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MR. DAVIS IN LIME LIGHT.

Dev. R. I. Davis, president of the State Anti-Saloon League, has been unwillingly forced into the limelight of late because of the attitude of Raleigh officials, whom he had attacked for non enforcement of the prohibition law. Mr. Davis had charged that the laws were not being enforced and he demonstrated the case with which liquor could be secured. Immediately from certain quarters it was insisted that Mr. Davis be called upon to name the guilty parties. The majority of people, however, seem to realize that officials were chosen for that purpose and that the steps taken against Mr. Davis were unwarranted. The News and Observer comments upon the matter in the following interesting manner:

"There has been a great deal of talk about issuing subpoenas for Rev. R. I. Davis, the State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League because he would not take upon himself the duty to enforce the laws of Raleigh. Mr. Davis stated that his purpose was to show that the law was being violated in Raleigh, and to let the officers and the people of Raleigh understand that if the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League through others, could buy plenty of whiskey in Raleigh while the State Temperance Convention was in session, other folks could buy it and that the people of Raleigh could get the evidence themselves and punish and stop the crime if they wished to do so. There was a good deal of hue and cry on Monday from the lawless element, demanding that Mr. Davis be brought into court and compelled to give the names of the parties who purchased the liquor which he exhibited. Some friends of officers, seeking to shield them, were very vigorous in denouncing Mr. Davis because he did not come forward and furnish the evidence. Hearing some of this kind of talk, one of the leading citizens of Raleigh said to one of the officers: 'If I were an officer of the city of Raleigh I would be ashamed of myself to ask a visitor to furnish me the evidence to enforce the law; I would be ashamed to say that an Anti-Saloon League officer could get more evidence about crime in Raleigh than I could get.' And that statement was applauded.

"The suggestion was made to Police Justice Watson that he issue a summons for Mr. Davis requiring him to return to Raleigh and give the evidence. Judge Watson very properly took no hasty action, not desiring any grand stand plays. What the people of Raleigh want is to have the sale of liquor stopped, and no mere hue and cry in the attempt to get a scape goat. Solicitor Norris has written Mr. Davis asking him to furnish the evidence, and, if Mr. Davis can do so with honor, he will comply with his request, but the Charlotte News looks at the matter in the proper light when it says: 'Raleigh officials are making a grand stand play by issuing and testificandum papers for Superintendent Davis of the State Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Davis had offered several samples of blind tiger liquor, purchased without any trouble in Raleigh. He refuses to name the party who made the purchase. It is the business of officials to prosecute these cases, not that of Superintendent Davis. It is probable that these officials would find no great difficulty in securing evidence if they made a strenuous effort, without being forced to rely upon an outsider to furnish the proofs.' 'It is the business of the Raleigh officials to enforce the law in Raleigh. It is a cry of impotence when they say that the only possible chance for them to enforce the law is in getting Mr. Davis to give them the evidence. If the Raleigh officials cannot get the evidence, and the Raleigh people are so asleep and indifferent to the reign of anarchy that goes on almost under the very eaves of the city hall, then, even if Mr. Davis could furnish enough evidence to prove the guilt of certain parties, the lawlessness would still go on by other parties, because Mr. Davis could not stop his business to come to Raleigh and enforce the laws, for which we have a number of officers paid by the taxpayers of the city. It is the business of Raleigh people to see that it is not a lawless city, and the people here pay big taxes to hire officers to enforce the law. If they should lie down now and say 'We cannot do anything, Mr. Davis is the only man on the face of the earth who can enforce the laws of Raleigh,' then in the name of all that is fair and right, we ought to employ Mr. Davis and pay him the salary which we are now

paying to the other officers, whose friends say that the only hope to enforce the laws of Raleigh is through the voluntary and unpaid efforts of an officer of the temperance society who lives in another place. 'Raleigh wants to make this aggressive temperance work a scape goat. The business of the officers is to enforce the law. Let them do it!'

DURHAM SUN SOLD.

The Durham Sun was sold this week for something over two thousand dollars. It is understood that with certain papers involved, the plant brings about \$12,000.

The Sun entered the afternoon field in Durham and it is said that new managers spent something like \$20,000 in making an up-to-date paper. There is no doubt but what the Sun has been live, newsy and entertaining, but it is the same old story of biting off more than can be chewed. It is an extremely difficult matter in this day and time to put a newspaper on a paying basis. Very few daily papers have been successfully launched in the South in the past decade. Readers demand more for their money every day. Expensive features are made necessary and very few newspapers are making any large degree of profit. They can not under present conditions, and the field is almost perilous for the new paper. We regret that The Sun became embarrassed. We trust that new owners will be successful in their efforts to put it on a steady basis.

"By the way did Charlotte ever get the Norfolk Southern."—Spartanburg Herald. Get it? Why it is packed away and forgotten and we are now about to land the A. C. L. Will Spartanburg never catch up with important news of the day?

Four thousand wildly enthusiastic Virginians thronged a hall to hear Governor Woodrow Wilson speak last night. Evidently the conspiracy has had little effect in the Old Dominion.

We have less admiration for the appetite of Woodrow Wilson since he refused to visit Charlotte, in order to keep a dinner engagement in Philadelphia—Philadelphia of all places!

If anything would put a Kentucky colonel in a bad humor it would be Columbia, S. C.

That is a noisy trip for Colonel Watterston to that place where "There is not even a telegraph line."

Did the ground hog see his, her, or its shadow, Phillips?

The "Pink Lady" captivated the town.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

Who Can Zen? The Charlotte News has a punster who has about gone the limit. If he doesn't stop soon we suggest that he be canned.—Gaston Progress.

Who Killed Myrtle Hawkins. Who killed Myrtle Hawkins, the Hendersonville, N. C., girl whose body was found in Ocolee lake last September? This is still a question unanswered, but one that is being eternally asked by the press and the people of North Carolina. This week has seen a decided revival of interest in this mystery by reason of many communications on the subject appearing in the Asheville Citizen. These communications throw very little, if any, new light on the tragedy, being in the main theories and articles submitted in defense of authorities who have been subjected to criticism in connection with the case.

There has been an impression that the state of North Carolina was pushing this case and had under way an investigation that might in the end clear the mystery, but from a letter from the chief of police of Hendersonville this seems not to be the case at all. This officer says he has been told that there are no funds available for the further inquiry into this tragedy and that such investigation as has been made since the inquest closed has been at his own expense. The public was left under the impression that the nurse, who disappeared so mysteriously and who was believed to have knowledge of the death of Myrtle Hawkins, would be run down and brought back to Hendersonville to tell what she knew. So far this woman has not been heard of and there is nothing to indicate that any special effort has been made to find her.

This Myrtle Hawkins case is sort of a double mystery. The girl's death is a mystery, and the manner in which the case has been handled is also somewhat mystifying.—Spartanburg Herald.

PRIVATE LIGHTING PLANT EXPLODED; TWO KILLED. By Associated Press. Kewanee, Ill., Feb. 2.—Miss Minnie Burrows, aged 50, and a Mrs. Dean, aged 80, were killed on the farm of Mrs. D. H. Burrows, northwest of here last night when a private lighting plant exploded. Mrs. Burrows was injured severely. The house was wrecked.

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NO. 7.—THE CHINESE WALL.

The most gigantic project ever undertaken by man was the building of the great Chinese Wall. This wall, after many centuries, remains for the greater part intact, the most gigantic defensive work in the world. Imagine a wall thirty-five feet high and twenty-one feet thick, extending from the Atlantic Ocean half way across our continent, for this marvelous structure was 1250 miles in length—and you will be able to form an idea of what a tremendous work was accomplished in its building; and the amount of energy, money and men required. And all the more wonderful since the greater part of the wall runs through a mountainous country, keeping on the ridges and winding over many of the highest peaks.

Since the accession of the Manchu dynasty in 1644, the wall has been allowed to fall into decay, except at a few points where it is maintained for customs purposes. The top of this wall is paved for hundreds of miles and crowned with crenelated battlements and towers thirty to forty feet high. An army could march on the top of this Chinese Wall for weeks, and even months, moving in some places ten men abreast.

The Great Wall of China succeeded prehistoric stockades, and defended that country proper from the wild Mongolian and Manchuria, from which its conquerors and rulers have many times come. It is so picturesque, with its many bastions and towers, so imposing, so massive, so seemingly endless as it crosses the plain and winds up, as if for picturesque sake only, to the crest of the mountain range, that it needs not imagination, as a writer says, "nor lifelong acquaintance with it as a fact to have it exercise a strong fascination at sight—the most stupendous work that the hand of man has ever built, an existing, still serviceable structure that can maintain its pretensions in part with the ruins of Egypt and Assyria."

And this wall looks exactly like its pictures in school geographies! One had half expected that it would not, could not, be so irrationally, impractically picturesque, so uselessly solid and stupendous; but Shi-Hwang-Ti, first Emperor of United China, builded better than he knew, and all this modern world must thank him for that enduring monument. One does not really care whether it is two thousand and one hundred and some years old or not; or if millions of men toiled for ten years to complete it and half a million builders died; or if government contractors and engineers 'scamp' in 211 B. C. as they do now and left great gaps in backwoods places where earthworks did as well as solid walls.

Wan-H Chang Ching, the "Ten Thousand Li Wall" of Chang Tang, the "Great Wall," is too supremely satisfactory and eye-delighting as an artistic feature of the landscape, at it winds and rambles in its useless way over the hills and far away, for one to split dates and details and to become precisely archaeological. The Great Wall of China is one of the few great sights of the world that is not disappointing. Its solidity and design, its uselessness uplift it and gives it an atmosphere, a unique dignity, like only to the pyramids.

On the Manchurian side the great wall presents a bold face of gray brick and stone, with towers and projecting bastions, a formidable defense against the hordes of wild horsemen in the day of crossbow warfare. On the inner, Chinese side, the wall is a sloping earth embankment, stone and brick facing and cross-walls cropping out here and there. It has evidently been a builders' quarry for all the Shankaikwan plain, and there are still bricks to spare by millions, from remnants of walls that run here and there in aimless way on the inner side.

Wall building must have been a habit of man with the Chinese in those early days, and they built walls when there was nothing else to do, to pass the time, to keep the people out of mis-

chief. Weeds and brambles conceal the flagging of the terre-plain, parapets are gone, and many watch-towers have fallen, but a few towers are occupied by poor tillers of the soil and their swarming families. In a recent volume a writer thus describes the Chinese Wall as it appears today: "The deserted towers are melancholy reminders of past defenders, who bugled and battled with the Tartar hordes for ages; and European imagination, by tremendous effort, can re-people these battlements and the valley beyond with the opposing forces. The civilian feels the charm of its tremendous sweeps and curves, the picturesqueness and the poetry of the ancient place, while military men are possessed and spellbound by this great monument of defensive warfare."

"Where warriors had stood, and the quaint Ming cannon had rebounded, we basely ate sandwiches and chicken wings serving as pointers at one military and picturesque feature and another of the great barrier caught a fascinating eye. This wonderful construction makes the Pyramids look like mere isolated heaps of building-stone to the person whose eyes have beheld both. (Next Week—Seven Great Astronomers.)"

A Danish ranchman who came to this country in the average 22 years ago has just returned on the superintendency of a 9,000,000-acre ranch in South America at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He will have charge of 400,000 hogs. When the man landed 22 years ago he hardly had money enough to go West.

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