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Blown Up By Dynamite Cap

Young Lawrence London
Loses an Eye and
Three Fingers

A most distressing accident occurred here last Saturday afternoon by which Lawrence London, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. London, had one of his hands badly lacerated and an eye put out, possibly losing both.

It seems that Lawrence had found a dynamite cap and he, with some other boys, wishing to hear the explosion, put the cap under a rock and attached a fuse to it. Lighting the fuse they ran and hid. For some reason the cap failed to explode and Lawrence went to see what the trouble was. While bending over to see if the fuse had burned out the cap exploded, terribly lacerating one of the boy's hands. One of his eyes was so badly hurt that he will lose the sight of it, and possibly the sight of the other eye.

Dr. Milliken was hurriedly summoned to the bedside of the wounded boy and it was found necessary to take him to a hospital in Raleigh. The Pittsboro train was held for half an hour for the parents and, accompanied by Dr. Milliken, the boy was taken to Raleigh.

Later a telegram was received here stating that three of the boy's fingers had to be amputated.

It was a most distressing accident and the parents of the boy have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the misfortune that has occurred to one of their bright young boys.

Ground Hog Day

Next Monday, February 2nd, is known as Ground Hog Day. While it is not a legal holiday, or put down in the calendar as one of the great days of history, it is still to be reckoned with. According to the old tradition, if the day is sunny so that the ground hog sees his shadow, he returns to his hole and remains there for at least six weeks longer, indicating that the winter is only half gone and much bad weather is to follow. However, if the day is cloudy and bad and he does not see his shadow, his ground-hogship stays out, thus prophesying that the winter is practically over. So don't fail to look out next Monday for the Record's ground hog.

A Mild Winter

So far this has been a mild winter in this section, only a few cold snaps coming to make wraps feel comfortable. But what of February and March? During last week angle worms were seen crawling on the ground and Monday Mr. Joe Wemble killed a big highland moose. The mild weather has been a godsend to poor people and editors. Sunday night broke up the dream of an early spring. Snow, hail and rain fell all through the night and snow fell part of Monday to the depth of about two inches.

E. F. Aydlette, of Elizabeth City, has been confirmed by the Senate as district attorney for Eastern North Carolina.

666 has proven it will cure Malaria, Chills and Fever, Bilious Fever, Colds and LaGrippe.

Breaking Up Blockade Stills

Officers Cleaning Up the County--Four Captured
Last Week

Three blockade stills were captured and brought here Wednesday of last week from New Hope township. They were captured by Bill Scott and a young boy. One of the stills held about 12 gallons, the other two were of 25 and 40 gallon capacity. They also brought in about three gallons of liquor, which was said to be as pure as could be made. At one of the stills three white men were at work, but all three made their escape, although they were known.

Thursday following, another still was captured in Williams township and brought here.

It seems like a workingman blockader will not be downed. Break up one today and they are again making liquor somewhere else. Blockaders of today are like they were thirty years ago. This writer used to hear them talk during federal court sessions in Raleigh. One would ask another: "What you been doing?" "Makin' an' a sellin'," invariably would be the answer. One man was heard to remark: "They didn't get me but they convicted dad. And I am going back home and make liquor enough to pay his fine."

A prison sentence is the only thing that will break them up.

The Flu in Chatham

The dreaded flu has reached Chatham. In one neighborhood in Hickory Mountain township four or five cases have appeared. It is also reported that there are one or two cases of smallpox in the same township. It is to be hoped, that while it is spreading rapidly all over the country, it will be light here.

It is said that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." That being the case, why not suspend all the schools in the county for a week or two before the flu gets a hold. The Burke school, in Hickory Mt. township, has been closed, why not close the rest? So that people may know when they are stricken with influenza, the following are the symptoms of the disease:

Fatigue, fever, headache, especially over the eyes; cold in the head, sneezing, chills, aching of the joints, back and limbs; watery or bloodshot eyes and vomiting.

Get Even With Landlords

The tenant who has to dig deep to pay high rental in 1919 will have some opportunity of getting back at his landlord through the collection of income taxes.

This year's forms for making income tax returns will contain a section providing that tenants shall include in their statements the amount of rents paid and to whom it was paid. The information thus received will be turned over to the Department of Justice for use in high cost of living campaign.

The tenant's returns will also be used to see that landlord pays full income tax.

John A. Park, of Raleigh, has bought the Fayetteville Observer, the oldest newspaper in the state.

Thirteen hundred phone employes have been knocked out in New York by the flu.

The Unlucky Number 13

This Man Not Superstitious,
But He Believes No.
13 Is Unlucky

Mr. S. E. Burns, of Charleston, has been here on a visit to Mr. John Dezer for a few days but has returned to his home. Mr. Burns was born in Chatham and up to his fourteenth year his home was in the southern part of the county. With one exception he has been away about 20 years. He was at one time conductor on Seaboard Air Line --and thereby hangs a tale.

In a conversation with Mr. Burns he gave his experience of the figures 13. He said he had orders one day while working for the Seaboard Air Line to take his train out from Hamlet, which was on the 13th of the month; 13 cars were hitched to his engine, his order number was 13. This was his 13th trip and the 13th tip of his engineer. The engine was 913 and the cab 49913. This day, the 13th, he had to side track for a passenger train at Moncure that had 13 coaches, and while standing beside the track a bag of mail was thrown out of the car and struck him on the back of the head knocking him unconscious, killing him for a few minutes.

Mr. Burns is yardmaster now in the navy yard at Charleston where the 13th does not worry him.

No, Mr. Burns, is not superstitious, but he does not like the No. 13.

Death of Mrs. Burgess

Following an illness of only a few days, Mrs. A. D. Burgess, aged 64 years, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. R. Burgess, near Mebane, January 12.

Her health had been rapidly declining for several months, therefore her death was not a surprise. She had gone on a visit to her son whom, it seems, she was very anxious to visit before crossing the bars, and after a stay of ten days God called her home. Her relatives were summoned to her bedside, but she was too near her new home to recognize any earthly object. After keeping vigilance for almost a day and night, they were dismissed, for God had claimed his own, and the following day they followed her remains to her home in the eastern part of Chatham county where they were laid to rest on the 13th in Bell's cemetery.

The deceased leaves a husband and seven children--Messrs. A. G., of New Hill, W. R., of Mebane, L. F., of Battleboro, L. A. of Apex; Mrs. F. W. Riggsbee, of Durham, and Misses Waylan and Beatrice Burgess, of Apex.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Waff. The pallbearers were Messrs. Robert Dillard, Ed Cheek, Jack Horton, Bun Clark, Roy Howard and J. N. Bryan. The floral bearers were Misses Jessie Seymour, Ruby Hunt, Belle Ellis, Mrs. C. M. Hunt and Mrs. Etta Thomas. Z.

Subscribers to Church Fence

Let all those who have subscribed to the new fence around the Methodist church pay their subscription as early as possible if they have not already done so. The fence cannot be ordered before the subscriptions are paid. Pay either to the pastor or to the stewards.

Celebrates Lee- Jackson Day

Many Patrons of the School
Present--The Old Vets
Failed to Attend

Following a long custom the Pittsboro high school celebrated on last Friday evening the anniversary of the birthdays of General Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson.

Many of the patrons of the school and citizens of the town attended the exercises which were under the direction of the two literary societies. Due to the inclemency of the weather none of the ex-Confederate soldiers were present at the celebration. It is with regret that the number of those old soldiers of more than half a century ago, who attend these celebrations, grow less. Time has thinned their ranks. However, the sons of those faithful old soldiers will ever be proud of the memory of those men who followed Lee and Jackson. The following program was rendered:

1. Song, The Bonnie Blue Flag.
2. A sketch of Jackson's Life, E. R. Franklin.
3. Jackson the great campaigner, Frizzelle Knight.
4. Song, Dixie.
5. The sword of Lee, Emily Taylor.
6. Tributes to Lee, Henry Bynum and Graham Connell.
7. Lee's Farewell Address, Eugene Johnson.
8. Lee After the War, E. R. Franklin.
9. Song, How Firm a Foundation.

Synopsis Grand Jury Report

The grand jury, before being discharged at the last term of court, made their report to Judge Bond. The following is a synopsis of it:

The water supply for the jail and courthouse is inadequate; the well needs a house to cover it and a new pump; that the jail needed repairing and the cells swinging cots. All the county offices were well kept and commended the county commissioners for installing needed improvements, that the school system of the county was in a most satisfactory condition.

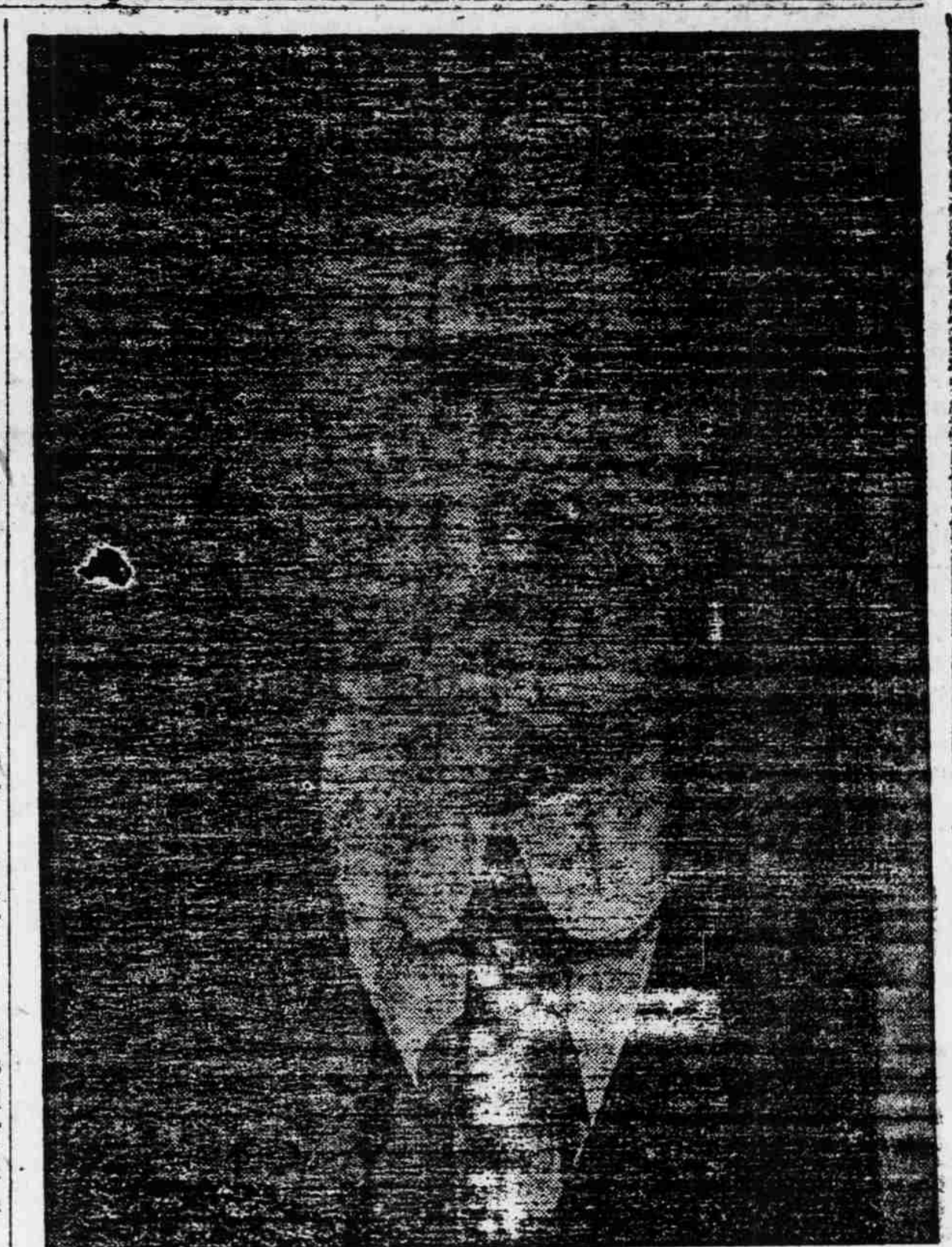
A committee visited the county home and found 12 whites and 11 colored, all contented and well cared for. The buildings were in bad shape but the farms was in good condition and all necessary implements to carry on the work were on hand. The usual amount of hogs, cattle, etc., were there.

They reported the railroad crossing at Merry Oaks as being dangerous and recommended an underground crossing.

They also recommended that the present buildings at the home be torn away and new ones erected, and waterworks and electric lights be put in, and that the four mules be sold and one good pair be bought.

One of the Older Young Men

There passed over to the other shore the other day in Chatham county another one of the older youngmen of this section, Spence Taylor, who was sheriff of Chatham when the Populist upheaval came in 1892 and swept him and the other Democratic officials out of office in that year. --Asheboro Courier.



HON. W. McDONALD LEE OF VIRGINIA,
National Director for the Campaign for National and
World Wide Prohibition

SHOWS NEED FOR "DRY" CAMPAIGN

INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR W.
McDONALD LEE.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST

\$9,000,000 To Be Spent In Fighting
Bolshevism By Americanizing
Foreigners.

W. McDonald Lee, National Director of the great campaign launched by the Anti-Saloon League of America, has made the following statement showing the objects of the campaign, why it is necessary, and to what purposes the funds raised will be devoted.

"We have three great aims in this campaign," declared Mr. Lee, "all of which will appeal to every patriotic American who has the welfare of his own country at heart and any regard for the moral and spiritual welfare and progress of our neighboring nations. These aims are as follows:

- (1) To aid home Law Enforcement (requiring about nine millions).
- (2) To Americanize the Foreigner (requiring about nine millions).
- (3) A Dry World by 1930 (including Mexico and West Indies).

"A fourth of the money raised in the campaign is to be left in the State for object one, 'Law Enforcement,' which means creating public sentiment for observance of law, and demand for officers who will enforce the law. Internal Revenue Commissioner Daniel Roper and Federal and State officers nearly everywhere invite such co-operation by our organization and smaller ones. Liquor interests have organized--it is said with \$400,000,000 fund--twenty-four States, in effort to elect a Congress that will increase alcoholic contents from one-fourth of one per cent. to ten, or even thirty per cent, and thus defeat the aims of Prohibition and nullify the Eighteenth amendment."

Nearing Completion

The new brick building of the Farmers' Bank, which has been in course of construction for some time, is nearing completion. The building is two stories, has four rooms on the second floor suitable for offices, two of which have already been rented. The lower floor, which is to be used for banking purposes, is going to be up-to-date, and when finished, will make one of the prettiest bank shops in the county.

"Another fourth of the money, for object two, goes to the Anti-Saloon League of America for work among aliens in this country. We must make good and law-abiding citizens of those foreigners who stay with us, through education, literature and speakers in the only language they may know. While harangued by anarchists and booze-advocates they remain a menace to our institutions. These scattered colonies within our borders can be reached only through the systematic and studied propaganda of the National League.

"Such of the remainder of the funds as may be determined by the State and National Leagues is to be devoted to object three. All the world is now our neighbor. Five critical years have demonstrated that we are vitally affected by conditions elsewhere on the globe. One dollar's worth of liquor will counteract a hundred dollars of the money so generously given to missions by Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others. Let's help make effective these missionary gifts. The missionary pleads for our help against the emigrating liquor dealer and his wares that are hurrying to other shores.

"Under object one and two the Anti-Saloon League seeks to remove the cause that Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, Salvation Army and other noble bodies are earnestly striving to remedy. With law enforcement, proper education and removal of temptation there will be less poverty, fewer dens of vice, no redemption from misery to women and children, and the work of those great organizations will be made easier and the quicker accomplished.

"Under object three it will be possible to 'clean up' Cuba and the Bahamas that is already affecting our shores. Mexico also, because of which probably a hundred million dollars a year is spent by our American Government to keep the peace, would be less a disturbing element if drink were abolished and this can be accomplished. As an aid in preventing Bolshevism from spreading to our shores, some countries of the Old World should be made acquainted with our customs and laws and their citizens taught to respect such before emigrating here."

A Good Woman Gone

Mrs. Thena Murchison, relict of the late Rev. D. C. Murchison, of Gulf, died at the home of her daughter at Rocky Mount last Friday, aged 74 years. The funeral services were held Saturday at Gulf in the Baptist church. She was a most excellent Christian and enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew her. She was a devout member of the Baptist church.