

FEDERAL ACTION TO SHUT OFF TRADING IN SUGAR FUTURES

Injunction Papers Have Been Prepared and Will Be Presented to Federal Court in New York City.

ATTORNEY GENERAL PREPARES PAPERS

President Harding Knows of Plans and is Understood to Have Given Them His Official Sanction.

Washington, April 19.—Injunction proceedings to completely shut off the trading in sugar futures, unless backed by actual ownership or control of sugar were instituted in New York today by the Federal government.

The government's bill prepared under the personal direction of Attorney General Daugherty, after consultation with President Harding, asks the court to permanently prevent the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange from entering into or permitting any transactions in sugar.

The action is requisite, the government says, as a result of "an orgy of speculation" which has driven up the price of sugar to the consumer and which during February enriched the pocketbooks of brokers by \$900,000.

The court was advised in the bill that the Exchange and the Clearing House Association serve no legitimate or useful purpose in the marketing in interstate and foreign commerce of raw and refined sugar.

New York, April 19.—Raw sugar futures took a perpendicular drop of approximately 50 points on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange today on receipt of word of the government's suit to enjoin trading in sugar futures.

Heavy general selling developed as soon as news of the injunction suit reached the floor. Drops ranged from 30 to 74 points, but were followed by a rally which carried prices back to 35 points.

Cuban raw sugar, however, sold at a new high record since 1920. A sale of 3,500 bags was made to one operator at 6 3/8 cents, cost and freight, equal to 8.16 for centrifugal.

BANDITS CARRIED OFF SAFE WITH MUCH LOOT

Did Not Stop to Open Safe, but Carried It With Them.

Kansas City, Mo., April 19.—A safe containing about \$17,000 in checks and \$1,000 in cash was taken by bandits here today from a truck of the American Express Company.

Lumber Plant at Southmont Destroyed.

Lexington, April 19.—An estimated damage of \$150,000 was caused by fire which destroyed the lumber plant of C. M. Wainwright & Son at Southmont near here late yesterday.

A DEED OR RENT RECEIPTS?

Which would you rather have after a few years—A Deed to Your Own Home, or a Bunch of Rent Receipts?

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NEW AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION LAW

Secretary of State Now Getting Ready For Its Operation.

Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—W. N. Everett, secretary of state, is making preparations for the operation of the new automobile registration law which goes into effect October 1, 1923, passed by the recent North Carolina General Assembly, and next week will send Joe Sawyer, chief clerk of the license department, to Michigan to study a similar law already in force in that state.

Mr. Everett recently returned from Richmond, Va., where he studied the registration law there and the methods employed in the administration of it.

"I learned much of interest in connection with the law and its operation there," he said, "but I believe we will have to use somewhat different methods in North Carolina in order to obtain the best possible information on the subject, we intend to study methods employed in several other states which have the law."

"I believe the new law will result in decreasing the number of automobile thefts and will establish definite ownership of automobiles. After the first registrations, which will begin in October, we expect to have no trouble in enforcing the new act. Its provisions requiring a record of all automobile sales and the issuance of registration certificates will end a number of thefts that have been practiced in the past."

Arrangements have been completed for the summer rush for automobile licenses. The sales are expected to start between June 1 and July 1, swamping the department for a period of sixty or ninety days.

CHEATHAM CASE ABOUT READY FOR JURY NOW

Most of Evidence in Case Against Prohibition Agent Has Been Presented.

Statesville, April 19.—Evidence was concluded here today in the trial of H. H. Cheatham, a Federal prohibition agent, charged with second degree murder as a result of the killing of Douglas S. Dunham in Salisbury October 14, 1922, an argument was set for this afternoon.

The prosecution sought to show in its evidence that Cheatham intentionally and without provocation shot Douglas while the former was searching the premises where Dunham worked. The defense produced testimony designed to prove that Cheatham slipped and fell and accidentally fired the fatal shot.

KNOWS NOTHING OF DUDDING'S COMING

It is Reported Washington Man Will Make Visit to This State Soon.

Winston-Salem, April 19.—Col. Wm. A. Blair, chairman of the state welfare board, stated this afternoon that he had heard nothing of the proposed visit of E. E. Dudding, president of the National Prisoners' Relief Society, who, according to reports here today, said he was coming to North Carolina and would make public startling unpublished evidence relating to the treatment of prisoners in the various prisons of the state.

EIGHTY DAYS TO MOON BY PLANE, ABBE'S CLAIM

Discovers Luminary is Seventy-four Miles Nearer Than Believed.

Paris, April 19.—The moon is 74 miles nearer the earth than astronomers thought. This discovery has been made by Abbe Moreux, of the Bourges Observatory, as a result of special studies during the last months. In announcing his discovery, he illustrates the distance from Earth to moon—pointing out that the speed of modern airplanes it could be covered in 80 days, just the time to take Jules Verne's hero to get around the world.

HOODED MEN ALLEGED TO BE ACTIVE AGAIN

In Certain Parts of Louisiana, and an Investigation is Being Made Now.

Monroe, La., April 19.—District Attorney David Garrett today was investigating complaints submitted to his office by the Bastrop Pulp & Paper Company, of Bastrop, that hooded men have been prowling about the premises of the company and that workmen have been intimidated, it was learned here today.

THOUSANDS ATTEND RECEPTION GIVEN BY PARKS-BELK CO.

Modern Home of Local Company Thrown Open to Public Last Night.—Occasion Proved Most Interesting.

BANQUET GIVEN DURING THE DAY

This Was Planned Especially for Employees of Company, Workmen of New Home and a Few Friends.

The opening of Parks-Belk Company's big new store in this city was fittingly celebrated yesterday by the management of the company, which entertained at a big dinner at 1 o'clock and a reception to the public in the new building from 7:30 till 10 o'clock last night.

The Mark H. Goff Orchestra, of Erie, Pa., had been procured to furnish music for the dinner and also for the reception, and their music was a splendid treat for everyone who was fortunate enough to hear it. The members of the orchestra are every one accomplished musicians, and their instrumental and vocal selections were of the highest order.

The dinner at the Y. M. C. A. at 1 o'clock was the biggest thing of its kind ever staged in Concord. All the members of the clerical force, the managers from all of the thirty-two Belk Stores in three states, and all the workmen who were employed in the erection of the new store building, besides some other invited guests, were invited to the banquet. More than two hundred were present at the dinner.

Mr. John G. Parks, head of the Parks-Belk stores in this city, Kannapolis, Albemarle, Newton and Hickory, was toastmaster, and presided over the dinner. At the conclusion of the dinner the principal talks were made by Dr. J. M. Belk, of Monroe, one of the founders of the Belk Brothers stores; by Mr. Frank Matthews, of Charlotte, manager of the parent store of the chain; and by Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, of this city. The talks were made by Mr. Henry Belk, of Charlotte, president of the Belk Stores; Mr. Chas. E. Parks, executive head of the Concord and Albemarle stores; Mr. John G. Parks, head of the five Parks-Belk Stores; and Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Greenville, S. C., store.

The speakers all referred to the wonderful progress of the Parks-Belk organization, outlining the growth of the two Parks brothers from inexperienced country boys through their various steps in their business careers. Their first experience was in the small store at Waxhaw, which they soon outgrew. Moving to Concord, it was not long before a prosperous, well-established business was running here, and a store was opened up in Kannapolis. This was followed by the addition of stores in Albemarle, Newton and Hickory, making a total of five stores now operated by the Parks brothers. All of them are showing splendid results, and are live, progressive business houses.

Rev. Mr. Rowan in his talk dwelt on business conduct and business principles, and also gave much inspirational advice to the employees of the big store. His talk was declared a masterpiece and was keenly enjoyed by everyone of his hearers.

The reception in the new store building was attended by fully five thousand people, according to figures from the clerical force of the store. The visitors were met at the doors by representatives of the Parks-Belk Company, and were presented with tickets—the men with tickets for good cigars, the ladies with tickets for carnations, and the children with tickets for souvenir puzzles. The handsome big store was literally crowded and jammed with persons and at times there was great difficulty in making one's way through the throng. The crowds were on both the first and second floor, while the balconies were also filled with them. The soft orchestra was on the mezzanine floor, and rendered music throughout the two and one-half hours the reception was being held.

No goods were being sold during the opening night, and none of the sales force was at work. The evening was given over entirely to welcoming the public, and this was done in a fine manner by everyone connected with the store. The big opening sale began this morning at 8:45 o'clock in full blast.

The following managers from various stores in other cities were present at the Opening Day: Dr. J. M. Belk, of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belk, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews, of Charlotte; Miss Belk, of Monroe; Messrs. R. J. and Henry Belk of Waxhaw; Paul Gallant, of Anderson, S. C.; J. M. Ramsey, of York, S. C.; Houston Matthews, of Gastonia; H. A. Allred, of Kannapolis; S. V. Brumley, of Newton; Karl W. Broome, of Hickory; Jim and Joe Stephenson, of Roanoke; Cy White, of Spartanburg, S. C.; K. G. Hudson, of Raleigh; T. B. Brown, of Greensboro; Mr. Stowe, of Lenoir; Mr. McKnight, of Greer, S. C.; Shelly Howell, of Albemarle; Mr. Liggett, of Burlington; Mr. Hoyer, of Durham; Messrs. Sam and A. W. Harry, of Salisbury; Frank

Veterans Benefit Under the Provisions of New Relief Act

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—Numerous benefits not before within the reach of disabled ex-service men were granted in the new veteran relief act passed during the last day of the 67th Congress, says the United States Veterans' Bureau.

Many of the provisions of the new law are sponsored by veterans' organizations. One of the most important, was authorized or proposed, shall be provided, in effect:

1. That every officer and enlisted man or any person in the active service under the War and Navy departments, who was discharged or who resigned prior to the establishment of the Veterans' Bureau August 9, 1921, and every such person in the active service on or before November 11, 1918, who, on or after August 9, 1921, was discharged or resigned, shall be conclusively held to have been in sound condition when entering the service, except as to such disabilities as were noted of record when or prior to the time he entered the service.
2. That an ex-service man who is shown to have a mental disease or an active tubercular disease of 10 per cent or more, and such showing was made upon examination by a medical officer of the Veterans' Bureau or other qualified physician, within three years after separating from the service, shall be considered to have acquired his disability in service or to have suffered an aggravation of pre-existent tubercular or mental disability. In addition to extending this period from two years to three years in mental and tubercular cases, the provision eliminates the qualification that the tubercular condition must be pulmonary to entitle one to the benefits of the presumption.

There is also a provision extending the time in which a certificate of disability may be obtained by providing that such certificate may be obtained prior to March 4, 1924, and that such certificate, except in case of fraud, shall be incontestable evidence that the injury for which it is issued was suffered in or aggravated by the military service.

Another provision of the new act which is applicable also to veterans other than World War veterans, provides that when a veteran of any war dies after his discharge or resignation from the service and does not leave sufficient estate to meet the expense of burial and transportation of the body, the Veterans' Bureau will pay for a flag to drape the casket, and also for burial expense not exceeding \$100. If the veteran, to become the property of the next of kin of the deceased, if death occurs while such person is receiving governmental medical, surgical or hospital treatment or vocational training, the bureau will pay, in addition to burial expenses, actual and necessary cost of transportation of the body, including the preparation of the body, to a place of burial within the continental limits of the United States. The provisions of the new act extends the funeral expenses to a larger class of veterans than was previously provided for.

There is another provision in the act which is of interest to the Spanish War veterans, as well as to veterans of the Philippine insurrection and Boxer rebellion. It extends all hospital facilities under the control and jurisdiction of the bureau so that they are available for these veterans suffering from neuro-psychiatric or tubercular ailments.

A provision is also made that payments of premiums on yearly renewable term insurance and converted insurance may be deemed not to have lapsed in the cases of those persons, who, while mentally incompetent and for whom no legal guardian had been appointed, have heretofore allowed may hereafter allow their insurance to lapse while so suffering, during the period for which they have been or may hereafter be so rated.

Part of Church Street is to Be Widened by the City

Aldermen Accept Proposal of Property Owners That East Side of Street From C. H. Peck's Home to Harry Swink's Home Be Widened at Once by the City.

Meeting for the third time this month the Aldermen Tuesday night continued a discussion of street matters that were first presented to them on the first Thursday night of this month, and which were continued for investigation by the board members. Several matters of importance were finally disposed of by the board at the Tuesday meeting.

A committee composed of J. A. Kennett and C. A. Inghour reported to the board that they had secured an agreement with a number of property owners on Church Street for the widening of the street on the east side. The agreement was made with all property owners from C. H. Peck's home to Harry Swink's home. The street will be widened 17 feet, eight feet to be used for street and nine feet for the sidewalk. The committee also intimated that it may be able to get permission to widen the street in front of the property of Mr. Swink and Mr. Tom Hovey by eight feet. This will be decided later.

Under the agreement the city will widen the street and pave it; move back the buildings and construct the sidewalks. It will pay the property owners no damage. Work of widening the street has already started.

Several weeks ago the board agreed to widen the street on the west side from Meigs Street to the old bottling works property. It is possible that the street will also be widened from Meigs Street to the Cabarrus Motor Company, this to be definitely decided when members of Trinity Reformed Church have voted on the question of giving part of the church property for the street.

Two streets were ordered paved by the board. They are Chestnut from Spring to Tournament Street, and Honston from St. George Street to American Avenue. This work, the board was advised, will keep the paving contractors here until the new board is sworn in following the election on May 8th, and the new board will decide whether or not other streets are to be paved.

The City Attorney was authorized to notify the Southern Railway Company to put all grade crossings in the city in good shape. The work is to be done at once, and the Southern was advised that if it fails to do the work, it will be done by the city and charged to the railroad company. Several of the crossings are in bad shape now, the board was advised, and the repair work will be started at once.

The present board will meet again in May, on the night of the third. The new board will hold its first meeting on May 10th, two days after its election as required by law.

Mr. G. A. Rimer, was taken this morning to the Concord Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Stevens, of Winston-Salem; J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Greenville, S. C. The following from the clerical force of the Charlotte sure were present at the reception last night: Messrs. D. J. Bostian, Walter Walls, P. C. Scarborough, L. W. Beatty, Mr. Barger, Mr. MacLaurin, Mr. Craven, and also Mr. Mack Matthews, of Gastonia.

WINSTON HEARS THAT BLAIR WILL RESIGN

Understood Revenue Commissioner Will Quit to Look After Cannon Estate.

Winston-Salem, April 18.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue D. H. Blair, who, according to a report from Washington, has decided to resign from office in order to devote his time to his own private interests and assist in looking after the estate of his father-in-law, the late J. W. Cannon, Winston-Salem today, but reporters are failed to locate him and the opinion was expressed that he had returned to Washington after a brief business trip to Concord. While his brother, Col. W. A. Blair, and intimate friends have no definite information as to the correctness of the report that the commissioner has decided to step down and out, it is known that Mr. Blair has extensive business interests of his own besides being one of the administrators as named in the will of the late J. W. Cannon, of Concord.

Commissioner Blair in New Bern.

New Bern, April 18.—After spending two days in New Bern and vicinity David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, of Washington, D. C., and C. A. Cannon, of Concord, left last night returning to their homes. During their visit they spent much time with Senator F. M. Simmons, who accompanied them on motor trips out through Craven and Jones counties. The trip east was made in Mr. Cannon's automobile, but he returned home alone. Commissioner Blair taking the train at Kinston.

Georgeville School Closing.

The school at Georgeville will close Friday, April 20th. The exercises promise to be good. In the afternoon the program will consist of recitations, plays, dialogues, etc.

At 8 o'clock the upper grades will render a play, "The Lighthouse Man." The play opens in a rough lighthouse on the Carolina coast. Ned Blake, from the city, is spending his vacation here and has been captivated with the cheerfulness and artless simplicity of a young girl, Nan, supposed to be the grand-daughter of Ichabod Buzzer, the old lighthouse keeper. Nan has grown up in her surroundings wild as a flower, with no knowledge of the world.

Ned Blake has taught her to read and write and finally wins her girlish heart. Finally a party of Ned's friends come to visit him. In the party is Mr. John Enlow, whose baby girl had been abducted many years before by injun Jim, son-in-law of Ichabod Buzzer. Jim's wife, Liza Buzzer returns the baby to Enlow after Jim has been sent to the penitentiary, but instead of returning the right one, she substitutes her own child and Nan proves to be Enlow's daughter.

Jim meets Hortense Enlow, who is his own daughter, and tells her of her birth. She bribes him to get the proofs from old Moll Buzzer, Ichabod's wife. He attempts to steal them but gets caught by Nan.

In the meantime John Enlow has decided to send Nan away for two years to school. The last act is in John Enlow's library, when Nan comes home for Christmas vacation. Ned is still in love with her.

Hortense has recently wedded an English baronet, and finally seals for the old world to avoid the shame that has come upon Hortense. Enlow tells the world that Nan is his daughter, and the play ends happily.

The audience is made to feel that they have actually known and lived among the characters, smiling at their joys, sympathizing with their sorrows and rejoicing in the happy ending.

MOREHOUSE CASE TO BE FOUGHT BY STATE

Fifteen Defendants Have Been Notified to Surrender Themselves Today For Trial.

Bastrop, La., April 19.—Sheriff Fred Carpenter early today notified fifteen defendants in the Morehouse hooded band cases to surrender to him at the court house here before noon today. He said this method was adopted to save time and he expected them to appear as directed. Three others, charged in connection with the crimes, are out of the jurisdiction of the sheriff. The state charges all defendants with being Ku Klux Klansmen.

Smith Stevens, of Higginbotham and Newton Gray, surrendered to the sheriff this morning. They said they were ready to make bond and were prepared to fight their cases in court. Capt. J. K. Spilwith, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, telephoned the sheriff he would surrender this morning.

DR. CONN MURPHY IS RELEASED FROM PRISON

Had Been on Hunger Strike Since His Arrest on March 23rd.

Dublin, April 19 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Conn Murphy, who has been on a hunger strike in Mount Joy prison nearly four weeks, has been released, it was announced today. Dr. Murphy, who some time ago visited Rome to lay the republican cause before Pope Pius, was arrested March 22 and immediately began his hunger strike.

Library to Be Closed.

On account of repairs the Concord Public Library will be closed the remainder of the week, Mrs. Richmond Reed, the librarian, announced today.

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EFFORTS TO RESCUE

IN DEERMOOR DAUGHT ON ISLAND BY ICE

Three Men Risk Lives to Cross Lake Michigan to Bring Report of the Needs of Their Friends.

AIRPLANES TO BE USED IN RESCUE

The People Have Been Without Food for Days and Have Suffered Much From Cold Weather.

Northport, Mich., April 19 (By the Associated Press).—Cold, exhausted and half starved, three men who for 48 hours battled their way through slush, ice and open water, reached the mainland here yesterday, bearing news that ten others—nine men and a woman—are slowly starving on Fox Island, 18 miles from here, in Lake Michigan.

As a result of their story—a story of a battle against great odds in which human lives were constantly at the mercy of sweeping gales and shifting ice packs—two army airplanes are driving through the sky from Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens today, to carry food to the marooned party on Fox Island.

The party went to the island last fall to cut timber, carrying provisions sufficient for several months. The prolonged winter, however, did not enter into their calculations. Three weeks ago all food supplies excepting some frozen potatoes were gone.

With death from starvation facing the little colony, an attempt was made by four men to cross to the mainland. They started on foot, but two miles from the mainland the ice broke up and two of the men narrowly escaped death by drowning before the return to the island was accomplished.

A week later the men started again but when two miles out they were caught in a blinding snow storm. They wandered about nearly a day before finding their way back to the island.

Last Monday morning a third start was made. Edward Horn, aged 23, Carl Cooper, aged 35, and Ellis Sayres, 21, were the men who left the island in a stoutly built, eight feet long. They carried a pair of oars an 8-foot pole and an axe.

Horn, seated in a physician's office here, told the story as a physician treated his frozen feet. The army planes are expected here this afternoon. Food supplies and medicine will be ready to be taken to those on the island.

BOYS START RIOT WHEN TIN CAN FUND RUNS OUT

Turn in 60,000 in Clean-Up Week Campaign at 1 Cent Each.

Nashville, Tenn., April 17.—One cent a piece to boys for tin cans turned in during the "Clean-Up Week" in Nashville almost caused a riot yesterday when, after 60,000 cans had been delivered, available funds for payment were exhausted. Unable to convert their remaining cans into coin, hundreds of youngsters bombarded the temporary paymaster with them, forcing him to seek shelter.

Betha Says Injustice Has Been Done Him.

Wilmington, N. C., April 18.—Chas. E. Betha, former cashier of the defunct Commercial National Bank of this city who, with former President Thos. E. Cooper, is charged with defrauding the Bank of Pembroke in a suit brought by that bank against them for the recovery of \$2,500, declared today that the dispatch reporting the action yesterday from Raleigh did him an injustice, but it would not be practicable for him to present his side at this time through the press. The Associated Press dispatch was based on an announcement of the State Banking Department.

Medical Society Adjourns.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, April 19.—The annual session of the North Carolina Medical Society came to a close today with a general meeting of the Society before which the new officers of the organization elected yesterday, were installed, and minor miscellaneous matters transacted. Following this meeting the Society adjourned to hold the next annual session in Raleigh in 1924.

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