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THREE MEN PAID \$220 FOR 8 GALLONS BOOZE

Ten Per Gallon Was the Initial Charge, But the Court Imposed Fines to the Amount of 7.40 on Hobbs

booze was confiscated by the police a long-distance call to the superin-Saturday and Hub Derrick, Herbert tendent Sunday apprised the officers Helms and Rob Hobbs, in whose possession it was found, were given heavy fines by Sub-Recorder Lime-Derrick was fined \$75 and rick. costs; and Helms and Hobbs \$25 each and the costs. The little escapade, which started about 11:30 Friday night, and ended at 3 o'clock Sat-urday morning, when Officers Winchester and Robinson seized the men, cost the three at total of \$220. The booze soaked them for \$10 a gallon, whipping might do him good, but said while court fines and cost went to he was too tender-hearted to inflict make up the balance of the total.

The police testified in the Recorda garage. Suspicioning at once that booze was the mission of the car's that an army training is just what occupants, they whiled away time in Jakie needs; that, however, is out of that section until 3 o'clock Saturday the question just now. morning, when the car was seen coming back. After the men, Derrick, Helms, and Hobbs, had gotten out of the car, the officers walked up and at anything that struck his fancy. seized the eight gallons of new-made corn. The three were released a few

Helms clerks in Mr. N. C. English's store on the mill hill. Having a key to the garage, where the delivery car is kent Helms and here the delivery car is kept, Helms and his two pardners took the car for the midnight booze search without the permission of Mr. English.

Court officials were unable to maintain their usual composure in court this morning when the eight the habit of slipping out of his mothgallons of booze were brought into the room. A five-gallon kerosene can contained the largest share of the of seems to be the place for him. seizure, while by its side stood a big five-gallon demi-john holding three gallons.

The three defendants submitted to having in their posession more whiskey than the law allowed. Prosecuting Attorney Stevens, however, tried to convict Derrick with keeping it for sale. No direct evidence to support this contention was presented, but Officer Clifford Fowler, after telling the court that Hub Derrick was honest, paid his debts, worked, and was truthful, admitted that the gentleman in question did have the reputation of being a dealer in whiskey. Mr. N.

not be controlled. At the rope's end, ZEB GREEN SMILES OVER they put the lad in jail Saturday when it became known that he had been disturbing Mr. Meachem's chicken roost. Upon the shoulders of Officer Clifford Fowler fell the responsibility of lodging Jakie in jail. Jakie went uncomplainingly, remarking to

the officer as they entered the jall Hab Derrick, Hub Helms and Rob that he had been in them places before. The Jackson Training school is be-

Eight gallons of Union county made lieved to be the place for Jakie, but of the fact that there was no room. Supt. Boger declared that his institution was built to care for only 90 boys, but at present he has 115. Little Jakie has a bright, open face,

and is an intelligent, mappy-go-lucky youngster with a winning smile. His step-father, who loves the boy as if he were his own, is willing to go to any expense to get the right training for Jakie. He declared that a good whipping might do him good, but said it upon him.

Jakie wants to go to the army. Of er's court today that they were over in North Monroe late Friday night when they saw a car glide out from days comes he will be permitted to enlist. He is firmly of the opinion

Santa Clause brought Jakie a couple of rifles Christmas. For several weeks he had a grand time shooting But finally his shooting became too wild, and the police commandeered minutes later when they put up cash bonds with the officers. his guns. They were placed in a cor-ner of the police room, where Jakie came every afternoon to handle fond-ly his rifle, and implore the officers

to let him shoot them. The youngster is a problem; no one denies that. Court room spectators, however, hope that the right training can be had for Jakie, as he seems to possess the making of a man. Like the boys of old, Jakie has

GRIFFIN SAYS EAT IRISH POTATOES INSTEAD BREAD

Potatoes Cannot Be Sold As a Substitute For Flour, But Are Recommended to Be Used Instead of Bread.

"Eat Irish potatoes instead of bread.

This is the immediate and most urgent request of the Food Administration insofar as the observation of C. English, called to the stand by the foodstuffs is concerned, according to and he smilingly remarks that he state for the same purpose, said that Mr. Lee Griffin, County Food Admin-Hub's general character was good, though he had heard it said that he Mr. Griffin states that it is vitally important that there should be a greatly increased consumption of Irish potatoes not only to make the wheat flour go further and last longer, but for the economic and psychological effect on potato growers. According to an estimate by the Department of Agriculture, 30,000, 000 bushels of potatoes will be wasted unless the potato crop now held by farmers is moved immediately. waste of any portion of this crop will not only mean a decreased acreage in not try to conceal its sympathy for the coming season but will also have a bad psychological effect upon the country as a whole. This waste will begin with the warm weather, when hear her. potatoes start to sprout. If this 30,after, and started by taxing the North 000,000 bushels of potatoes can be consumed before the first of June, it will mean a direct saving of wheat and other foods which we desire to save for export. The eating of pota-toes, because of their food value and of the fact that they are very satisfying to the appetite, makes less likely the eating of bread. The potato crop last year was large but the movement since the fall has been greatly restricted by transpor-tation difficulties. It is estimated that on March 15 there were in the counsuch an awful crime to drink. Didn't try 96,000 cars of potatoes to move. These potatoes are principally in the cellars of the farmers in the states of Maine, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, with smaller stocks in other states. The rate of

NAVAL COLLIER AND 300 ACTION MOORE CO. UNION

The Endorsement of Alexander and the Condemnation of His Action Desn't Worry Him in the Least.

The Moore county Farmers' Union, in session recently, endorsed the "deplored" the action of Mr. J. Z. Green in relinquishing his post as the endorsement of Alexander by this the Secretary Faires' to Socialism, and Secretary Faires' office is headquarters of the Doctor's "machine," or at least that is what Zeb intimates, and he seems to know lots more than he's

ready to tell. But The Journal managed to pump this statement out of the ex-organizer:

"In the Winston meeting the "literature" which was read in the convention by the managing editor of what is now Dr. Alexander's 'Bulletin' was prepared by the Socialist leader whose name appears under the resolutions sent up Saturday from the county in which the headquarters of the autocratic 'machine' are located, and was followed by suggestions that Farmers' Union men should now throw their hats into the political ring, when he was called down by a delegate and finally ruled out of order by the presiding officer. There is, therefore, nothing at all notable about a hearty endorsemnt from

headquarters, but it would have been remarkable if it had not been forthcoming from that source. Zeb always sees the ridiculously humorous things that happen. To him one of the biggest jokes ever unconsciously pulled off in a newspaper controversy was in Dr. Alexander's reply to Food Commissioner Page when he referred Marse Henry to E. C. Faires' fountain of information at Aberdeen on the "money question"right in Marse Henry's own town! All he had to do to get more information, outside of the Doctor's article, was to just step around to Faires and get the balance of it. It was all there

in Page's own town and all he had to do was to drop his money in the slot machine and press the button! In his twenty-five years' experience Zeb considers that one of the hugest jokes ever perpetrated on anybody

MEN ARE LONG OVERDUE Naval Officers Fear Harm Has Be-

Ordered to be on the Lookout.

The big American naval collier Cyclops, carrying 57 passengers, 15 of state president, Dr Alexander, and ficers and 221 men in her crew has been overdue at an Atlantic port since March 13. The navy department an-nounced that she was last reported at state organizer and lecturer. When a West Indes island March 4 and that Mr. Green was seen this morning by extreme anxiety is entertained as to a Jaurnal reporter and asked about her safety. The vessel was bringing a cargo of Manganese from Brazil. Orders for greater efforts to find union, he confessed he didn't know the missing naval coilier Cyclops, ovanything about the "how come" of erdue from South American waters, the resolutions, but he supposed that for more than a month, went out to-the socialist whose name appears un-day to American ships. In addition, the socialist whose name appears un-der the resolutions is supposed to be alled naval craft on patrol duty in alled naval craft on patrol duty in "leader" who converted State the south are aiding in the search. So far not one word has come to clear up the mystery of the collier's disappearance. Secretary Daniels said today, however, that he still clung to the hope that the vessel would report, as many other navy ships have done after they had been

given up for lost. Naval officials were no nearer today to a solution of the disappearance than they were three weeks ago, when anxiety over the safety of the ship first developed. There is absolutely nothing on which to found an ex-planation. The big collier has simply vanished from the sea.

No possible theory was rejected by officials in seeking an explanation. Suggestions heard most frequently were that German agents had boarded the ship in port and captured her from her people at sea; that she had broken in two and gone down in a sudden squall; that she had been overtaken by a submarine and sunk without trace, and that an internal explosion had sent her down.

WAVES OF HUNS RECOILING BEFORE BRITISH DEFENSE

Bitter Fighting During Past Few Days, and Germans Captured Town

-Little Gains in Seven Days.

Seven days after the Germans aunched their gigantic asault against De British lines between Lens and pres, the momentum of their attack hs been broken and the waves of the Teutonic forces are recoiling before the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the allied lines to a considerable depth, they seem to have failed in their attempt to break through or take important railroad junctions.

our places, all on the northern side mans the other. of the salient to the south of Ypres. Seven assaults against the British trenches at Merville near the apex of

Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Pre mier, comes a report of a serious out break of the Czechs at Prague, which for many months has been reported End Came Sunday Following a to be seething with anti-pan-Germanism. Bohemians, or at least the Czech minority in that country, ob-

ject to the creation of a German goverament there, but the incident may be more significant than has so far appeared. The Slavic races of Bohemia have long been standing out against the Germanization of their country and the outbreak at Prague may be only another indication of the deep-seated opposition to the war aspirations of the Central Powers.

Nothing out of the ordinary has been reported from the Italian, Macedonian, Palestine or Mesopotamian theatres of the war.

FRIDAY'S FIGHTING.

German's Again Push Back British, turn for the worse. Gaining Seven Miles.

of the Allies' armies before the tremendous German onslaught appar- of his time, ranging all the way from ently is ended. Field Marshal Haig controversies over county offices to to-day issued an order to his troops the broadest national issues. that every point hereafter must be defended to the last, that they must hold ground regardless of cost. He ed the trying feat of antagonizing his added that "The French army is mov- own party administration and then

This is taken here to mean that Gen. Foch has decided that the most the arming of American merchant ment has come for the Allies to strike with all their force. It was well un- President Wilson. He stood with the derstood that the continual retirement dozen senators whose opposition of the French and afterwards of the British was part of the prearranged the close of the 64th congress, and plan, but it is believed that this phase of the battle, which has developed into the greatest contest of the history of the world, has been completed and that it is now the turn of the Allies.

So far as the actual developments of the day are concerned the British are still retiring westward. They were under powerful German pressure all day to the west of Steen-werck, and finally were forced back to Balieul, a distance of three miles. Ploegstreet was evacuated last night. the British withdrawing to Neuve Eglise. Merville also was given up. This village, four miles west of Estal-cles in the way of a consideration and res, which marked the line yesterday. is the maximum penetration of the German drive.

Fighting of the hardest kind is in progress to-night on the whole front the rock of the British defense. While from La Basse canal to Hollebeke, a front of about 20 miles. The British made some gains in the neighborhood of Festubert, near La Basse, but they were of minor character. Messines Ridge, over which a tremendous struggle has raged for several days, tained that attitude. He held it in-

Stroke of Paralysis-Close of Notable Career.

IS DEAD AT THE CAPITAL

Washington, April 14.-Senator William J. Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and for many years prominent among democratic leaders, died here today after a stroke of paralysis suffered last Wednesday.

Senator Stone suffered the stroke while on a street car on his way to the senate office building. A slight cerebral hemorrhage affected his left side, rendering him helpless, but he did not lose consciousness and a few hours later rallied and began to talk about getting up. His family and friends were very hopeful until yesterday, when there was a decided

Senator William J. Stone was in public life 45 years and during that London, April 12 .- The retirement long period probably engaged in as many political contests as any man

At the entry of the United States into the war, Senator Stone performing rapidly and in great force to our realigning himself with it in a gen-support." realigning himself with it in a genin connection with the bill proposing ships that he took sharp issue with caused the failure of that measure at brought down the denunciation of the president upon "the wilful twelve." While Senator Stone made no apologies for his course on that occasion he always contended it was in strict line with his duty as a senator be-cause in accord with his convictions. and as he believed, in protection of America's interests.

His opposition to the declaration of war on Germany was also pronounced and he declined to take charge of the war resolution as would have been expected of him as chairman of the committee on foreign relations. He cles in the way of a consideration and transferred the leadership to Senator Hitchcock, next ranking democratic member of the committee. His attitude on these two questions was symbolical of his position toward the world war. He believed that American participation should be avoided if possible. But when the die was cast for war, he changed over night. He took his place with the supporters of war measures and consistently main-During the last dry there have is now in divided possession, the Brit-been bitterly fought engagements at ish holding half of it and the Ger-Although he had served in house of representatives and had been governor of his state, Senator Stone first attracted national attention in Marshville, April 15.-First I wish campaign for the presidency in 1896.

fallen the Ship, and American Ships

though he had heard it said that he sold whiskey. As for knowing the truth of these assertions, Mr. English couldn't say. However, Mr. Stevens plead one of the 1915 statutes, which declares that the possession of more than a quart of whiskey is prima facie evidence of having it for sale.

Sub-Recorder Limerick did not find Hub guilty of the second count, but in view of the reports and rumors connecting his name with booze, gave his a tripple higher fine than he gave his two companions. The court did, the three, as they appeared to be honest, hard-working young men. However, the court announced its intention of enforcing the liquor laws here-Monroe men.

Attorney J. J. Parker, who appeared for the defendants, plead hard for a light punishment for his clients. As he gazed at the eight gallons of booze sitting on the floor, he quoted Scripture: "Hope deferreth maketh a heart sad." He pictured to the court in glowing words of the daily toil of the three defendants, the worry, and sorrow of life, and their decision to buy the whiskey in which to drown their troubles. Then he didn't think it was St. Paul say "A little wine for the stomach's sake."

Prosecuting attorney Stevens met Mr. Parker's speech by remarking that it was said the devil even quoted Scripture. He wanted Derrick sent to the roads for four months, and his speech was one of the best heard in the Recorder's court in some time.

JAKIE SCHWARTZ IS AN

ALMOST INCORRIGIBLE BOY

For Months He Has Been Pestering The Life Out of His Step-Father,

The Police and Neighbors.

The question that is giving Judge W. O. Lemmond the most concern to day is what shall be done with Jakie? His step-father, Mr. B. Gordon, admits that the youngster is beyond his control, and he would weicome any aid from His Honor towards making a man out of Jakie.

Young Jakie Schwartz, aged 12, was before Judge Lemmond charged with stealing chickens from Mr. C. D. Meachem. Along with him appeared Aunt Laura Dennis, colored, known far and wide among the white folks, charged with buying one of the stolen chickens from Jakie. She showed to the satisfaction of the court that she this afternoon. did not buy the chicken knowing, or suspicioning that it was stolen, and was accordingly discharged with the reprimand to be more careful. The solution of Jakie's problem had not been made.

For months Jakie has been pulling ing lest the flare of the explosion off mischlevous stunts that have about distracted the officers. They have plead with the youngster, conferred with his parents, but he could Savings Stamps!

distribution of the date mentioned was approximately 500 cars per day. In order to assure the consumption of the surplus product before the first of June, the crop should move at the rate of 1250 cars a day. It is now hoped and expected that the necessary increased transportation facilities will be made available.

Potatoes can not be sold as a substitute for flour, but are recommended to be used instead of bread.

BIG GUN TRIES NIGHT FIRE

But Its Effect on Paris Is Negligible After 150 Shots.

Paris, April 14-The bombardment of the Paris district by the German ong range gun continued today. One woman was killed. Paris last night was subjected to its first night bombardment since the long range shelling began, the bombardment being resumed late in the night. Yesterday's bombardment did not cause home. She said, "Why Marie, what any casualties. Today's bombardment are you doing here?" The little was opened shortly after three o'clock

The beginning of nocturnal bom bardments is due to the fact that the Germans now know that the French have located exactly the long range gun, so that there is no longer any accessity of refraining from night fir-

Don't wait. Do it now! Buy War

DID MRS. GOVERNOR BICKETT MAKE THE BEST SPEECH?

Anyway, the Monroe Ladies Were Charmed by Her Talk on the War

And the Various War Activities In

Which Women Are Interested.

Mrs. Bickett's address in the Central Methodist church was as masterly in woman's sphere as was the gov ernors in the man's sphere. A good sized congregation of women from all parts of the county were present to

A graphic word picture of the tragic condition of the women in the districts of Belgium and France, where the Hun has laid waste the country, was painted by Mrs. Bickett. There all women above 16 years of age have been carried away into captivity. It means more to the women of the world than the Hun may

be conquered than to the men. Mrs. Bickett made it plain that food conservation rested much in the hands of the women of the nation. When we fail to obey the food regulation then it means just that much food less for our allies and that much help for the Kaiser. The women of North Carolina and Union county are famed for the sacrifices they have made for their men folk while they were away at the battle front and these traditions are not going to be changed by the women of today. As to the frivolous, careless, thoughtless woman who is clothed 'in purple and fine linen" while the mothers and sisters of those at the front shiver for want of food or clothes her scorn was clearly defined. She called to the women for more volunteers, and more zeal in Red Cross work, to do their part in the Third Liberty Loan, War Saving and Thrift stamp campaign, for, said she, "Even if you cannot buy a baby bond no one is too poor to purchase a thrift stamp. A 25-cent stamp may help save some boy that wades in the trenches. Another way in which the women could help wonderfully she pointed out was seeing that there is a little garden in your own back yard. One of the most touching incidents related was of the little French girl Marie. Early one morning some friend found Marie with dirty face and with ragged dress far from French girl answered, "I have heard God's army is coming and I must see

Isn't Marie right? Are our boys 14 . 11 not God's army to rescue such strays as she from the beast of Prussia?

AS Defined

Washington Evening Star. 'Are you a mule driver?" "I dunno's I'm 'xactly a driver. Dat

jes' natchelly gotter keep up wif 'm or lose my job."

the triangular dent in the British line have been hurled back by the British. Neuveeglise on the extreme southwestern spur of Messines Ridge, has been taken by the Germans after a struggle which will go into history as one of the greatest of the past

week. The British, however, have not re tired far and it is probable that they will at once organize a counter-attack to force the Germans out of the town, which, if held, might be a "kicking-

off" point for an attack which might outflank and make untenable Mes sines Ridge, the key to the British positions about Ypres. Baillul and Wulverghem, between Neuveeglise and Merville, also have been the scenes of hard fighting, but except for Neuveeglise, the northern side of the salient has stood firm. On the southern side of the salient, according to Berlin, fierce struggles have been fought.

It has been the German plan of campaign since March 21, when the great offensive started, to strike hard at some particular sector. If that blow was parried, to turn powerfully against some new point. This procedure probably will be followed in the next few days by a new assault somewhere south of Arras. An attack north of Ypres is hardly possible for the low lands of Belgium are as yet too waterlogged to permit active

operations. An attack on arras would entail the hurling of troops against Vimy Ridge, the Labyrinth and other formidable military works protecting the city

It may be that the savage fighting reported at Hanguard-En-Seneterre, south of Albert and on the centre of the line facing Amiens, may mark the beginning of a new attempt to sweep westward toward Amiens. So far the fighting has brought the Germans only losses of men and grounds. Fur-ther south, near Montdidier, there has been intense artillery firing, but the

Germans have not attempted infantry operations in this important sector. German troops have entered Helsingfors, the French capital. It was reported last week that the Russian war ships which have been there had made their escape and had reached

Kronstadt, the great Russian naval base. American forces near Toul are

tacks by the Germans and have held their lines in tact in spite of all the weight of men and metal the enemy has loosed against them. The Germans have lost heavily.

The constant German attacks in

the development of the German offensive campaign, and much interest The tender-hearted Dolly Dream,

in the situation throughout the remule needs somebody to tend an' I gion held by General Pershing's men is evidenced by the allied leaders.

Coincident with the report of the

Marshville Happenings.

Correspondence of The Journal.

to correct the error in the report of He became the Missouri member of Mr. A. E. Rushing's death last week. the national democratic committee Mr. Rushing was born in 1851, not and soon took front rank among the 1857, and had been a member of Mt. Bryan managers, justifying a reputa-Olive Baptist church 48 years instead tion for shrewdness and foresightedof 4. It is impossible to avoid these ness he already had gained in Missouerrors at times and we gladly correct ri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bras- tics he worked quietly, seeking for well Tuesday, April the 9th, a son, effects. To this quality he owed the M. L. Jr.

Sevier spent part of a five days furlough with relatives here last week. Mrs. R. B. Quinn of Rutherfordton

arrived last week to spend a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Harrell. Mrs. Harrell is improving, we are glad to state.

lege. Charlotte, was the pleasant timacy continued until the democratic week-end guest of her friend, Miss Mary Marsh.

Mrs. Marshal Nash of Monroe and Miss Allie Meiggs of Wingate were guests at Mr. Thomas Meiggt' Saturday night and Sunday.

railway force at Macon, Ga., arrived ure while Mr. Bryan was secretary of Sunday for a short visit to the home folks.

Rev. J. W. Little, who recently moved to Charlotte, spent several days with friends here last week.

Mrs. Eunice Marsh of Greensboro paid a flying visit, Saturday and Sunday, to her home to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. John McBride left this morn ing for Montrose to enter the Sanatorium at that place. Mrs. W. G. Mc-Bride, his mother, accompanied him and will return tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore spent Sunday with relatives in Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marsh and son, Master Carroll, spent Friday in Charlotte.

Master J. E. Bailey, Jr., is visiting he believed to be his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Bailey tration measures. in Charlotte.

Messrs. C. W. Stegall and L. D. Phifer spent Sunday with relatives in Charlotte.

night and Monday.

itorium here yesterday at 4 o'clock Comments are unnnecesary; p. m. will only say that the people were

Mrs. W. C. Hartsell left Saturday for Stanfield to accompany her sisterin-law to Charlotle to the hospital .-Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

Help!

Said: "Have a heart, I beg! Oh, Mother, please don't whip that

cream, And please don't beat that egg!"

In national as well as in state polisobriquet of "Gumshoe Bill," and his Lieutenant E. S. Hamilton of Camp friends say that he never sought to avoid the use of that name for himself.

Mr. Stone's nosition as a member of the national committee led to his selection as vice-chairman for Mr. Bryan's second campaign. As a consequence of their association the two Miss Minnie Doar of Queen's Col- men became close friends, and the inconvention in 1912, when Stone led the fight for the nomination of Speaker Clark. The events of that time caused a cooling of the friendship, although Senator Stone, as chairman of the committee on foreign relations Mr. Sam McBride of the Southern put through most of the Bryan measstate. He was largely responsible for prompt ratification of the long list of Bryan peace treaties of 1914.

Since coming to the senate in 1903 Mr. Stone had been to the front on all important questions. He also has been active in what may be termed the politics of the senate. He assisted in electing Senator Clark of Arkansas to the office of president pro tempore in succession to Senator Bacon of Georgia but shortly afterward when Mr. Clark lined up with a few other democrats in opposition to the shipping bill he found no more severe critic than his former supporter and friend. Indeed Senator Stone seldom hesitated to attack any senator, democrat or republican, who opposed what he believed to be deserving adminis-

Notwithstanding his pacifist attitude Mr. Stone was made chairman of the committee on resolutions at the St. Louis convention in 1916 and to Mr. Ebb W. Griffin of Gastonia was him fell the difficult work of shaping the guest of relatives here Sunday the platform on which President Wilson was re-elected. He worked on that Governor Bickett spoke at the aud- almost constantly for 48 hours, and never lost his composure.

U. S. Stamp Purchasers.

Following are the names of purchasers of War Savings stamps last week: Miss Kate Shepherd, Ashe B. Sikes, Mrs. Walter Sanders, Monroe; T. L. Hinson, Thos. E. Williams, Viva L. Williams, T. A. Williams, Route 1; Fred A. Chaney, Effie Chaney, Route 3: Miss Jane Funderburk, Henry W. Gribble, Route 8; W. W. Laney, Min-eral Springs, T. J. Williams, Wingate Route 1; D. W. Auctin, Indian Trail.

standing firm here before heavy atthere.

this sector may have some bearing on