

WHISKY BILL BACK ON HOUSE CALENDAR

Continues To Bob Up Despite Opposition of Doctors and Druggists

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY HENRY LESSENIE.

Raleigh, March 3—The Murphy "drug store" whisky bill, after twice being approved by House Judiciary Committee No. 1, now is back on the calendar of the lower branch of the General Assembly, with indications that it will come up for a vote within the next few days. The bill was reported favorably by the committee some time ago, but its author permitted it to go back to the committee for opponents to be heard on the measure.

The committee heard representatives of the pharmaceutical and medical professions oppose the measure, and then voted 8 to 6 to report it favorably. However, it was evident that both the pharmacists and the doctors are divided on the question, and that there is much difference of opinion as to whether passage of the drug store whisky bill would be a temptation to the doctors or result in an influx of "irresponsible druggists" into the State.

Doctors Oppose

Dr. John B. Wright, former president of the State Medical Society, spoke against the bill, declaring that it would convert drug stores into dispensaries and would also result in a great pressure being brought upon physicians to prescribe whisky which, under the guise of medicine, would be consumed as a beverage.

A. C. Cecil, president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, declared that instead of helping the druggists, the passage of the bill would actually work a hardship on them in that it would force them to compete with "irresponsible druggists" who would cut the prices of other products in order to attract a big whisky trade. There would be no way for the pharmaceutical board to check this influx of druggists, he said, as it has no way of barring druggists who can stand the state examination.

Object To Tax

The pharmacists also object to the feature of the Murphy bill which requires those drug stores licensed by the government to sell whisky to pay a privilege tax of \$200. The druggists claim they would have to sell 25 gallons of alcohol to pay this tax. They claim the government's selection of the drug stores which would sell whisky, would not prevent unfair competition from an "unfortunate" type of druggist, because they believe that any drug store wanting to sell whisky would be permitted to sell it.

The Murphy bill permitting the drug stores to sell prescription whisky is the first of this session's liquor bills to get to the floor of either house. Other bills, proposing outright repeal of the state's prohibition law, the legalized sale of wines and beer, and submission of the wine and beer question to the vote of the people, are now being studied by a House Judiciary sub-committee.

Working on Referendum

This sub-committee is also working on a bill to provide for submission of the prohibition question to a State convention in line with the requirements of the Blaine repeal resolution, and it is not regarded as likely here that any of these bills will come out of the committee until a definite course is decided on the question of a state convention.

North Carolina's constitution stipulates that a convention cannot be called unless the call is approved by the voters in a general election. Even many of the druggists are now agreed that the whisky question should be decided as quickly as possible, and the wet bloc is trying to devise some method of getting around waiting for the next general election to settle the matter of a convention.

There is yet some hope that some special machinery for a convention may be provided by Congress, or that some other scheme may be found of holding a convention at a reasonably early date. In view of the fact that a convention, whether it be held next month or next year, is now inevitable, the druggists and straddlers of the issue will oppose all liquor bills first.

Jesus Giving Life and Health

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Mark 5:21-43

By the Rev. Alvin E. Bell And Alfred J. Buescher



As Jesus returned across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, he was met by a leader of the local congregation named Jairus, who fell down on his knees before Jesus asking him to come quickly to lay his hands on his little daughter, who was at the point of death.



As Jesus was hurrying away to Jairus' house he was interrupted by a woman who came up behind him and grasped the hem of his garment, believing that thus she might be healed of a disease from which she had suffered for twelve years. Jesus rewarded her faith by healing her.



Meantime word came to Jairus that his daughter was dead. But Jesus told him, "Fear not, only believe," and they went on. Finding many people there mourning, Jesus ordered them to leave saying, "The maid is not dead, but sleepeth." The people laughed in ridicule of this statement.



But Jesus, going with the parents and Peter, James and John into the room with the dead child, took her by the hand, saying, "Little girl, arise." Immediately she arose alive and well and Jesus reminded her parents to give her something to eat.

GOLDEN TEXT—Psalm 126:2.

Jesus Giving Life and Health THE WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Golden Text



Psalm 126:3—"Jehovah hath done great things for us." (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for March 5 is Mark 5:21-43, the Golden Text being Psalm 126:3, "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.")

By DR. ALVIN E. BELL.

That Golden Text might well have been sung as an anthem by those two families of Capernaum that day of our lesson; Jairus, holding his little 12-year old child in his bosom and praising God for 12 years of sunshine saved to him and his family by the Master bringing the little girl back to life; the woman who clutched the hem of his garment and felt 12 years of darkness turned into glorious sunshine, singing with them: "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

12 Years of Sunshine Saved. "My little daughter is at the point of death; I pray thee, that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole and live." There is anguished parental love crying from the depths to the one who could help "when other helpers fail and comforts flee."

Luke tells us this was Jairus' only daughter and that she was 12 years old. Twelve years of sunshine seemed about to end in darkness; 12 years of the music of childish glee were about to be hushed in silence. Immediately Jesus accompanied the broken hearted father, making the best time they could as "a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him."

Then there came an interruption which must have seemed like an age to the anguished father as Jesus is stopped, not so much by feeling someone clutching at the hem of his garment, as by the consciousness "that power had gone forth from him," and in this delay of divine love we are given a sort of parenthetical miracle, within a miracle.

12 Years of Darkness Made Light. "And a woman which had an issue of blood 12 years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and

had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered but rather grew worse, having heard the things concerning Jesus, came in the crowd behind him and touched the border of his garment. For she said, 'If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole.' How "many things she had suffered" we can understand when we realize that her disease in that day ostracized her from the joys of home, the privileges of society and even the blessings of religious fellowship. All these were restored to her when "she fell down before him and told him all the truth," and he said unto her: "Daughter, be of good cheer, thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace and be whole of thy plague."

What a Saviour we have in Jesus! Whether we come to him publicly as Jairus did, or secretly, as this woman did, we shall find him a sweet sensitivity to our need in our sorrow, sickness or sin. "The healing of his seamless dress is by our beds of pain; we touch him in life's throng and press and we are whole again."

Not Dead, but Sleeping. Meantime there came to Jairus the message that his little daughter was dead, and that he should not trouble the Master further. With a word of encouragement to the bereaved father, Jesus led him confidently to the child's side, saying, "The child is not dead but sleepeth." And then Jesus demonstrated the truth of his word and power of his grace by taking the child by the hand and saying (if we translate his words literally), "Little girl arise." And with this infinite tenderness he reminded them that she needed food.

GETS COPIES MANY EARLY NEWSPAPERS

Rare Collection of 18th Century Publications In State Acquired

Raleigh, March 1.—Six hundred and six issues of 71 old North Carolina newspapers have been secured and properly catalogued during recent months by the North Carolina Historical Commission. Only files of extinct newspapers or rare early files of those now in existence are collected by the State's official historical agency; files of current newspapers are kept by college and public libraries.

The newspaper collection of the commission contains many thousands of issues of about 235 different newspapers which were published chiefly from 1751 to 1876. It is the most complete in existence for the period prior to the year 1800.

The commission has copies of the first newspaper published in New Bern, Edenton, Fayetteville, Hillsboro, Halifax, Raleigh and Wilmington, all prior to 1800. Of unusual interest is the copy of "The North Carolina Gazette" of November 15, 1751, published by James Davis, of New Bern, the old known issue of a North Carolina newspaper in existence. It was accidentally discovered a few years

ago to be one of the severed layers of paper pasted together to stiffen the backs of an old volume of Tyrrell county records, which the commission had secured. When soaked off and cleaned, the mutilated paper was found to push back for several years the date of the earliest existing North Carolina newspaper. The issue is number 15 to volume 1, but none of the first fourteen issues is known to exist.

North Carolina newspapers before 1790 are exceedingly rare, the only reasonably continuous run being that of "The North Carolina Gazette" at New Bern in 1777-78.

Within the past two generations

historians have come to make extensive use of newspapers in original investigation. They contain accounts of events, deaths, marriages; biographical material; political sentiment; and much material on economic and social conditions. The commission's collection is used extensively by researchers who are producing an unprecedented number of articles and books based on original and hitherto unused sources of North Carolina history.

HULL IS POPULAR

Secretary of State Hull begins his cabinet duties with an extraordinarily good "press." The capital correspondents all greatly like him. They are not altogether powerless to be help-

ful to a public man, either.

JAPAN'S WITHDRAWAL

The effect of Japan's withdrawal upon the League of Nations is the subject of much speculation among diplomats. Some believe it marks the beginning of the league's disintegration. Others think it will be strengthened by having demonstrated its

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