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WANT CHANGES IN DRY LAW

Many Persons Were Present When Arguments Were Started Before the Senate Committee.

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—The opponents of prohibition again marched on Congress today in their first organized demonstration in several years.

At a hearing before the Senate sub-committee, the wet leaders marshaled a colorful array of arguments, ranging from a demand for modification of the prohibition amendment itself to a petition for wine and beer.

The whole week has been set aside for hearing the wet, and all of next week will be given over to arguments by the dries.

Before a jammed and agitated committee room, Senator Bruce, of Maryland, a Democrat, began the attack with a brief in support of his constitutional amendment for a partial option by states. Senator Edge, Republican, of New Jersey, who has pending a wine and beer bill was designated to second him, while Julian Codman, of Boston, was present as general counsel for the various groups of modificationists.

Senators Bruce and Edge both declared prohibition a failure and they and other witnesses laid out statistics which they said proved the indictment.

Both senators said the time had come for action to alleviate wholesale violation of the law, and an increasing spread of drinking, especially among the young.

The dramatic touches that are expected to give color to the hearings as they proceed were almost entirely lacking during the opening hours.

A whole regiment of photographers who had invaded the committee room took some preliminary shots at the outset, but thereafter they found nothing more thrilling to photograph than a group of quiet Germans seated around a big table, while one of their number read hurriedly through a prepared manuscript.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, the Teapot Dome prosecutor, and chief reliance of the dries in their cross questioning of the wet witnesses expressed himself soon after Senator Bruce began his reading. It was the evident purpose of the prohibition managers to let the opposition develop its case without interference for the time being.

The crowd in the committee room included many members of Congress who are not members of the committee, a number of ministers and others who have interested themselves actively in the controversy on one side or other. They listened intently, leaning forward in the rows of the steeply banked chairs set for spectators, but only on rare occasions were there any show of applause or any murmur of dissent.

MOTHER'S COMPLAINT PUTS YOUTH IN JAIL

Robert Stewart, Son of Wealthy Asheville Man, Charged With Stealing Jewels.

New York, April 3.—Robert Stewart, 18-year-old newlywed, accused by his mother, Mrs. Lillian Anderson Stewart, of stealing \$4,000 worth of her jewels, was released from the Tombs prison today when his bride of six days, a former show girl obtained \$2,500 bail for him.

Stewart, who is said to be heir to a \$1,000,000 estate, married Edna March, former chorus girl and cabaret entertainer, on Monday. On Thursday, his mother caused his arrest, charging that he stole her jewelry on March 19 and pawned it to finance his wedding. He was held on a charge of larceny, despite his mother's last minute effort to drop the charge.

The youth is a great-grandson of a partner of John Jacob Astor, founder of the Astor fortune. His father is a wealthy land owner of Asheville, N. C.

State's Population 2,811,969.

Raleigh Bureau of the Concord Daily Tribune Raleigh, April 5.—North Carolina's population, as of July 1, 1925, is 2,811,969, according to the federal census bureau's estimate, received in Raleigh yesterday.

This represents a gain of 252,846 since the 1920 census. Incidentally, the gain over the 1925 estimate is the largest of any year since the 1920 census.

The government's estimate is based on the normal growth, as shown by previous actual censuses. It is doubtful if it takes into consideration the rapid development of western Carolina sections where activities have been most pronounced recently.

With the Pacific Coast League opening on April 6, the collegiate season already under way, and the box scores of the major league exhibition games appearing regularly on the sport pages, another year of baseball is about to get into full swing.

"Long Boy" Tries a Pie or Two



Jack Earl, one of the longest legs who ever got out of his native state, is shown just after his arrival in Chicago, where he went to enter a circus. Earl, who is eight feet six inches tall, had to sleep on the floor of the car on the way up, the berth were too short. He is shown eating.

STATE REPUBLICANS TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY

The Air Is Filled With Charges and Counter Charges.

Durham, April 5.—(AP)—With the air filled with charges and counter charges by various factions, the Republican State convention will convene here next Thursday and the outlook is the session will be a stormy one.

Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, former Republican House leader, will deliver the keynote address of the convention while W. G. Bramham, of Durham, state chairman, will preside over the session.

The convention is expected to adopt a platform and probably set forward a number of candidates for office. It is expected, in view of his announcement sometime ago, that the resignation of Mr. Bramham will be presented to the convention and a new chairman will have to be named. On the eve of the convention, however, it appeared doubtful whether Mr. Bramham would resign as a very determined fight is being made on his leadership by Marion Butler, for years a "stormy petrel" of the Republican organization.

The Republican convention here will be the opening gun of politics for April. Later in the month at Raleigh the Democratic convention will meet and shortly after that date it is expected the full list of candidates for various offices will be before the public, and the campaign which will terminate next fall will definitely get underway.

Modern Japanese Girl Against Marriage Mode.

Tokyo, April 5.—(AP)—The modern Japanese girl—a canvass at a girl's high school disclosed—does not favor the present day system under which most of the marriages are "arranged."

In opposition to the prevailing mode, fifty-three girls in one school said that to marry men of whom they had no previous knowledge was dangerous. Sixteen were opposed because the present custom ignores the sentiments of the ones to be married. Then objected to the use of a go-between to make arrangements and all agreed that the marriage question should be more seriously considered.

"What have the little scamps been up to now?" asked hubby, looking up from his newspaper.

Notice To Cafe Owners

Notice is hereby given that Dr. S. E. Buchanan will be in his office in the County Building, South Church street, on the afternoon of Friday, April 9th to examine all cafe employees.

The summer inspection of Cafes will begin April 15, and after that date no person not holding a health card will be permitted to work in any cafe. At this time all Cafes will be scored and results published.

QUINT E. SMITH, City Engineer and Sanitary Officer.

ANOTHER MAN GIVES INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP CHAPMAN

John Farrell Says Man He Knows Is Chapman, Lived For Time on His Farm.

PARDONS BOARD MEETING TODAY

Ordered Chapman to Appear Before It as His Plea For Clemency Is Argued.

Dayton, O., April 5.—(AP)—Efforts of Gerald Chapman to escape the noose in the prison at Wethersfield, Conn., tonight may be aided by information furnished today by John Farrell, wealthy farmer of Vandalia, Ohio.

Farrell said that from October 9 to 10, 1924, a man calling himself Mark Smith, and whom he says he can positively identify as Chapman, lived in a cottage on his farm.

The man spent money freely and passed his time in reading and sleeping.

Pardons Board Meets.

Wethersfield, Conn., April 5.—(AP)—Governor John H. Trumbull called the State board of pardons in order at 10:30 o'clock this morning to pass on the petition of Gerald Chapman who wants to serve a life sentence instead of being hanged for murder at midnight tonight.

Governor Trumbull asked Warden H. W. K. Scott to produce Gerald Chapman before the board of pardons.

Frederick J. Groehl, Chapman's defense counsel, was on hand with the witnesses and affidavits which he hoped to obtain commutation.

Chapman was not visibly nervous when he entered the room. He sat beside Mr. Groehl as the latter began his plea for mercy, calling the governor's attention to "reasonable doubts" which he asserted had existed throughout the trial.

Review of Chapman Case.

Gerald Chapman had been called a "super-bandit" and a "master mind" of the underworld. Prosecuting attorneys paid tribute to him as a "very clever and very dangerous man. After his \$2,000,000 mail truck hold-up in New York City five years ago, and his subsequent escape from the Atlanta Penitentiary after being wounded, his name became a household word for the most desperate, resourceful bandit of the day.

A legend had grown up around him and until his final arrest in Muncie, he was suspected of every particularly daring robbery or hold-up wherever committed. Stories of his wide reading, his cultured manner, his soft voice, his fine clothes, his big automobiles, his luxurious homes, were around Chapman a colorful personality.

Yet this "super-criminal," this great intellect of the underworld, this gentleman crook, this "very clever man," was able to enjoy only five years of freedom in the last nineteen years of his life, since he was first sent to prison at the age of 19. Fourteen years, more than one-third of his life, had he spent behind prison walls. And finally, at the age of 38, his career was ended on the gallows.

Chapman went under numerous aliases and his real name was definitely established. He was a product of the lower East Side of New York and it was there that he began his criminal career in 1907. He was arrested as a petty thief sent to the reformatory. Paroled at the end of a year, another year found him again in prison, this time at Auburn. In 1912 he was sent to Sing Sing for 10 years. He remained in prison seven years and it was during this time he obtained a smattering of information and knowledge, which, added to his native cunning, made it impossible upon his release to execute such an ambitious exploit as the big mail robbery. It was in Sing Sing, also, that he made the acquaintance of "Dutch" Anderson, his partner in the mail robbery and subsequent crimes, and who was shot to death by an officer in Port Huron, Mich.

The story of the \$2,000,000 mail truck robbery in lower Broadway has been written up so extensively that it does not need retelling. When the robbers were caught, some eight months after the robbery, Chapman and Anderson were living in style in the Gramercy Park section. It was their carelessness in disposing of part of the stolen securities that led to their capture. Chapman made the first of his daring attempts to escape on the day that he was arraigned for a preliminary hearing. He and Anderson were tried, convicted and sentenced to 25 years each in Atlanta. On March 27, 1923, Chapman and a former named Frank Gray escaped from the prison hospital, but were caught a few days later near Athens, Ga., after a pistol battle in which Chapman was wounded. He made his successful escape from a hospital in Athens on April 4. Anderson escaped several months later. A nation-wide hunt for Chapman began, but it was not until January 18, 1925, that he was finally caught at Muncie, Ind.

He was then returned to Hartford, Conn., to stand trial for a crime committed during the interval between his escape from Atlanta and his capture at Muncie. This was

Lashed



Five men kidnaped D. M. Haley, 19 of Fort Worth, Tex., took him out in the country and gave him 46 lashes with a whip. He was secretly married last summer. After the marriage he and his wife separated, and his wife recently died.

BIG INCREASE IN ROAD FUND COLLECTIONS

From the Gasoline and Automobile License Fees.

Raleigh Bureau of the Concord Daily Tribune Raleigh, April 5.—An increase of more than \$3,000,000 in collections for the highway fund, from the gasoline and automobile license fees during the period from April 1, 1925, to March 31, 1926, as compared with the same period in the previous two years is shown by the report issued yesterday by R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue.

Collections during the period ending March 31st last amounted to \$12,146,235.99, as compared with \$9,031,384.52 during the corresponding period in 1924-25.

Collections for the theft fund during the period last ended total \$120,128.75, as compared with \$125,808.25 during the previous period, showing an increase of \$4,828.50.

The increase in all collections this year is \$3,169,671.97.

Expenses charged against both funds show sizeable decreases. Expenses of the highway fund during the 1924-25 period were \$831,158.30 and for 1925-26, \$274,039.20. That makes a net decrease of \$117,120.10.

Expenses for the theft fund in 1925-26 were \$130,658.27 and in 1924-25, \$101,474.27, or a decrease of \$35,184.00.

The net decrease of expenses from the corresponding period in 1924-25 is \$81,936.20.

Not all of the expenditures listed strictly expenses. Some represent improvement of value over a period of time. Addressograph machines, for instance, are listed and account for \$27,673.80 of the theft fund expenditures and \$326.70 of the auto fund, or a total of \$28,000.50.

In 1924-25, \$28,658.12 expenses were represented by automobiles, the Lane Street warehouse fund and the garage building fund.

Super Productions at Concord Theatre All This Week.

This will be a week of thrills at the Concord Theatre, as nothing but super productions will be shown there all week.

The manager, Mr. Turner, personally guarantees that this week's program will be the best you have ever seen at any Concord Theatre.

Today and tomorrow there will be shown "Dan Q. Son of Zorro," with Douglas Fairbanks. This is a sequel to "Mark of Zorro," and is Doug's latest picture.

On Wednesday, one day only, Milton Sills and Doris Kenyon in "The Unguarded Hour."

Thursday and Friday, John Barrymore, Dolores Costello and George O'Hara in "The Sea Beast," a great sailor epic.

On Saturday Wm. S. Hart in "Tumbleweeds." This is a great western feature.

This theatre never raises its prices, which are as follows: Matinee, all seats 10c and 25c. Night: Orchestra 30c, Balcony 25c, children 10c.

Welchs 215 Pounds at the Age of 13.

Newton, April 5.—Frank Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith Campbell, of Maiden, was 13 years old today, and is the biggest boy in Catawba county for his age. He weighs 215 pounds and plays baseball, tennis, basketball, and gets around as well as a 100-pound boy. His father weighs about 200 and his mother about 175. Frank attends the Maiden high school and his teacher says he is one of the smartest boys in her room.

H. W. Wiley, pure food commissioner, says, "The people of our country are learning little by little that the whiteness in flour is inversely proportional to its nutritive value."

Put \$25,000 on Game of Golf



Archie Andrews (left) wanted to sell his Chicago office building to Fred Bartlett (right) for \$375,000, but Bartlett thought it was worth only \$50,000. They agreed to play a game of golf in Pasadena for the \$25,000. Andrews won.

LOW INFANT MORTALITY FURTHER DELAY IN THE STRAWBERRY CROP

The State Last Year Had the Lowest in Its History.

Raleigh Bureau of the Concord Daily Tribune Raleigh, April 5.—North Carolina last year had the lowest infant mortality rate in its history, with a decrease from 54.5 in 1924 to 47.0 in 1925, according to announcement made yesterday by Dr. G. M. Cooper, of the State board of health.

This most gratifying record is due, the doctor believes, to safer milk, through greater uniformity of city ordinances over the state demanding pasteurized or grand A milk; more thorough education of mothers on the care of infants and the work of the seventeen county nurses who are scattered over the state, principally in counties which had been troubled previously by high infant mortality rates.

There were 1,484 deaths due to infantile disease during 1924, which gave a rate of 54.5 per 100,000 population. This figure was reduced to 1,324 in 1925, which gave a rate of 47 per 100,000. The decrease is a notable one, especially in view of the fact that the state's population has shown a greater increase than ever before.

Health conditions, in general, over the state have been good since last April, the only outbreaks of any consequence being that of diphtheria last fall and pneumonia and its precursor, influenza, last winter.

Pastors Divided in Their Opinion as to Church Advertising.

Kansas City, April 4.—Pastors here are divided in opinion of the pulling power of the advertisement in the Kansas City Star yesterday addressed to "Flaming Youth," promising a "new thrill" if said "Flaming Youth" would attend church Easter Sunday.

The advertisement was "contributed by Kansas City business men in the interest of the youth of Kansas City."

"The Truth-in-Advertising committee should investigate that advertisement," said the Rev. L. M. Birkhead, pastor of the All Souls Unitarian Church. "Whoever wrote it promised 'something new'; promised a 'new thrill,' and then the pastors gave the same old cut and dried sermons they have given on Easter Sunday for the last 10 years. I think such an advertisement would cause the youth of Kansas City to become disgusted with the church."

On the other hand, the Rev. William L. Stidger, pastor of the Lincoln Boulevard Methodist Episcopal church, declared it was a "fine ad."

SEEKING BIG DAMAGES

Sues Kansas City Newspaper and Individual For \$5,000,000 Damages.

Topeka, Kans., April 5.—(AP)—Suits asking \$5,000,000 damages were filed in Shawnee County district court today by counsel for former Governor Jonathan M. Davis, alleging criminal libel and malicious prosecution.

The defendants are Walter S. Dickey publisher of the Kansas City Journal-Post, and a number of individuals.

The suits are an outgrowth of the trials of the ex-Governor on charges of accepting bribes for paroles and pardons which followed the publication of a copyrighted article in the Kansas City Journal January 10, 1925, purporting to expose corruption of a pardon power by Governor Davis.

KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR MONEY

PLAN your expenditures carefully— Invest regularly with us and you will win as surely as light follows darkness. Just take a few shares in Series No. 57 which is now open.

So much for food, for shelter— So much for savings — BEGIN NOW

CABARRUS COUNTY B. L. & S. ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

DENNIS TALKS MORE ABOUT TARIFF AND THE COMMISSION

The Method of Obtaining Products Costs by Commission Was Attacked by Dennis.

SAYS EXPERTS HURT COUNTRY

They Give Data That is Gathered in the Wrong Manner and Thus is Wrong.

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—The method of obtaining production costs by the tariff commission in recommending changes in rates was attacked today by Commissioner Dennis, democrat, before the senate investigating committee.

"Figures produced by the tariff experts in the better investigation would indicate that the farmers of this country were selling butter at less than the cost of production," he said.

"There was something wrong with the calculation as it is known that the dairy industry is the best paying branch of farming."

He did not believe staff experts should be sent abroad, and if they were, they should not be permitted to do things that a foreigner in this country would not be allowed to do.

"I believe a very great harm is being done our national life," he said "by ill considered recommendations on tariff duties, based simply on matched production costs."

"What caused the long delay in submitting the butter report?" asked Commissioner Robinson.

"It is another illustration of the inability of the commission to get things done," the witness said. "The statute could be made workable if it were administered by the right kind of men. The trouble is that it is now being interpreted in its strictest legalistic way."

He declares the commission was recommending an average of four changes a year in tariff duties, at a cost of from \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year to the American people.

With Our Advertisers. The big spring drive at the Parker Bell Co. was a wonderful success and the many customers have been more than pleased with the values. They have decided to extend the drive another week. In this paper you will find a list of a few of the specialties they will have for you this week.

Plan your expenditures carefully and then take some shares in series No. 57 of the Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association. See Gilbert Hendrix at the Concord National Bank.

Fishes will show you a series of low prices on fashions of the hour. Every article is new and up-to-date.

Hats and ties as well as suits cleaned at Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. The flip-brim hat is the young man's style sensation for 1926. Stetson and Scotch hats at Hoover's.

Eidra's has twelve well fitted departments full of new spring merchandise.

You will find at Bell & Harris covers of the most beautiful designs in E-shoon furniture.

Warm weather calls for porch swings and H. B. Wilkinson has them. Be sure it is a Caton & Goodman swing.

The "Kitchen Happiness Sale" at the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co. is on all this week. Buy now and save \$10. Regular price of beautiful range is \$82.50, but this week only you can get them for \$72.50, with \$1.50 down and balance \$1.00 a week, payable monthly. See ad.

Do you need a pair of old trousers? Of course you do. You can get them at J. C. Penney Co.'s for from \$2.98 to \$5.99. See new ad. for other pants.

"Gas Service has a two-fold meaning"—see ad. of Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. on page five today.

Former Governor Davis and His Son Acquired. Topeka, Kans., April 3.—Former Governor Jonathan E. Davis, of Kansas, and his son, Russell G. Davis, were acquitted by a jury late tonight on a charge of accepting a bribe in exchange for a pardon issued Fred W. Hollman, paroled forger.

Christmas trees in France are potted and used for several years, after which they are planted in forests again.

BAT'S BEAR SAYS



Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with light showers in the west and north portions; slightly warmer in the south portion tonight, colder Tuesday. Moderate to fresh with shifting to north and northeast winds.