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## OFFICERS CAPTURE WHISKEY

### Get 25 Gallons of Whiskey, Man and Car Near Mt. Vernon Church.

Deputy W. I. Coltrane, Mr. D. S. and E. L. White received information last week to the effect that a large quantity of whiskey was hidden on the mountain road near Mt. Vernon church. These three officers immediately proceeded to the vicinity of where the whiskey was reported hidden.

After a very careful search the officers discovered 25 gallons of mean booze in five gallon tin containers. From experience these men knew that soon the owners or distributors of the whiskey would make their appearance to load the stuff for market. After waiting a very long time an automobile of the Ford variety was heard slowly winding its way up the mountain to come to a sudden stop only a few feet away from where Deputy Coltrane and the White boys were hidden. There were two men in the car when it stopped and one of the occupants jumped out and ran to where the whiskey was hidden, snatched a five gallon can and put it in the car and started to depart with it when the gentlemen of the law stepped out in front of the machine and took charge of one man named Ayldoth and the Ford and its contents. The other occupant had urgent business elsewhere and made his escape by fleeing down the side of the mountain. The officers brought their catch to Asheboro and turned same over to Sheriff Cox.

## SEVEN FIREMEN DROWNED

Seven firemen were killed while fighting fire at the oil tanks in Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday when a ladder on which they were standing gave way, dropping the seven men into the tank. They were rescued later by draining the tank through the manhole. It is thought the cause of the fire was a gasoline pipe bursting on account of the zero weather. Authorities said that a spark thrown off by the bursting pipe ignited the gasoline tanks, causing the trouble. The firemen prevented several other tanks in the same locality from igniting by valiant efforts.

## Republicans to Meet in Raleigh

The State Republican convention will meet in Raleigh, March 19th. The executive committee endorses President Coolidge, but instructions as to North Carolina delegation to the national convention in Cleveland, Ohio are sent to the state convention.

The following women were among those attending the recent session of the executive committee in Raleigh: Mesdames Sharp, Seawell, Faison, Baker, and Rogers. Jake Newell's motion to endorse Hiram Johnson was turned down.

## THREE EVENTS HAVE HELPED CLEAR POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE

(By David F. St. Clair)  
Washington, January 22.—Three events within the last few days have helped to clear the political atmosphere. They are the reaction of the Democrats of the country to the selection of New York as the place of their next national convention, the actual co-operation between the Democrats and the insurgent Republicans in congress and the probability of a decisive third party in the campaign. As soon as the announcement was made that the convention would be held in New York City, the Governor Alfred Smith Democrats in that state figuratively lighted bonfires in celebrating the event as a sure indication of victory for their candidate. Their jubilation has had the effect of causing several doubtful states in the South and West to indicate their preference for McAdoo. The friends of McAdoo say that the national committee, a majority of whom had expressed their preference for the former secretary of the treasury, had calculated that the choice of New York would result in stimulating new hopes for Smith in his own state and in driving doubters in outside states into the McAdoo camp. These friends point to at least eight states where the choice of New York as the convention city has tended to solidify the McAdoo strength. The Nebraska Democrats have been influenced to favor McAdoo because of the failure of Governor Charles Bryan to announce his candidacy and Connecticut has swung in behind McAdoo at the order of Homer S. Cummings. Illinois Democrats whom the Smith forces counted on are now reported to prefer McAdoo in their disappointment in securing the convention for Chicago. In Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming McAdoo's chances have increased since the New York Democrats began to back their "visitors".

## MEETING IN INTEREST OF BUILDING AND LOAN

Mr. G. H. King and Mr. Charles Redding went to Liberty Tuesday evening where they held a meeting in interest of the Randolph Building and Loan Association. \$250.00 shares of Building and Loan and \$1000.00 of pre paid stock were sold. It was understood that there were a number of other citizens who were sufficiently interested to warrant another meeting Tuesday evening, January 28th.

A similar meeting will be held at Ramseur at the school building, Saturday, February 2nd.

Another meeting was held at Randleman last night, the outcome of which we cannot get in time for this issue of The Courier, but it is safe to say that the people in all sections of the country are fast realizing the value of this organization not only to them personally, but to the county as a whole.

## VALUABLE COLLIE RECOVERED

"Foch", the valuable Collie dog belonging to Ray Caudle, of Randleman took a motor trip to Rockingham last week and was gone several days. Those who know the dog are well acquainted with his habit of riding on his master's car fender. One evening last week J. W. Jenkins, a mill superintendent of Rockingham, drove up near the Caudle store and parked his car, which was like Mr. Caudle's, at the usual parking place. "Foch" mistaking the car for his master's got on the fender and rode off, and it was not until Mr. Jenkins was on his way to Rockingham, below Asheboro that he discovered his passenger on the fender. So "Foch" went to Rockingham, and soon word was sent back to Randleman by a traveling man inquiring if a dog of this description was missing. And before many more hours had passed "Foch" and his master were together again. The dog is one of unusual sense and possesses a number of accomplishments. Mr. Caudle was in Asheboro on his return trip and wished to thank all who were kind enough to try to help him locate his pet.

## FORMER COMPANY K MAN MARRIED

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Coy Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bell, of Troy, on January 9th Mr. Bell was married to Miss Edith Embury, of Washington, D. C., and they will make their home there. Mr. Bell is a member of Company K, and saw foreign service with the company as a corporal. He now holds a position in Washington.

## LITTLE LLOYD JOHNSON DEAD

Lloyd Johnson, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson, of Randleman, died at his home there January 18th. Lloyd was a bright little fellow and had won many friends in his short life. Funeral and burial services were conducted Sunday, January 20th. He is survived by both parents, three brothers and three sisters.

## JUDGE H. A. GRADY MAKES PUBLIC HIS CONNECTION WITH K. K. K.

### Has Been Grand Dragon for the State of North Carolina Since September 1922; He Says It in No Way Conflicts With His Duties To North Carolina As a Judge

Judge Henry A. Grady, who was elected to succeed Oliver H. Allen as Judge of the Superior Court at the last election is a member of the Ku Klux Klan and admits it in a public statement. Mr. Grady is a son of the late Hon. B. F. Grady, who in the '80's was head of an academic school at Turkey in Sampson county, and afterwards was a member of Congress. Judge Grady's statement in full is:

I am yielding to what I consider my duty to those who are affiliated with me, and, in response to a wide-spread demand among the more than 30,000 Klansmen of North Carolina in giving to the press my own connection with the Klan, and some facts that may be of interest to those who believe in good government, good citizenship, and in those lofty ideals which mark every true American citizen. I am not interested in, or swayed by the views of those who want to know the truth—the things that I am working for, and no amount of criticism or denunciation can alter my determined purpose to build for my children and grand children a better place to live in here in North Carolina.

I was appointed Grand Dragon for the State of North Carolina in September, 1922, and have held that position ever since. The Grand Dragon is the personal representative of the Imperial Wizard, and bears practically the same relationship to the Klan in North Carolina, and in all places, help, and assist Klansmen under his jurisdiction. Having held both of these positions I can say that they are in nearly all respects similar. He is the Executive Head of the Klan, and shapes its policies within the realm over which he presides.

The Obligation There has been a great deal of speculation and uninformed criticism respecting the obligation of a Klansman, and whether or not it is in conflict with the oath that I took when I went on the bench. The oath of the Klan is a solemn and binding document, and this fact has been so often asserted that those who question it now are not entitled to be heard. There is nothing secret about it. So far as I know it is the only oath of any secret society in the world that has ever been copyrighted and placed on public record. The Ku Klux Klan is a secret, fraternal, benevolent, and, in some respects, religious organization, occupying an oath-bound relationship to the United States Government, which is covered by the following clauses, copied verbatim from the obligation which all Klansmen have taken:

"I most solemnly assert and affirm that to the government of the United States of America, and any State thereof, of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear an unqualified allegiance, above any other and every kind of government in the whole world. I here and now pledge my life, my property, my vote, and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its constitution and constitutional laws, and will protect, defend and enforce the same unto death.

"I most solemnly promise and swear that I will always, at all times and in all places, help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law in the proper performance of their duties.

"I swear that I will most zealously and valiantly shield and defend, by any and all justifiable means, the sacred constitutional rights and privileges of free public schools, free speech, free press, separation of church and State, liberty, white supremacy, just laws, and the pursuit of happiness, against any encroachment of any nature, by any person or persons, political party or parties, religious sect or people, native, naturalized or foreign, of any race, color, creed, lineage or tongue whatsoever."

I do not think it necessary for me to say that the Klan recognizes as "justifiable methods" in aiding the officers of the law, only those which are strictly within the law. The Klan is a lawful body corporate, chartered under the laws of Georgia, and it has no right, under its franchise, to work otherwise than within the law. Any lawyer knows that the charter can be rescinded for the violation of law.

streets of our cities and towns, I am doing what I can now to abolish this useless, and in some respects, foolish custom. I have fought and condemned this custom ever since I became a member, and I can truthfully say that I have never taken part in any street parade or public demonstration, although it was stated in the press that I attended the Goldsboro parade last Spring. At that time I was asleep in the SHRINE HOME at New Bern, North Carolina. There is no real harm in such demonstrations but such conduct is not dignified and is subject to perhaps a just criticism.

I am not doubt that outrages have been committed by men wearing the robe and hemlet. There are unworthy men in all human organizations. Some of these lawbreakers may have been Klansmen. I cannot say how that is; but I do know that if one of these lawbreakers should be apprehended he would be prosecuted to the limit of the law, and he would not have the support of any real Klansman in North Carolina. In the newspapers I observe much speculation as to what I would do in case such a man were brought before me for trial. I ask the pardon of those who know me, and say this only for the benefit of those who do not, that I would deal with such a man exactly as I would a Mason or a Presbyterian, or a Democrat; for I am a Mason, a Presbyterian and a Democrat. It might be that I would be influenced to give him a greater degree of punishment because of the fact that as Klansman he is under a double obligation not to violate the law. In my short career on the bench I have sent one man to the penitentiary who was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, a member of my own Shrine at New Bern. The Scottish Rite Masons and Shriners of North Carolina do not permit their obligations to conflict with their duties to the State, and neither do Klansmen. In this respect I give below a part of a resolution that I sent out to all Klansmen immediately after the Robeson county whipping case was tried:

I wish to make some observations relative to the trial of the three men at Lumberton, charged with whipping two women, which trial resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

This is not a matter for Klansmen to gloat over. The guilt or innocence of these men is not material to us in any aspect whatever, except in so far as we are interested in good government and the enforcement of the law. They have been declared innocent by a competent tribunal. Attorney's of the highest character, who are not affiliated with the Klan, have assured me that it was a righteous verdict. As to Taliaferro, if he is a guilty man, he ought to suffer. It is none of our business as Klansmen to protect the guilty.

"However, I understand that one of the defendants in the whipping case was a Klansman. I do not know this to be a fact; but, if it is true, then he committed perjury of the rankest kind, and he must not any longer remain in the order. Above all things we are a law-abiding institution. It is not possible for real Klansmen to violate the law, because, if he does, he forfeits his rights to membership.

"Jurors were asked if they were members of the Klan. These questions were asked by counsel for the State under the assumption that Klansmen could not sit as jurors and render a fair and impartial verdict when Klansmen were on trial. This belief on the part of counsel has been brought about by a hostile press and by manufacturer sentiment. It may be true in some instances, just as in some instances a member of the Presbyterian church, or any other religious organization, would be biased in favor of one of like faith; but we know that to make such a charge against any church would be blasphemous. It is not true of the churches, and it is not true of the Klan. Our obligation to Klansmen goes no further than to protect them in those things which are HONORABLE."

I would be glad to publish this entire proclamation, but space forbids. I wish to state in this connection that every man who has sworn falsely in any of the courts of this State, and is a member of the Klan has been, or will be, banished. There can be no exception to this rule. The Jew, The Negro, and the Chinese. Much has been said about the Klan's enmity to the Jew, the Negro and the Roman Catholic. I will state that in reference to these subjects the Klan is almost at one with the Junior Order; and it is strange that the Klan should be singled out because of its alleged antipathy to the Romanists, when the Scottish Rite Masons are permitted to fight that ancient institution and still preserve their social standing among men.

It is a mistake. We are not fighting the Jew, the Negro or the Catholic. The Klan believes in religious liberty, and it acknowledges the right of the Catholic to worship God as he sees fit, and likewise the Jew.

## CITY STREETS AND SIDEWALKS TO BE IMPROVED

At a recent meeting, the Board of City Commissioners agreed to let contracts and look after the construction of a number of streets which they feel should be improved with cement or asphalt. Petitions are now being circulated among the property owners with the exception of the intersection of streets, which is to be borne by the town.

It is estimated that there will be about five miles of additional improved street and sidewalk work done this year and the commissioners hope to have these petitions before them so as to let a contract early in March. Sometime ago the commissioners entered into a contract with the J. B. McCrary company, engineers, of Atlanta, Ga., to make a complete survey of the town for all sidewalk and street work. They made maps of the city which will be on file in the town's office in a few weeks. Anyone wanting to build a new home on any of the unimproved streets may see these plans so as to know the grade and the exact location of the street.

## I. C. MOSER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR THE SENATE

The Courier is in receipt of the following announcement of I. C. Moser of Asheboro, N. C. "I hereby announce myself a Democratic candidate for the Senate in the 12th Senatorial District of North Carolina, subject to the result of the Democratic primary to be held on the 7th day of June, 1924.

"In addition to making the above formal announcement, I desire to again express my thanks publicly for the faithful work and loyal support that the Democrats of this County gave me and the rest of the Democratic ticket during the last campaign. As a member of the House from this county in the present general assembly I have at all times endeavored to protect and promote the interests of the people of Randolph County. If I am elected senator from this district in the next general assembly I assure you that I will serve you faithfully and to the best of my ability."

(Signed) I. C. MOSER.

## Plans Go Forward to Send Shenandoah to the North Pole

A gale blowing 118 miles an hour on last Wednesday night, tore the giant airship, Shenandoah, loose from her moorings at Lakehurst, New Jersey, and sent the big ship on a mad ten hour flight. It is estimated that helium gas worth \$50,000 was lost, and another \$50,000 will be needed for repairs to the ship. Nevertheless, plans are going forward to make the necessary repairs and send the big ship to the north pole next summer.

## McLean To Announce Candidacy Soon

A formal announcement of the candidacy of A. W. McLean, of Robeson county, for the nomination for Governor of North Carolina, is expected any day.

## SIX PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

### Negroes Overpower Jailer Duke Lowe and Make Good Their Escape.

Tuesday evening a little after dark when Jailer S. Duke Lowe went up to the jail to attend to his duties, he was asked to hand in a bucket of milk which had been brought to the prisoners. The bucket was so large that it would not go through the place where the plate of food is handed, so he opened the door to put the bucket inside. When this was done, John Ledwell and Jesse Lowdermilk, two husky negro men threw their strength against the door. They could not force it open, and called to the other five to come. Jailer Lowe then made a dash for the outer lock door, but before he could lock it, the seven prisoners, all negroes, again overpowered him, also his father-in-law, who ran to his assistance. All of the men except one escaped, and although large parties of men as well as blood hounds were out all night as well as all day Wednesday, none of the men had been captured as we go to press. The names of the escaped men are, John Ledwell, Carlie Bell, Burney Maness, Hurley Shaffner, Jesse Lowdermilk, and Henry McAdoo. Charlie Johnson was held back, and is in jail at present. All sorts of rumors as to "how it happened" are current, but the above statement are the facts in the case, so far as we can gather. It is next to impossible to get more than a few words with an officer, as intensive plans are under way for the capture of at least some of the men within a few hours.

## Representative Hammer and Senator Simmons Introduce Bills.

Senator Simmons and Representative Hammer have introduced similar bills in the house and senate requesting federal authorities to bridge the Pee Dee river between Wilmington and Asheville on highway No. 20. The stream is navigable above the point to be bridged which makes it necessary for congressional action. M. M. Trumble of the highway commission was in Washington last week to present the matter.

## PREACHING AT SPOONSHOP CHAPEL

Preaching will be held at Spoon's Chapel, five miles east of Asheboro, every third Sunday at 11 o'clock instead of the 2nd Sunday as heretofore. Rev. W. N. Hayes, the pastor, will preach. The public is cordially invited.

## ANOTHER COLD WAVE

Sunday warning was given by the "Weather Man" of another cold wave for the States east of the Mississippi except in southern Florida. The cold was accompanied by high winds Sunday night and a part of Monday, but Tuesday was more moderate, and was prophesied, Wednesday was warmer.

## SENATOR CARAWAY COMPARES FALL WITH BENEDICT ARNOLD

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, whose courage is equalled by his biting sarcasm, last week lashed not only the former Cabinet Secretary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall for leasing the Teapot Dome Government oil reserve for a song to Harry Sinclair, agent for the British Oil Company, owned by the Standard Oil Company, but also two other cabinet officers, Attorney General Daugherty and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Roosevelt.

Fall he accused of "betraying the high trust imposed upon him," by leasing the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, in Wyoming, "and that for a corrupt consideration."

"Albert B. Fall sold the American fuel, every gallon of it, to American oil speculators," Caraway continued, "and one of them boasted he was going to make \$100,000,000 out of his share of the loot."

The Arkansas Senator likened Mr. Fall to Benedict Arnold. He demanded to know how much more "infamous" it was to sell "every gallon of reserve oil" for the first line of the Nation's defense than it was for Benedict Arnold to sell a rocky fortress on the Hudson.

If it "were not for my friend, the present Attorney General," he continued, "there would be court action; but as long as he sits at the helm of the Department of Justice," he added, "they may sell the White House and be immune from any prosecution in the Federal Courts."

Secretary Denby and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt were also assailed by Senator Caraway for approving the lease to the Mammoth Oil Company. He said they had described this as a mere detail to which they could not give their personal attention. "If this was a mere detail," he added, "they should not have been entrusted with our first line of defense, as they say the navy is."

to the Public Lands Committee by Mr. Fall and Edward B. McLean, the Washington publisher, regarding the source of the funds Mr. Fall used in enlarging and improving his New Mexico ranch. Senator Caraway declared that "men of great position, as these gentlemen are; men of high standing, as these gentlemen are, do not make statements that are not true unless there is some reason for it."

Former Secretary Fall was charged by Senator Walsh (D. Mont.) with having misled the Senate Public Lands Committee when it was inquiring into the source from which he obtained funds for the enlargement and restocking of his New Mexico ranch.

The charge was made by the Montana Senator upon his return to Washington from Florida, where he examined Mr. McLean with regard to the \$100,000 loan which Mr. Fall said he had obtained from him for the ranch improvements.

Senator Walsh indicated, however, that he would not insist upon the further appearance of the former Interior Secretary before the committee to give an additional explanation. He said he was content to let Mr. Fall determine for himself whether he would appear voluntarily.

"The records of the committee show," said Senator Walsh, "that Mr. Fall misled the committee when it was inquiring into the source from which he obtained funds for ranch improvements. As I see it, he must determine whether he desires to again come before the committee and correct the testimony he gave."

In a statement presented to the committee on Dec. 27, Mr. Fall said he obtained \$100,000 from Mr. McLean when he was contemplating a purchase of ranch property in New Mexico, that he paid \$10,000, as a first payment, and gave instructions that the balance be deposited in El Paso, Tex., subject to check.

Mr. McLean testified at Falls Beach that he had given Mr. Fall the \$100,000 in the form of several checks, which later were returned to him un cashed. This testimony, Mr. Fall, in a letter to Senator Walsh, characterized as accurate.