

National Cash Register Company Officials Are Indicted

Thirty "Men Higher Up," as Well as Lower Down, Indicted on Charge of Criminal Violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Charges of Monopoly, "Restraint" Etc.—Adams Express Company Also Indicted on 11 Counts—Other Indictments.

WILSON'S "HAT AND HEAD" IN THE RING.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Feb. 22.—"My hat has been in the ring a long time and my head has been in it," said Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, here today when his attention was called to Colonel Roosevelt's statement made last night to W. A. Ehrlich, at Cleveland.

PROTESTS AGAINST HOUSE STEEL BILL.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—Josiah T. Rose, representing the Atlanta Steel Company, of Atlanta, before the senate finance committee today vigorously protested against the house steel tariff revision bill. He said to meet the foreign competition that would follow the proposed reduction wages would have to be cut, placing American skilled labor practically on a par with European labor.

WHICH SHALL IT BE—WILSON OR CLARK?

By Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 22.—Whether Champ Clark, speaker of the house, or Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, shall have the support of the Oklahoma delegation to the democratic national convention for the presidential nomination is to be settled by the state convention which meets here today. Uninstructed delegates hold the balance of power.

The Clark supporters claim the convention will be a mere formality, because they say sufficient uninstructed delegates have announced preference for the Missouriian to secure a delegation to Baltimore pledged to vote for him.

The Wilson men, however, cheered by the gains made in favor of the New Jersey executive in the county conventions held February 17th, assert that the claims made by friends of the speaker are greatly exaggerated.

Many men experienced in politics declared that the Oklahoma delegation will be uninstructed. Speaker Clark's friends assert the reverse.

Authentic reports of the county conventions show that out of 76 counties 66 have 554 delegates in today's convention and 192 of them were instructed for Clark, 192 received no direct instructions and 170 were directed to vote favorable to the candidacy of Wilson. The remaining delegates attitude will not change the contest.

Few delegates were instructed for Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio. It has been agreed that Judge Thos. H. Doyle, of the criminal court of appeals, a Clark-Harmon advocate, shall be made temporary chairman.

Judge Doyle's selection by the state central committee was opposed. The committee voted 39 to 29. The defeated candidate for temporary chairman was D. H. Linebaugh, of Atoka, a supporter of Governor Wilson.

After a conference between supporters of Wilson and Clark early today it was reported that the Wilson men had proposed a divided delegation be sent to Baltimore. No agreement was reached, although it is understood that the proposal is still pending and may be accepted as a compromise in the event of a deadlock in the convention.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 22. Senate: Met at noon. Washington's farewell address read Senator Kern. President in message transmitted postmaster general's annual report, suggesting government ownership of telegraphs, which the president said he did not favor and second-class mail matter the commission's report, recommending increase of second-class rate to 2 cents, which the president approved. Adjourned at 1:20 p. m. until 2 p. m. Monday. House: Met at noon. Bills on unanimous consent calendar were considered.

THE NOMINATION TWINS



WHICH WILL WIN? RALPH WILDER WITH APPOLOGUES TO GOLD DUST TWINS

President Taft Does Not Approve Hitchcock Plan

In a Special Message to Congress President Discourages Postmaster General's Plan For Government Ownership of Telegraph Lines.

Is Not Convinced That Such Policy Would Result in Cheaper Rates to The Public—Commends Record Made in Department.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—President Taft today informed congress that he did not approve of Postmaster General Hitchcock's suggestion that the government buy and operate all telegraph lines as an adjunct of the postal system. Mr. Taft said that if it could be shown that the public would benefit by receiving service at a less price than is now paid he might think differently of the plan, but that he was not convinced such would be the effect.

After referring to the practical wiping out of the postal deficit and other features of Mr. Hitchcock's administration of affairs, Mr. Taft, in transmitting the postoffice department's report to congress today, said: "There is only one recommendation in which I can not agree—that is one which recommends that the telegraph lines in the United States should be made a part of the postal system and operated in conjunction with the mail system. This presents a question of government ownership of public utilities which are now being conducted by private enterprise under franchises from the government.

"I believe that the true principle is that private enterprise should be permitted to carry on such public utilities under due regulation as to rates by proper authority rather than that the government should itself conduct them. This principle I favor because I do not think it in accordance with the best public policy thus greatly to increase the body of public servants.

"Of course, if it could be shown that telegraph service could be furnished to the public at a less price than it is now furnished to the public by the telegraph companies, and with equal efficiency, the argument might be a strong one in favor of the adoption of the proposition. But I am not satisfied from any evidence that if these properties were taken over by the government they could be managed any more economically or any more efficiently or that this would enable the government to furnish service at any smaller rate than the public are now required to pay by private companies."

"More than this it seems to me that the consideration of the question ought to be postponed until after the postal savings banks have come into complete and smooth operation and after a parcels post has been established, not only upon the rural routes and the city deliveries, but also throughout the department. It will take some time to perfect these additions to the activities of the postoffice department and we may well await their complete and successful adoption before we take on an extra burden in this very extended department."

Supreme Court May Hand Down Opinion on Charlotte School Matter Next Week

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The failure of the supreme court to hand down a decision in Charlotte's noted school bond appeal, in which so much interest centers, means that there can be no settlement of the case until Wednesday evening of next week when the next delivery of opinions is due. Court has been urged to decide this case as speedily as possible and a decision was really expected very certainly last evening.

ANOTHER MAN GETS SIX MONTHS FOR LIQUOR SELLING

Six months on the county roads was the sentence imposed by Recorder Smith this morning on Will Davis, a young white man of the city, who was charged with the selling of two pints of cocktail whiskey yesterday to C. L. Austin, of Asheville, at the Reader's Club, on South Church street. Mr. Cliff Newell, attorney for Davis, gave notice of appeal and the bond was fixed at \$1,000. "It must be a justified bond, too," added the recorder.

Chief Christenbury got information from Plain-Clothes Officer Jim Johnson, that he was suspicious that there was a whiskey sale pulled off at the Reader's Club yesterday afternoon. With this information the chief got busy and followed the clue given him. This led him to the Southern passenger station where he came upon C. L. Austin, who was waiting the 6:25 train for his home at Asheville, after spending several days in the city visiting relatives. He was told by the chief that a young man was suspected of having sold him (Austin) some whiskey at one of the clubs of the city and that he would have to remain to testify if he knew anything about the matter. Austin then went back to the police station with the chief and described the man who had sold him two bottles of whiskey. He was also required by Desk Sergeant John M. Scullion, who is also a magistrate, to give a \$100 bond to insure his presence at recorder's court this morning.

Upon the description furnished by Austin of the man who sold the whiskey and the description of the locality where he got it, Officer Jim Johnson was dispatched to the Reader's Club on South Church street, where he found Will Davis and placed him under arrest, since he identified Davis as the man who sold him the two pints of cocktail whiskey for \$1.25. He didn't know the name of the salesman, nor even the name of the street where the sale occurred in a building, he being a stranger in the city.

"Well, can't you tell the general direction in which you went from the Square?" asked Solicitor Parker. "No, I don't believe I can," said the witness. "I know we went by the Selwyn hotel though, I and another fellow, who was a stranger to me; and when we got to the Selwyn hotel we turned toward the left and went about half a block. Then we went up a stairway into a big room. There wasn't much in the room."

"Well, go on and tell how you got your whiskey," said the recorder. "Well," the witness resumed, "that fellow over there (indicating Davis), said we couldn't get the whiskey

Three Automobiles Free In The Great Voting Contest

The News' Magnificent Offer is To the People of North and South Carolina—Few Hours Spare Time Only Needed to Win.

You Are Invited to Enter Biggest and Fairest Circulation Campaign Launched in The Carolinas—Other Valuable Prizes Offered.

CONTEST DEPARTMENT OPEN EVENINGS.

The Contest Department of THE NEWS will be open from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. Those that are interested in the contest are invited to call. Representatives of the Contest Department will be present to give full information to all those that call. The Contest department can also be reached by telephone, call No. 115 and ask for the Contest Department.

THREE AUTOMOBILES AND TWENTY OTHER PRIZES, aggregating in value \$5,500, are offered free and without obligation by THE NEWS to the energetic people of the Carolinas. To fully realize the true liberality and magnificence of this offer, with the attendant opportunity to those who care to avail themselves of it, it must be well considered. It is not often in one's lifetime that the chance comes to win a splendid touring car for a few weeks of pleasant work among friends, but such is the chance now offered.

Under the plan adopted for the present contest, any person, with a few hours of spare time, can safely count on a prize that will pay handsomely for the time expended. At least three parties throughout the Carolinas will win automobiles and these three will be those who enter early and cover their fields thoroughly. These three grand prizes are to be awarded regardless of district lines. The other twenty district prizes will be awarded five in each district into which the states have been divided.

Into each of the four districts must go a piano, a \$100 furniture outfit, a \$50.00 bank account, a \$25.00 gold watch and a \$12.50 jewelry cron.

The small prizes can be won with comparatively small effort to those who have not the time nor inclination that will be necessary to finish in the automobile class.

The contest is now just a week old. Nominations will be received for some time yet, but there is a certain advantage in an early start which should be seized by those who are determined to become winners. Names should be sent in at once so that receipt books and full particulars may be sent in return.

Votes and votes only will decide the winners, and these are secured in two ways: By clipping and sending in the ballots that appear daily in the paper and by securing prepaid subscriptions, either old or new, to the paper. Votes will be allowed on renewals and payments made by old subscribers, according to the scale printed below.

Those who enter with spirit and determination will be given personal assistance by the Contest Department, which has been expressly organized for this purpose. The prizes are well worth many times the effort that will be required to win them and the work will be a pleasure to those who take it up.

Receipt books and full particulars will be sent upon request. Send for them today. No matter in what part of either state you may live, the division of districts equalizes competition and gives every person exactly the same chance.

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My Choice For President

If I Could Select the Man I Would Name

Name _____
Address _____

Cut this out and mail or hand in to The Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C. Results will be published from day to day and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.

Colombian Minister To United States Is Separated From His Post at Wash.

By Associated Press. Bogota, Colombia, Feb. 22.—General Pedro Nel Ospina, Colombian minister to the United States, was recalled by the Colombian government this morning.

The action of the Colombian government was taken because neither it nor the Colombian people uphold the position taken up by the Colombian minister at Washington in notifying the state department that the visit to