

GEORGIA SCHOOL TEACHER PROVES HERSELF A HEROINE

HAYNES URGES A CLOSE UNION BETWEEN FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

Every Locality Faces Its Own Responsibility in Enforcing Prohibition.

KOHLLOSS IS PLEASED

Haynes Declares Remarkable Success Has Attended the Efforts.

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 29.—A program of most concerted cooperation between federal officials and local enforcement agencies is planned for the coming year, Federal Prohibition Commissioner R. A. Haynes advises Director R. A. Kohloss of this State.

Section II of the enforcement act divides the responsibility between the government and the states. Practically all of the states have enacted legislation to this end and the various state agencies report increasing evidence of cooperation.

Commissioner Haynes says that every state, county and city has the initial responsibility of clearing up its own conditions through locally selected officials, before the federal machinery should be expected to take charge. Hence, the necessity of close cooperation between the state and federal agencies.

Director Kohloss is greatly pleased with the progress that has been made in enforcement in this state, and is most optimistic in regard to the future, in view of the spirit of cooperation, in evidence practically everywhere. More and more is the public becoming convinced that the success of enforcement lies as much with the people themselves as with the officers who are designated to enforce the law. In spite of obstacles and many complications, prohibitions is showing itself as a means of pronounced public betterment, of improved living conditions, and healthier happier human beings. There is evidence everywhere of marked progress in the way of enforcement.

This is not the time to be impatient, nor discouraged, for the friends of the law are truly in action, as shown by reports which Commissioner Haynes has received from the various states, justifying the optimism which he entertains. Reducing the source of supply, through concentration, in Commissioner Haynes' opinion, will aid materially in enforcement and also make for economy, for, as he says, economy has been the watchword of the administration. Concentration of bonded warehouses will result in the saving of at least \$300,000 per annum. A saving of \$250,000 has been effected through reductions secured in rental of office and storage space and the disposition of seized property. A further saving of \$150,000 annually has been effected by the re-adjusting of salaries.

Referring to the cry that prohibition is a "failure," Commissioner Haynes says that in his judgment, one of the most remarkable successes ever attained in the enforcement of a new and drastic law has been recorded in the present status of enforcement of the National Prohibition Act.

A complete reorganization has been effected in the last fifteen months. Fifty-one Director's offices have been established in each state, and Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska. These complete changes in the reorganization of the work have resulted in the elimination of duplication of work and a greater efficiency. Experienced men of undoubted integrity have been called into service. The Washington office of over 600 employees, and all the field forces have become enthused with the greatness of the task. Thirty-two hundred and one temporary and permanent appointments have been made during this fifteen-month period.

A new feature of the organization is the General Agents' Force operating independent of the Director's force. To date this force has reported 3,251 cases, and recommended fines in the amount of \$24,168,824.62.

The Narcotic forces, which also operate under the Prohibition Unit, have also been reorganized. There has resulted such an increase of efficiency that with no larger appropriation or appreciable increase in field forces, there has been an increase of some sixty-five percent in the number of violations reported in the period of one year, and an increase of one hundred percent in the convictions secured.

Attention of the Chamber of Commerce offices has been called to the fact that from time to time endorsement of the chamber is claimed by itinerants of various kinds soliciting business in Gastonia. Such claims are of course baseless and those to whom they are made are urged to report such by telephone immediately. Needless to state when the organization's sanction is given anything or anybody a written statement to that effect is given.

Hall-Mills Murder Probe May Be Dropped, Or It May Be Pushed Along New Lines, Is The Report

Three Dead When Liquor Still Explodes

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—Three men are dead and six injured as the result of an explosion of a 100 gallon still in a stable here last night. One man was instantly killed and the other two died in hospitals today. Two of the six injured are reported in a serious condition. The dead are John Kozals, Benjamin Waxman, and an unidentified man believed by the police to have been B. Miller, who recently rented the place.

The blast rocked the neighborhood and broke window glass in many of the nearby houses.

A partially loaded motor truck was standing in the building when flames and muffled explosions were coming from containers that held an aggregate of about 500 gallons of moonshine. The truck was dragged to the street and the flames extinguished. Government agents investigating the explosion expect to make arrests today.

PITCHED BATTLE IN OIL FIELDS OF ARKANSAS

Workers In Oil Fields and 200 Vigilantes Stage Regular Battle—Sheriff and Posse On Way to Scene.

ELDOBORADO, Ark., Nov. 29.—Details were lacking early today of a pitched battle reported to have taken place shortly after midnight between old field workers and a band of more than 200 "vigilantes" from Eldorado and surrounding towns which went to the Smackover oil field, about 12 miles north of this city, early last night with the avowed purpose of "cleaning out" the disorderly element in a number of small settlements in the oil fields.

Mongre reports received here a few moments before telephone communication with the oil field was interrupted soon after midnight, stated that the "vigilantes" were engaged in a battle with a band of 25 or more field workers, who had objected to the invasion by the citizens posse. The firing, according to the report, was taking place in the small settlements north of Smackover, and added that the sheriff of Ouasheita county and his deputies had been sent for at Camden. The sheriff and a posse was on his way to the scene of the trouble, it was said.

The reported battle is believed to be the outcome of an effort, made within the last few days to rid the oil field of gamblers and other undesirable persons, who are alleged to have flocked to that section since the discovery of oil in the field. Two murders have taken place in the Smackover field within the last week, and the lawless element, it has been reported to the authorities, was getting beyond control.

Following the slaying of an oil field worker named Persons Sunday near Smackover, a citizens' posse visited the scene, ordered the inmates of the resort in which the man was shot to leave the country, and then burned down the buildings. Other objectionable resorts in the vicinity were visited, and the proprietors ordered to leave within 24 hours, or to take the consequences. A number of the undesirable were flogged by the posse as a further warning, it is reported.

The trouble early today is believed to have resulted from an effort on the part of the "vigilantes" to enforce those orders, and to drive out any undesirable who might not have heeded the previous warnings.

Smackover, early this morning was cut off from wire communication, efforts to reach the oil town by telephone or over railroad telegraph wires failing.

MRS. BRIMMER ENTITLED TO THE TIERNAN DOWER

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Nov. 29.—A. B. Hoover, counsel for Mrs. Blanche Hawn Rash Brimmer, wife for a day of Professor John P. Tiernan, of South Bend, Ind., today announced his opinion that Mrs. Brimmer and not Mrs. Augusta Tiernan would be entitled to the dower interest in the former professor's estate despite the fact that the husband's desire of divorce from his first wife was vacated shortly after the second matrimony.

Mrs. Brimmer's attorney also said it was his opinion that Arthur Brimmer, Mrs. Brimmer's former husband, no longer was a figure in the quadrangle because he was married at the time he married Mrs. Brimmer. The Iowa law provides, Mr. Hoover said, that a man who marries without first obtaining a divorce is subject to prosecution for bigamy, while the woman whom he marries retains her former status.

State Failed to Make Out Its Case Before Grand Jury Yesterday.

TWO VILLAGES ARE AGOG

Principals In Prosecution Are Holding Special Conference Today.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Is the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder case to be pushed along new lines or is the inquiry to be dropped, at least for the present?

This question today apparently hung on a conference which Attorney General Thomas F. McLean has indicated he will hold with Special Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott, who yesterday failed to obtain from the Somerset county grand jury in Somerville indictment of three persons whom the state indicated it believed responsible for the shooting of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills approximately ten weeks ago.

Detectives and State troopers indicated this morning that they were at present without orders. Mr. Mott, after the jury filed out, deciding to lay the matter over, expressed himself as being in a state of suspended animation. No official expression of opinion was forthcoming from Prosecutor Beckman, succeeded in the inquiry by Mr. Mott, after criticism of the Somerset and Middlesex counties' authorities for their early handling of the investigation.

Both New Brunswick and Somerville were agog with the dramatic collapse of the state's case yesterday.

Many residents of Somerville, who have contended that the double slaying after all was not half as much the affair of Somerset county as of Middlesex, in which the slain pair had resided, indicated that they would be content if the case were allowed to drop. In New Brunswick, however, there was evident a strong disinclination to permit the case to fall into the class of unsolved crimes.

Persons who wish the investigation continued, pointed hopefully to the fact that Mrs. Jane Gibbon, hailed by the state as its star witness, still was under close observation at her pig farm. This, they speculated, indicated that the inquiry was to be pushed further.

The only expression coming from the home of Mrs. Frances Noel Hall, widow of the slain rector of the Episcopal church of St. John the Evangelist, was uttered by her lawyer, Timothy N. Pfeiffer. He was said to sincerely hoped the authorities would continue their search for the guilty.

Florence North, attorney for Charlotte Mills, daughter of the slain choir singer, contributed the cryptic remark that refusal of the grand jury to return an indictment was no surprise to her. She added that she would turn over the authorities important evidence in her possession.

Miss North has clung to the theory that the murdered pair were kidnaped by hired assassins, killed and laid out under the old crab apple tree on the Phillips farm.

(By Associated Press.)

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 28.—For reasons which seem to them sufficient and controlling, the grand jury took no action in the Hall-Mills murder case and laid the matter over. This does not mean necessarily that the matter cannot be taken up again by this or a subsequent grand jury.

With these words Foreman Gibbs of the Somerset county grand jury late today made known the fact that no indictment had been returned in one of the most mystifying murder dramas that has faced the country in many years.

For five days Special Deputy Attorney General Mott had been presenting evidence to bolster his theory as to who killed Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills on the Phillips farm the night of September 14. Today—a day replete with drama—the prosecutor presented his star witnesses and then settled back to await the jury's decision.

Mrs. Hall Pept Silent. Outside the jury room some one else was awaiting the decision. It was Mrs. Frances Noel Hall, the rector's widow, who had rushed to the court house this morning in the hope of appearing before the grand jury and who had not been granted access.

She received the decision as she has received all other developments in the case—stolidly, with scarcely a trace of emotion. A slight biting of the lips, a little tug at her handkerchief, that was all that showed the stress under which

BAPTISTS OF STATE TO MEET IN THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION DEC. 12-14

Darwin at Wake Forest and Fraternities and Meredith to Be Discussed.

HOT TIME EXPECTED

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, to Be One of the Speakers.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Darwin's theory of evolution, fraternities at Wake Forest and the removal of Meredith College from its present location in Raleigh are to be among the most important subjects discussed at the annual North Carolina Baptist convention at Winston-Salem, December 12-14, it was announced by church officials today.

"These matters have been discussed freely in the district associations this fall," said Dr. Charles E. Madry, secretary of the state mission board. "They have proven to be live topics and are sure to provoke warm discussions should they be introduced at the convention. However, it is not anticipated that the discussions, no matter how animated they may become, will be of such a nature as to hinder materially the progress of these two fine institutions of learning."

"It is too soon yet to forecast the results of the reinforcement campaign, which will not close until next Sunday night. But it is quite evident that the Baptists of North Carolina and throughout the south are rallying to the objects of the drive in a great way."

"Many of our members have awakened to the fact that for the great forward movement which has started three years ago, known as the \$75,000,000 campaign, to fail no would mean disaster to their work in the future."

"It is confidently expected that more than \$1,000,000 will be reported as having been raised for the objects of the campaign by North Carolina Baptists during the past year," he said.

Dr. Madry this year has projected the "greatest state mission program in the history of the denomination," according to church officials, who added that the reports from the different departments will "justify the action."

State mission, in all its phases, will occupy the center of the stage Wednesday morning of the convention," it was stated. At this time Dr. Madry will outline his policies for next year.

An evangelistic conference has been arranged to meet in Winston-Salem a day before the convention convenes. Rev. Herman T. Stevens, head of the department will preside and Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Louisiana, will deliver two of the principal addresses. He also will address the convention.

Other speakers on the program are Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Louisville, Kentucky, who has just returned from a trip to Europe in the interest of the Baptist mission work in that country; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Fort Worth, Texas, general director of the \$75,000,000 campaign; Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Baptist foreign mission board at Richmond, Va., and Dr. B. D. Gray, of the home board in Atlanta. Dr. Mullins is president of the Southern Baptist convention and president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. R. W. Spilman, of Kingston, who was re-elected president of the convention at the session last year in Rocky Mount, will preside and Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, of Sanford, will continue as recording secretary. Dr. Spilman has presided over the last four conventions. The convention sermon will be preached Tuesday night by Dr. W. A. Ayers, of New Bern, or his alternate, Dr. T. H. King, of Gastonia.

MAYOR COUZENS, OF DETROIT, TO SUCCEED NEWBERRY

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 28.—Mayor James Couzens, of Detroit, today was appointed by Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck as United States senator from Michigan to fill the unexpired term of former Senator Truman H. Newberry, who resigned recently. Mayor Couzens has accepted the appointment, the governor announced.

The notification of his appointment was forwarded to Mr. Couzens at the Hotel Belmont in New York City. The appointment is in New York to spend Thanksgiving Day with his daughter, a college student.

The governor announced Mr. Couzens, who has gained nation-wide prominence through his municipal railway ventures here, would take his seat in the senate as soon as his Detroit affairs could be arranged.

Illinois congresswoman has four children so should pick up things quickly in the House.

William C. Faries Taken to Death House Today

YORK, S. C., Nov. 29.—William C. Faries was taken to the state penitentiary in Columbia this morning. He was carried on an early train by Sheriff Fred Quinn.

According to Deputy Sheriff Tom Quinn, who has been his keeper all the while here, he ate a big supper last night. He did not sleep much after midnight. He is reported to have told a prisoner who slept with him last night that the only thing he dreaded about the penitentiary was having to occupy a cell in the death house instead of a previous cell he had there.

"Good bye, Tom," he told Deputy Sheriff Quinn this morning. Then with his old black slouch hat in his hand he started for the death house, apparently cool, calm and unperturbed.

THACKER MEETING TO COME TO A CLOSE THIS EVENING

Two Weeks Series of Services to Close Tonight—Have Been Many Conversions.

Dr. J. Ernest Thacker preached two splendid sermons at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday morning and evening.

In the afternoon Mrs. May Dixon Thacker delivered her address on "God's Creation and Christian Science," to an especially large week day congregation which filled the large auditorium and galleries. This address has gained for its author a national reputation and has drawn most favorable comment from press and people of the Southland. Mrs. Thacker's Gastonia audience was a unit in voicing appreciation and commendation of the address. Preaching to Christians Tuesday morning from a text selected from John's Gospel, fourth chapter, 13 and 14th verses, his subject was "The Never Failing Fountain."

The following is a synopsis of the sermon.

I. First he tells her that that water will not satisfy her deepest thirst. He doesn't condemn it, or its proper use. So he tells us that the best and the most necessary things of this world will not satisfy us. "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again." (1) This is true of the education, the learning, the science of earth. Whoever would tear down our great educational institutions would push back civilization a thousand years, but thrift, education, science, culture didn't save Germany and cannot save us. A skeptical scientist came to Lord Kelvin, one of the greatest of modern scientists, and asked him which was the greatest of all the discoveries that he had ever made. Lord Kelvin answered: "Of all the discoveries that I have ever made, the greatest was when I discovered the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Savior." (2) Neither will money satisfy. We have a saying that "poverty is no disgrace," but much of the poverty is a disgrace, all poverty that comes from lack of thrift, energy, perseverance is an absolute disgrace. If we do our level best, and are still poor, then poverty is certainly no disgrace, and all the money on earth wouldn't satisfy our hearts or save our souls. God said to Simon Magus: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought to purchase the salvation of God."

OFFICERS CAPTURE ANOTHER STILL IN UPPER GASTON

Liquor Plant Found On Premises of Albert Mauney Between Dallas and Cross—Had Been In Recent Operation.

Late Monday afternoon Officers Will Cole, Adam Hord and W. A. Dameron captured a 30-gallon still on the premises of Albert Mauney, who lives in the northern part of the county between Dallas and Cross. There were all indications that the still had been in recent operation. Three hundred gallons of beer is barrels was found in the same smoke-house in which the still was located. The slop from the latest "run" had been thrown in a ditch nearby and covered with fresh dirt. Mauney was not at home at the time the officers reached the house, although they are of the opinion that he had been there just a short time before. Two small girls were the only members of the family at home. The still, which was a well-constructed home-made affair with copper worm and all necessary appurtenances, was brought to Gastonia and will be destroyed in due course.

THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer tonight and Thursday.

Twelve Children Are Missing As Result Of Fire In Georgia Rural Community Schoolhouse

Five Masked Men Shoot Up One Albert Evans

WAYNESBORO, Miss., Nov. 29.—Sheriff Crosby and his entire force of deputies are investigating the shooting and attempted kidnaping of Albert Evans, whose condition is now regarded as critical after his experience with five masked men, who came to his home near Boyce last night. According to Evans, the men called him from his home shortly after 10 o'clock and throwing a flashlight on him ordered him to accompany them. He went a little distance and then jerked himself away. As he did one of the party fired two shots which struck him in the side and breast.

GASTONIA MAN MAY BE HEIR TO BAKER MILLIONS

Arch Fox, Mill Worker of Gastonia, Finds Evidence That Entitles Him to Part of Big Baker Estate, He Thinks.

TAYLORSVILLE, Nov. 29.—Arch Fox, of East Gastonia, a native of Alexander county and formerly a resident of Taylorsville, was here this week making an investigation of the register of deed's offices at the courthouse in the interest of discovering his father's ancestral relationship, Mr. Fox securing positive proof, he said, whereby he may be in position to proclaim himself an heir to part of the huge Baker estate in Los Angeles, Cal., which is valued at \$135,000,000.

Fox, who is employed in a mill at Gastonia, has an attorney of Spartanburg, S. C., engaged to represent him and his near relatives. He states that his father, William Fox, was married to Miss Susanne Baker, a sister of Joseph and Andrew Baker, who first purchased the California estate during the "gold rush" in 1849. Since developing the estate, and following up this vast amount of wealth, these two men soon passed to their reward, leaving no immediate relatives, as they had never married. Daniel Hefner, of Catawba county, also married Barbara Baker, a sister of Mr. Fox's father's wife. The relatives of these two families are making every effort in their research to ascertain positive identity of the family tree, which has not been kept. Records of marriage license which was issued to their parents, it is feared, has been lost, as they were married almost 90 years ago, and since their marriage, the territory in which William Fox lived at that time has been divided into various counties, and whether records of this marriage can be found in Wilkes, Alexander or Catawba counties remains to be found in checking over old deeds of each county seat, filed back to that time. Mr. Arch Fox has five brothers in this county, and also one sister, Mrs. Susanne McAlpin, who lives in Gastonia.

DR. THACKER SPEAKS AT CHARLOTTE ROTARY LUNCHEON

The following from The Charlotte Observer giving a partial account of Dr. Thacker's appearance before the Charlotte Rotary club at its Tuesday meeting will be of interest:

"Dr. J. Ernest Thacker is to a happy, humorous and congratulatory effort which, in the past whenever he has visited Charlotte, was seemingly thoroughly appreciated by his hearers. He is conducting an evangelical series of services at Gastonia, and drove through the country to attend the Rotarians' luncheon, returning to Gastonia Tuesday afternoon.

Illustrating his remarks with many anecdotes that brought spontaneous laughter from the hearers, Dr. Thacker gave some of the reasons why he liked the Rotarians. Chief among these he declared were the Rotarians' love and reverence for women, their friendliness for each other and mankind in general, and their striving toward efficiency in mind, body and soul.

Speaking rapidly, for he said he had a great deal to say in a short time and intended to deliver himself of as much as possible, Dr. Thacker enthralled the Rotarians with a flight of oratory that ranged from humorous and pithy stories to the realm of poetry and religious fervor.

A number of the visiting Rotarians and other guests of Charlotte members of the local organization were present and were introduced at the luncheon."

Fire destroyed a furniture plant in Bethlehem, Pa., and all we hope is it burned some folding beds.

MRS. GRANT, THE TEACHER BY HER PRESENCE OF MIND SAVES CHILDREN'S LIVES

Teacher Lowered 37 Bodies From Window to the Ground.

FLAMES ENGULFED HER

Funeral Party Passing School Discovered House In Flames.

COVINGTON, Ga., Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Searching parties continued to comb among the debris of the burned High Point community school house, located near here, early today for the bodies of 12 reported missing children following a fire yesterday afternoon which destroyed the building and cost, according to school officials, the lives of three children, burned 15 seriously and painfully injured 35. One teacher was also seriously burned, probably fatally.

The three bodies already recovered from the ruins have not been positively identified. Two of the bodies are believed to have been the sons of J. J. Steele, and Charles Bachelor. The name of the third child is unknown, the body being burned to a crisp.

School authorities early today were endeavoring to recheck the injured list in hope of learning the missing numbers. The names on the missing list early today stood:

W. H. Johnson, two daughters and a son.
John Meadows, daughter.
Elwood Lester, three boys.
Charles Nick, two boys.
Sam Lloyd, three girls.

Practically all of the children, it was said, most seriously burned, are under 10 years of age. Two of these who are believed to have lost their lives were eight years of age.

There were 125 pupils enrolled in the school. Yesterday 99 of them were present.

"Oh! Look at the pretty white dust," exclaimed one of the children in the room of Mrs. Oscar Grant, school teacher, located on the second floor of the building.

The "dust" was smoke. It came from the direction of the door, the single egress from the room.

Mrs. Grant ran to the door and opened it. A burst of smoke drove her back. The hallway was in flames. The stairs had already crumpled.

Inside the room was forty children, none of them old enough to exercise calm judgment. Mrs. Grant locked the door, and calmly walked to the window and told the children to line up. They became panicky but she soon got them under control. The ground was about 20 feet below. The drop meant all-worst certain injury, but to stay meant death to them all.

The teacher pushed her own child, Mary Pearl, back from the window and then began lowering the other children. One two, three, four, until 30 or more dangling little forms had been dropped to the ground below. The flames entered the room. They licked rapidly toward the window.

Mary Pearl Grant was next in line. Her mother, threw her bodily out of the window. Burns, a fractured limb, and internal injuries are alongside of the child's name on the injured list.

Chokingly Mrs. Grant reached back. She grasped the small form of Minnie Sue Meadows. Like Mary Pearl, the little scholar was hurled out of the window. Three more children remained in line. They are believed to have been the sons of Mr. Stele and Mr. Bachelor and the unknown child.

There was a sag in the floor; flames engulfed them as Mrs. Grant reached for their bodies. The teacher's clothing caught on fire as she grappled in the

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GASTONIA COTTON
Today's Receipts 66 bales
Price 25 1/2 cents

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKETS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(Market figures closed quiet, unchanged. Jan. 25.29; March 25.34; May 25.39; July 25.44; Oct. 25.49; Dec. 25.55; Spot 25.45)