made an appointment to receive the committee at the White House this evening.

All of the 500 girls played some part in the making of the fine petticoat, which is embroidered with a garland of roses and an American eagle and flag bearing the initials J. W. S.—Jessie Wilson Sayre. The idea was prompted by appreciation of work that Miss Wilson has done as a social worker among New York girls.

COMPLAINED THAT HUSBAND BEAT HER 2086 TIMES. Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 24.—On complaint of his wife, who declared her husband had beaten her once every week since they were married, a total of 2086 times, Peter Edwards, was sentenced to 30 days in the work house at a Sunday session of police court here.

## ROADS SEEK TO INCREASE RATE

### HEAD OF RESINOL COMPANY IS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter of Baltimore at Grove Park Inn

Allan Leroy Carter, together with Mrs. Carter, is a guest of the Grove Park Inn. Mr. Carter, the executive head of the Resinol Chemical company, is on the way to his home in Baltimore, after attending the convention of the wholesale druggists at Jacksonville.

Mr. Carter has expressed himself as immensely pleased with what he has seen here. In fact, the attractions of the city have impressed Mr. Carter as being so varied and pronounced that he is persuaded that the druggists would do well to hold their next convention here.

The Resinol company appropriates a very large amount annually for advertising, and the newspapers are used exclusively as the medium for reaching the people.

### NO TOUCHDOWNS MADE IN THE MAJOR GAMES

Harvard Defeated Yale and Princeton Entirely With Field Goals

Boston, Mass., Nov. 24.—It is regarded as an index to the new order of things in football that Harvard, winner of first place in the rating of eastern teams this fall, has won this honor without scoring a single touchdown in either of its two most important games. Harvard defeated Yale and Princeton by field goals entirely, notwithstanding that Harvard was a better team than either, according to many observers, in all around football.

The absence of the touchdown play is made still more remarkable by noting that Yale also made no touchdown against Harvard or Princeton, and Princeton made none against Yale or Harvard. In this triangle of major teams 27 of the 29 points scored were by goals from the field, the remaining two being due to a freak safety, which is a unique record in the annals of Harvard-Yale-Princeton football.

Charles E. Brickley, the phenomenal Harvard player, with five goals in one game, one a placement lift, carried off the undisputed honor of being the most brilliant star of the eastern players.

### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Its Delivery Will Depend on the Convenience of Congress

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson's annual message which he will read to congress will be finished tomorrow but just when it will be delivered will depend upon the convenience of both houses in arranging a joint session. Hitherto the president's message has been read the day after the convening of congress.

It is expected that the president will dwell considerably on the need for early action on the currency bill and that he will develop in a general way the attitude of the administration toward trust legislation, leaving to the congressional committees the task of writing specific remedies. He also will refer to the Mexican situation.

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Presidents of B. & O., Wabash and Pennsylvania Appear Before Interstate Commission

RESULT IS IMPORTANT TO ENTIRE COUNTRY

Williard Asserts that Expenses Have Increased Steadily and That Earnings Are Increasing

Washington, Nov. 24.—Daniel Williard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, Frederic A. Delano, president of the Wabash, and George Stuart Patterson, general solicitor of the Pennsylvania, appeared before the interstate commerce commission to argue for authority to increase rates on all classes of freight traffic, approximately 5 per cent, east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

Though the proposed increased rates are asked by the railroads in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, the hearing is of the utmost importance to all the railroads of the United States; for should the commission grant the authority for the increase, it might extend the authority to other railroads of the country.

The commission will inquire whether present rates yield adequate revenues to the common carriers, and much testimony will be taken. When the hearing began it was expected only the opening arguments by the representatives of the railroad would be heard today.

That the railroads of the country have felt the burden of the increased cost of living like all other enterprises, or individuals, "but unlike all others have not been permitted so far to raise their prices or adjust their charges in recognition of that burden," was the declaration of Mr. Williard.

Referring to the refusal of the commission in 1910 to grant a ten per cent increase and the promise to re-investigate the rate question in the future should conditions warrant it, Mr. Williard asserted that operation of the railroads during the last three years was not such as to inspire confidence of private capital or encourage the support of private enterprise.

What Roads Rely On. In presenting the facts which the railroads rely to prove the necessity for an increase in rates, Mr. Williard asserted that during the past three years "the railroads in the territory affected had spent in property investment some \$600,000,000 or at the rate of \$200,000,000 per year. Nevertheless," he added, "because of the fact that operating expenses had increased faster than operating revenue, these railroads earned in the year ended June 30, 1913, less by \$15,311,321 than for the year ending June 30, 1910."

In these three years the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Baltimore and Ohio systems increased their property investment over \$422,537,000, according to Mr. Williard's figures. While their combined gross earnings increased \$109,000,000, the net operating income was \$8,575,507 less in 1913 than in 1910, notwithstanding the expenditure of \$422,000,000 for improvements.

Mr. Williard also called attention to increases in wages, taxes, "burdens imposed by legislative enactments," such as extra crews, liability compensation acts and other conditions. He called attention to the fact that since 1910 wage payments by the railroads had greatly increased—largely as a result of mediation and arbitration proceedings—and that the award just announced by the arbitrators would give the conductors and trainmen \$5,000,000 per annum additional. The effect of so-called full crews law alone, he said, had been to increase the expenses of these carriers more than \$4,000,000 per annum.

The railroads affected paid \$54,494,171 in the shape of taxes for 1913, this being \$11,579,181 more than for 1910, he asserted. The three larger railroad systems paid in taxes \$21,311,000 in 1913, this being \$7,854,000 more than for 1910.

At the opening of the hearing appearances were entered by officials and counsel of the 52 eastern railroads. Approximately 250 representatives.

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## Dynamite Scattered On Automobile Boulevard

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 24.—The police let it be known today that for three weeks automobiles have been flitting with death as they drove along Grant Boulevard, the favorite motor track between the fashionable east end district and downtown Pittsburgh. During that time they have collected 120 sticks of dynamite, apparently scattered systematically over the road. Yesterday they located another lot in the boulevard and arrested Herman Kadman, alleging he knew something of the robbery of a contractor's magazine from which they declare the dynamite was stolen.