

CHILD LAWS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY GRAND JURY

Judge Urges That Compulsory School Law and Child Labor Law Be Extended

MAG BENTLY CASE FIRST TO COME UP

Judge Spoke of Record of Two Arrests at Wrightsville Beach This Season. Cases Tried.

Judge George W. Connor, in his charge to the grand jury, in the opening of a two weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, here this morning, urged the jury to investigate the enforcement of the compulsory school law and the compulsory child labor law in Wilmington and New Hanover county, not because he had any particular reason to believe that the laws were being violated in this city or county, but more because they are questions of vital interest to communities and are ones that should be strictly enforced.

In the charge Judge Connor thoroughly instructed the grand jury as to the methods of investigating bills presented by the solicitor and also cautioned them to be careful in investigating each case, as when a man is charged with a crime by the court, whether he is guilty or not, it leaves a stain on him. However, Judge Connor explained the issue for the grand jury to consider was not if the man was guilty or not guilty, but whether the state has sufficient evidence to call the person to the bar of the court.

James A. Northan was sworn in as a member of the grand jury and the following are the jurymen: J. A. Kerr, I. T. Scott, J. Hargrove Taylor, Melton Watts, L. H. Marshburn, W. D. Johnson, H. L. Taylor, J. T. Eagles, J. R. Huntz, R. L. Sanford, J. F. Seiler, J. T. Hardison, J. M. Shinn, J. C. Winger, Jr., W. B. Cochman, J. Ed. Riser and W. K. Stewart.

Following the charge of the grand jury which lasted nearly an hour, the case of Mac Bentley, a white woman, charged with violating the prohibition law by ordering and receiving liquor in the name of another person. She was defended by L. Clayton Grant, Esq. and Solicitor Homer L. Lyon presented for the State.

In speaking of the violation of the prohibition law, Judge Connor referred to the record of only two arrests on Wrightsville Beach during the season which just came to a close, which, said the judge, was evidence of little violation of this law. There is a law prohibiting the sale of liquor now, but there is no law against giving it except in the case of a minor under 17 years of age, explained the judge, who further explained that it was also unlawful for any person to give or sell cigarettes or any other form of tobacco to a minor under 17 years of age, and if an officer saw a person under this age smoking or using tobacco it was his duty to ascertain how he came in possession of it and swear out a warrant for the person who sold or gave it to him, or even aided him in getting it.

The compulsory school law of this State, explained Judge Connor, requires that every child between the ages of 8 and 12 years shall attend school four months each season and that all children shall attend school at least 16 months between certain ages. Judge Connor stated that there was no evidence that this law was being violated, but instructed the grand jury to investigate the system of the county school boards to see to what extent the law was being carried out.

In urging the grand jury to investigate the enforcement of the child labor law he made it clear that it was unlawful for any child under the age of 12 to work in a mill or factory, as well as to work in a mill or factory below the age of 16 to work more than between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. The law which prohibits any persons from working longer than 60 hours without rest applies usually to adults, explained Judge Connor.

The grand jury was instructed to investigate the enforcement of this law. Judge Connor made it clear that in many cases it was not the fault of the employer, but more rather was the carelessness or indifference of the child's parents. The law requires that a certificate be given the employees of a child certifying that they are above the unlawful age.

Wolf Hunters Kill Three. Gilliam, Mo., Sept. 11.—J. D. Brightwell and two sons, Clarence and Ham, succeeded in killing three wolves on the farm of Gus Gilliam, northeast of Gilliam. Brightwell has ten hounds, and Gilliam informed him that the wolves had been killing chickens, calves, and pigs on his and other farms, and asked Brightwell to bring his dogs and see if he could catch them. Brightwell's son killed one of the wolves, the dogs another and Brightwell one. They failed to catch the mother and another pup.

The Soubrette—You're a contortionist, ain't you?
The Balladist—Why, no. What made you think I was?
The Soubrette—Oh, I kinda thought you might be, when I heard you try to sing.—Exchange

RE-OPENING OF THE FUCHS STORE

Entirely New Stock Will be Offered the Public Within Ten Days.

The department store of Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, which was burned out several weeks ago, will open for business at the old stand some time between the 17th and 20th, with the same high-class and complete line of fresh and reasonable merchandise in keeping with the Fuchs idea of store keeping.

The interior of the store has been completely rebuilt on a more modern idea than before the fire which destroyed the entire stock of this well known establishment. Mr. Fuchs has recently returned from the Northern markets, where he purchased an entire new stock of merchandise for the new store. He was especially fortunate in securing a large stock of dry goods, notwithstanding that this class of merchandise is very scarce and prices high. However, being in the markets and paying cash for his purchases he was able to secure quite an assortment at prices to be sold in Wilmington as formerly.

The same competent courteous force of clerks will be employed when the new store opens for business, with the exception of an addition in the millinery department which will have at its head Miss Flossie Hitchinson, of New York, a milliner of wide experience and who comes to Wilmington to give the ladies the benefit of her experience, services and advice in stylish and reasonable millinery of a large variety and selection. Miss Hitchinson will be assisted by Miss Lula Holder, one of the best known milliners of the city.

An innovation of the opening of the new Fuchs department store will be an abandonment of the credit system and hereafter the store will be conducted on a strictly cash basis. Mr. Fuchs stated that due to his heavy losses during the recent fire, together with the high cost of merchandise and in order to give the public the very best merchandise at the lowest possible price, he determined on the cash basis both in consideration of himself and the buying public at large. The new store will be conducted on a more elaborate scale.

MUST USE STAMPS.

Erroneous Impression That Revenue Bill Kills Stamp Act is Corrected.

Numbers of people are laboring under the delusion that the revenue bill recently passed in Washington automatically kills the stamp act that has caused stamps to be placed on deeds, express receipts, telegrams and numbers of articles. This impression is wrong, according to Senator Simmons, who stated that the bill passed did not affect the stamp act in any way whatsoever. The senator stated that the stamp act was a separate bill and the finance committee took no action at all in the recent session of Congress. The stamp act was put into effect December, 1914, and will continue in force, unless changed by the next Congress, until the last day of 1916.

Numbers of corporations were under the impression that the stamp act was repealed and it is stated that in a number of cases that these corporations have ordered their agencies to stop affixing the stamps to documents and the like.

TO SEND EXPERT HERE.

Department of Agriculture Will Help to Exterminate Round-Head Borer.

The Chamber of Commerce has been advised that an expert in the eradication of tree pests will be sent here in November to help exterminate the round-headed borers that have been destroying the shade trees of the city.

Some time ago when the matter was brought to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce by the local Tree and Park Commission, President M. W. Jacobi at once addressed letters to Senators Simmons and Overman, asking that Federal aid be sent here to help in the extermination of the pests.

On account of the damage being wrought by the insects a delay of two months in sending an expert here is not thought to be best and letters have been addressed to the senators asking them to have the expert sent here earlier, if possible. Both Senator Simmons and Senator Overman have replied that they will do all in their power to have the expert sent earlier.

TO HEAD AVIATION CORPS.

Former Wilmington Resident To Be In Charge of Aerial Division.

Capt. B. M. Chiswell, of the coast guard cutter, Onondaga, stationed at Norfolk, Va., is to head the aviation division of the coast guard service that was recently established by Congress. This announcement will come to a number of Wilmington people who will be interested especially as Captain Chiswell was at one time stationed here on the Seminole and is well known in social circles in the city.

While this branch of the coast guard service has been established no money was provided by Congress to carry on the work and the active work of the division will be deferred until December when Congress again convenes, at which time it is hoped that money will be provided with which to carry on the work.

RICHMOND CALL FOR REV. W.E. COX

Announced His Acceptance at St. John's Church Yesterday.

Announcement of his acceptance of a call from the Church of the Holy Comforter, in Richmond, Va., effective December 1, was made to the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church here at the Sunday morning service by Rev. William E. Cox, the rector, who has recently returned from Baltimore, Md., where he underwent treatment for several weeks.

Mr. Cox explained to the congregation Sunday morning that he was accepting the new rectorship because he believed that an opportunity there existed for him that he did not think he should refuse. As yet the parish to which he will go is small, but the field is large. In so small, but the field is large. In the tender regard he would always remember the Wilmington congregation as the co-operation extended him in the church work here had been the most cordial.

While at first public announcement of Mr. Cox's acceptance of the call was made yesterday, his resignation was accepted by the vestry of St. John's church last week. Not, however, without an expression of keen regret.

Since coming to Wilmington nearly nine years ago, Mr. Cox has worked untiringly in the interest of his church and not without reward as his congregation has nearly trebled in that time and the church as a whole is doing a greater work than at any time since its founding 47 years ago. Mr. Cox left today for Chapel Hill to join Mrs. Cox who is visiting her mother. They will remain there until October 1, when they will return to Wilmington and remain here until they leave for Richmond shortly before the first of December.

While greatly improved from his recent sickness, Mr. Cox is still unable to undertake the duties of the parish and his vacation will be spent recuperating.

GAS SYSTEM TO BE EXTENDED.

Sunset Park Residents Will Be Able to Connect With City.

It has been announced that a contract has been closed between the Tidewater Power Company and the Fidelity Trust and Development Company that assures gas connections for the residents of Sunset Park.

This will be the final connecting of all suburbs to the gas plant in the city. Already the other suburbs have the connection and the linking up of Sunset Park is the final step toward furnishing gas to all of the outlying districts.

The contract provides for a high pressure system of gas and all connections and the work will begin on the extension at once. The pipe will be extended from Third and Green street to Greenfield Park and thence on to Sunset Park. Orders have already been placed for the material and it is thought that the actual work of laying the pipes will begin in about three weeks.

LOCK ALMOST FINISHED.

Capt. C. S. Ridley Stated That Lock No. 2 is 95 Per Cent. Complete.

Capt. C. S. Ridley, United States Engineer, stationed here, has announced that Lock No. 2 on the upper Cape Fear river is almost completed, fully 95 per cent. of the structure being finished.

The lock is about two miles below Elizabethtown. Capt. Ridley has recently returned from an inspection tour of that and other government works now going on and is loud in his praise of the work which is being done under the direction of Capt. J. R. D. Matheson. On account of the high water in the river on several occasions the work has been delayed, but it is now going on at a most satisfactory rate.

The lock walls have already reached 36 feet in height and the lock chamber is 40 feet wide. The dimensions are so fixed that a vessel 200 feet long can be accommodated and when finished the lock will furnish vessels plying between Wilmington and Fayetteville an eight-foot channel the entire length of the river.

MADE LARGEST HAUL OF SEASON

Party Headed by Wilmington Man Made Biggest Catch of Season.

Fifteen thousand pounds of mullet were taken Saturday night from the surf near Queen's Inlet. This is the largest haul made this year and the party who was making the haul was headed by Mr. Sam Lewis, of Wilmington. All Saturday night trucks came and went between Wilmington and where the catch was made and numbers of the fish were yesterday shipped to the markets surrounding this city.

STORM LEFT SNAKES.

Six Killed on One Lawn After Hurricane Passes.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 11.—They are swarming snakes at Rockport now. Col. Frank Holland killed six on the lawn of the lot on which his cottage stands near Rockport after Friday's hurricane, according to a report. "Some of the snakes were rattlesnakes and were at least four feet long," it was said. Colonel Holland and a neighbor were preparing to go fishing when the storm broke.

PROSPERITY WAVE SWEEPS THE LAND

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been able to get all the raw materials they needed.

The governments of the three Scandinavian countries were quick to see the trend of the times and by special taxes and heavy income levies have filled the national treasuries to overflowing. One American concern doing business here in Stockholm paid last year a tax of 28 per cent. on its net profits. The stamp taxes on tobacco and liquors have steadily increased. On cigarette packages selling ordinarily at 75 cents for 50 cigarettes a 30 cent stamp has been placed. Part of their enormously increased national revenues has been devoted to the maintenance of armed neutrality, the naval and military expenses having been very heavy ever since the war began.

The Norwegians, with their wealth of shipping and their extensive fisheries, have reaped such a golden harvest that the term "Norwegian millionaire" is a common designation for men who two years ago were possessed of merely modest means. The Norwegians rather "put it over" the Swedes at the beginning of the war by buying up many Swedish ships before the Swedish owners realized the mammoth profits that were to come from neutral tonnage in war times.

The Danes were quick to grasp the situation, too, and the result has been that many Norwegian and Danish shipping companies have entirely paid off all their capital stock, have paid off the cost of all their ships and have declared dividends from the earnings of vessels which no longer represent a dollar of original investment. Despite the many losses inflicted upon Scandinavian shipping by German submarines and North Sea mines the tonnage of the northern neutrals has shown a steady increase. Many of the big shipbuilding orders placed in the United States in the past eighteen months have come from Norway. Shipping shares on the stock exchanges, under these circumstances, have had a boom unparalleled in all history. They have jumped hundreds of points in a day and instead of selling in the tens of crowns are now selling in the thousands. Ships values have increased about four fold.

The Norwegians have also reaped enormous profits from fish, the price of herring and fish oils having shown increases as high as 600 per cent. The biggest profits came from Germany of course, but now under a trade agreement with Great Britain the English have first option on the Norwegian output at limited prices.

Despite the fortunes already made in Scandinavian there are stories of still greater ones that might be made. If anyone for instance could get a cargo of bacon for Germany through the English blockade and through the Scandinavian restrictions of export, it is said he could retire as a millionaire on this one deal alone.

ALWAYS ICE IN CAVE.

Two or Three Feet of Ice for a Quarter of a Mile.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 11.—Two to three feet of ice throughout the cave for its entire length of about one-quarter of a mile was found by Frank S. Spofford, assistant supervisor of surveys, as a result of the investigation he was ordered to make by the Commissioner of General Land Office of the cave located about twenty-five miles east of Dubois, Fremont county. Mr. Spofford describes the cave as being about thirty feet wide over its whole depth, with a varying height of from 5 to 25 feet. He penetrated its full length and found a great unevenness of the base, evidently caused by falling rocks from the roof.


The country in which the cave occurs is a series of lava beds and the cave is a lava formation. There are no stalactites or stalagmites and Mr. Spofford suggests that the ice formations are due to seepage water that has frozen. Ice is present all year. Settlers in the region are taking ice and water from the cave for domestic use.

Squirrel Fights For Its Baby.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 11.—A mother squirrel and a large Maltese cat fought desperately here for possession of the former's baby which the cat had adopted without the squirrel's consent. Both the squirrel and the cat had been visited by the stork about the same time, but all the kittens died, whereupon the cat kidnapped the young squirrel and adopted it. Discovering its missing offspring the squirrel pounced upon the cat. The fight was desperate both being badly lacerated in the encounter, but the squirrel finally managed to get possession of its baby and scurried back to its nest.

To Discourage Spawning.

Brownsville, Pa., Sept. 11.—The unromantic Council of South Brownsville has taken action to discourage spawning on the Brownsville bridge. A request for policemen to patrol the bridge has been presented to the Washington County and Fayette County Commissioners. It is complained by the Council that nightly during the pleasant weather the bridge near the centre is the Mecca for so many couples that pedestrians have difficulty in getting passageway. Dim lights and the ripple of water from a nearby dam create an atmosphere of romance, but the Council doesn't care.



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 Account Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. Tickets will be sold September 14, 15, 16 and 17, limited returning until September 27.
 \$8.00 Jacksonville, Fla.
 Tickets on sale September 26, limited returning until October 3.
 \$10.50 Tampa, Fla.
 \$10.50 St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Tickets on sale September 26, limited returning until October 6.
 \$11.50 Ft. Myers, Fla.
 \$33.05 Cleveland, Ohio
 Account Annual Convention Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Tickets will be sold October 1, 2 and 3, limited returning until October 12.
 \$20.95 Jacksonville, Fla.
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 Southern Rifle Association, October 11 and 12.
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 National Rifle Practice, October 20 and 21.
 National Individual Rifle Match, October 23.
 National Pistol Match, October 24.
 National Team Match, October 24 to 26.
 Tickets will be sold to Jacksonville and return September 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30; October 1 and 2 and to State Camp and return October 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. All tickets will be limited returning until November 4, 1916. Reduced fares for parties of ten or more traveling together.



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