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**OUTLINES.**

The earthquake which wrought devastation and ruin to the province of Calabria and the Island of Sicily was the worst disaster ever known in that country. Between fifty and sixty thousand people are believed to have been killed. The scenes in Messina and other towns are described as fearful—As the result of a quarrel over the scoring in a target shoot, four men were shot at Stratham, Ga., by Lillius Thurmond, who declared he had been treated unfairly—President-elect Taft will be actively engaged with conferences in regard to the appointments in his Cabinet during the next few days—According to an official dispatch received at Washington, Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife, were killed as a result of the earthquake—Judge Waddill authorizes the issuance of \$1,000,000 receivers' certificates for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad—In the Hains-Annis murder trial the defense puts on witnesses to prove the improper relations between Captain Hays' wife and Annis, which facts are told to Captain Hains—Train No. 35 on the Southern Railroad was wrecked by an open switch at Danville, Va., last night. The engineer was killed and fireman and mail clerks were injured—Forty to sixty men were entombed by a coal mine disaster in West Virginia last evening—Ex-Mayor Ruef is sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary—In the night rider cases the defense is trying to prove alibis for all the defendants. Some witnesses even give such testimony in reference to persons who have turned State's evidence and said they were present at the killing of Rankin—New York Markets: Money on call firm, at 3 to 3 1/4 per cent, ruling rate 3 1/4, closing bid 3, offered at 3, Flour dull but steady. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.08 to 1.09 1/2 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2 65 1/2 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin and turpentine steady. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.30, middling 9.55.

What is a bank examiner for if not to find out when bank men are going wrong?

The illness of that Tennessee night rider came in time to save the others for a short while.

We wont display our ignorance by saying that we never heard of Wick-gram before.

How is it that the regular bank examiners did not discover the rascality in the Pittsburg banks long ago?

Pennsylvania has been called the State of grafters. Now let her show that she is a state which gives grafters their just deserts.

Surely after Taft's visit to Alken he can persuade Roosevelt not to put Senator Tillman on the list of undesirable citizens. Otherwise he will have accomplished nothing by his visit.

Mr. Burton of Ohio, does not seem to be as accommodating as was Mr. Woodruff of New York. Maybe he does not think his chances so desperate.

You fellows who are in the habit of "swearing off" on the last day of the year may as well make up your minds to do so "sure enough" tomorrow.

That Ohio Senatorship muddle gets muddier and muddier; but Forsaker will be apt to clear the political waters on next Saturday, when the Legislative caucus is to meet.

The evacuation of Cuba by the American military forces will begin Friday. It has not yet been decided at Washington when the next such evacuation will begin. Maybe it will never be.

The Missouri Supreme Court, wanting to get the money, places the fine on the Standard Oil Company at only fifty thousand dollars—a nominal sum as compared with the fine imposed by Judge Landis. Those judges were sensible men.

The men who assassinated ex-Senator Carmack have already received more punishment than they expected. No doubt the denial of bail was a great surprise to them. Judge Hart deserves the commendation of every law-abiding citizen of the country.

The House Ways and Means Committee has taken six thousand pages of testimony on the question of tariff revision. What a good excuse for the Republicans of Congress to refuse to give the people proper relief from the present iniquitous tariff tax.

A Washington dispatch announces that Roosevelt will not only send home the stuffed skins of the big animals and rare birds he kills in Africa—but at Government expense—but he expects to send over some live lions and other such animals.

**AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH**

**Great Prohibitions Being Made For Military Features of Inauguration of Kitchin.**

**NINE COMPANIES TO ATTEND**

Governor's Pronouncements as to State Prohibition Law Effective January 1st—Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School.

(Special Star Telegram.)  
 Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Col. Chas. E. Johnson, chairman of the Raleigh committees for the inauguration of Governor-elect Kitchin, received telegrams today from nine companies of the North Carolina National Guard that they will be on hand for the inaugural ceremonies. They are Battery A, Field Artillery, Charlotte, and companies at Weldon, Henderson, Franklinton, Louisburg, Durham, Clinton, Kingston and Tarboro.

Col. Johnson believes there will be 15 companies including the local company and A. & M. cadets. He names as a committee from the Chamber of Commerce for the inauguration F. A. Olds, B. S. Jerman, R. H. Battle, S. B. Shepherd, T. W. Dobbins, E. C. Smith, with himself as chairman. They will co-operate with committees from other local bodies and the Mayor and Aldermen for civic features of the inauguration which are sure to be among the most elaborate ever seen here.

Two negro boys, Hay Carter and Ed Mitchell, were jailed here today for killing Buck Mitchell, near Rolesville. The boys went to Mitchell's home drunk. Carter made a drunken remark about "hugging" the wife of the deceased. There was a remonstrance by the husband with the result that Carter shot Mitchell, the load taking effect just over the right eye. The boys claim the killing was accidental.

Discussing the going into effect of the State prohibition law in North Carolina January 1st, Governor Glenn says that if he were Governor next year he would see that there was rigid enforcement, even if he had to put a gun in every man's hand and exhaust the State treasury to do it. He insists that the law having been voted by forty-odd thousand majority, it is entitled to a fair trial of its efficacy.

Revenue officers are still complaining that the sheriffs in the counties are making no effort to break up illicit distilleries, there being possibly a half dozen exceptions to this rule, and that they are free to express the hope that all revenue raiders will be withdrawn from the State and let the State authorities make the fight. There is a movement for the Legislature to appoint special constables in counties for this work to relieve the sheriffs.

Members of the State Board of Education and other State officers will go to Greenville Thursday as the guests of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the directors of the Eastern Carolina Teachers Training School for a general inspection of the ground and the buildings in process of construction for this institution which is to be ready for occupancy next fall. It was the State Board of Education that selected Greenville for the location of the school. The directors will be in annual session on Thursday and the Chamber of Commerce will arrange special entertainment in honor of them, the State officers and the Board.

Supt. of Public Instruction Joyner today received a handsome loving cup as a gift from the Southern States Association of Superintendents of Public Instruction of which he has been president the past three years and secretary theretofore since its organization.

The Post Company, of Rockingham, for the publication of newspaper and general printing business is incorporated with \$10,000 capital authorized and \$650 paid in by L. G. Fox, Claud Gore and others. The Farmers' Mutual Benevolent Association, Lumberton, is also chartered by James P. Lee and others.

Miles Goodwin, 12 years old, son of a widow here, fell under a Norfolk and Southern train passing out of the yards here yesterday and both feet were badly crushed, rendering him a cripple for life.

Five Salisbury corporations for distilling and dealing in liquor filed notices of dissolution yesterday, their purpose being to go out of business with the coming into effect of the State prohibition law on January 1st.

By an exchange of courts Judge Cooke will hold Franklin court December 11th and Judge Oliver H. Allen Pitt court January 18th.

**Clarendon Lodge, K. of P.**  
 On account of vacancies caused by resignations since the recent election of officers, Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, last night elected Mr. G. C. Scherer vice chancellor; Mr. H. H. Ford, master of finance; and Mr. W. M. Branch, inside guard. These with the other officers recently elected will be installed the first meeting night in January.

**Baggage!** Baggage! Baggage! To and from all trains. Orrell Livery Co., phone 47.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY GERMAN**

**Pretty Christmas Dance Last Night in Masonic Temple Ball Room by L'Ariseo Club—Many Visitors Present.**

The annual Christmas german of L'Ariseo Cotillon Club last night in the Masonic Temple ball room, which was ablaze with lights and resplendent with beautiful holiday decorations, was one of the largest and most brilliant social affairs of the season.

Interest in the dance was heightened by the presence of many visiting young ladies and gentlemen and other young people at home from college and elsewhere for the holidays. Excellent music for the dance was furnished by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra and the german was one of the most elaborate and pleasant for those who participated yet given by this old and popular organization.

Among the couples present and dancing were Miss Bessie Albright, Mr. W. M. McCoy; Miss Helen Kenly, Mr. E. L. Prince, Jr.; Miss Mary Calder, Mr. Thos. H. Wright; Miss Etha Brand, Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. Raymond Hunt; Miss Lina DeRosset, Mr. J. Haughton James; Miss Luciana Poisson, Mr. Marion Harris; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Prince; Miss Smallbones, Mr. James C. Craft; Miss Jane Meares, Mr. E. M. Beery; Miss Agnes McQueen, Mr. C. C. Bellamy; Miss Theo. Cantwell, Mr. W. M. Parsley; Miss Louise Lamar, of Monticello, Fla., Mr. J. E. Crowell; Miss Madeline DeRosset, Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Margaret Walker, Mr. H. P. West; Miss Atha Hicks, Mr. L. J. Poisson; Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell, Mr. R. C. Cantwell, Jr.; Miss Sue Prince, Mr. R. A. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson; Miss Jean Cronly, Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Charlotte Pleasants, Mr. Edw. P. Bailey; Miss Julia Worth, Mr. Richard L. Meares; Miss Amoret Lord, Mr. L. deR. Belden; Miss King of New York, Mr. Milton Calder; Miss Katie Grainger, Mr. Victor Grainger, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Willard; Miss Helen Strange, Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Greiner; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Seabreeze, Philadelphia; Mrs. R. R. Bellamy, Mr. J. Hargrove Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr.; Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. Graham Kenan; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holt; Miss Bessie Bridges, Mr. Francis, Miss Margaret Bridges, Mr. John Robinson, Goldsboro.

**STAGE—Dr. N. Courtland Curtis, Auburn, Ala., Dr. R. B. Seem, Mr. P. R. Albright, Mr. H. F. Boatwright and Mr. Homer Giles Day, of New York.**

**BRUNSWICK'S SPECIAL TERM.**

**No Extra Term of Court for Trial of Alleged Murderer, Walker.**

The special term of Brunswick County Superior Court authorized shortly before the holidays for the especial purpose of giving an early trial to J. P. Walker, the alleged assassin of Sheriff Jackson Stanland, and scheduled to be held by Judge Ward, beginning January 11th, has been revoked by the Governor because of the conflict of date with the regular term of Superior Court of Cumberland county where Solicitor N. A. Sinclair will be engaged for the week. It is stated now that there will be no special term in Brunswick and that Walker will await trial at the regular term in March.

So far as is learned here Walker has as yet employed no counsel to defend him against the terrible charge which he will have to answer and appears to be unconcerned over the outcome in any event. The county of Brunswick, it is understood, will vigorously prosecute the case for a verdict in the first degree, employing extra counsel to assist Solicitor Sinclair for the State. Col. N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, is mentioned in this connection, but whether he has been retained is not known.

**WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.**

**Boys' Brigade Will Observe Pretty Custom at Their Armory This Year**

Following its usual custom, the Boys' Brigade invites the public to its watch services, beginning at 11 P. M. Thursday night, Dec. 31st and lasting one hour. A very attractive musical programme has been arranged and the following subjects will be discussed in ten-minute talks by the ministers named:

"Responsibility to Self," by Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Fifth Street Methodist Church.

"Responsibility to Neighbor," by Rev. Mr. Noe, of Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

"Responsibility to State," by Rev. Mr. Martin, of Southside Baptist Church.

"Responsibility to Church," by Rev. Mr. Crowley, of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

"Come and bring your friends," is the invitation extended by the young men of the Brigade.

On Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, at 5 o'clock, Rev. Mr. W. A. Snyder, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will address an open meeting at the armory, to which all will be welcome.

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**MAKE LAW EFFECTIVE**

**Mayor Officially Receives Executive Committee of The Law Enforcement League**

**ITS CO-OPERATION TENDERED**

The Proffer Received With Pleasure and Gratification by City's Chief Executive—Officers of Recently Formed Organization.

Assuring him of their hearty co-operation in making as completely effective as possible the State prohibition law which goes into effect January 1st, and expressing their confidence in his ability and determination to do his full duty in the premises, members of the Executive Committee of the recently organized Law Enforcement League in Wilmington yesterday, by appointment, called officially upon Mayor William E. Springer and received from him a most cordial and sincere expression of his appreciation of the tender of the kindly offices of the League, assuring them, in turn, that he felt the need of the co-operation of the public in the difficult problem before him in a rigid enforcement of the law.

The committee was received in the Mayor's office at the City Hall at 1 o'clock, just after the session of the the police court yesterday at noon. The committee was headed by President H. G. Fennell, of the League, and was composed of Messrs. B. C. Moore, first ward; T. W. Wood, second ward; J. A. Taylor, third ward; J. O. Carr, fourth ward, and J. B. Fales, fifth ward. There were in addition to the executive committeemen present Judge C. A. Erwin, pastor of the First Christian Church, vice president of the League, and Mr. George E. Leffrich, the treasurer. Mr. C. L. Browne, the secretary was the only officer not in attendance.

President Fennell presented the gentlemen named to the Mayor and stated that Mr. Taylor had been chosen as spokesman for the delegation. Mr. Taylor in addressing the Mayor went into a thorough analysis of the situation as it is presented with the going into effect of the new law, and told of the objects and purposes of the L. E. Enforcement League, which are in no wise to antagonize but to back-up and co-operate with the duly constituted authority in a rigid enforcement of the statutes that govern; accomplishing this by the creation of a wholesome public sentiment and educating the people to a sense of the majesty and supremacy of the law. He spoke fully of the obstacles to be surmounted and the difficulties to be encountered and expressed confidence in the Mayor's willingness and evident determination to do all that lay within his power toward the ends so much desired.

The Mayor in reply to the address of Mr. Taylor first thanked the committee for the honor of the call and stated that words were not at his command to express his great gratification and appreciation of the assurances given for their co-operation in what was admittedly a most difficult proposition. He said first most candidly that he was a prohibitionist but above all he stood for the supremacy of the law and that he was determined to enforce this law to go into effect on January 1st or step down and out if he should prove unequal to the task, and he has never yet admitted that it was an impossibility. He felt, however, that without the hearty co-operation of an aggressive public sentiment behind him, the task would be difficult, therefore he was glad to receive the assurances which had just been tendered him by men who know and realize the situation.

"I'll promise you further," said the Mayor, "from the Chief of Police down to the last officer on the force will be held to strict accountability for the part he should take in the enforcement of the law."

He went on to say that he was just as determined upon this matter as he was ever about anything in his life, first as a duty he owed to himself and secondly as a debt he was due to a citizenship which had honored him with the position he occupied. He again thanked the committee for its call and assured the members of his high appreciation, closing with the statement that he was gratified to see the general public sentiment crystallizing in favor of a rigid enforcement of the new law, citing the instance of the Wilmington lodge of Elks, whose action in declaring for an elimination of the buffet in its club rooms he commended.

When the Mayor had concluded, Mr. Taylor, spokesman for the delegation, stated that he was not at all surprised at the position of the chief executive, but it was gratifying to hear his emphatic pronouncement in regard to his purposes and determination.

Mr. J. O. Carr stated that it was the first meeting of the League he had attended but he readily recognized its influence for good, especially in creating public sentiment as he regarded efforts at enforcement of the law well nigh useless without the support of public opinion.

This opened up the question of the jurisdiction of the higher courts and

**THE WATER WORKS DEAL**

**Another Satisfactory Test of Pipe by Committee From Board of Aldermen—Audit and Finance and Finance Board to Meet.**

Matters are rapidly shaping themselves for final passage upon the question of municipal ownership of water works at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday night. Yesterday the committee from the Board had another very satisfactory test of the pipes of the Clarendon Water Works Company, which it is proposed to absorb as a part of a new and larger plant if it can be purchased reasonably, and the realization of the proceeds of the bonds sale now only awaits the observance of certain formalities by the Board of Audit and Finance, which will probably meet on Monday night to finally pass on the question.

The test of the water pipe by the committee yesterday was on Sixth between Princess and Chesnut streets, a section of the four-inch main having been removed after being underground for the past 27 years. This section is said to have been in even better condition than that previously examined from Front and Dock streets, so that the charge that the pipes are badly corroded and otherwise damaged by electrolysis seems to have fallen flat. The pipe removed yesterday was in excellent condition and was pronounced by persons competent to pass upon such matters, as good as when first laid years ago.

The meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance has been delayed on account of the inability to get a full attendance upon the session, but it is expected that there will certainly be a delay not longer than Monday. In the meantime the city attorney has been asked to give an opinion in writing as to the form and verbiage of the resolution by the Aldermen to be carried in and the form, verbiage, etc. of the bonds and coupons proposed to be issued. When all these preliminaries are disposed of and the money is in hand, it is safe to say that the Aldermen will take final and decisive action in regard to the purchase or rejection of the existing plant. The Aldermen seem well nigh unanimous in their opinion that the city should not be required to pay more than \$140,000, which was the figure tentatively agreed upon when the negotiations were all but concluded about this time last year. The revenues have been increased by the advance in rates, but it is pointed out that this does not increase the value of the property and, if anything, is more than offset by the depreciation in the value of pipe from ruling prices when the negotiations were on before.

**Cargo For Ghent, Belgium.**

From the compresses of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday there was cleared the British steamer Holmea, Captain Airey, with 5,700 bales of cotton, valued at \$285,000, and consigned to Ghent, Belgium, this being the first cargo of the staple from Wilmington to Ghent this season. The receipts at the local port continue very satisfactory, in spite of the more or less demoralization incident to the holidays. Yesterday 1,931 bales were received, of which number 42 were from the upper Cape Fear by the steamer City of Fayetteville.

**Here For Operation.**

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pearsall, of Rocky Point, arrived in the city last evening and are guests at The Colonial Inn. They came to accompany their son, Mr. Norwood Pearsall, 20 years of age, who will undergo an operation for appendicitis this morning at the James Walker Memorial Hospital by Dr. Joseph Akerman. Friends of the young man and the parents trust that the operation will be entirely successful and that the patient will soon be on the road to recovery.

The procedure there in cases sent over by the Mayor, it being especially desirable that there should be effective juries in dealing with violations of the law, this education of public sentiment being especially desirable in the elevation of the standard of jury service on the county.

Mr. Fennell expressed his appreciation of the position of the Mayor and referred to the difficulties sometimes encountered in the higher courts, stating that it was the purpose to employ counsel to go there for the prosecution of violators where such action appeared necessary.

Judge Erwin made the observation that the courts should not always be blamed with the fall of a prosecution after the cases are sent over. After a charge has rested for some weeks or months, interest in the case tends to abate and the prosecutions are not always so vigorous nor the evidence so complete as at the original trial before the committing magistrate. However, he believed that public enlightenment upon the necessity of an enforcement of the law would tend to elevate the jury service so that there would be comparatively few miscarriages of justice.

The situation was informally discussed between the Mayor and members of the committee at some length after which the callers retired, expressing every satisfaction with their reception by the Mayor.

**STATE PROHIBITION**

**Wilmington Making Ready Fast For Change in Long Existing Order of Things.**

**MUCH TALK ON THE STREETS**

Dealers Making the Best of the Situation—Eagles Vote to Eliminate Buffet in Club—Other Aspects of Case.

Wilmington with its fifty-odd saloons, three brewery agencies and two distilleries, is making ready fast for the going into effect of the State prohibition law tomorrow night. Although a glance at the books of the City Clerk and Treasurer shows that every one of the dealers has paid his license in full to January 1st, several of the saloons have actually already closed up and the others are preparing to follow suit with the chiming of the midnight hour tomorrow.

One hears but little on the streets nowadays but speculation as to the passing of the saloons, which have existed in Wilmington in one form or another since Colonial days, way back in the seventies. All the local dealers seem reconciled to the change and are making the best of the situation. Many of the mail order houses and others have made their arrangements to move to Norfolk, Richmond and other Virginia cities, while one or two will go even still farther North.

A large majority of the dealers, however, are "native and to the manner born" and will remain in Wilmington to engage in some other and more useful occupation. Now that the law has been placed on the statute books, it is safe to say that ninety per cent. of the local dealers are strictly in favor of a rigid enforcement of the law. Many express this wish deeply and sincerely out of respect for the law and the good of the community while there is no concealment of the fact on the part of a few that they are actuated by the feeling that the "best way to get rid of a bad law is to strictly enforce it."

Both the Board of Aldermen and the Board of County Commissioners have gone on record as unalterably opposed to the licensing of drug stores to dispense intoxicants and the talk of establishing a "medical depository" similar to that in several prohibition towns in the State, finds little favor among those who are discussing the probabilities of the change. The average citizen, who is discussing the question, appears to be in favor of "going the whole hog or none," and that will likely be the result in Wilmington for two years at the very least.

The attitude of the clubs toward the prohibition law has been a subject of some speculation but the declaration of at least two such organizations for the elimination of the buffet and intoxicating liquors in their rooms has placed an entirely new aspect on this phase of the question. At the regular meeting of Carolina Aerie No. 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles, last night the organization voted to cease their buffet service on December 31st and no provision has been made for locker or card systems of dispensing intoxicants to members. The Cape Fear Club, it is understood, has hit upon a plan clearly within the law by which none of the former privileges of members will be bridged by the new law. The Magnolia and Owl clubs, so far as is learned, have taken no action and nothing has been heard as to several other clubs only recently chartered for social purposes by the Secretary of State.

At any rate, Wilmington promises to be quite a dry little burg after the first, or at least after "left overs" are consumed. "Good Bye Old Booze" will be the refrain after the stroke of 12, midnight, tomorrow. Many of the dealers have been doing a "closing out" business for the past week or ten days and those bibulously inclined have provided themselves temporarily against the exigencies of the occasion. Others have formed mail order connections with the dealers just across the line and express deliveries will be quite frequent until patrons fade under the inconvenience of the thing. Elsewhere in today's paper is given an indication of how the law will be enforced against blind tigers. The change tomorrow night will be observed with much interest by the public at large, regardless of their interest in the prohibition issue.

**Academy Improvements.**

Under the direction of Chairman K. W. Jewell, of the Public Building Committee of the Board of Aldermen, a number of improvements are being made at the Academy of Music by which the city will receive a substantial reduction in insurance rates on the entire building. The contract is to Mr. R. H. Brady and the work will cost in the neighborhood of \$200.

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