

State Troops Ordered To Take Charge of Strike Situation

Amendment To Volstead Act For 2.75 pct. Beer And Billion Tax Planned

CONSERVATIVES ARE DECLARED FAVORING LESS RIGID LAWS

Booze so Plentiful That the Price Falls From \$14 to \$5 a Quart in Year. DEMAND GROWS FOR HOME BREW STUFFS

Legislators Said to Be Hearing From "Back Home" - Complaints Many.

WASHINGTON HERALD (By H. E. C. BRYANT) WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Two facts in connection with the enforcement of national prohibition have become apparent here with in the last few weeks. They are: First, conservative people who have heretofore sat on the fence and watched the ultra drags and the ultra wets fight, are now taking a keen interest with a view of enacting sane laws that can be enforced, and second, many thousands of men and women, wets and drags alike, think that the manufacture and sale of non-intoxicating cereal beverages containing not more than 2.75 per centum alcohol by volume should be permitted so that it could be taxed to yield approximately a billion dollars.

Prof. Seligman took that position before a senate committee and it made a lasting impression. His view is that of members of the house and senate who would lift the Volstead act definition of beer and provide for a tax of \$10 a barrel on two and three quarter per cent cereal beverage. It is understood here that President Harding, Secretary Mellon and Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair would gladly welcome a law making possible the sale of such beverages. It has been told by old and experienced revenue agents that the liquor traffic is on the increase and that in the absence of the lighter drinks, Scotch whiskey, imported via Canada and the islands off the coast, and the most moonshine, made in great quantities in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and other southern states, hootch turned out in New York, New England and middle western states, and diluted with caramel and other alcohol, are being marketed in great quantities in this country. In addition to this traffic home-brew is on the increase.

GEORGIANS HELD ON HOMICIDE CHARGE SAFE FROM MOB

Two Are Hurried From Savannah to Charleston Jail to Avoid Violence.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 14.—C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, accused of killing William Brazell, a taxicab chauffeur of Columbia, near Leesville, S. C., Sunday night are lodged in the Charleston county jail, having arrived at dawn from Savannah. They were guarded on the trip by Sheriff Roof, of Lexington county and two deputies.

County Sheriff Joseph M. Poulton, of Charleston, and Sheriff Roof, held conferences during the day but declined to say anything with respect to any plans for transferring the men to the state penitentiary in Columbia. Sheriff Poulton has augmented the usual guard at the jail. It is known that deputies and rural policemen are on duty there with the jailor.

It is reported that men in Columbia are very anxious to learn when and by what route Fox and Gappins will be carried to Columbia. This afternoon several Columbia motor cars were said to be in town but there was nothing to indicate that these motorists are concerned in any movement to wrest Fox and Gappins from the authorities.

So far the governor has not instructed that the two national guard companies here, the Washington light infantry and the Sumpter guards, be mobilized, and while the guardsmen are ready to answer such a call they are not anticipating it.

EDUCATION MAKES BIG STRIDES OVER STATE IN DECADE

Census Bureau Shows Almost Six Per Cent Decrease in Illiteracy. BUNCOMBE IS FIRST IN LITERACY TEST

Urban Population Shown to Be Younger and Higher in Literacy.

WASHINGTON HERALD (By H. E. C. BRYANT) WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The following statement is issued by the census bureau relative to the literacy census in North Carolina. The census bureau reports that in the population of Wilmington as enumerated in January, 1920, there were 3,374 persons 10 years of age and over who were illiterate in the sense of being unable to write, including 248 native whites, 14 foreign born whites and 2,111 negroes. The percentage of illiteracy in the total population 10 years of age and over is 9.0, which shows a decrease since 1910 when it was 14.9.

There are 241,445 illiterate persons 10 years of age and over in the state of North Carolina. Illiterates meaning unable to write. Of this number 104,643 are native whites of native parentage, 171 are of foreign mixed parentage and 474 are of foreign birth. The number of illiterate negroes is 133,516. In the total population 10 years of age and over the percentage of illiteracy is 13.1 which, it is gratifying to note, shows a diminution since 1910 when it was 18.5.

Cities Less Illiterate There is more illiteracy in the rural districts of the state than in the cities, the percentage being 14.1 for the rural population and 9.3 for the urban. For the native white population of native parentage the urban percentage of illiteracy is 4.6 while the rural is 6.2.

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Is Strung up to Tree Sunday About Noon, and Riddled With 1,000 Bullets.

KINSTON, August 14.—A mob variously estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 armed men captured Jerome Whitefield, negro, charged with criminal assault on a white woman, of Jones county, and after hanging him to an oak tree by the roadside, fiddled his body with bullets, about noon today.

The victim of the alleged assault, committed late yesterday is reported to have positively identified the negro when he was taken to her home six miles from the scene of the crime, in the woods in which the capture was made this morning.

WILL RETURN TO WORK KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 14.—Cigar workers in local factories who have been idle several weeks because of a disagreement over wages and working conditions, will return to work tomorrow. The cigar makers settled their differences early last week and an agreement with the pickers and packers branches of the industry was reached Thursday.

Home Party to Meet Carolina Member Big Dirigible Crew

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen) GREENSBORO, Aug. 14.—Maurice Lay, chief petty officer aviation section, United States navy will be greeted by a number of Greensboro people when he lands from the big dirigible ZIN-2 sometime after August 25. His wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. R. C. Stockard, live in Greensboro and are planning to meet the big ship when it has down to be placed in its hangar at Lakehurst.

The North Carolina man among the crew has been in the naval service for 13 years, and until he went to England to help bring the ship home he was at Pensacola, Fla.

IRISH NEGOTIATIONS REMAINING OPEN DESPITE DEADLOCK

British Government Makes Public Official Documents Passing in Parley.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The correspondence between the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader, made public by the British government this evening shows that, while there is a deadlock on the question of independence for Ireland, the negotiations still are open.

Great Britain offered Ireland complete autonomy in finance and taxation, military forces for home defense, her own police and other things, control of the Irish postal services.

British Proposals. The British proposals, which were dated July 20, said: "The British government is actuated by an earnest desire to end the unhappy history of Ireland, Great Britain and Ireland, which have descended to many conflicts in the past and which have once more shattered the peace and well being of Ireland. At the present time they long with his majesty, the king, in the words of his gracious speech in Ireland last month, for a satisfactory solution of those age-long Irish problems which for generations embarrassed our forefathers as they now weigh heavily upon us, and they wish to do their utmost to secure that every man of Irish birth should work in loyal co-operation with the free communities on which the British empire is based."

"MISERY LOVES COMPANY." BY BILLY BORNE.



Concord Mayor and Citizens Urge Governor Morrison To Act While Bloodshed May Yet Be Avoided

GOVERNOR SPENDS ENTIRE DAY WITH CASE BEFORE HIM

Mayor Womble Tells Him He Fears Rioting Will Develop Over Strike.

CONCORD OFFICIALS DECLARED HELPLESS Metts Instructed to Use Special Train if Necessary to Reach Scene.

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Sympathizers Said to Harass and Menace Employees Entering Gates.

DISORDERS TAKE PLACE SATURDAY Concord Military Company Reports It Is Ready for Duty in Town.

CONCORD, N. C., Aug. 14.—Captain Kenneth Caldwell of the Concord military company, upon instructions from Adjutant General Metts, late tonight reported to Sheriff Spears of Cabarrus county that he was mobilizing his company and would be ready for duty immediately in connection with the strike situation.

Each morning since the Locke mill reopened several hundred strike sympathizers gathered at the entrance to the mill and jeered and harassed and even menaced the employees as they entered the gate. The situation has been growing daily more tense, several fights having occurred, it is reported.

The developing situation, combined with the fact that announcements have been made that the Hartwell mill, one of the scores of plants in this section closed June 1, by Monday will probably reopen Tuesday. This report could not be officially confirmed, in the absence of J. W. Cannon, general manager.

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