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A. BUSCH SAYS UNITED STATES IS THE BIGGEST BOOTLEGGER IN THE WORLD

FEDERAL PROHIBITION OFFICERS HAVE MADE SEVERAL HAULS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS

Stacy A. Mullinax Caught With Nineteen Gallons, All of Which Went Into the Sewer—Archie Robinson, Link Wall, Everett Howell and John Heath, All White, and Charles McKinney, Colored, Bound Over to October Federal Court.

With the Federal prohibition officers concentrating their efforts here and thus chiming in with the city's anti-liquor campaign, the road of the Gaston county booze vender is becoming a real rocky one. Within the past few days a number of arrests has been made by Federal Prohibition Officer Evon L. Houser, who has the assistance and close co-operation of Deputy Marshal M. C. Cohen, of Charlotte. These cases will come up for trial at the October term of Federal court in Charlotte.

One of the biggest hauls made heretofore in quite a while was the arrest of Stacy A. Mullinax, a farmer living in the Flume section near Crowders Mountain, yesterday afternoon. The arrest was made by Mr. Houser and Special Officer Adam Hord. They obtained 19 gallons of liquor. This was brought to Gastonia along with the prisoner. He was taken before United States Commissioner S. S. Morris, who released him on a \$500 cash bond pending his preliminary hearing which is to be held before Commissioner Morris on Thursday, June 22nd. The entire 19 gallons of whiskey was poured out in a sink at the commissioner's office. It was late in the afternoon when the officers reached the city with Mullinax and the booze, and a large crowd gathered at Squire Morris' office to witness the ceremony of sending the liquor down the sewer. As this was being done Mullinax remarked that it was a real pity that one particular jug full had to go that way as it was genuinely distilled in the old-time way and was sure enough "good" liquor.

Archie Robinson, a one-armed white man who has worked around Gastonia off and on for several years, was arrested Monday night on a charge of violating the Federal prohibition laws. He had eleven gallons of whiskey in his automobile. Robinson proved himself a good sprinter and got away from Officer Houser twice before he was finally retained in custody. He was taken before Commissioner Morris who held him under a \$500 bond to appear on June 20th for his preliminary hearing. J. D. B. McLean, of Gastonia, went on his bond.

Three young white men, Link Wall, Everett Howell and John Heath, were given preliminary hearings yesterday before Commissioner Morris on charges of violating the Federal prohibition laws. They waived examination and were bound over to the October term of Federal court, their bonds being fixed at \$200 in each case. Wall's bond was given by R. Kelley, Everett Howell's bond was given by G. W. Howell and Heath's bond was given by Miles Hanna. Immediately following his release under bond young Heath was arrested by local police officers on charges from Charlotte that he was wanted there on a charge of being implicated in the theft of an automobile. He was taken to Charlotte yesterday afternoon.

This morning Charles McKinney, a negro who lives near Kings Mountain, was brought before Commissioner Morris on a charge of violating the Federal prohibition laws. He was caught with two gallons of liquor in his possession. He was given a preliminary hearing and was held under a \$500 bond for trial at the October term of court. W. A. Morris, of Cleveland county, went on his bond.

TIPTON, GA., June 14. — Following the killing of Samuel S. Monk yesterday, Sims Lawhorn, Mrs. M. L. Lawhorn, three sons and daughter, were placed in Tift county jail. Later Mrs. Lawhorn and her daughter and younger son were released on their own recognizance to appear before the coroner's jury today.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, June 14. — Cotton futures closed quiet 10 points down as follows:
July 21.78; October 21.65; December 21.41; January 21.30; March 21.13; Spots 22.30.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts 10 bales
Price 20 1/2 cents
(Strict to good middling)

TEXTILE WORKERS ARE HAVING GREAT MEETING IN THE TEXTILE CITY

More Than 150 Delegates Have Arrived for Fourth Annual Session.

DR. LINDEMAN TONIGHT

Local Community Workers Are Spraying No Efforts to Give Visitors Big Welcome.

Delegates to the annual Southern Textile Social Workers Conference continued to pour into the city today and were on hand for the sessions at the high school building this morning. Early today more than one hundred and fifty community workers representing the numerous southern textile centers had registered at the headquarters at the Armington Hotel. Monday night started the annual meeting with several addresses of welcome from heads of local organizations at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

Today's session opened at nine o'clock this morning at the high school auditorium with Rev. J. H. Henderlitz, D. D., of Gastonia, in charge of the devotional exercises. In a short talk to the workers, the latter stresses the fact that the delegates were servants of the public, and that many things depended upon their earnest work for the betterment of the state, country, and world conditions.

The musical part of the program was under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Coleman, head of the Georgia delegation. Immediately following the close of the devotional exercises, a special music program was held. Fifteen minutes were used by the session for musical singing. Mr. Coleman led this feature of the program.

President George C. Gibson had charge of the session. The principal speaker for the occasion was unable to reach Gastonia on time. Mr. Gordon A. Johnstone, Winnsboro, S. C. was to speak at 9:45 a. m., on "Unity of Effort in Service Work." His failure to arrive disappointed the members very much, as many had heard Mr. Johnstone, and knew that he could dwell upon the above named subject in an exceedingly appropriate way.

Group conferences were held from ten to eleven-thirty o'clock. The ministers, under the leadership of Rev. J. W. C. Johnson; teachers and nurses with Miss Margaret Laws, and the general community workers, under the leadership of Mr. Marion Hess. Each group adjourned to their respective meeting rooms and discussed the work that their departments were carrying on in the different communities.

Dr. E. C. Lindeman, professor of sociology at N. C. College for Women, Greensboro, spoke at three o'clock this afternoon on "Some Fundamentals of Community Work in Mill Villages." Dr. Lindeman's speech will be the principal address of the session's three day conference tonight at 8:00 p. m. His speech will follow the musical concert at the high school building. The public is urged to attend the social workers' meetings. Many things of interest to local people come up, discussions that all will be deeply interested in.

E. N. HAHN SELLS MAIN STREET BUSINESS HOUSE

Building Occupied by Gastonia Furniture Company Purchased by Lewis H. Balthis for \$52,500.

One of the largest real estate sales consummated here in some time was closed yesterday afternoon when Lewis H. Balthis of the cotton brokerage firm of W. L. Balthis & Co., purchased from Geo. E. Hiltz, real estate broker, from Edw. N. Hahn the two-story and basement brick store building at 225-227 West Main avenue occupied by the Gastonia Furniture Company. This building is 50 by 100 feet, was erected by Mr. Hahn about four years ago and is one of the handsomest business houses in the city. The consideration was \$52,500. It is understood that the Gastonia Furniture Company has a lease on the building.

Mr. Hahn recently sold the Gastonia Furniture Company, which he conducted for the past fourteen years, and retired from active business on account of failing health. He has purchased a home at Boone, Watauga county, and left this morning with his family through the country for his new home. His many friends regret that he is leaving the city and hope that he will eventually return here to reside.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, generally fair tonight and Thursday; continued warm.

with fans and the auditorium is cool one, with or without coats, in overalls and comfortable. Anyone and every house dresses, are welcome at this church. Come from work just as you are.

CHARLOTTE GOOD WILL PARTY WILL REACH CITY THIS EVENING AT 6:15

Gastonia Pythian Band Accompanies Delegation On Swing Around the Circle.

DINNER AT THE ANNEX

Short Speeches and Music By Band Will Feature Program at Dinner.

"We greet you. The Charlotte business and professional men on this Good Will Tour extend cordial greetings to the good people of the city and sections we are visiting today.

"We are not out to 'sell' anything except the spirit of fellowship and friendliness. Our purpose in making this trip is to promote and develop the spirit of friendship, helpfulness and co-operation between your town and your people, knowing that the closer relationship that must result from the development of that spirit means much to all of us in the development of our general section.

"Shake hands." With the above as the watershed on the trip the Charlotte delegation of goodwill tourists got under way this morning from Charlotte on their one-way jaunt over Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston counties. They will arrive in Gastonia this evening at 6:15 and will have dinner at the Baptist Annex.

The Gastonia Pythian Band joined the party at Mount Holly and gave a concert there at 7:40 o'clock. Of the trip the Charlotte News yesterday said: "All along the way, the towns are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Charlotte special. An advance guard went over the route last week and everywhere they found the best sort of feeling and enthusiasm for the goodwillers. Entertainment and reception are being planned along royal lines for the visitors.

A long string of automobiles will be at the station in Shelby to carry the Charlotteans to the Cleveland Springs hotel, where luncheon will be served and where an attractive program will be presented.

Dinner in Gastonia. "Charlotte dinner" is the appellation being given to the dinner at Gastonia by committeemen in charge of the event. A large number of Gastonia citizens are expected to be present and give welcome to the fellow citizens from the neighboring county. The dinner will be served in the First Baptist church annex, near the business section of the city.

At other stops along the way will be equally as attractive programs, although of necessity shorter. The length of the stops in the various towns will have no effect on the warmth of greeting. A refreshment car will be attached to the train and will be in charge of C. G. Smith, who will sell soft drinks, ice cream, cigars, cigarettes.

No Set Uniform

Mr. Kuester made clear Tuesday morning that no regulation uniform will be required of the passengers. When the tour was first discussed it was thought that all passengers dressed in white trousers and shoes and dark-colored coats would present an attractive appearance marching through the towns in the itinerary, but it has been decided that that thing will not be pressed. Those who care to may wear that dress, but any other will be acceptable.

The itinerary, with the time of arrival at each town, is as follows: Mount Holly, 8:00 a. m.; Stanley, 8:45 a. m.; Iron, 9 a. m.; Lincoln, 9:20; Crouse, 11:05 a. m.; Cherryville, 12:10 p. m.; Waco, 12:25 p. m.; Shelby, 12:50 p. m.; Blacksburg, 4:05; Grover, 4:45 p. m.; Kings Mountain, 4:50 p. m.; Bessemer City, 5:50 p. m.; and Gastonia, 6:15 p. m.

On return the train will arrive at the Southern passenger station here Wednesday night at 9:10 o'clock. Ten thousand copies of "Who's Who Abroad" will be distributed along the route. The four-page miniature newspaper will contain a list of persons and firms on the train and will have messages of good feelings to broadcast in the sections traversed by the train. The newspaper went to press for the final edition at noon Tuesday.

DENY THAT BUSCH WAS FRIEND OF KAISER

(By The Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, June 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—Denial that the late Adolphus Busch "was possibly the Kaiser's closest friend in America," as charged by Chairman Lasker, of the shipping board, was made at the offices of Anheuser Busch, Inc., today, with the announcement that a second letter was in preparation to the shipping board on the subject of liquor sales on shipping board vessels, and answering Mr. Lasker's charges of the Busch connections with Germany.

The letter will state that the Anheuser Busch organization reserves the right "to protest when the United States government buys German beer to sell on its ships, and will not let American beer be made," the announcement said.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD VESSELS BARS WIDE OPEN FOR SALE OF LIQUOR BEYOND THE THREE-MILE LIMIT

Power Projects For Big Cotton Mill To Be Near Asheville

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 14. — A project for the development of 10,000 horsepower to operate a proposed cotton mill near Asheville, N. C., is contemplated by the Carolina Power and Textile Company, under an application just filed with the Federal Power Commission.

The company asks for a preliminary permit to construct five power projects in the Pisgah national forest in Henderson and Transylvania counties. Three of the projects would be located on the south fork of Mills river, one on Rocky Ford and another on Davidson river. Ten thousand horsepower would be developed and the power used for operation of the cotton mill which is yet to be constructed. A brick factory will be built at the same point under the plans filed with the commission.

CHARLOTTE MINISTERS SAY IMMORALITY EXISTS

Charge Looseness of Prohibition Laws in City—Mayor Walker and Chief Orr Have No Official Reply.

CHARLOTTE, June 14. — Both Mayor Walker and City Police Chief W. B. Orr had no official statements to make Tuesday, they said in rebuttal to the charges contained in the resolutions submitted and adopted Monday at a meeting of the Charlotte Ministerial Association when the city administration was declared to have been derelict in its duty in enforcing the laws, according to evidence which a ministerial committee reported as having come into its possession.

The special committee of the ministers, composed of Dr. W. W. Orr, pastor of The Tabernacle and Dr. W. B. West, pastor of the Dimorth Methodist church, stated that while it had heard reports indicating laxness in enforcing the laws in the community, it was not prepared to prefer charges, but asked that a special committee composed of leading laymen of the city be named, to prosecute further the inquiry. It is understood that J. B. Ivey, J. A. Fore, E. A. Cole and others will constitute that committee, charged by the ministers with the business of inquiring further into alleged vice conditions prevalent in the city and in the county.

Mayor Walker, seen in his office Tuesday morning, said that he did not care to make any formal reply to the charges and Chief of Police Orr said that at this time he would not make an official utterance; that if the ministerial association or its agencies should make anything like formal charges, he would be prepared to vindicate himself and the department.

Mayor Walker said that the city commissioners would gladly hear complaints from any citizens in reference to vice conditions in Charlotte, and promised that the board would do everything necessary to remedy the status as reported, if the evidence was such that it could take action.

Asked if any member of the ministerial association had presented himself individually or as the representative of that association before the city solons to (Continued on page 6.)

TWO NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE ARMSTRONG COMPANY

Offices of Armstrong Mills Will Be Moved to Airline Avenue—W. H. Wray to Have New Auto House.

Ground is being broken by the Armstrong Lumber and Investment Company for the erection of two business buildings on Airline street next to The Gazette building. The buildings will house the office of W. H. Wray, automobile dealer, and will contain hand saws and other machinery. This building will be 15,200, extending the depth of the block to Long avenue. The second floor will be only 100 feet long and will contain the office of Geo. H. McFadden, cotton merchant, represented by D. H. Williams, and the cotton firm of Keller and Cotton. This building will immediately adjoin the Gazette building.

The other building will be 40,100 feet in dimensions. The downstairs portion will house the offices of the Armstrong chain of mills now located on the ground floor of the Realty building. The second floor will be occupied by the Gastonia Cotton Company. Both buildings will be handsomely finished in pressed brick and granite and will have plate glass fronts. Brown-Harry Co. has the contract. The buildings will be ready for occupancy by October 3.

President Anheuser Busch, Inc., Charges Prohibition Laws As Enforced Invite Violation

Says Passengers Are Guaranteed Money Back When Sailing On American Vessels If Bars Are Not Wide Open—Addresses Letter to President Harding and to Congress—Chairman Lasker, of Shipping Board, Makes Reply.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—Charging the United States is "incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world," a letter written by August A. Busch, president of Anheuser Busch, Inc., while en route to Europe, aboard the steamship George Washington, and which has been forwarded to President Harding, was made public here today together with an accompanying letter by Adolphus Busch, III, his son. A third letter by Anheuser Busch, Inc., addressed to members of Congress, requests an investigation of the enforcement department of the government in relation to the prohibition act.

The letter of August A. Busch, addressed to his associates, says in part: "We are now approaching the coast of France. As this vessel is operated by the United States Shipping Board I was amazed to learn that the Shipping Board vessels are the 'wettest on the ocean.'

"I learn that passage on these ships has been sold with a positive money back guarantee that the bars for the sale of intoxicating liquors would be thrown wide open as soon as they pass outside the three mile coast line.

This makes the United States incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world. "There are two reasons which I believe should impel us to bring this information to the attention of the president; the chief executive is charged with the duty of defending the constitution and taking care that the laws are faithfully executed and should be informed of this fact.

"As manufacturers of legal products we have been forced for more than two years to meet unfair and unlawful competition in practically every town and city in the United States. For the United States to set aside its constitution and laws in the operation of its own business enterprises, increases our difficulties many fold, because it encourages violators of the law to renewed and greater activity.

"I understand that the Shipping Board has brought to the notice of high officials of the Government the fact that it could not compete on the high seas with the ships of other nations and obey the constitution and the Volstead act. And either by direct or indirect means the Shipping Board is permitted to do in the dark that which it is illegal to do in order that it may make money x x x.

"We should submit to the President that the Government's toleration of the violation of the law by the Shipping Board is proof that prohibition laws as now written are either impractical and non-enforceable or are being disregarded deliberately. x x x.

"The fact that citizens of the United States would not buy passage upon ships of the United States so long as the Volstead act was operative upon these ships gives us a real sentiment of a considerable part of the American people with respect to prohibition and we believe that a great majority desire a modification of the Volstead act. x x x.

The letter of Adolphus Busch III, which accompanied the letter of his father, to the President, written from St. Louis, under date of June 8, says in part: "I am transmitting herewith a letter we have just received from my father, August A. Busch, president of Anheuser Busch, Inc., written on board the United States Steamship George Washington. Kindly note that he expresses astonishment that the prohibition laws of the United States are violated openly upon steamships owned by the United States and flying the United States flag. A copy of the wine list enumerating intoxicating liquors of every character is enclosed for your information.

"Because it is axiomatic that American ships wherever they float are American territory and under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States, the Government's liquor policy with respect to the ships of the United States Shipping Board constitute a violation of the constitution and the Volstead act in at least three important respects:

"As American sovereignty follows the flag it is a violation of the constitution and the enforcement act for the Government to sell intoxicating liquors or permit its sale on board any ship of the United States anywhere in the world. "It is a violation of the constitution and the law for the government ships to transport intoxicating liquor within the three mile coast line.

"It is a violation of the law for a Government ship to possess intoxicating liquor within the three mile coast line." "We are reliably informed that the advertisement of the United States lines, published in European newspapers, announced 'Choice wines and liquors' on ships of the United States. "We are also reliably informed that during all the time that the Government has been violating the prohibition laws it has had public figures touring the country for the special purpose of procuring respect for the prohibition laws to the American people.

"We are enclosing what appears to be a government inspired newspaper editorial a plea for the continued violation of the prohibition laws on board United States ships. We had authoritative information the day before this editorial was published that it was to appear the following day.