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CAPTURES FIVE STILL GETS FIVE MEN FOR BLOCKADING.

Revenue Officers and Local Officers Making Big Raids On The Plants That Were To Furnish Christmas Beers.

During the past week Sheriff H. A. Kearney and Constable J. E. Thomas, local officers and the Revenue officers have made many raids in Franklin County and besides destroying a large number of gallons of beer and cutting up five stills, they got five men for being connected with some of the stills and had them bound over to Federal Court.

On Thursday evening of last week on the old May place about three miles south of Louisburg a thirty gallon still was captured, Ernest Mitchell, arrested at the still, and three barrels of beer destroyed. Mitchell was placed under bond of \$1,000.00 which he gave.

A sixty gallon still was found near Mr. G. W. Styles on the same afternoon, and about one thousand gallons of beer destroyed.

A seventy gallon still was found about a mile east of the Four Bridges on Thursday afternoon. At this site there was twenty-two empty molasses barrels.

The house of Josh Branch was searched and about a gallon of unstamped whiskey was found. Josh was placed under a \$1,000 bond, which he gave.

Edna Mann was placed under a \$500 bond for having unstamped whiskey in his automobile.

Sheriff Kearney and Constable Thomas on Monday found a one hundred gallon still about two hundred yards from the old Bobbitt place in Harris township. The outfit was hidden in the bushes but at the site was ten barrels containing about five hundred gallons of beer and about one-half gallon of molasses.

Tuesday the Revenue officers captured a still back of Leah's church, and destroyed about eight hundred gallons of beer and one hundred gallons of molasses. The officers traced a path and other evidence to Herman Cobbs house where he was arrested and in the meantime Handy Merritt appeared at the still site with a shot gun and he was arrested by the officers waiting there. The men were given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. B. Morison where they were required to give bonds as follows: Handy Merritt \$1,000, and Herman Cobb \$500. Failing to give the bonds they were placed in jail.

GRIFFITH AND COMPANY

Movie Picture Outfit Reported As Arriving In Port Late Sunday—Plenty Of "Action" Reported.

Miami, Dec. 15.—The Miami Herald at 12:05 this morning received a wireless message from Hotel Lucerne, Nassau, saying the Grey Duck arrived in Nassau late yesterday, December 14, and that all the party on board are safe, but have been without food for three days. Two of the party were swept from the deck but were rescued. The boat nearly capsized in the narrowest channel. The pilot was injured and others on board were forced to take their turn at the wheel when the helpless craft wallowed in the seas.

The wireless message reached here gave no further details.

COLD WAVE WARNING GIVEN THROUGHOUT SUNNY SOUTH

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cold wave warnings have been issued for north and central Florida and storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic coast and between Jacksonville and Boston, Mass., the weather bureau announced tonight.

Cold weather is predicted during the next 48 hours over the eastern half of the country. Temperatures are now below normal over all parts of the country except southern Florida and during today freezing temperatures occurred throughout the gulf states.

The disturbance that covered the Atlantic states yesterday has passed eastward to the Atlantic ocean.

Suggestive Name

There's a waiter in our restaurant named "Scales." "Ah! Expects everyone to tip him, I suppose."

TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

We ask the co-operation of all our advertisers and readers in our efforts to publish our Christmas issue a little earlier this year. We expect to mail the papers on Tuesday night, Dec. 23, and will appreciate copy for ads or news earlier than usual.

VOTE TO CONTINUE THE STRIKE OF STEEL MEN

Cancellation of Huge Foreign Orders Declared By Strikers To Be Encouraging.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Continuation of the nation-wide steel workers' strike was voted today by the conference here of the 24 presidents of unions connected with the steel industry. It was said there were only two dissenting votes, most of the union leaders maintaining that victory in the controversy was in sight.

Members of the strike committee, commenting on the vote, declared that the recent cancellation by the United States Steel corporation of the huge foreign contracts was one of the most favorable auguries of the eventual success of the strike.

It was also asserted that while many steel plants had resumed operation, production had been far below normal with the overhead charges of the company remaining the same as during normal production.

Steel Companies Declare The Strike A "Dead Issue."

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—When informed tonight of the action taken at Washington by the 24 union presidents who voted to continue the nation-wide steel strike, representatives of Pittsburg district steel companies declared that as far as they were concerned the strike was a "dead issue."

ALLSBROOK-HIGH.

A simple but lovely marriage was solemnized Tuesday at high noon when Miss Lillian Louise High of Louisburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dockery Clayton High became the bride of Mr. Noah Benjamin Allsbrook, also of Louisburg. Rev. G. Frank Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating.

The home was artistically decorated in long leaf pine, potted plants, and pointetias, an improvised altar of pedestals of pine and candelabra being used. The music was rendered by Mrs. J. A. Hodges.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a midnight blue suit of heavily braided tulle with a matching long georgette crepe cape of brown combined with austria fur, hat and muff to match. She carried a large bouquet of Parma violets and sunset roses.

The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. G. R. McGrady, of Raleigh. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Allsbrook left by motor for a trip to Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and other points North.

Both of the contracting parties are among Louisburg's most popular young people, which was attested by large display of beautiful and costly presents received, expressing the most pleasant congratulations for a long and happy life.

Invitations as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lee Rowland request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Neva Jenkins, to Mr. Festus McDuffey Fuller, on Saturday the twenty-seventh of December, at twelve o'clock noon, Plank Chapel Methodist Episcopal church, Kittrell, North Carolina."

Announcements enclosed reading: At home after January the fifth, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Miss Rowland has lived in Louisburg with her sister for a number of years and held an important position with Candler-Crowell Co., in which she has become very popular among a large number of friends. She possesses a pleasing personality and exceptional ability. Through her accomplishments she has become a favorite among her many friends.

Mr. Fuller is the youngest son of Mr. R. F. Fuller, Franklin county's veteran horse dealer, and is a young man of

broad ability and acquaintance among whom he is quite popular. He has only a few months ago returned from overseas where he served in the great world war.

35 PRISONERS FOR ATLANTA PRISON

'Blockaders' Special' Expected To Carry Federal Prisoners Thursday Afternoon.

With the end of the Fall term of Federal court expected today, the "Blockaders' Special," carrying prisoners sentenced by Judge Connor to the Atlanta prison, is scheduled to leave Raleigh Thursday afternoon. As a result of the long term and heavy docket 35 prisoners whose terms aggregate 50 years and 22 days' imprisonment, are now awaiting transfer to the Federal prison.

It is expected that three cars will be required to transport the blockaders and their guards to Atlanta. Never before in the history of the Raleigh court, old officials say, have there been so many prisoners sentenced in a like period. The largest number ever transported at a single time was 27 and that was many years ago.

Among the 35 blockaders to leave here are Twitt Robbins, Will Driver, Will Tharrington and Wash Davis, four of the most notorious illicit distillers ever cornered by the revenue men. These blockaders were caught in Franklin county in a section where Government raiders destroyed more than 40 stills within the past year. Thomas Price, the aged burglar, will return to the Atlanta prison after an absence of about two months. He will do time for five years for robbing postoffices in North Carolina.

During the three weeks of the term, not including the two day's work of this week, 134 defendants were convicted and judgments totalled 70 years, 11 months and 21 days imprisonment in prison and jail and fines of \$14,940. Last week, District Attorney Warrep secured 32 convictions while 11 defendants were acquitted. Eleven defendants were sentenced for 24 years and three days in prison and fined \$4,920. Included in the fines was one of \$2,500 against five Dunn men convicted in connection with cigarette robberies.

Although but one judgment was imposed yesterday by Judge Connor, six defendants were convicted of illicit distilling and aiding and abetting in blockading. B. B. Pearce was fined \$100 and costs. The other convicted men are Jasper and Will Perry, of Wake county; W. M. Lambeth, Spring Hockaday, and Andrew Tant. Rufe Holloway and L. F. Blanton were found not guilty. —News-Observer.

WILL THARRINGTON RELEASED.

Will Tharrington, who was found guilty for blockading by the Federal Court in Raleigh last week and sentenced to one year and a day in prison, was released and returned home this week, after further consideration of his case, was given.

MOREHEAD CONCEDES IT TO HOEY BY GOOD MAJORITY

Charlotte, Dec. 16.—Clyde R. Hoey, Democrat, of Shelby, was chosen in the special election in the Ninth District today to the seat in Congress vacated by E. Yates Webb, who was recently appointed to the Federal bench, defeating John M. Morehead, of Charlotte, Republican. On the face of the incomplete returns from all the larger counties, the Democratic majority ranges between 1,500 and 2,000.

Mr. Hoey said late tonight over long distance telephone that he estimated his majority at 2,000 at least. Mr. Morehead said reports at Republican headquarters here indicated a majority of 1,300 to 1,400 for Hoey.

In the 1918 regular election, Mr. Webb received a majority of 4,152 of his Republican opponent, Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton.

The League of Nations was one of the chief issues in the campaign. Hoey being an advocate of the plan while Morehead is an opponent. Mecklenburg county, including Charlotte, gave Hoey 2,163 majority against a majority of 3,159 for Webb last year. Hoey's home county, Cleveland gave him 1,911 majority against a majority of 1,272 for Webb in 1918. Gaston county, which gave Webb about 1,000 majority last year, gave Hoey only 205 majority today. Other Hoey majorities by counties are Lincoln, 167 and

Morehead 777 majority in Avery county, and estimates give him 1,000 majority in Madison, and 850 in Mitchell.

The only turn-over in the district was in Burke county which, according to semi-official returns, gave Hoey 78 majority against a Republican majority of 61 last year.

URUGUAY OFFERS ITS SERVICES TO AMERICA AS MEDIATOR

Probable Attitude of United States To Proposal Withheld For Present.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—Gabriel Terry, the Uruguayan Minister of Foreign Relations, has offered the services of his country as mediator in the difficulties between Mexico and the United States, according to advice received by the Mexican Foreign Relations department here today from Mexican Charge d'Affaires Enriquez at Montevideo.

Advices from Santiago, Chile, on November 29, reported the newspapers here, as saying it had learned from well informed diplomatic circles that there was possibility of mediation by the governments of the A. B. C. group (Argentina, Brazil and Chile) with the object of composing the difficulties between the United States and Mexico over the case of Consul Jenkins.

Washington Knows Nothing of Effort To Mediate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—No intimation that an offer of mediation between the United States and Mexico was forthcoming from the government of Uruguay had reached the State Department tonight officials said. Pending official notice of the Mexico City advices, comment as to the probable attitude of the Washington government toward such a proposal from Uruguay, or any other Latin-American government was withheld. The Uruguayan legation also was without information on the reported matter.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Sunday School has planned a very attractive program for Sunday night 21. It is designed to call attention to the fact that the real significance of Christmas is giving, not exchanging.

The Armenian Relief Committee has called on all of the Sunday Schools of America for a Christmas offering to relieve or alleviate the sufferings of the homeless Christian children orphaned by the cruelty of the Turks, among whom their parents lived. The need is a very urgent one and every member of the Sunday School will be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund.

The members and classes of the Sunday School in which the gift is to be placed. "The White Gift" Christmas has come to be a very popular celebration in Sunday Schools. It was suggested by the Legend of Cathay. The king of this far away country required his subjects to show their allegiance to him by bringing him a white gift on his birthday. The rich brought pearls, silk chargers, carvings of ivory or white fabrics, the poor a white dove, or a handful of rice. But all were equally acceptable for the King regarded not one gift above another so long as all were white. The idea seems appropriate for the season and white as applied to the birthday of the "King of Kings" simply means a real gift which can never be returned in kind. Only by making such a gift may one hope to keep the Kings birthday. The public is invited.

Respectfully yours, EDWARD W. POU.

SCARE UP A SMILE.

The world is dark and gloomy, and times are foreboding, we know. But what of it? Brooding will not cure it, but cheerfulness may help. Scare up a smile—dig up a laugh—hand out a word or two of good cheer. Christmas will soon be here, and all the world should rejoice in the mere fact that we are living.

No matter how much we may desire to forget Mrs. old man Carranza just keeps right on shaking his whiskers in our faces and asking us what we are going to do about it. One of his latest stunts was to stir up and foment the bolshevistic activities in this country, with a view to the overthrow of the government. If old Carranza ever find his way into hell the devil will surely take to his heels.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES CLOSED.

The tobacco warehouses on the Louisburg market closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday afternoon of this week. They will open again on Thursday, January 8th, 1920 to complete the sale of the present crop of tobacco.

FRANKLINTON YOUNG PEOPLE SURPRISE THEIR FRIENDS

Franklinton, Dec. 15.—Miss Minnie Ransdale, a pretty and popular young woman, of this place, and Mr. Herbert Blackley, a prosperous young farmer, of lower Granville county, sprang a surprise on their many friends by announcing that they were married in Virginia on the 18th day of last July. The young couple had guarded their secret well and their most intimate friends were not aware of what had happened until last Friday night when the secret was made known.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. Charles Ransdale and has many friends here. Until the last few weeks she was the chief operator in the telephone office here.

DID YOU GET YOUR PAY.

And Clothing When You Were Discharged From The Army Service!

Hon. Edward W. Pou, Congressman from this District wants any enlisted man who failed to get his allowance for travel or his allotment of clothing to communicate with him. Read his letter which follows: To the Editor, Dear Sir:

It has come to my knowledge that quite a number of ex-service men failed to receive all of the articles they were entitled to receive at the time of their discharge. It is likewise true that some of our soldiers and sailors only received travel allowance of three and half cents per mile at the time of discharge, whereas, they were entitled to five cents a mile, if they were discharged since November 11, 1918. By reading the following memorandum, ex-service men can determine whether they received all they were allowed at the time of discharge.

Clothing

Any enlisted man who served in the United States army during the war, and who was honorably discharged or furloughed to the reserve, since April 6th, 1917, and to whom the following articles were never issued, may make application for the same. To-wit: 1 oversea cap (for all enlisted men who have had service overseas) or 1 hat and 1 hat cord for all other enlisted men. 1 olive drab shirt, 1 service coat and ornaments, 1 pair breeches, 1 pair shoes, 1 pair leggings, 1 waist belt, 1 poncho, 1 overcoat, 1 pair gloves, 2 suits underwear, 2 pair stockings, 1 gas mask and helmet (if issued overseas), 1 barrack bag, 3 scarlet chevrons.

Travel Pay

Any enlisted man honorably discharged from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps since the 11th of November, 1918, under a recent act of Congress, is entitled to receive five cents per mile from the place of his discharge to his actual bonafide home or place of final muster into the service, at his option.

It is entirely possible that some of the service men, residing in the Fourth District, may not have received all of the articles to which they were entitled, and it may be true that some of them did not receive the five cents per mile. I shall be very glad to hear from any ex-service man who failed to receive what he was entitled to receive, and shall be glad to take up the matter with the War Department to the end, that he may receive all that he is entitled to under the law.

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AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Supt. J. R. Collier, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Monday.

Rev. G. F. Smith visited relatives in Davidson County last week.

Mr. R. W. Hudson and daughter, Miss Clara, left Tuesday for a visit to Richmond.

Mr. W. Elias Beasley has returned from Oak Ridge to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. B. Harris returned from Blairstown, N. J., the past week to spend the holidays at home.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The usual Morning Prayer service and sermon by Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Rector, will be held Sunday morning at 11 A. M. A cordial invitation always given to all.

BANKS TO CLOSE.

We are requested to state that the banks in Louisburg will close Thursday, Friday and Saturday to observe the Christmas holidays. In arriving at this decision the officials felt that they could better serve their customers to close these three days and remain open New Years day and at the same time give to their forces a much deserved rest. Therefore all having business with these institutions will bear this in mind and make their arrangements accordingly.

WHEN OUR EYES ARE OPENED.

Collectively speaking, the American eye is slowly closing to the path of honor, and right, and justice.

To the one of greed, it is a flaming magnet which seeks to draw everything of value within its grasping folds.

The insane desire to get rich quickly has deadened the pulse of the nation, until civic and commercial virtue possess about the potency of a long dead jellyfish.

This is especially true since the country plunged headlong into a sea of wild speculation and profiteering following our entry into the world war. Time was when we acknowledged that all men had rights which were to be considered and respected.

But today most men accord their only such as do not interfere with their own selfish ends.

The craving for gold and its resultant power is destroying the refined sensibilities of mankind until the whole country is becoming debauched by the curse of the yellow metal.

But some day our eyes will be opened—suddenly, rudely and relentlessly.

We will face internal conditions the like of which no loyal American has yet dreamed.

If the trend continues downward, the soul of American manhood will be wallowing in a mire of insatiate greed and debauchery from which only the most courageous will ever emerge in any semblance of honor and purity in this life.

Our government will face the task of restoring law and order in the midst of bedlam and a wholesale disregard of human rights.

The editors of the country press, whose convictions are never smothered under the muzzle of corporate greed, have long warned Washington of the ever increasing tide which flows only toward destruction, and they are sounding a fresh warning today.

Shall this warning be heeded?

Or will the government and the congress just pussyfoot along until the proud head of the American eagle is lowered to the putrid one of the buzzard?

Today this warning may sound pessimistic.

Tomorrow it will be prophetic.

Safety First.

A prominent manufacturer said, the other day, to one of his workmen: "Learn to keep your temper, my friend. Believe me, nobody else wants it." —Ladies' Home Journal.