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LIQUOR REPORT IS SENSATIONAL

Judge Carter Says About 100,000 Gallons Are Shipped Here Annually by Freight.
GETS INFORMATION FROM THE RECORDS
Reads Records of Druggists of Whiskey Bought and the Prescriptions Filled—The Figures

Announcements made this morning by Judge Frank Carter, sitting as a committing magistrate in the investigation into alleged violations of the prohibition law in Asheville and Buncombe county, relative to the disclosures made by the records compiled of whiskey shipments into the city and county during the past 10 months were of a rather startling nature.

Of this total amount, Judge Carter estimated that 60,000 gallons are disposed of by the large dealers, with an approximate profit of \$1 a gallon, thus clearing for them \$6,000 annually. In this connection, he said that the men now charged with violating the law represent property in the aggregate of more than a million dollars, besides having political and social position.

Judge Carter stated that the fact that they are being prosecuted does not mean that they are guilty, but that in case they are convicted he fears that even the extensive power of the government could not secure for them fair judgments, as there is not a judge on the bench of North Carolina who would have the temerity to impose road sentences.

As to sentences, Judge Carter expressed the further opinion that if a judge could be found to convict men of wealth and political influence and impose such sentences as they deserve, then the "nice people of the community" would pray the governor with one accord to commute such sentences to a pecuniary basis. Any pecuniary penalties that may be imposed in this investigation, he said, would not amount to 10 per cent of the profits made by the defendants in this traffic.

As a concrete illustration of the amount of whiskey that is shipped into Asheville and Biltmore annually, Judge Carter said that if the 3000 barrels, which is the amount estimated, each barrel averaging four feet in height, were stacked one upon the other on Park square, there would be 150 columns as high as Vance monument; 23 columns as high as the Washington monument; 53 as high as the Bunker Hill monument; and 12 as high as the Eiffel tower, the highest in the world.

Judge Carter also announced the findings of the auditors with respect to the three druggists, Penrose MacGraw, D. McN. MacKay, and F. H. McMullen, owners and manager of three drug stores that have handled whiskey on prescription. These investigations also covered a period of 10 months back, and it was shown that during this time a total of 13,267 prescriptions were filled at the three places, or approximating something over 21,000 annually.

The records of Grant's pharmacy, for which Mr. Baldwin holds a license to sell intoxicants on prescription, were taken up first. These showed that something over 5000 gallons were received and that dispensed on prescription was fully accounted for in the amount on hand.

Judge Carter stated that in the investigation of this business it has been found that Mr. Baldwin is only technically guilty, and that it is his personal belief that Mr. Baldwin is a model citizen and a man of the highest character. He said further that the investigation was not instituted for the purpose of prosecuting those technically guilty, but those who have intentionally violated the law.

It was stated by the court that there is nothing held against Mr. Baldwin. Judge Carter said, however, that he decided last night to have Mr. Baldwin furnish a list of physicians who have written prescriptions filled at his place of business, and to make affidavit that this list is authentic. Mr. Baldwin was therefore served in open court this morning.

WHERE TO LOCATE THE BRANCH BANKS

Georgia Senators Declare Atlanta Territory Will Not Do Business With New Orleans Reserves—Number Of Reserves May Be Placed at 10.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Location of the regional reserve banks to be established by the new currency bill became a matter of pressing importance where the democratic conference resumed work today. The insistence of Senator Hoke Smith and Senator Patrick of Georgia, that the territory tributary to Atlanta would not do business with a regional bank at New Orleans may force the conference to at least informally outline districts and locations for the banks.

To Prevent Cruelty To The English Language

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Joseph Jastrow of the University of Wisconsin, speaking here today before the National Council of Teachers of English, referred to the possibility of a society for the prevention of cruelty to the English language.

Professor Jastrow told the result of an inquiry as to what would be the outcome of 50 objectionable expressions caught in ordinary conversation were fined such amounts, varying from one cent to one dollar, as seemed a fit punishment for each separate offense, according to the pain inflicted on the hearer.

MURDER TRIAL FOR CRAIG STARTED

May be Several Days Before Jurors Are Chosen—The Charge.

Shelbyville, Ind., Nov. 28.—Fifty veniremen from whom it was hoped to secure the jury to decide the fate of Dr. William E. Craig of Indianapolis, charged with killing Dr. Helene Knabe there two years ago, responded to summons when the Circuit court was convened here today.

While the majority of attorneys connected with the case declared that it might be several days before a jury was secured, a few expressed the opinion that the twelve men would be selected before adjournment was taken this afternoon. Of the 50 men summoned 40 were farmers and eight were Shelbyville business men.

Judge Blair has made preparations for holding night sessions, if it is found necessary, and yesterday electric lights were installed in the court room.

DRUGS LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Nov. 28.—Joseph E. Davies, commissioner of corporations, conferred with President Wilson today about anti-trust legislation. Mr. Davies submitted the results of some of his inquiries. The president is gathering information preparatory to a series of conferences with congressional leaders framing bills.

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MEXICAN OFFICE HOLDERS PUT TO DEATH BY REBELS

Blood and Family Ties of no Avail to Halt The Vengeance.

Mexico City, Nov. 28.—Blood and family ties did not avail to halt the vengeance of the constitutionalists when Mexican federal office holders fell into their hands at the capture of the city of Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas. State as well as federal officials were executed without quarter.

Among those killed was a young civilian cousin of Enrique Caballero, who is the leader of the rebels at Victoria and one of the chief lieutenants of Venustiano Carranza. The young civilian was condemned to die because he had helped the federal troops to defend the city.

MEMBERSHIP OF SPUGS IS RAPIDLY INCREASING

New York, Nov. 28.—The fight against the useless giving of Christmas presents—not to give less but to give discriminately and intelligently—is spreading throughout the country with the approach of the holiday.

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Bulletin Shows More Casualties Than For Preceding Quarter.

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Will Try to Settle Strike of 14,000 General Electric Employees.

COAL STRIKERS DO NOT ACCEPT PLAN

Governor Ammons Withdraws From Conciliatory Measures And Orders Enforcement of Law The Operators Had Agreed to Accept.

Denver, Col., Nov. 28.—The acceptance by the operators and the rejection by the miners' representatives late last night of a statement of facts submitted by Governor E. M. Ammons upon which the governor hoped to obtain the resumption of the conference upon the southern coal field strike led to the practical withdrawal of the governor from conciliatory measures and an order by the executive to Adjutant General Chase to enforce the law in the strike zone.

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PRaises Style OF NEWSPAPER

Professor Beckman Speaks to Professors of Journalism On Writing For Papers.

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