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## LIQUOR CASE RESULTS IN MISTRIAL

### JURY UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT IN THE CASE

### MANY AT TRIAL

Court Room Crowded With Spectators. Interesting Testimony Is Introduced by Witnesses.

Before a court room filled to the doors with an interested audience, and featured with interesting testimony by both the State and the defense, the case of State vs. Wm. Swanner, charged with a violation of the liquor law, was tried yesterday afternoon before Assistant Recorder Bryan. The trial began at three o'clock. The case was given to the jury at seven and after an hour's deliberation and discussion, the jury returned, unable to arrive at a conclusion. A mistrial was ordered. It is said that five were in favor of acquittal and one for conviction.

### W. C. T. U. Present.

The crowd began gathering at the court house at about 2:30, and by the time Sheriff Windley opened court, practically every seat in the room was occupied. The members of the W. C. T. U., accompanied by Rev. E. L. Gay, pastor of the Baptist church, occupied seats of honor in the front of the room.

### Jury Is Secured.

The examination of the jurors occupied the first half hour of the proceedings. B. E. Willis and F. W. Cox asked to be excused because of membership in the fire department. E. W. Ayers, S. C. Hodges, H. E. Hill, B. W. Bergeron and J. D. O'Neill were examined and either asked to stand aside, or found unqualified to act on jury duty. The jury finally selected consisted of Gus Bowers, John Eklis, Benner I. Waters, R. L. Roper, Richard N. Boyd and Jarvis Bright.

### Mr. Kild Testifies.

L. E. Kild was the first witness brought on the stand. He testified that Mr. Swanner had asked him to bring him a bottle of liquor, which he was unable to do. He also testified that Mr. Swanner's check came to him Saturday morning, saying that he (Kild) needn't bother about the storing place for the liquor, as Swanner wouldn't want it.

W. S. Pippin was also placed on the stand and testified that Mr. Swanner had come to him with the same request, but that he, too, had refused to grant him a place to store his herring.

### Other Witnesses on Stand.

Chief of Police Roberts told the court of the manner the liquor was stored, and incidents connected with the seizure. James Howard, one of the employees of the Coast Line testified that he had made out the way bill for the shipment. S. C. Cleary, local agent for the Coast Line, stated that Mr. Swanner had come to him on Friday afternoon, saying that the herring did not belong to him, that he did not order them and that he did not want them.

### Evidence Introduced.

Solicitor Carter, who represented the State's interests in the case, presented a check for \$318, made payable to one Freeman Spencer and signed by Wm. Swanner. He also presented a tag which had been torn on one of the barrels of liquor. C. L. Payne, assistant cashier of the Savings and Trust Company, was placed on the witness stand and testified that the signature on the check was that of Mr. Swanner. He was also shown the tag and said that the writing on it bore a very close resemblance to the signature of Swanner. The check was issued in Norfolk and was dated June 9th.

Mr. Swanner took the stand and upon examination by his counsel, Mr. Nicholson, testified that he did not order the liquor, that it had never been in his possession and that he had no knowledge of the shipment until he received a notice from the Coast Line on Friday afternoon. He was put under a rigid cross-examination by Mr. Carter.

### "Were you in Norfolk on June 9th?"

"I was."

"Did you issue this check for \$318 to Freeman Spencer?"

"I did."

"What was the receipt for this money?"

"I never know there was such a demand for hocks. We ought to have been in the hock business long ago."

"He is bookkeeper for W. G. Williams."  
"Who is W. G. Williams?"  
"They are a wholesale liquor house in Norfolk."  
"Why did you issue the check for \$318? Why didn't you make it an even amount—\$220, \$200 or \$250?"  
"I just needed the amount I made out the check for."  
"Now, then, Mr. Swanner, you testified a few minutes ago that you did not believe in carrying large amounts of money around with you in your pocket. You also said that you had no bills to pay in Norfolk. Why did you issue such a large check?"  
"I needed the money. I smoked up some of it, drank up some, and used it up for other purposes. I had considerable left over when I returned to Washington."  
"Have you ever been convicted of selling liquor before?"  
"Once."  
"Were you guilty?"  
"I was not."  
"I understand that you were fined \$50 and costs, which you paid. Do you mean to say that you were not guilty and this didn't appeal the case?"  
"I acted upon advice of my attorney."

### Asks for Dismissal.

Attorney Nicholson asked the judge that the case be dismissed without going to the jury, as the defendant had never had the liquor in his possession. Mr. Bryan ruled that the warrant could not be dismissed on these grounds, for a constructive possession counts the same as actual possession, and it had been proven that the liquor was in the possession of a common carrier. The attorneys then summed up the case, after which the judge charged the jury and that body retired into the jury room for deliberation. They returned in a little over an hour's time, unable to arrive at an agreement.

### Gun Club Held Shoot Yesterday

#### Maxwell Topped List of Shooters. Averages Were Lower Than Last Few Weeks.

Owing to the fact that Chautauque week begins in Washington today, the big parade at two o'clock this afternoon, and the enforcement of the new dog law, the Washington gun club held its regular weekly shoot at the club grounds yesterday afternoon instead of today. Maxwell topped the list in yesterday's event with the percentage of 84. K. A. R. was close behind with 83. The complete scores made were as follows:

Names	Birds	Killed	P.C.
Maxwell	75	63	84
Kear	75	62	83
Squires	75	60	80
Etheridge	75	60	80
Moore	50	40	80
Eljott	75	55	74
Shelton	75	55	74
Hodges	75	55	74
Davenport	100	69	69
Phillips	75	50	67
Baker	75	50	67
Gallagher	50	30	60
Chalkis	25	12	48
Mockins	25	10	40

### Many Potatoes Being Shipped

#### Reports from Aurora State that potato shipments from that section still continue and that large shipments are made daily. Three car loads were shipped from there over the Washington & Vandremer railroad yesterday. Each of these cars, it was stated, were loaded with one hundred and seventy-five barrels of potatoes.

It is also stated that an excellent price is being secured for the potatoes. One of the farmers last week sold his crop, which amounted to eight barrels, for \$1.50 per barrel.

### WE AID, LAKE PICTURES

of our loved ones. Probably there are loved ones in your family of whom you have no photograph.

It is your duty to procure their pictures while they are still with you.

Order them to make an early opportunity.

BARKER'S STUDIO.

## PARADE SEEN BY HUNDREDS OF PERSONS

### PRESENTED AN IMPOSING SIGHT IN MARCH UP MAIN STREET

### 'TAUQUA HERE

First Performance Given This Afternoon. Evening Performance Will Start at Eight.

With over 30 automobiles in line, all of which were decorated, large crowds of children, a representation of the local suffragettes, camp fire girls, boy scouts, the naval militia, the fire department and other delegations, the Chautauque parade this afternoon proved an attraction which drew hundreds of people to Main and Market streets to witness the spectacle.

The parade presented an imposing sight and was several blocks long. Considerable applause was tendered to the various delegations; particularly the suffragettes, who bore banners and presented a most dignified appearance. The naval militia also came in for a good share of the applause. The crowd was in an exceedingly good humor and many witty remarks passed between spectators and participants in the parade.

The parade was formed in front of the court house shortly before two o'clock. It took considerable time in getting the automobiles in line and decorating the children, but at last everything was in readiness and the line of march up Main street was begun. The parade proceeded direct to the Chautauque grounds where the formation was broken and most of those who took part in the march remained to see the afternoon performance of the Chautauque.

The automobiles of the suffragettes in the parade were handsomely decorated with yellow and white streamers. The occupants carried banners which were labelled "Votes for Women," "Women Wanted on the School Board," "Taxation Without Representation is Unjust."

H. S. Ward acted as marshal of the parade. He was on horseback. Captain Leach, who had charge of the event, attended to the line formation.

The Campfire girls rode in two automobiles, carrying banners which identified them. The Junior Naval Reserves also presented a handsome appearance. A wagon, on which rode nearly all the young boys in town, blowing horns and ringing bells, furnished the "band" for the occasion. The line of march complete was as follows:

Naval Reserves, Junior Naval Reserves, Motor fire truck, West End Reel, Ocean steamer, Ocean reel, H. & L. No. 1. Band wagon and automobiles owned by the following: Charles Cowell, William Ellison, Captain Leach, Dr. Mann, F. L. Phillips, C. A. Flynn, Mr. Warren, H. W. Carter, J. D. Grimes, Mr. Cox, Miss L. T. Rodman, Salvation army car, E. W. Ayers, J. W. Dalley, J. W. Dalley, J. W. Dalley, J. F. Buckman, Clyde Paul. The children, decorated with Chautauque banners, followed the automobiles while W. G. Private, on a bicycle, brought up the rear.

## Still Selling 'Tauqua Tickets

At a meeting of the Chautauque guarantors this morning, reports on the sale of tickets were made, but it is not definitely known just how many tickets are still for sale, as many of the guarantors who have tickets in their possession were not present at the meeting. Another meeting will be held tomorrow morning at 8:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

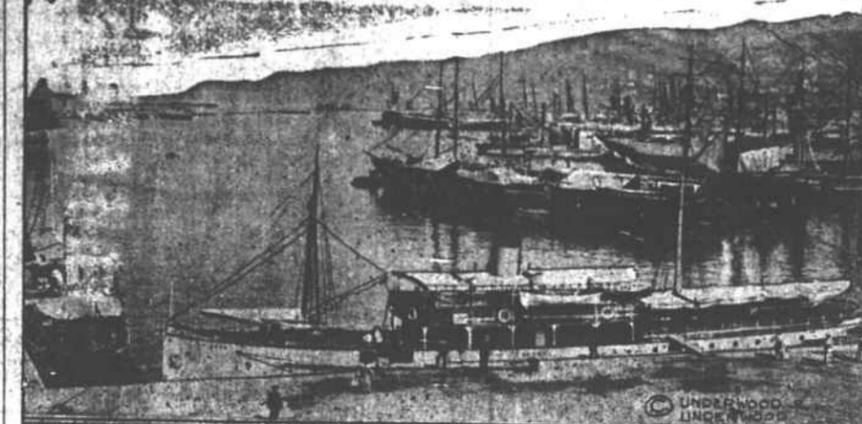
It has been decided to sell season tickets until after tonight's performance. After that time, purchases will be unable to procure these tickets at any price. There will be no reduction in the price of the tickets.

### SAYS BAKER.

I never knew there was such a demand for hocks. We ought to have been in the hock business long ago.

BARKER'S STUDIO.

## TRIESTE BOMBARDED BY THE ITALIANS



View of the harbor of Trieste, the capital of Istria, which the Italian artillery has begun to bombard from a point near the mouth of the Isonzo river.

## Ladies Give Views Of The Swanner Trial

Members of the W. C. T. U. and Equal Suffrage Union Express Opinions on the Matter.

Representatives of the W. C. T. U. and the Equal Suffrage Association were present at the Swanner trial yesterday afternoon and appeared greatly interested in the developments of the case. In order to ascertain the impressions made upon them, a representative of the Daily News this morning called upon a number of these ladies on the telephone and asked what they thought of the trial. The following statements were given out:

Miss K. T. Rodman. "The evidence was most clearly against the defendant and the action of the jury was absurd. In my opinion a child would have seen from the evidence that there was no question or doubt as to whether the man was guilty or not. The ladies were present at the trial in order to show that the better class of people in Washington opposed the sale of liquor and desired to lend their influence in abolishing the illegal practice."

Mrs. H. W. Carter. "I was greatly surprised at the action of the jury. I felt, after hearing the evidence that Mr. Swanner was guilty, without a doubt, and that the best thing he could have done would have been to confess his guilt, say that he was sorry for what he had done and offer to live an upright life. I am sure that the court would have been clement in its verdict. I feel that every property owner should do the same as Miss Rodman has done—notify all their tenants who are accused of illegal liquor transactions that they must vacate their stores. This, it seems to me, would put an end to the blind tiger question to a large degree."

Miss Brownie Giles. "I don't believe that there was sufficient evidence that the man possessed the liquor in question. However, it was proven that he was in Norfolk and issued a check, the amount of which just covered the cost of the liquor."

Mrs. Fannie Suggs. "All I care to say is that the evi-

## Enjoy Picnic At The Park

Residents of Chocowinity Had Enjoyable Outing In This City Yesterday.

Perhaps a few dogs, cats and invalid persons remained at home yesterday, but from the appearance of the delegation that drove over the county bridge yesterday morning, it looked as if all Chocowinity was coming to pay Washington a visit. Over 100 persons drove over in cars, buggies, hay wagons and automobiles to enjoy the annual picnic of the Baptist Mission Sunday School of Chocowinity at Washington Park.

A most enjoyable outing was held. The party reached the park about ten o'clock and spent the day bathing, playing ball, and having a good time in general. Dinner was served on the grounds. The picnicers remained at the park until three o'clock and then proceeded on their way home, tired but happy and still able to join in the singing of a few songs.

The party was under the supervision of the pastor, Dr. J. M. McKendie, and the superintendent of the Sunday School, T. E. Adams. The picnic was a huge success in every way and plans are already under way for making next year's event an even greater success. Great interest is being taken in Sunday School work at Chocowinity at the present time.

## New Theater

TO-NIGHT.  
20th Episode of "ZUDORA"  
The \$20,000,000 Mystery  
—also—  
3-OTHER REELS—  
FRIDAY, JULY 2nd  
"THE MASTER KEY."

DEATH ENDS THE CAREER OF THOMAS JORDAN JARVIS.

Ex-Governor Thomas Jordan Jarvis died last night at nine o'clock at his home in Greenville. His death came as the result of six weeks' illness. He was in his eightieth year. Weakness of body, incident to heaviness of years, brought death. The funeral will be held Sunday, services being from the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church. Bishop Kilgo will most likely assist in the services.

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For Booklet Explaining It.

## PETROGRAD ADMITS LOSSES

### THE GALICIAN CAMPAIGN HAS REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE. GERMANS OCCUPYING SEVERAL RUSSIAN VILLAGES.

## FRENCH ARE MAKING GAINS

### Have Slight Advantage Over German Forces in the West. Italian Campaign Crossing Salsburg. Turkish Put-Down Fight.

London, June 18.—It was announced semi-officially in Berlin today that the Austro-German forces along a 682 mile front in Poland, Galicia and Bukovina had begun a general attack in a battle expected to be decisive.

### French Make Gains.

On the Franco-Belgian front where the British and French have undertaken new movements said to have resulted in the capture of German positions at several points no changes are reported with the exception of French gains in the Vosges. The official announcement from Paris says the heights dominating portions of the valley of the Fecht now are under French control.

### Germans Still on Offensive.

An official communication from Petrograd admits that the Germans have occupied additional villages near Shavil, in the Baltic region, but says the Russians regained lost ground near Przasnysz. It is in the vicinity of Przasnysz, which lies north of Warsaw, that the Germans apparently are making their most determined effort on the Polish front, although the fortress of Osowetz again is being attacked.

### Campaign Is Critical.

The Galician campaign has reached a critical stage, in view of the continued successes of the Austrians and Germans. The Petrograd communication says little of the battle along the San but states the Russians have won some advantage in the fighting further south, in the Danube region.

### Italians Gaining.

Official advices from the Italian army headquarters represent the Italians as gaining advantages all along the front, particularly in the Adige valley, which leads to Trent. On the Isonzo front, where centers the battle for possession of Trieste, Italian successes also are claimed.

### Turks Fighting Hard.

The Turkish forces on Gallipoli peninsula have taken the offensive. An official statement from Constantinople says heavy losses were inflicted on the French and British, but a London announcement declares the Turks were repulsed in an attempt to recapture lost trenches.

### Bees' Strength Tested.

On a test, a bee was found competent to pull a weight 300 times greater than its own.

## Friday & Saturday Specials

Arbuckles Coffee, per lb.	18c
Highest Grade Butter, per lb.	35c
Armour's Star Hams, per lb.	18c
F. F. V. Hams, per lb.	20c
Morgan & Gray Shoulders, per lb.	16c
Ham But Pork, per lb.	11c
Finest Table Peaches, worth 25c, per can	25c
Very Best Trips, worth 25c, per can	20c
Pure Lard, worth 15c, per lb.	12 1/2c
Compound Lard, worth 12c, per lb.	10c

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