

BATTLE OF WORDS BETWEEN WHEELER AND SENATOR REED

Spectacular Scene Before the Senate Campaign Fund Committee in the Hearing Today.

BIG CROWD WAS PRESENT TO HEAR

Wheeler's Public Charge of Expenditures by Liquor Interests in Recent Pennsylvania Primary.

Washington, June 17.—(AP)—Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, faced Senator Reed, of Missouri, in a spectacular battle of words today before the Senate campaign fund committee.

The long waited clash of wits between the dry leader and the fiery Missourian, a consistent foe of the Anti-Saloon League and its prohibition policies, brought an overflowing crowd to the big committee room.

Wheeler took with him to the witness stand a bundle of papers as if he were prepared for a long siege of questioning, running over many phases of the league's activities.

While the committee was engaged in preliminary routine, Mr. Wheeler pushed his way to the committee table and addressed Chairman Reed: "My name is Wayne B. Wheeler. My name is Wayne B. Wheeler, he said. 'I'm glad to have the pleasure of your acquaintance, sir,' said Reed.

How long before I will be called?" Wheeler inquired. "Oh, in a little while."

The reason I ask is I have an engagement for 1:30. "I think you had better cancel it," the chairman said, and Wheeler returned to his seat.

Wheeler held his right hand high as he took the oath administered by Reed as committee chairman. He took a seat directly across the table from the Missouriian.

After bringing out that Wheeler was born in Ohio 56 years ago, Reed asked "What salary do you get?" "Six hundred sixty-six dollars a month."

"How long have you drawn it?" "Four or five years."

"What did you get before that?" "Seven thousand dollars."

"What was your first salary with the league?" "A hundred dollars a month, and sometimes I did not get that."

"When did you start with the league?" "In June, 1894."

"At first I only made speeches for the league while in college and got no money then."

"The first four or five years of the fight were very difficult," Wheeler said, "and funds were slow in coming in, and sometimes the speakers returned part of their salaries to make up the deficit."

He figured that in the early years he received about \$33 a month, plus expenses while on the road.

"What salary were you getting in 1897?" Reed asked. "I can't recall definitely," I think it was \$150 or \$200 a month."

Polite and soft spoken thus far, Reed explained that he was trying to get at Wheeler's "history" in a general way. But he pressed for a definite answer to his question and Wheeler said he would have to look up his records to get his salary from year to year.

"I did not know I was to be here this morning until I read it in the papers," he said.

"I did not know what I would be required to furnish," Senator Reed chewed at his inevitable cigar and replied softly "don't let's talk too much—let's answer questions."

Wheeler then said his salary rose to \$4,500 when he became state superintendent in Ohio in 1900 or 1901, or "somewhere along there."

"Did you collect that?" "Most of it, I may have had part of it along toward the end of the year."

The salary went to \$5,000 some four or five years later. "The subpoena did not mention any of these things, so I did not refresh my recollection," Wheeler said.

"Oh, I can give you plenty of time to refresh your recollection," Reed said. "I just wanted in a general way."

Wheeler said he was transferred to Washington in 1916 or 1917.

"What was to be your position here?" "General counsel for the Anti-Saloon League. Later on I became legislative superintendent."

"What was your salary as counsel?" "I think it was \$5,500 to \$6,000."

Many Killed When Limited Train Crashed Into Express

Accident Occurred Near Blairsville, Pa., Shortly Before Midnight on the Pennsylvania Railroad.
FOUR TRACKS WERE RIPPED UP
One Sleeper Driven Into Another, Appearing as if One Had Been Constructed Around Other.

Pittsburgh, June 17.—(AP)—At least eighteen persons were killed when the Cincinnati limited train No. 40 crashed into the Washington Express near Blairsville, Pa., shortly before midnight.

Of the eighteen known victims, nine bodies were recovered from the Cleveland sleeper on No. 50. Three were trainmen.

Five bodies were found in the club car of train No. 40 which was immediately behind the double-header locomotives pulling the Limited.

Ten injured passengers were removed to Latrobe hospitals.

The smash occurred on a slight curve two miles west of Blairsville intersection, an important railway center. Here the ground is level and the entire countryside is farming land.

As daylight dawned those at the scene were given the first real view of the wreck.

Another sleeper high in the air, G. M. Sixsmith, superintendent of passenger transportation, said today that the smashup occurred when the express halted so that a broken air hose could be repaired.

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In the News Spotlight



MGR. JULIO CAMPERO



COUNT KAROLYI



MRS. BERTHA K. LANDES



COUNT VOLPI

Monsignor Julio Campero, Bishop of Salta, Argentine, arrived in America for the International Eucharistic Congress.

Count Karolyi, of Hungary, was challenged to a duel by Count Teleki, who charged an insult.

SYRACUSE U. HEAD CALLS LIQUOR 'GREATEST CURSE'
"Mocks at Law, Sneers at Decency."
Chancellor Flint Tells Graduates.

BRYAN HURT CAUSE OF RELIGION, SAYS PREACHER
Tells Trinity Graduates Famous Orator and Publicist Was Wrong-Headed and Harmful in His Views.

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Many Reservations For the Building and Loan Meeting

Between 175 and 200 delegates from the more than 150 associations in the State are expected here for the annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

CAN YOU EDUCATE YOUR CHILD ON \$4.32 A YEAR?

Yes that is what the State of North Carolina is doing right now. Raleigh, June 17.—Suppose you should decide to teach your own child, could you secure a building, heat it in the winter, maintain it and pay all operating costs, and not pay out more than \$4.32 a year?

FIVE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN SLEEPER

A Cross-Country Limited Pullman Catches Fire and Five Passengers Cremated. Los Angeles, June 16.—Five persons were burned to death and upwards of thirty others escaped unharmed early today when fire of undetermined origin turned a cross-country tourist sleeper into an inferno of flame at Crystal Sliding, Nevada.

RENEW EFFORTS TO SAVE MANSELL

Many Asheville People Convinced That Negro Is Not Guilty. Asheville, June 16.—Aroused to vigorous action because in the light of new evidence they are convinced that the state is about to snuff out the life of an innocent man scores of Asheville citizens today were re-doubling their efforts to persuade Governor McLean to spare the life of Alvin Mansell, Asheville negro, who is in death row at State Prison awaiting execution July 9.

Cardinal Bonzano Reaches Chicago

Chicago, June 17.—(AP)—The special train of red Pullmans bearing Cardinal Bonzano, the papal legate, eight other prelates of the Catholic hierarchy and the eucharistic ceremony, arrived in Chicago shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

Satisfied Soviets Helped Strikers

London, June 17.—(AP)—The British government is satisfied that the soviet government waived its regulations concerning export of money to England during the recent general strike.

Wheat Farmers Pooling Crop; To Delay Selling

Wichita, Kas., June 17.—(AP)—Thousands of farmers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado will market their 1926 wheat crop cooperatively this fall and winter.

BLAKENEY CHARGED WITH ARSON; OUT ON \$10,000 BOND

Cashier of Bank of Midland When It Burned, Arrested in Charlotte Yesterday Afternoon.

SCOTT HAD THE WARRANT ISSUED

Father and Uncle of Defendant Sign Bond—Preliminary Hearing on June 22nd Here.

Carl T. Blakeney, cashier of the Bank of Midland when it was burned several weeks ago, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by W. A. Scott, State deputy insurance commissioner. The warrant charges arson.

Mr. Blakeney was arrested at his home at 527 Sunnyside Avenue, Charlotte, by detectives who were sent there by Deputy Sheriff Honeycutt of Cabarrus county, and Commissioner Scott, who went to Charlotte during the afternoon and turned the warrant over to the Charlotte officers for service.

Later in the afternoon the officers returned to Concord with Mr. Blakeney, who was taken before Justice G. M. Lore, who set his bond at \$10,000. The bond was immediately raised by W. S. and P. P. Blakeney, uncle and father, respectively, of the defendant. The bondsmen reside in Monroe, it is said, the former being president of the Bank of Union.

Mr. Blakeney, it was stated, did not discuss the case at all, except to say that he had worked hard for the bank and did not desire to have a crime laid against him. Before leaving Charlotte he communicated with relatives and his uncle and father arrived from Monroe shortly after he arrived from Charlotte.

Mr. Blakeney told the officers, they said, that he had not been working in Charlotte, where he has been living since the latter part of May. He expected to get lined up shortly, he said, and start to work there.

After the bond was signed Squire Lore set June 22 as the date for the preliminary hearing, to be held in Concord. Mr. Blakeney has retained Frank Armfield, of the local bar, and the State will be assisted by E. S. Williams and Hartwell & Hartwell, also of the local bar.

The Bank of Midland was burned early on the morning of April 8th while Mr. Blakeney was at work in it. The building was completely destroyed along with some of the records and books on which the defendant has been quoted as saying he was working. Bank examiners took the cash and books from the safe several hours after the fire had been extinguished and later the American Trust Company of Charlotte, was named receiver for the bank at the request of bank examiners.

Mr. Blakeney has been quoted as saying that he was struck on the head by some unknown party or parties who set fire to the bank, after robbing or trying to rob it. He was found near the bank for half an hour or more when the fire was discovered, and was under the care of a physician for several days.

THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably showers in west portion tonight and in central portion Friday. Fresh northeast shifting to southeast winds.

City Tax Notice!
All property on which Taxes for the year 1925, and also 1916 street assessments that expired December 1st, 1925, will be advertised and sold after July 1st, 1926.