

BUCKNER AGAIN IS WETS WITNESS AND TALKS PROHIBITION

District Attorney of New York Questioned About Figures Collected by His Agents.

DRYS PREPARE TO GIVE THEIR DATA

Buckner Says Liquor Consumption Has Been on Increase During the Past Few Years.

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Federal District Attorney Buckner, of New York, again was summoned to the witness stand today by the wets as they went into the fourth day of the week of hearings accorded them by the Senate liquor committee. His testimony was followed closely by dry leaders, who took copious notes in preparation for their turn before the committee next week.

Buckner was questioned sharply about his statement yesterday that 60,000,000 gallons of alcohol are diverted annually to the bootleg trade making a business with a value of \$3,000,000,000.

"How do you arrive at that figure?" asked Chairman Means. "If that is accurate I would like to know."

Buckner said government statistics showed 21,000,000 gallons of alcohol withdrawn for industrial purposes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and \$8,000,000 in 1925.

A careful study by one of my assistants of the legitimate use of alcohol in industry," he added, "shows that the increase for legitimate purposes was 1,000,000 gallons. That leaves 62,000,000 gallons. I let 2,000,000 gallons go for legitimate purposes and that leaves 60,000,000."

"But 37,000,000 gallons were withdrawn for anti-freeze alone," protested Means.

"It was withdrawn for that purpose but not used for that purpose," replied Buckner. The district attorney said the alcohol liquor committee by General Andrews had stopped diversions in New York and Philadelphia along totalling 15,000,000 gallons.

The drys will be given all of next week to reply to the case presented by the wets and to argue against any modification of the law.

After saying he needed 85 Federal judges in New York to try prohibition cases, District Attorney Buckner estimated that if the prohibition law were repealed he could get along with six judges.

As a complement to the 85 judges, the District Attorney proposed employment of many extra district attorneys, marshals and clerks, with 1500 additional dry agents.

He said the average salary of prohibition agents was \$2,000 and that a man of family could not live on that in New York.

"Many who had gone out, however, were trying to get back."

"Isn't that because there is opportunity to make money?" asked Senator Reed.

"I don't want to express myself on that," the witness replied.

Questioned what remedy could be applied aside from repeal of the dry law, District Attorney Buckner suggested that the law might be modified as a "bill" for the New York State to enact laws for dry law enforcement.

Buckner's Testimony.
Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Federal District Attorney Buckner, of New York, told the Senate liquor committee today that enforcement of the prohibition law in New York is impossible unless officials are permitted to handle petty cases without trial of jury.

"I can't enforce the prohibition law which is essentially a police law," said the district attorney, "without the right of police court trial."

"If we are to enforce this law under jury trial, I should have eighty-five federal judges in my district alone."

"Then you want to abolish the constitutional right of a jury trial?" asked Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri.

"I won't answer that with the word constitutional in it," Buckner replied.

"Well, the right of jury trial?"

"I say petty offenses should be tried in police courts."

"I think we ought to abolish every Anglo-Saxon right that we might prevent somebody from selling a glass of beer," retorted Reed.

Recalled to the stand by the wets who have been allotted all of this week to present this case, the New York district attorney also reiterated and defended his assertion of yesterday that 60,000,000 gallons of alcohol is being diverted annually to bootleg trade, and recounted at length the difficulties standing in way of enforcement of prohibition in New York City.

At the same time the committee put into its record a statement by George Freeman, the Illinois democratic leader, describing the prohibition situation in Chicago and saying that "prayers to be shielded from the blight of Volsteadism should be said every day in every American home where there are those of immature age."

Busy people are never busybodies.

Defender



Major Russell B. Putnam of the marines will defend Col. Alexander W. Hama at the latter's court-martial in San Diego—the court-martial that was ordered as a result of General Smedley Butler's charges that Williams served cocktails at a party. The trial starts April 8.

VIC FESPERMAN QUITS RACE IN MECKLENBURG

One of Leading Candidates for Sheriff Will Hold Post as Police Chief—Other Charlotte News.

Charlotte, April 7.—Victor P. Fesperman, chief of rural police, today announced his withdrawal from the race for sheriff in the June Democratic primary, affording local politicians one of the choicest morsels of discussion of the year.

Fesperman has been identified with the political life of the county for years and came within an inch of beating Sheriff W. O. Cochran in a hot second primary race two years ago. He has a large following in the county and would have received strong support had he remained in the race for sheriff.

Insistence of the county commissioners that he remain at the head of the rural police organization was cited by Mr. Fesperman as one of the primary reasons for his decision to quit the race for sheriff.

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, who represents the ninth district in Congress, is optimistic over the outlook for Democratic success in the congressional elections this fall. The congressman was here for a few hours while on a short visit home from Washington.

Discussion in the ranks of the leaders of the Republican party and the disgruntled farmers of the west who are aroused by failure of the Republicans to enact a farm relief measure will help the Democratic cause, Major Bulwinkle believes.

Bellman Sherrill, 35, of West Bland street, and May Thornburg, 30, were being held by local officers as parents of a seven-week-old baby girl found on the porch at the home of Fred Kirkpatrick, Park road farmer, Saturday night.

One hundred and fifty-five workers today started in the annual membership campaign of the Y. M. C. A., the goal being 15,000 points. The local organization is contesting with the Wilmington and Raleigh associations in the membership campaign.

The will of Morris McDonald, deputy state revenue commissioner, and for many years one of the leading business men of this city, who died recently, filed for probate here leaves the entire estate, valued at approximately \$200,000 to his wife and children.

Back Home
by CATHARINE BRODY

This interesting serial will be published in The Tribune, the first installment appearing Friday, April 9th.

ROWAN OFFICERS IN SEARCH FOR NEGRO FOLLOWING ATTACK

Negro Is Said to Have Attempted to Attack White Woman at Her Home Near Salisbury.

WOMAN ALONE AT HOME AT TIME

Negro Visited House Several Times and Grabbed the Woman on His Third Visit.

Salisbury, April 8.—(AP)—Sheriff Krier, of Rowan county, and deputies spent last night and this morning scouring the western part of the county for an unknown negro who attempted to attack a white woman about fifty years old late yesterday afternoon at her home about five miles west of this city. The negro appeared at the home and asked for a drink of water, which was given him. Later he returned and went off again, but came back the third time and finding the woman sitting on the porch alone grabbed her. She made an effort to run into the house, but he caught her before she entered. The woman, wife of a farmer of that neighborhood, lives at a point between the Statesville highway and the Western railroad.

SUMMER CAMP FOR ROTARIANS PROPOSED

Plans for Construction of Artificial Lake in Pisgah National Forest.

Ashville, April 8.—(AP)—Plans for construction of a Rotary summer camp and artificial lake in Pisgah National Forest for Rotarians and their families, boys work in general, and choice of Spartanburg, S. C., for the 1927 meeting, occupied the principal places of discussion on this morning's program of the 1926 conference of Rotary Clubs of the 38th district, which are meeting here.

The problem of the camp was brought up by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Thomasville, N. C., who reported on a boys' work round table breakfast which was held early today. His report was followed by an appeal on behalf of the youth of the Carolinas.

Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the district, delivered an indictment of those who condemned the younger generation. The youth of today is no worse than the youth of fifty years ago, he declared, although the attitude of the younger generation has changed. If there is anything seriously wrong he declared it is the lack of co-operation between parents and the child.

LUTHERAN MISSIONS TO CONVENE AT SALISBURY

There Are Forty Such Congregations Within the Synod of North Carolina.

Liberty, April 7.—The mission committee of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina will hold its annual meeting in the offices of the First National bank, Salisbury, April 8.

The purpose of these annual meetings is to consider the progress and needs of mission work in the synod. At present there are twenty such fields in the synod with a total of forty mission congregations. All mission fields of the South Atlantic states are under the supervision of Dr. A. D. R. Hanchar, whose headquarters are at Richmond, Va. The mission committee of the North Carolina synod is composed of Dr. J. L. Morgan, Salisbury; Rev. A. M. Huffman, Kings Mountain; Rev. H. P. Wyrick, Burlington; B. B. Miller, Salisbury; and A. R. Rhyne, of Charlotte. Mission pastors of the synod will present reports at this meeting on the work of their respective charges.

FELT IMPELLED BY A SUPERNATURAL FORCE

Says Miss Gibson when She Made the Attempt to Muzzle the Life of Baron Ashbourne, made her attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini yesterday because she felt impelled by a "supernatural force" entrusting her with a lofty mission.

Carlisle Sale of Sellers Kitchen Cabinets.

The Concord Furniture Company are now having a big sale of Sellers kitchen cabinets to continue through next week. During this sale you can get these famous kitchen cabinets at a very low price. You can pay only one dollar down and the balance in small payments. If you buy a Sellers you get free a 32-piece set of dinner china. The set consists of enough plates, cups, saucers, bread and butter, fruit dish, vegetable dish and platter for six persons. See big ad, on page six.

Garage and Two Autos Burned.

Fire discovered about 3 o'clock this morning burned a garage belonging to the White-Parks mill and two automobiles owned by employees of the mill.

Remus Will Have to Serve One Year in Jail.

Cincinnati, April 8.—(AP)—Under an opinion handed down by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals here today, George E. Remus, former Cincinnati bootlegger, will have to serve one year in jail at Dayton, O., unless he appeals to U. S. Supreme court and obtains a reversal of the opinion.

Mrs. Leonard Brown is confined to her home on South Union street by illness.

Investigate Burning Of Bank Of Midland At Early Hour Today

DR. SOPER AGAIN HEARD AT GOLDSBORO MEETING

Discusses "Spiritual Maturity" Before Methodist Sunday School Conference.

Goldsboro, April 7.—At the morning session of the North Carolina Methodist Sunday school conference, Dr. Edmund D. Soper, dean of the school of religion of Duke university, brought his second and closing message to the conference. The subject of the address was, "Spiritual Maturity—Is it an Impossible Dream?" In this address Dr. Soper seemed to literally feel his way into the heart of his subject and then in the clearest manner possible he unfolded to his hearers that which lies at the very heart and core of a personal religious experience. The hearts and mind of serious and intelligent people were touched by the searching implications of the speaker's message.

The scriptural basis of the address was Ephesians 4:11-13. He began by saying that when speaking of spiritual maturity to a Methodist audience he was dealing with a subject which bore the marks of familiarity since Methodism has always been a specialty of the study of experience. They reminded of the necessity at times to rethink their way through things which had become familiar.

The question was raised, "Is spiritual maturity a possibility?" The average person will say, "Yes, there are saints; certain marked men and women but they are not normal." It is difficult for many people to reconcile sainthood with a normal wholesome way of living. But Paul in the passage quoted makes no such distinction. It was a very humble people to whom Paul was speaking. A people only recently come from paganism a people without a Christian heritage or a Christian tradition, a people most of whom were unable to read or write, probably.

The difficulty with us is that we have been so satisfied with mediocrity, with being as good as most church members," said Dr. Soper. "The chief mark of a Christian is discontent. There must be an urge, a reaching out and a desire to possess more than we have at present. We see this illustrated as we read the lives of the great saints of history and trace the connection between their own imperfections and their final attainments after pushing on the deeper we go the more we realize the necessity of going on, which realization is a guarantee of the attainment of growth. Dissatisfaction with present attainment is the indispensable necessity for growth.

The speaker then proceeded to up several misconceptions of maturity. The first is that "we Methodists in our emphasis upon experience have sometimes overemphasized it. We say that in the unnecessary years some people spend in trying to get an experience just like some one else. We must take account of our own emotional life and our own intellectual processes and be sure that our experience is real.

"Sometimes people become most quiet when their emotions are stirred the most deeply.

"The experience of being caught up and swept off one's feet doesn't come to every one.

"The chief difficulty here is that many sincere people with a refined selfishness keep their eyes turned inward when they should look out on a world of service."

Another misconception of maturity is that "something essential to our nature can be eradicated by the coming of the holy spirit. Modern psychology teaches us that God has made us with certain instincts not to be eradicated. They are not to be eradicated but in the spirit of Christ and His power they are to be re-directed in new channels. Spiritual maturity means not eradication of these instincts but redirection."

Congress to Adjourn Next Month.

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—President Coolidge was told today by Chairman Smoot, of the Senate Finance committee and Chairman Madden of the House appropriations committee, that Congress probably would adjourn between May 15 and June 1.

The legislative calendar, they said, was in good shape, with nothing of major importance in sight outside of disposing of the remaining appropriation bills, the Italian debt settlement, and possibly passing some form of farm relief legislation.

Bank of Midland Examined.

Sheriff R. V. Caldwell, Jr., and State Bank Examiners Work on Case During the Day.

CASHIER OF BANK WAS IN BUILDING

He Reports That Some One Struck Him and Then Set Fire to Bank Building.

State bank examiners and county officers are investigating the burning of the home of the Bank of Midland at an early hour this morning in an effort to determine whether money was taken from the bank and to locate the men who are alleged to have rendered unconscious Cashier C. T. Blakeney, who was in the bank at the time it was fired.

Sheriff R. V. Caldwell, Jr., was notified at 6:30 this morning that someone had entered and robbed the bank, killed the cashier and set fire to the building. The rumor that Mr. Blakeney had been killed became current when he was found in an unconscious condition near the door of the bank, first persons reaching him being of the opinion that he was dead. He regained consciousness during the early morning and several hours after the fire was discovered was able to discuss the case.

According to information received by the officers Mr. Blakeney went to the bank about 4:30 this morning to start his day's work, it being stated that he starts to work at this hour often when he is rushed. Soon after entering the bank, Mr. Blakeney is quoted as saying, he heard a noise in the rear of the building. Investigation failed to disclose any one in the building, but the cashier is said to have found the rear door open. Pushing the door shut Mr. Blakeney is further quoted as saying he went to the front door, which he locked.

That is the last he remembered, Mr. Blakeney said, until he regained consciousness. He had a faint recollection of getting hot, he said but did not know whether he was in or out of the bank at the time.

A boy passing by the bank about 5:30 saw the body of Mr. Blakeney and at the same time detected the fire in the building. He gave the alarm and soon a number of persons gathered to fight the fire. The first two men to reach the scene carried the cashier to his home, and an examination by his physician is said to have shown that he was struck over the head with some blunt instrument.

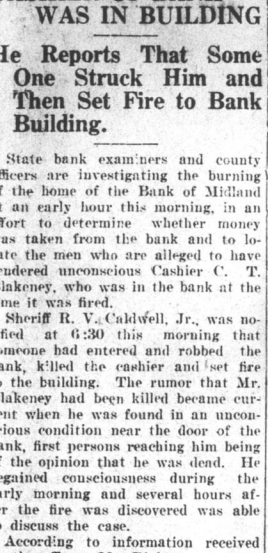
The bank building was burning so briskly when the first fire fighters arrived that it could not be saved. The adjoining building, occupied by the Midland Hardware Company, was not burned, the fire wall protecting the structure.

Persons who reached the scene first stated that it appeared that the fire had been started in the rear of the bank, and it was burning faster there than in the front. The entire interior of the building was gutted, only the vault and walls being left.

It was impossible this morning, it was said, to determine whether money had been taken from the safe. The vault door was open when the first person entered the bank after the fire died down, but the safe door was not open. This door was partially opened, it was said, but the metal on it was so hot bank officials and bank examiners present could not get it open.

It is reported that more than \$4,000 was deposited in the bank yesterday. When Sheriff Caldwell reached the bank he found several thousand pennies scattered about the vault door, but he could find no other money.

Drives 4,700 Miles to Be Queen



Miss Virginia Herbsman drove the 4700 miles from Seattle, Wash., to St. Augustine, Fla., with her mother. Then, after she'd been there a while, they enjoyed her Spanish Queen of the spring Famos de Leon celebration.

STATE REPUBLICANS WITHIN DURHAM FOR BIG BUSINESS



Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, Present to Deliver Keynote Address During the Morning.

CANDIDATES TO BE ENDORSED

It Is Predicted That Coolidge Policies Will Get Full Endorsement of the Convention.

Durham, April 8.—(AP)—After political maneuvering had been on schedule for last night and most of this morning, the State Republican convention formally opened at 11 a. m. today.

Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, was scheduled to deliver the keynote address shortly after the convening of the session today. It was expected to deal generally with Republican policies and would probably endorse without exception the policies of the Coolidge administration. Presentation of the platform was awaited with interest, as were the contest for various offices as this convention will endorse candidates to oppose the Democrats in the elections in the fall.

With Our Advertisers. The Yorke & Wadsworth Co. is offering special cash prices on Rogers paint. Complete line of colors. See big ad, today for prices. Everything you need in the way of paints and varnishes.

New series of stock now open in the Cabarrus County R. L. and S. Association. See Gilbert Hendrix at the Concord National Bank and Trust Co. The "Kitchen Happiness Sale" of the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co. offers you an opportunity to save \$10 on a permanent home improvement. See new ad.

Pasteurized Milk agrees with the whole family. See ad of Cabarrus Creamery Co. The Wilkinson Funeral Home for many solves the problem of a place of service for the dead. It incurs no added expense.

At the Charlotte Auditorium next Monday the musical gem "Blossom Time" will appear with the original cast of the Century Theatre, New York, the same company which sang its way into the hearts of Southern music lovers last season.

Progressive banking facilities with a cordial welcome for both large and small accounts at the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Brushing Lacquers, a marvelous new finish for floors, furniture and woodwork, at Yorke & Wadsworth Co's.

Seriously Injured When Struck By Car.

Salisbury, April 7.—Henderson M. Brown, Junior, 13-year-old son of H. M. Brown of the Salisbury Evening Post, was struck and seriously injured this afternoon when he alighted from a car near his home on East Innis street, John Kluttz, living on the same street, and who is said to have been driving the car which struck the youth, was arrested by Sheriff Krier and held pending the outcome of the boy's injuries. A fractured skull is the main injury sustained.

John Ellis, 86-year-old negro, who disappeared from his home in the Barber neighborhood Tuesday of last week, died near the highway and his body has been found after a search of some days. It is thought he died a natural death.

Dealers in Narcotics Get Prison Sentences.

Charlotte, April 7.—Four men, rounded up here some time ago in anti-narcotic raids, were today sentenced to serve terms ranging from two years to a year and a day in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

Those sentenced: Lum Parham, 2 years; John Amon, 18 months; Fred McCormick, 18 months and Sigmond Reid, a year and a day.

No sentence had been passed by Judge E. Y. Webb, presiding on D. L. Sharpe, music teacher, who has pleaded guilty to violation of the Harrison Urotoic Act.

Minister of Interior Resigns.

Paris, April 8.—(AP)—Le Temps says Louis Malvy has resigned as minister of the interior because of ill health.

The Davidson College Glee Club will appear at the High School auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

NO PLACE FOR THE LAZY MAN

The man who cannot get awake and can save neither dollars, quarters nor pennies, does not interest us.

But the great army of people who ARE awake and doing we, welcome them every one.

Our institution is here ready to serve faithfully by providing a safe investment with good earnings for your savings.

And an ideal home ownership plan for those interested in that particular matter.

CABARRUS COUNTY B. L. & SAVINGS ASS'N
OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Was Steady at Decline of 2 Points to an Advance of 2 Points.

New York, April 8.—(AP)—The cotton market was irregular in today's early trading. Liverpool was relatively easy and some traders placed a more favorable interpretation on the weather map which they thought pointed to clearing conditions. Others, however, apprehended a renewal of unsettled weather, owing to the pressure of low barometer on the Pacific Coast which they feared would move eastward. On the whole orders were fairly well divided.

The opening was steady at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2 points. Prices fluctuated within a range of 3 or 4 points during the first hour. May selling around 18.78 and October 18.48, or about 1 to 3 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 18.83; July 18.25; October 17.50; December 17.19; January 17.10.

Two Found Dead Near Burning Oil Reservoir.

San Luis Obispo, Calif., April 8.—(AP)—A. H. Seeber and his son, William F. Seeber, were found dead today about 300 yards from one of the large burning oil reservoirs of the Union Oil Company.

The Silver Cross Circle of King's Daughters will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Ellen White on Georgia Avenue.

The case has created great interest throughout the county. Hundreds of persons motored to Midland when a report of the fire reached Concord, cord, many being attracted by the false report that Mr. Blakeney had been killed.

The youth who first saw Mr. Blakeney's body near the bank and other persons who reached the scene quickly thereafter stated that they saw no strangers about the place. Whoever visited the bank is believed to have left in an automobile.

Several bank examiners started an investigation about 9:30 this morning. It is reported that they started an examination of the bank's books yesterday but had not completed their report. When asked if he had any information concerning the case one of the examiners stated that he knew nothing except what was on the surface.

Mr. Blakeney is quoted as telling friends he did not know how he got from the bank building. He came through the front door, he thinks, due to the fact that he was found lying near the front door, but he does not remember whether he was carried from the building or whether he crawled out.

The Bank of Midland was organized about four years ago and Mr. Blakeney has been connected with it in the capacity of cashier for about two years. He is said to have lived in Jefferson, S. C., before going to Midland. One official of the bank stated that the banking company, which owned the building, had it insured and also carried burglary insurance. The amount could not be learned this morning due to the fact that Mr. Blakeney had prepared the papers and was not in condition to discuss that phase of the case.

It was apparent this morning that records and money in the vault were safe. Constructed entirely of brick and cement, the vault withstood the fire and unless some one entered the safe its valuables are believed to be intact. Bank examiners planned to try again this afternoon to get into the safe.

Asked if he saw any one or heard any one just before he lost consciousness, Mr. Blakeney is reported to