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IMPORTANT MOVE.

Democrats Succeeding in Forcing Peoples' Will.

TRUST CONTROLLED REPUBLICAN REBELLIONS.

President Notified of What Democrats in Congress Want and Will Demand for the People of the Nation.

Congress is still standing pat and the Republican members would be quite willing to adjourn after passing the appropriation bills if they did not fear the effect of such a policy upon the voters. No reform bill has been passed by Congress and from the first there has been no intention by the Republican leaders of allowing any such legislation, even that recommended by President Roosevelt. An exception, perhaps, is the Aldrich currency bill which was passed the Senate in an emasculated form. The reason that the Republican leaders will try to pass the Aldrich bill is that Rockefeller and Morgan and Wall Street favor it, and the amount of their contributions to the Republican campaign fund evidently depends upon its favorable consideration. A strong faction of the Republican members of Congress and all the Democrats are opposed to it and the business interest of the country favor the Fowler currency bill, if the expressions in its favor by commercial and banking organizations are a fair indication. It is said to be the intention of the Republican leaders to hold a Republican caucus to force through the Aldrich bill.

Needed Legislation.

On March 27th John Sharpe Williams, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, made a very important speech and announcement that there were some recommendations in the last message to Congress by the President that "are so immediately important to the interest of the entire country as to pass the bounds of partisanship". Mr. Williams then publicly informed the country that "all the President has to do is to deliver twenty-nine Republican House votes in favor of such measures. These conjoined with the solid Democratic vote will put them through". He then gave the recommendations of the President that the Democrats would support, namely:

Campaign contribution publicity, within constitutional limit, giving names, post-office addresses, and amounts of contributions to be published before election.

Regulation of child labor, but not the unconstitutional Beveridge bill.

An employers' liability law. Compensation to Government employees for injury or death incurred in its service.

Requiring that no temporary restraining order should be issued by any court without notice.

Abolishing the tariff duty on wood pulp and print paper.

It seems unlikely that any of this important legislation will be allowed to come to a vote by the Republican leaders unless the employers' liability bill introduced by Senator Knox be taken, which is not acceptable to Organized Labor. It also seems unlikely that there will be enough Republican members, who will support the President's recommendations, added to the Democrats, to pass such bills.

To bring the Republican leaders to the point which will impress the country with their do-nothing policies Mr. Williams gave notice that he would object to any unanimous consent for the consideration of bills and would require a roll call on all occasions when the rules of the House required it. In other words, the Democrats will filibuster until the Republicans act upon what the Democrats consider urgent legislation needed by the people.

Two War Clouds.

There are two war clouds on the political horizon that although now no larger than a man's hand may develop into storm centers. Already diplomatic relations with Venezuela are so strained that President Roosevelt finds himself unable to proceed further in trying to adjust the differences about the asphalt and other issues and the whole matter has been referred to Congress. It is reported that the Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations has tentatively agreed on the vigorous program of placing a prohibitive tariff on Venezuela products and the exclusion of all importations of asphalt. Also that the President will be authorized to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to treat with Venezuela in the future. As President Castro has so far outwitted President Roosevelt in negotiations and as both these rulers are somewhat hot-headed, it is more than probable that armed force will be used to bring Castro to time. As to the merits of the asphalt question there is a strong presumption of Venezuela being in the right, but as the asphalt trust appears to be favored by the Administration, Castro will likely be bullied into submitting to our demands.

What may result in much more serious trouble is the still smaller cloud in Manchuria, which may involve us with Japan and Russia.

Under instructions from the State Department our consul at Harbin has refused to acknowledge that either Japan or Russia has any territorial rights in Manchuria and looks to China alone as the sovereign power to deal with. This is no doubt done to compel the "open door" in Manchuria which, it is said, Japan has been closing in a decided way, though by round-about methods. With a President thirsting for glory in a war with some one there is no telling whether we are drifting, and it is quite possible that sending the fleet to the Pacific may have other than pacific intentions.

ROBERT MILLER.

MR. COX BUYS IN THOMASVILLE.

Thomasville College Property Sold—Picker Stick Factory Nearing Completion.

The Thomasville correspondent to the Charlotte Observer says Prof. H. W. Reinhart has sold the old Thomasville Female College property to Mr. O. R. Cox, of Asheboro.

\$16,000 or more was involved in the transaction. The correspondent writes that Mr. Cox expects to move to Thomasville in May and will erect some manufacturing enterprise on the property acquired by him. The new picker stick factory of O. R. Cox & Sons is being rapidly pushed toward completion.

Hon. Locke Craig will speak at the Thomasville opera house Friday night, April 10th.

Lane Morgan Captured.

Sheriff Kelly and Deputies McIntosh and Jackson of Montgomery county captured Lane Morgan, a 30 year convict, who was sent to the penitentiary from Montgomery county for murder, and who escaped after serving six years, at the home of his mother, near Spies last week. He will be returned to the penitentiary to complete the twenty-four remaining years of his sentence.

Shankle-Andrews.

Mt. Gilead, N. C., April 3rd. A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews in this county last Wednesday, when their daughter, Miss Mary, became the wife of Mr. Victor L. Shankle, of Norwood, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. A. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church, in the presence of a few friends.

Unconstitutional Tax.

Senator Overman has offered an amendment to the bill which provides the payment of \$8,000,000 to the West for public lands, refunding to the South \$15,000,000 collected by unconstitutional tax on cotton from 1866 to 1870. North Carolina would secure about \$2,000,000 should congress act favorably.

Thirty-six Are Drowned.

Advice came from Portsmouth, England, last Friday that thirty-six men, including lieutenant Middleton commanding the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, of the English navy, lost their lives in the collision off the Isle of Wight Thursday night. The vessels were engaged in night manœuvres.

Murder at Spencer.

Willis Franklin, aged 35 years, stabbed to death another negro, Andrew London, at Spencer Thursday. Franklin, who is a flagman on the Southern, accuses his victim of paying undue attention to his wife.

WHISKEY ROBS OF ALL THAT IS DEAR

"It Would Be a Crime Against God and the State Which No Political Party Could Either Outlive Or Profit by for it to Espouse the Cause of Whiskey, Even if it Could Win an Election by so Doing."

To the Editor:—I ask leave to say to the readers of this paper, in my opinion, every voter in the State ought to cast a ballot May 26th "Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." The other ballot reads "For the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." All must vote one or the other, or be lacking in the courage of manhood. More than two thirds of the counties have already voted whiskey out. Why? Because it costs more than any other five commodities used in the State and does no good and more harm than all the evil influences combined. Nearly all crimes are traceable to it. It debauches practically every man and family who handles it for a long time. It is a thief of the brain and renders those who use it regularly incapable of performing the duties of business, social or domestic life. It enters stealthily and robs of all that is dear. Not one percent of the people of the State have escaped its baneful influence upon themselves or a near friend or a relative. What good does it do? Burns and blisters John Barley corn as a "hero food," which "makes a man forget his woes," but who knew better than he that when his brief reign is past it makes the memory of their return with tenfold vigor and power? Will a fortune built on whiskey stand? Will a mind inflated or excited by whiskey retain or maintain its power? Will a body or mind electrified and then paralyzed if it possess or retain enduring qualities? Will the offspring of a drunken parent have an even chance in the race of life? I repeat, what good does it do? "It takes away my liberty," say some. You become by not being allowed to drink the slave, in that respect, to the idea of some sober gentlemen, fanatics, if you will, who think you ought not to drink, but if you drink you become the slave of an appetite that makes you the slave of poverty, of crime, of jailers, guards, wardens and mayhap of executioner and the devil, and of all the consequences to which drinking leads. Choose between them. If I were to vote for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors May 26th, I would never see another drunken man or widow or orphan of a drunkard, or read of a crime of which whiskey is the cause without knowing I was responsible for it, or at the very least a party in the responsibility. With such decided views of the little use or benefit derived from whiskey and its great cost and the infinite harm it is doing and crime it is causing, I feel that it would be a crime against God and the State which no political party could ever outlive or profit by, for it to espouse the cause of whiskey, even if it could win an election by so doing. God grant that all political parties may stand or fall on appeals to the intellect and not to the prejudices and appetites.

There are countries and climates in which beer and light wines have been and may be indulged in with infinitely less harm than in the southern part of the United States. In great cities with cosmopolitan populations and a policeman for every block the commercial spirit still tolerates whiskey. But in the Southern country where a man may earn some sort of a living by working one day in the week, and a large part of the population is idle a large part of the time, where nearly half the population are idle negroes going from place to place it is so easy to raise the evil passions and appetites, to get and keep the evil spirits up by pouring the evil spirits down, and thus preparing him who drinks it for any kind of hellish mischief that may suggest itself, that no man or town or county or State can vote to place or keep whiskey within the easy reach of the idle and vicious without making himself, itself, themselves responsible for the results. If it is degrading to a man, to a family, to make or to sell whiskey, it is equally degrading to a town or county or State to permit it to be made or sold. If you leave

out of view the loss of manhood, of womanhood, the crimes unnumbered that drinking entails upon the State the cost of whiskey is so great as to put its use out of the question.

In this county of Vance, barely an average in population, a little under twenty thousand, with three dispensaries within eighteen miles of us, at Lenoir, Warrenton and Oxford, there was paid to the Henderson dispensary in the year 1907, eighty thousand dollars. That is more than \$250 per day, more than \$1,500 per week, more than \$4 for every man, woman and child, white and black, in the county. That is, I believe, far more than all our grocery stores received. The families

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SHIPMENT OF WHISKEY.

Senate Committee Would Prohibit Express Companies From Delivering Whiskey.

The Senate Judiciary Committee believes it has hit upon a plan, from which it will be able to frame a constitutional statute that will stop the slipping of whiskey into prohibition territory. It will frame a law to prohibit express companies and other interstate commerce carriers from acting as agents of the distillers and brewers as they now are understood to do. It is by this means that traffic in liquor in prohibition territories is maintained.

SIXTY-EIGHT KEGS SEIZED.

Whiskey Was Enroute From Salisbury to Wilmington.

Officers J. E. Klutz and H. B. Howie, of Albemarle, seized two two-horse loads of whiskey enroute from Salisbury to Wilmington at Albemarle Friday. The load consisted of 68 five gallon kegs. When the drivers and their loads were delivered to the officers C. F. Sheek, of Wadesboro, appeared and claimed the goods which were delivered to him after he paid the taxes. He then proceeded towards Wilmington.

Denounce Virginia Cities.

The Raleigh Retail Merchants Association at a meeting held Friday night denounced the cities of Virginia of throwing their influence with the railroads in the fight the State of North Carolina is making to relieve the discrimination being made now by the railroads against the merchants of the State. Evidence is now being gathered by the corporation commission to be used in prosecuting the case before the interstate commerce commission.

\$225,000 Fire in Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., suffered the most destructive fire in 20 years early Friday morning, entailing damages to the amount of \$225,000 with \$165,000 insurance. Four tobacco factories filled with tobacco for the Australian and Italian trade, one over all factory and four buildings were consumed by the flames. Origin unknown.

Stanly Primary.

The Democratic Primary of Stanly county was held Saturday, the popular vote resulting as follows: Horne, 225; Craig, 221; and Kitchen, 9. The county convention will be held Saturday April 11th.

In Iredell county Mr. Craig was given 12 votes in the State convention, Kitchen gets 13-4 votes and Horne 1-4 vote.

Collier Shovel Fatal.

Abraham Collier, a brother of P. F. Collier, the New York publisher, is under arrest at Laurel Brook, Md. for the murder of Wm. Haughey a lumberman. The killing was the result of a quarrel of several weeks ago. A shovel was used by Collier in the assault.

Castly Find Near Tarboro.

The body of an unknown white man was found in Tar River, near Tarboro Saturday afternoon and it is believed that it is the body of a prominent farmer who is missing. Foul play is suspected.

COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Five Districts Will Hold Elections in May—New Houses to be Erected.

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was held at the court house Monday. The full board was present and much business of importance to the development of the schools of the county was transacted.

Petitions were presented from five school districts asking for permission to hold special tax elections to meet the demand for better schools and facilities. The districts whose petitions were granted were No. 2 and No. 5 in New Market township; Liberty township; No. 1 in Coleridge township; and No. 3 and 4 in Coleridge, which will continue for a graded school.

The board authorized new school buildings for No. 4 in Cedar Grove township, No. 3 in Asheboro township, and new buildings will also be erected at Liberty and Coleridge, provided the elections are carried for local tax—and there seems to be little doubt about the success of the measure.

Seven other petitions were presented for new buildings, but these were continued until next meeting of the board pending a survey of the districts and a proper location for the proposed districts. Prof. Coltrane and an assistant will begin the survey at an early date, and the work, which will include every district in the county, will consume about two months.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE.

Glendon Graded School will close Friday, April 17th. On the evening before the 17th the pupils will give an entertainment. On Friday an archival Johnson, of Thomasville. This school has been successfully conducted by Misses Lizzie Bradshaw and Massah Lambert.

The Caraway Graded School, taught by Prof. J. M. Purdie and Miss Nellie Doak, will close the 15th. County Superintendent of Schools, E. J. Coltrane, will deliver an address on "The Public School and What it Stands For." On Friday night the Womans' Betterment Association of Caraway will give a Fiddlers' Convention.

April Marlboro school will close on the 18th. Prof. G. A. Wright a counter, Miss Bertina, of Alamance county, have conducted a most satisfactory school.

Providence school closed Friday. Prof. C. H. Mebane, of Raleigh, was the speaker.

GERMANY CONFESSED.

Bar-Room Companion Eulogized him to Band of Anarchy he Declared.

Hardin Germany who was convicted of sending an infernal machine with intent to kill Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, was sentenced Friday to eight years in the state prison. The prisoner collapsed as Judge Webb pronounced the sentence. On the witness stand the defendant confessed that he made the machine.

Just before he was sentenced Germany stated that he made infernal machine at the suggestion of a man calling himself Meelings, whom he met in a bar room in Winston first, and who afterwards came to White Oak and got him to do the work. Meelings, he said, was preaching against the present order of society all the time, especially against the influential political leaders and officials and the rich industrial lords like Mr. Cone. "He got me to believing that society was perfectly rotten and in that belief I listened to his suggestions and made the box and gave it to him, but afterwards did everything in my power to prevent harm to Mr. Cone."

Rowan Negro Republicans in Evidence.

Rowan county Republicans held convention at Salisbury Saturday. The convention endorsed Taft for President and Judge Adams for State Chairman. The convention sat in silent astonishment while Thos. W. Wallace, a mulatto, entered protest as to the regularity of posting notices of primaries. He based his protest upon the failure to post a notice of the primary held Friday in west ward, Salisbury. Chairman Adams, of Greensboro, and his friends were in control.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Graded School Thursday evening at 4 o'clock. All who are interested should attend.

5 YEARS FOR LANG.

Notorious Safe Blower Returned to Prison Cell.

PUNISHMENT FOR LOOTING BANK OF DAVIE.

Daring Criminal With a Long Record of Robberies is an All-Around Bad Man—Off The Bowery to New York.

James Lang, convicted in the Superior Court of Davie county of looting the Bank of Davie in 1903, was sentenced last Friday to a term of five years in the State penitentiary. He has just completed a sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta for burglarizing postoffices.

Lang is 55 years old and seems to be very weak physically.

A DARING CRIMINAL.

James Lang himself one of the most desperate and daring "veggs" that ever touched off a fuse, was the leader of a gang of professional safe-robbers, which operated extensively in North and South Carolina in the early part of 1903. This gang, which was closely allied with the famous Nolan-McKinley gang, was composed of the following well known "veggs": James Lang, alias "Black Billy"; Chas. Rogers, alias "Shorty" O'Connor; Harry B. Wilson, alias "Philadelphia Harry"; and Walter Wood, alias George Carter.

The gang was connected with the notorious Tom Lee, a Bowery saloon keeper, who is an ex-burglar and whose saloon is a rendezvous for safe-crackers.

During their brief career in the South the gang was extremely active and Postoffice Inspector Gregory places the responsibility upon Lang and his "pals" for the following burglaries during the month of January, 1903: On night of January 16th, safe in postoffice at Greer, S. C.; on night of January 22d, safe in the bank at Benson, Johnson county, N. C.; on night of January 25th, safe in Bank of Davie, Mocksville, N. C.; on night of January 30th, safe in store of W. G. Shoemaker, on outskirts of Charlotte, and on night of January 31st, two safes in store of Heath, Barrett & Grier at Matthews, N. C.

Following the Matthews robbery Lang and Rodgers was arrested at Monroe.

Blockaders Tried at Greensboro.

A number of blockaders have been tried in the Federal Court at Greensboro this week. Among them were W. B. Lucas, of Montgomery, who has been out on bond since 1905 who is held for sentence at this term; W. K. Freeman and son, O. B. Freeman, also of Montgomery, were convicted, but not yet sentenced.

Safe Robbed.

The office of the Delton Furniture Co., at High Point, was broken into Saturday night and \$75.00 was taken from the safe. This is the second time the safe has been opened within 30 days. The combination was not broken, which shows that the thief is some one familiar with the premises.

Hellish Crime of Aged Father.

J. J. O'Neal has been arrested charged with criminal assault on his 11 year old daughter. The crime was committed at the home at Elizabeth city Friday while the mother was at work in the mill. He is 70 years old and owns considerable property near town.

Officers Aid In Robbery.

The arrest of Harry Rathenberger, aged 19 years, at Philadelphia Saturday, revealed the fact that four of Philadelphia's policemen had been siding in many recent robberies in the wholesale section of the city. The officers have been arrested.

News Paper Falls.

The Wilmington Messenger, which was established 19 years ago at Wilmington failed Monday and publication has been suspended. What disposition will be made of the plant is not known.

No Boll Weevils In N. C.

The State Department of agriculture has issued a bulletin in which it declares that there is no part of North Carolina infested with boll weevil. North Carolina cotton growers may feel safe on the matter.