

LIQUOR LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Is Discussed by Judge Carter With Especial Reference To Conditions In Asheville.

SHOULD BE EASY HEREAFTER HE SAYS

Says the Means Provided Are So Simple as to Be Nearly Self-Executed.

As a direct result of the recent investigation into violations of the prohibition law, conducted by Judge Frank Carter as a committing magistrate, Asheville is possibly the driest town in the state of North Carolina. There are those who are wondering how long that condition will prevail. Of special interest in consequence is the following statement, issued by Judge Carter and termed by him "a little moralizing at random on the investigation," in which he takes up the effectiveness of the laws for the enforcement and other points of equal interest:

"First, is the law making the taking out of United States internal revenue license prima facie evidence of guilt. This is a fatal weakness in the armor of the larger dealers—the blind tiger with a local habitation and a name—for none except the petty peripatetic bootlegger dares operate without federal license.

Second, is the interstate commerce regulations requiring liquor shipments to be open, plainly marked and resealed for by consignment; whereby a public record is always at hand showing just who is getting liquors, how often, how much, etc.

Third, is the law creating the criminal offense of having liquors on hand for purposes of unlawful sale, and making the possession of more than one gallon of spirituous, three gallons of vinous, or five gallons of malt liquors prima facie evidence that such liquors are kept for purposes of sale. It is not necessary that the officer shall himself find the liquors in the possession of the suspected person—he can be held to account upon a simple showing that he received the significant quantity from the carrier.

"Fourth, is the ad testificandum proceeding, whereby any person may be forced to disclose all he knows of any place where intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law, although the evidence may be of a self-incriminatory character.

"Assuming that the authorities of any given locality sincerely desire to stamp out this traffic, only one thing is needful to make these laws really and inevitably effective to that end, and that is a reasonable degree of watchfulness from day to day of the carriers' records of liquor shipments and occasional observation of the records of internal revenue licenses.

"After the clean-up in Wilmington a year and a half ago, the commissioner of public safety detailed a competent officer to the sole duty of keeping close watch on the railroad and express records and of following up the clues which they offered. This has sufficed to keep the lid nailed down hard and fast in Wilmington.

If it is my deliberate judgment that the board of aldermen of this city will employ an officer of the diligence, the capacity and the fidelity of Sergeant Conder to keep immediate daily oversight of the liquor shipments to Asheville and Biltmore, the prohibition law will not only be enforced to the satisfaction of all reasonable people, but the board can safely dispense with the services of one-fourth of their present large police force.

"I make free to advise the people of Asheville to bring organized pressure to bear upon the board of aldermen to do this very thing, acting to this end through their religious, quasi-religious, fraternal and civic organizations. Such pressure may not be required—the board may take this obvious course of their own free will and accord—but the pressure will do good nevertheless. It will strengthen the hands of the board and of the officers of the law by demonstrating that the demand for a thoroughgoing enforcement of the law has strong popular support; and it may have the effect of persuading some blind tigers that Asheville is not a favorable theater for their operations. There is no other agency so efficient for law enforcement as an aroused and enlightened public opinion. And, by the same token, lawlessness has its surest refuge in a dormant public conscience.

"Perhaps it would not be unprofitable to attempt to fix the responsibility for law enforcement. I conceive that it rests upon the public before it attaches to any public servant; because, in the end, the servant must and will do the master's will. I conceive that,

ASSERTS RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO RULE

Bryan Says People May Make Mistakes but Will Rectify Them More Quickly Than if Few Rule—Government League Meets.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Assertion of the right and the capability of the people to rule characterized the address of Secretary Bryan before the conference of the National Popular Government League here today. "The people might make some mistakes," he said, "but would rectify them more quickly than if a few were ruling for them. Smilingly he added that he could point out several mistakes the people had made during the last twenty years. Speaking of President Wilson's declaration in his message for presidential primaries, Secretary Bryan said he thought that before another presidential campaign arrived the people would vote at home for their choice and that the president when he entered the White House would know no individuals but only the people.

Senator Owen speaking on the need of more direct rule by the people declared that the "archaic rules of the senate" were costing the people of the country from five to ten million dollars a day while waiting for action on the currency bill.

C. F. Shaw of Norfolk, speaking for Virginia at the conference, said political conditions in that state were improving.

"The people are revolting against machine rule," he said. "The tra-

Stuck Poisoned Needle In Woman the Charge

Newark, N. J., Dec. 6.—Armand Megaro, the south American student of pharmacy, held in \$20,000 bail on the accusation of sticking a needle in the arm of Mrs. Marjorie Graff at the theater, was to be confronted today with other women who reported similar experiences recently.

Mrs. Graff fainted after feeling the needle point, and the other two victims say they felt marked drowsiness. While physicians disagree as to whether a subtle and powerful narcotic poison could be instantaneously injected from a needle, societies for the prevention of crime have taken up the matter in an effort to deter girls in his power.

Miss Jeanette Clark, 19 years old, and Miss Mary Lee, a young stenographer, were called to police headquarters to look Megaro over. Both girls say they were stuck by needles in Newark theaters.

Miss Clark's experience was identical with that of Mrs. Graff and occurred in the same theater. Miss Clark said that she occupied an orchestra seat next to a box and saw a dark complexioned young man leaning over the rail th e moment before she felt the sting on her hand. Her hand became numb and the feeling spread quickly as in Mrs. Graff's case to her entire arm. She left the seat and hurried to the women's waiting room. There she was on the verge of collapse when an attendant revived her.

Miss Lee said she was in a box in another theater when she was stuck by a needle. She became faint and two young men who were in the box aided her, telling theater attaches that they were her relatives. Her sister arrived, however, and the young men made off.

There is a drug whose effects parallel those described by these three women, according to Dr. Joseph A. Shears, an assistant to the health commissioner of New York city. A charge of one grain he said, would kill; a quarter of a grain might kill; while one one-hundredth of a grain, injected into the blood, would speedily cause unconsciousness for several minutes. The drug, Dr. Shears added, had come into somewhat general use among physicians recently in the treatment of delirium tremens, administered in infinitesimal amounts as a sedative.

Every consideration of honor, justice and public policy demands the enforcement of our liquor laws impartially against every class of offender, and the means provided for their enforcement are so simple, so efficient, so nearly self-executing that their non-enforcement beneficently must convict every responsible public official of moral complicity in this most demoralizing form of lawlessness. (Signed) "FRANK CARTER."

AUDITORS FINISH WORK ON FILES

Report of Prescription Lists to be Placed With Clerk of the Court.

The work of the auditors selected by Judge Frank Carter to classify the prescription files of the three druggists—Penrose Baldwin, D. McN. MacKay and F. H. McMullen—who were arrested charged with illegal traffic in whiskey, will be completed by Monday or Tuesday and although Judge Carter does not expect to be in the city at the time he has decreed that the report be deposited in the office of the clerk of Superior Court, for the information of the public and particularly for the information of the Police court and the next grand jury.

The classification of the files as made by the auditors shows just how many prescriptions each doctor gave, for what amount and to whom. This practically completes the work of Judge Carter as a committing magistrate.

It is now up to the justice of the peace, the police court and the grand jury to say whether or not anything else is to be done in the way of conducting other investigations.

CRAIG DEFENSE CONTENTS NO CASE HAS BEEN MADE

Will Ask Court to Direct Jury to Return Acquittal Verdict.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 6.—Whether the trial of Dr. William B. Craig of Indianapolis, charged with murdering Dr. Helene Knabe, will be continued or the defendant ordered discharged when the state finishes the presentation of its evidence was expected to be decided sometime today.

Counsel for the estate announced when court convened today that after the cross examination of Miss Katherine McPherson, who was office girl for Dr. Knabe at the time of her death, only one more witness would be called. This was Miss Augusta Knobe, a cousin of the woman physician. She was the first person summoned to the apartment after Miss McPherson found Dr. Knabe's body.

TWO PERSONS MISSING SINCE COLORADO STORM

Some Found Unconscious in Snow—Streets of Denver Partly Cleared.

Denver, Col., Dec. 6.—Reports came today from Mountain points through the state of missing persons and of those who have been found unconscious in the snow by searching parties since the abatement of the storm which prevailed for two days.

Two men were reported lost on Choyenne mountain near Colorado Springs and searching parties in snow shoes have been unable to find trace of them.

The streets of Denver have been cleared sufficiently of snow to permit the delivery of coal, milk and provisions.

COLONEL GAILLARD'S FUNERAL MONDAY

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—The funeral of Lieutenant Colonel David DuBose Gaillard, division engineer of the Panama canal, who died here yesterday, will be held in Washington next Monday afternoon. Colonel Gaillard will be buried with military honors from St. John's P. E. church and the body will rest in Arlington cemetery.

Mrs. Gaillard and her son, Lieutenant David P. Gaillard, U. S. A., will go to Washington with the body on Monday.

SWEETHEARTS 20 YEARS AGO. AGED COUPLE HAVE WED. Canton, O., Dec. 6.—A romance of 20 years was consummated last night when Mrs. Helen Ream, 70 years old, became the bride of Jacob Snyder, 73 years old. Twenty-two years ago Mrs. Ream went west and married. Later Snyder also married. Recent deaths left Mrs. Ream a widow and Snyder a widower. A correspondence resulted in the marriage of the aged couple who were youthful sweethearts.

GREAT SUFFERING IN FLOOD REGION

Cold Weather Adds to Misfortune of Refugees Who Have Spent 48 Hours in Trees—Waters Recede Around Bryan—Many Refuse to Leave Homes.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 6.—Cold weather last night caused intense suffering throughout the Brazos river bottoms where hundreds of flood refugees—the majority negroes—have spent nearly 48 hours in trees. The floods death list, which was placed at about 50 last night, had not been increased by the early morning reports.

More boats arrived in the bottoms today from the gulf coast, strengthening the fleet of hastily made frail craft used yesterday to pick flood victims out of the trees. The river today began falling in this region, giving promise that before night most of the urgent rescue work will be completed as far south as Navarota.

Below there, however, is the crest which exceeds all previous Brazos river rises by two or three feet. It has been impossible to get all the negroes to heed warnings and many of the white people refused to leave their property.

Cattle Perish. Thousands of head of cattle have perished in the flood. The greater

AMUSING TESTIMONY GIVEN BY OLD NEGRO

Insists He Was Arrested For "Committing Suicide"—Tried for Bigamy.

Calvin Baird, a colored citizen of Weaverville, who appears to be half-witted, was tried in Police court this morning on charges of bigamy, and probable cause being found, was held for Superior court under a bond of \$300.

Some rather amusing scenes were brought out in the course of the trial when Baird was questioned by the court, and during the wife's testimony. His wife testified that they were married about 14 years ago, and who asked by Judge Adams how long she had lived with him, said, "backwards and forwards" for seven or eight years. Just what she meant by this she did not seem able to make plain, and the court stated that he would take her word for it.

Judge Adams then asked Baird about his past record and he said that about five or six years ago he was convicted of "committing suicide" and given two years on the chain-gang. Again the question rose as to what he was trying to say, and Baird's attorney, Judge Spears Reynolds, conferred with the defendant, but told the court that was all he could get out of him, as the negro insisted that he was convicted of "committing suicide" and served his sentence for same.

Baird was arrested several days ago on charges of non-support of his wife and during the taking of testimony in this case the charges of bigamy were preferred.

OFFICERS SEEK PARENTS OF FOUR YEARS OLD BOY

Little Fellow Found on Patton Avenue Says He is "Papa's Boy."

A little boy about four years old was picked up on Patton avenue, near the postoffice, this morning by Patrolman Melvin Angel and is being held at the police station while the officers are trying to locate his parents. The little fellow is very bright and talks in his baby way about everything except who he is or where he lives. The only name he seems to have ever been called by is "Papa's boy," and when asked what his name is, he always gives this answer.

When questioned by a Gazette-News reporter he said at first that he lived in Biltmore, then West Asheville and later said that his home was at the depot. When streets were suggested to him he said that he lived on every one that was called.

Perched on the desk of the sergeant, at the headquarters, the little fellow seemed to be the least worried about who he was and where he lived and asked questions about everything that he saw in saw in the station. He was particularly interested in all the policemen who came in the station in uniform. Everyone who entered the station during the morning had something to say to the boy and he always answered with a baby smile and a few words.

WOMAN REFUSED TO ADMIT GIRL WHOSE CLOTHES WERE AFIRE

Tomah, Wis., Dec. 6.—Her clothing in flames, Miss Clara Price, aged 18, a high school girl, today rushed to the home of a neighbor screaming for help. Fearing that the house would be set on fire the neighbor refused to admit her but ran for a rug to smother the flames. When she returned the young woman was so badly burned that physicians pronounced her beyond hope of recovery. Mrs. John Price, mother of the girl, was also painfully burned when a can of paint exploded on the kitchen stove.

WOULD RESCUE MRS. PANKHURST

Militants Surrounded Jail Ready to Give Chase if Leader is Removed to Another Jail.

LONDON MILITANTS CONTINUE DISORDER

Big Demonstration Is Planned—Police Interfere With The Lawlessness of Women.

Exeter, England, Dec. 6.—Exeter jail was today surrounded by militant suffragists in anticipation of the removal or release of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, their leader. A number of automobiles were at hand to give chase in case the prisoner should be taken to some other jail.

It is understood that Mrs. Pankhurst cannot be forcibly fed owing to the condition of her heart. The police hope, however, to keep her in custody until after the demonstration in London announced for tomorrow.

London, Dec. 6.—The campaign of revenge for the arrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was continued by the militant suffragists today. They had marked for destruction various exhibition buildings and grandstands on the race tracks in Lanenshire, where Premier Asquith is spending the week-end and delivering a series of political speeches.

Two of the items on the militant program were successfully carried out. "Arson squads" burned down exhibition buildings at Liverpool and Manchester. Their third attempt, however, was unsuccessful, the suffragettes being frightened away by the approach of a policeman when they were preparing to set fire to the grandstand on Aintree race course.

Bryan Almost Ambushed. Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Bryan narrowly escaped a suffrage ambush today at a meeting of the National Popular Government league where he spoke on popular government. A delegation of women suffragists, fresh from their convention here, took places in the hall at which it had been advertised the secretary of state was to speak, and near the conclusion of his address Miss Helen Todd, a California suffragist, arose and called out:

"And how about popular government for women, Mr. Secretary?" With flashing eyes the secretary said: "Madam, in your work you doubtless have followed your judgment and conscience. In my work I have followed mine."

The suffragists made no further efforts to secure an expression from Mr. Bryan and the secretary immediately thereafter left the hall.

GREATER EXCITEMENT PREVAILS IN ULSTER

Unionists Are Aroused by Order Forbidding Importation of Arms.

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 6.—The greatest excitement has been created among the rank and file of the Ulster unionists, who say they are ready to fight against proposed Irish home rule by the Royal proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland.

During the night large quantities of rifles, bayonets and munitions of war were moved from Belfast to country towns in automobiles for fear the government authorities might put the Irish crimes act into force and seize the war stores already contained. The customs authorities made their first seizure under the terms of the proclamation this morning when they detained 39 cases of ammunition and eight cases of rifles and bayonets.

GUARD MAINTAINED AT GRAVE OF MORGAN

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 6.—Although nearly eight months have passed since the body of J. Pierpont Morgan was buried on the summit of Cedar Hill cemetery, the grave is now as it has been from the day of interment, closely guarded, particularly at night. During the day no specially assigned watchman is kept there but at sunset an armed guard goes on duty until sunrise.

The body of Mr. Morgan was interred here April 14 in a concrete lined grave with a huge slab of stone covering it. A cemetery official said today that the Morgan family is paying for the guard, and it will be continued as long as the family desires.

CALIFORNIA PROGRESSIVES TO ORGANIZE WITH OWN NAME

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The progressives of California, who thus far have controlled the present situation under the nominal title of republicans—a course in which they were sustained by the state supreme court—gathered here today to organize their party under its own name.