

## HE INSISTS ON PRELIMINARIES

### Judge Carter Will Not Allow Defendants in Whiskey Cases to Waive Hearings.

### EVIDENCE IS GIVEN IN ALEXANDER CASE

Charles Nichols and Isadore Gant on Stand Today—Answered Questions Frankly—Other Cases.

A third raid was made on the Battery Park hotel this morning, when Chief of Police C. N. Lominac found nine quarts of gin, 14 pints of whiskey, 24 bottles of beer and a number of bills for whiskey shipped to the Battery Park Special. The intoxicants were in room 260, on the second floor of the hotel.

In the cases this morning against J. H. Lange, Gay Green and J. Baylis Rector of the Langren hotel and the Century drug store, O. E. Franklin was examined in chief for an hour and gave what the prosecution considered very damaging testimony against all three defendants relative to the illicit sale of whiskey in the hotel and drug store.

Several defendants, before Judge Carter in the investigation which he is conducting as a committing magistrate into alleged violations of the prohibition law here, have attempted through their attorneys to waive a preliminary hearing, but that course has been barred to them. Judge Carter states that these defendants may or may not be convicted on the charges preferred against them when they come to a final hearing, but that he proposes to show in this preliminary hearing just what has been going on in Asheville relative to the traffic in liquor by the men "higher up."

Judge Carter says that he does not expect to preside at any term of Superior court when any of these defendants will be tried, and he therefore feels free as a committing magistrate to go into every detail of the investigation that may promise developments. There are now remaining two weeks of the regular civil term of court, and following this comes the one week's special term for the trial of civil cases. He says that this entire time, with the exception of the inconsiderable period that will be taken up in the hearing of one civil action, will be devoted to the investigation. He thinks that the good citizens of Asheville and Buncombe county have a right to know what has been going on in their midst, and he expects to show them.

Just before court finally adjourned yesterday afternoon, Judge Carter submitted a few remarks especially for the benefit of the defendants present. He told them that the tables had been turned. He referred to the fact that in the past the "big fellow" had been used to convict the "little fellow." Now, he said, the reverse of that custom is the order of the day, and that the little ones who have been trampled and dragged into the mire through the efforts of the big ones, who have used them as tools, are the strong arm of the state in bringing the "big fellows" to justice and exposing their traffic to the eyes of the public.

### Alexander Case.

The case against James L. Alexander, proprietor of the Battery Park hotel, which was taken up yesterday afternoon, was resumed before Judge Carter stated that he expected to adopt a course about which he has not consulted the prosecuting attorneys, Charles Nichols and B. J. Lawrence, clerks at the hotel, were sworn by Judge Carter himself, and then Mr. Nichols was placed on the stand. He was told to take his time and name all the people that live in Asheville or within a radius of 75 miles of the city whom he has seen around the hotel the past year.

The following men were named by Mr. Nichols, and Judge Carter stated that they may be subpoenaed and asked to tell all they know, if anything, about the liquor traffic at the hotel: Judge P. C. Coaks, Gen. T. F. Davidson, Congressman James M. Giddens, Jr., T. J. Harkins, Judge Thomas A. Jones, T. S. Rollins, R. E. Reynolds, G. S. Reynolds, E. L. Ray, Billie Bourne, J. H. Cairns, L. H. Jones, Otis Green, G. F. Stradley, L. M. Bourne, John Nichols, A. A. Barnes, J. L. Whitlock, Dr. A. E. Reeves, E. P. Brownell, M. F. Tamm, W. A. Ward, G. H. H. Harkins, Duff Merrick, P. H. A.

## N. C. FEDERAL PARK IS ALMOST CERTAIN

### Well Informed Democrats of Opinion That Park Will be Established Before Present Administration Retires—Officials Are Deeply Impressed With Scheme.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Nov. 29.—Before the present administration goes out of office a federal national park will be established in western North Carolina, according to the opinion of well informed democrats in Washington. Secretary Lane of the Interior department, as well as Senator Overman and Representative Gaudger, are interested in the subject and they believe they can get congress to provide for the park. Secretary Lane and a number of other officials were deeply impressed with the Western section of the state when they visited Asheville about six months ago.

## TRYING TO FINISH BANK BILL TODAY

### Conference of Senate Democrats Hurry Through the Details.

Washington, Nov. 29.—In an effort to complete consideration of the administration currency bill by tonight the conference of senate democrats today hurried through minor details, devoting attention to the disputed fundamentals. Some details were referred back to Senator Owen and the administration democrats of the banking committee.

Whether the conference would adopt a binding resolution to put all of the democrats behind the Owen bill as a party measure arose today but the leaders did not hurry to force an issue upon it. Several democrats have taken the position that while they favored the bill generally they desired to be free to vote for any amendments. Rev. Lewis of Illinois, democratic whip, said he expected to present a binding resolution.

Other senators said that should such a resolution be adopted the democrats would consider themselves bound by a "gentlemen's agreement" to vote for the bill as framed by the conference.

Sen. S. F. Chapman, N. Burekner, C. H. Honess, Dr. S. W. Batts, Dr. F. J. Clemenger, Dr. C. L. Minor, Dr. W. L. Hunt, J. H. Wood, S. L. Forbes, William Johnston, Jr., Dr. Whittemore, Mr. Roth, Wayne S. Ray, Mr. Williams of the Western Union. In order to refresh his memory about these men, the witness was furnished with a city directory. When the above names were given his examination was discontinued for the present.

Leaders Gant, a negro who gave his age as 10 years and in whose name a Federal retail liquor dealers license was issued with the Battery Park hotel named as his place of business, was then placed on the stand and told that he would have to tell everything he knows of any whiskey traffic at the hotel. He corroborated the statements made yesterday afternoon by Pete Sevier, and made some additional statements of interest.

He said that Mr. Sevier had the license issued in his (Gant's) name; that he started to work at the hotel as a bell "hop." He said that whiskey was sold in the room known as the old barroom, and that it was stored on the third floor in the north wing. The express man, he said, brought it in two or three times a week in cases, and that it was immediately stored, Sevier carrying the keys. He said that he has seen this room full of beer and whiskey, and that when the present investigation started there were five or six cases there, but that it was moved upon after that and they would not tell him where it was.

He said that he has seen Mr. Alexander in the store room referred to, and that when the investigation started Mr. Alexander sent for Sevier three or four times. He said they were talking when he was arrested, but that he has had no talk with Mr. Alexander since then.

## METHODISTS ELECT THEIR DELEGATES

### Representatives Chosen for General Conference—Other Matters Disposed of.

Charlotte, Nov. 28.—Yesterday's sessions of the Western North Carolina conference of the M. E. church south, were featured by balloting for lay and clerical delegates to the general conference of the church, which meets next year in Oklahoma City, Okla. On the first ballot for lay delegates C. H. Ireland, of Greensboro; George L. Hackney, of Lexington; Dorman Thompson, of Statesville, and E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, were chosen.

There were selections on the second ballot, while on the third ballot W. R. Odell, of Concord, was elected. On the first ballot for clerical delegates Rev. Plato Durham, presiding elder of the Winston district, was elected. No others were elected on this ballot.

Rev. Dr. Bulla, of Nashville, Tenn., addressed the conference this afternoon on the Wesley adult Bible class. Charge to the Second Class.

The class of the second year was called to the chancel of the church and the charge was given by Bishop McCoy. The bishop warned the class that the greatest danger that threatens the ministry is that preachers sometimes lose that youthful zeal which leads men on to high endeavor. Men sometimes continue to grow intellectually after they have ceased to grow spiritually. Men can never hope to be made perfect intellectually but thank God we can be made perfect in love.

No greater charge has ever been given before a Western North Carolina conference.

The transfer of E. M. Hoyle from the North Carolina conference and J. C. Postell from the South Georgia was announced.

## THOUSANDS GATHER FOR BIG RACE MEET

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 29.—Already in the neighborhood of one thousand people have arrived for the winter race meet at Palmetto Park, and tonight and tomorrow will usher in between 15000 and 2,000 more from Norfolk.

## SITUATIONS IN STRIKE CITIES

### Indianapolis Police Department Instructed to Let No Crowds Gather—The Force Increased.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Conference reached an official agreement for settlement of the strike at the General Electric company plant today. A copy of the agreement was sent to the trades alliance for approval.

The agreement contemplated the reopening of the shops next Monday on either part or full time as the company sees fit.

All of the striking employees, including Frank Dujay and Miss Mabel Leslie, union leaders, whose removal caused the strike, may return to work. Miss Leslie will have her old position. Another place will be found for Dujay. Work in the department in which he was employed has been slack and it was said there was nothing for him to do in his old place.

If it is found necessary to put some of the employees on part time, the agreement is that the hours of the out of town men shall be reduced first and then the hours of the single men. This is the same plan that was followed in 1907.

Indians, Nov. 29.—The first police action in preventing disorderly conduct by the unemployed labor conditions in Indianapolis was ordered by Acting Superintendent of Police Coffin when the police at roll call this morning were instructed to prevent the congregating of crowds upon the streets and were told that three or more persons would constitute a crowd.

During the last few months many riots have occurred here when large numbers of persons were permitted to gather upon the streets.

The order to the police was issued after a conference between Mayor Harry Wallace and Acting Superintendent Coffin. Mayor Wallace will issue a proclamation today making public the instructions to the patrolmen.

Acting Superintendent Coffin announced today that the police department would be recognized along military lines. Fifty extra policemen were sworn in today, making a total of 100 extra policemen added to the department this week.

## U. S. ADMIRAL DEFERRED TO LAST BIG GAME

### British Navy Commander Subordinates Himself to Fletcher in Mexican Waters.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Although Rear Admiral Craddock, commanding the British ships in Mexican waters ranks Rear Admiral Fletcher by virtue of seniority, the British commander has notified the American admiral that he wished to subordinate himself in co-operating with the United States forces in the Mexican situation. This fresh evidence of friendly feeling and hearty co-operation between the two governments was received here today with manifest gratification.

Any developments in the Mexican situation seemed to be moving under the surface. There appeared to be no change in the diplomatic situation and no indication that the American government was deviating from its attitude of careful watching and patient waiting for the elimination of Provisional President Huerta.

The return of the battleship New Hampshire to Vera Cruz from the northern oil fields was interpreted to indicate an abatement of the tension in that quarter for the present. The principal effort of the naval commanders acting with the American consul and officers on the oil coast is now being directed to securing such an understanding with the constitutional leaders as will insure the safety of foreign life and property.

Rear Admiral Fletcher of the extent of the plans adopted by the American interests at Tampico and at Tuxtepec in sailing away from Tampico taken as evidence that he was satisfied with the adequacy of those plans.

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 29.—Mexican agents have sought and are still seeking loans here. It is understood that Luis DeLaBarra, the financial agent in London of the Mexican government, has entered into negotiations for advances but has not been very successful.

The Philippin bank, which is behind the Secondary Railroads company, whose concession for 3200 miles of railroads is pending before the Mexican congress, is considered as the most likely to make a loan to Provisional President Huerta's administration. F. M. Philippin, however, told the Associated Press today that a Mexican loan could not now be floated in Belgium, as the situation was too uncertain.

## SCORES OF ALSACIANS ARRESTED FOR RIOTING

### Demonstration of Indignation At Insulting Remarks by German Officers.

Babern, Alsace, Germany, Nov. 29.—Scores of townspeople, including several civilian officials were under arrest here today as the result of a night of rioting. The disturbance was so violent at times that the German troops cleared the main streets at the peril of bayonet.

## ARMY VS. NAVY

### Important Football Contest.

New York, Nov. 29.—The lineup of outstanding features which attend the playing of the Army-Navy football game in New York city today for the first time in the history of football rivalry between the two service schools were epitomized as follows: Weather: Rain forecast officially, in amendment to yesterday's assurances that he day would be only partly cloudy. Some rain fell during the night but not enough to affect the field, which was protected with a straw covering and only a downpour at the last moment could make playing conditions altogether intolerable.

The scene: The New York National league baseball stadium on the meadow of the Polo grounds.

The crowds: Provisions made for 42,000 spectators with nearly every ticket sold, the largest crowd that ever witnessed an Army-Navy game.

The tickets: Regularly priced at \$3 each, tickets sold yesterday as high as \$25 apiece.

Distinguished box holders: The president of the United States, along with the hundreds of other enthusiasts in administrative circles, and Army and Navy branches of the government.

The favorites: On paper the Navy's representatives were credited with marked superiority over the Army team this season and history records Navy victories in nine of the 17 former games between the two schools, with a string of three Navy victories during the past three years.

The betting: Odds prevailing for a week past at 10 to 7 in favor of the Navy were reported as ruling even higher today, with confident Navy men freely offering 2 to 1, at which ratio Army men were eager to indulge.

The mascots: The active navy goat, nearly smothered with gold lace, and the stubborn army mule in his every day clothes, were in readiness to provide circus features as side shows to the gridiron battle.

## NEED OF MORE NAVY OFFICERS

### Number of Officers Not Sufficient to Man All Ships, Says Admiral Blue.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The number of officers now in the navy is not sufficient to man all the fighting ships in the event of a war with a foreign power, is the declaration made in the annual report of Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation providing for a gradual redistribution of officers in the various grades to obviate a condition that is growing worse.

Admiral Blue points out that there now are 1000 officers of the grades of junior lieutenant and ensign reaches the grade of lieutenant at an age at which officers are now promoted to captains.

Admiral Blue says a circular letter is being sent to the principals of high schools to ascertain if the examination for admission to the Naval academy is such that the ordinary high school student should be capable of passing. Members of congress also are being aided in their selection of candidates by the naval medical officers who conduct unofficial examination of boys bearing letters signed by the members. In this way it is expected to detect physical defects before the regular academy examinations, affording opportunity for cure before the boys present themselves at Annapolis.

Recruiting for the navy last year was unsatisfactory until June, when there was an unprecedented number of enlistments in large part due to the approaching European cruise for the battleship fleets. The enrollment of a naval reserve is strongly urged. It is pointed out that the authorized peace strength of the navy of 51,000 men is far short of the number required to put into active commission all of the naval vessels.

The main dependence of the navy must be upon the men who have honorably left the service after one or two enlistments. Many thousands of these men are now in civil life and should be enrolled in a national reserve and given a short period for drill upon shipboard at stated intervals.

There should be included in the reserve ex-officers of the navy, yachtsmen and officers and men of the merchant marines as well as those of sea-faring occupations. The bureau has already established an office of national reserve which have obtained pledges of 2500 men to enroll if an organization is provided by congress.

## MANY ARE INJURED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

### Gun Powder and Gasoline Are set off in Building in Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 29.—More than a score of spectators and a dozen firemen were burned or bruised and cut by flying debris when a quantity of dynamite, gun powder and gasoline exploded in a burning building in the eastern business section of this city early today.

## DIFFICULT TO SECURE JURY IN CRAIG CASE

### Eleven Prospective Jurors in Box—Death Penalty Not Expected.

Shelbyville, Ind., Nov. 29.—The trial of Dr. William B. Craig for the murder of Dr. Helene Knabe had proceeded only a short time today when it became apparent that great difficulty would be encountered in completing a jury.

Eleven seats in the jury box were occupied at the beginning of the session by prospective jurors. Number 12, John Adams, was challenged for cause by the defense because he had served on a jury within a year. He was excused. The state had used four of its 20 peremptory challenges and the defense six.

Rain kept down the attendance and the spectators were limited to a scattering few. It became known today that the prosecution did not expect a death penalty in event of Craig's conviction. Care has been taken to avoid all mention of capital punishment in the examination of witnesses.

## ACTION IN ZELAYA CASE

### WAITING ON HABEAS CORPUS

Washington, Nov. 29.—No new move in the extradition proceedings against former President Zelaya of Nicaragua is expected by officials here until the habeas corpus proceedings in the federal courts in New York have been finished. Zelaya's attorneys have sued out a writ there for his release upon which the exiled dictator will have a hearing Monday.

## ROBIN'S SENTENCE SERVED: LEAVES BLACKWELL ISLAND

New York, Nov. 29.—Joseph G. Robin, convicted of wrecking the Northern Bank, completed his sentence today, and was released from Blackwell's Island penitentiary today, less a month and twenty one days deducted for good behavior. He was released at 9 o'clock this morning and took the first ferry to New York.

## SUIT FOR DISSOLVING TIN CAN TRUST FILED

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—Suit was filed here today in the United States District court to dissolve the American Can company, the so-called tin can trust which the department of justice alleges controls a large percentage of business in the United States tin cans, containers and packages of tin.

## MR. AND MRS. SAYRE SAIL FOR EUROPE

New York, Nov. 29.—The elusive White House bride and bridegroom—Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre—avoiding the gaily decorated gateway and bunting bedecked pathway arranged for them, slipped quietly on the liner George Washington through the second cabin today and sailed away for Europe on their honeymoon.