

BAIN AND GIBBONS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Freeman Jury Wanted Tip From Judge On Sentence He Would Impose If Negro Found Guilty

Sam Bain and Dave Gibbons, who were tried in Superior Court here Tuesday afternoon on a charge of operating an itinerant business without payment of the County license of \$100 required, were found not guilty. The case did not go to the jury, Judge Bond ruling that the evidence tended to show that they were complying with the law inasmuch as they had taken a long term lease on the lot their stand is located upon on Poindexter street, and have located their families here. The judge instructed the clerk of the court to enter a verdict of not guilty upon the court records.

During the trial of the Bain-Gibbons case, the jury in the Freeman case sent word by Sheriff Reid to Judge Bond that they wished to confer with him. The judge notified them that they might address him in open court, but not otherwise, and so the jurors came out, and lined up in single column in front of the jury box. L. E. Skinner, acting as foreman, hesitated a moment, and called upon the bench to inform the jury as to the probable penalties on the various counts against Freeman, and particularly the last, which charged the negro with unlawfully receiving stolen property.

"You gentlemen have nothing whatever to do with the sentence," Judge Bond replied, "your function is to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. I cannot answer your question."

"We didn't want to expose our ignorance," explained Mr. Skinner, "and that's why we wanted you to come into the jury room." The members of the Freeman jury then filed back into their room, and returned a short time later with a verdict that the accused was guilty of the charge of receiving stolen property. The negro is to be tried Wednesday on a charge of arson.

The next case taken up was that of John Jackson, charged with assault and being drunk. On the night of the Pritchard tragedy at the high school, according to the evidence presented, Jackson, under the influence of liquor, went into the home of C. H. Bundy on Cedar street. Mr. Bundy came home shortly after Jackson's arrival, and a fight followed, in which it appears Jackson was worsted. According to Bundy's testimony, when he went into his own house, Jackson asked him, "What in the h— are you doing here?" The case was continued to the Wednesday morning session of Superior Court, when Jackson was fined \$5 and costs on the drunkenness charge, and was found not guilty on the other indictment.

The trial of C. M. Barclift, colored, on charges of forgery and attempting to pass a bogus check was begun in Superior Court Wednesday morning. On December 30, Barclift presented a check to W. E. Griffin, paying teller of the First & Citizens National Bank, in the amount of \$75, and purporting to have been made out by his father, R. C. Barclift, to his brother, R. D. Barclift.

When asked to endorse his name on the back of the check, C. M. Barclift, according to the testimony of W. G. Gaither, vice president of the bank, signed the name of his brother, R. D. Barclift. Mr. Gaither notified the police, and Barclift was detained until an investigation could be made.

Sheriff Reid and Officer Twiddy went to the home of the elder Barclift late in the afternoon, and Barclift, they told the court, informed them that he had not made out a check for \$75 to any of his sons. At a hearing in recorder's court here next morning, the father swore that he had written the check in question. Both Mr. Gaither and Mr. Griffin testified that the signature on the suspected check was not, in their opinion, that of R. C. Barclift.

In Superior Court R. C. Barclift testified that he made out the check in payment of a debt he owed the defendant, C. M. Barclift. He did not explain why he made it out to R. D. Barclift, a brother of the accused. He stated that he could not remember having denied to the sheriff and police officer the making of the check. The case went to the jury at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

ALLIED CONDITIONS ANNOUNCED

Paris, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The conditions under which the reparations commission will grant Germany a partial moratorium are announced today to include perfect autonomy for the Reichsbank and new legislation to prevent the invasion of German capital.

Irish Convention To Be Held Sunday

Taken To Mean Definite Split In The Irish Republican Army Has Come

Dublin, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—It was officially announced today that the Irish Republican army convention, recently forbidden to open by Arthur Griffith, president of Dail Eireann, would be held in Dublin Sunday as arranged, and this was taken to mean that a definite split in the Republican army has come.

URGE CLEANING UP AND PAINTING TOO

Annual Loss Thru Lack Of Paint Greater In North Carolina Than Loss By Fire

Clean Up and Paint Up Week in North Carolina will be observed April 2 to 8, inclusive. Locally, it will link up with Dress Up Week, for which the merchants of the city are making extensive preparations. Heretofore, Clean Up Week has been observed annually under the leadership of the State Insurance Department; and this year a Paint Up campaign will be conducted simultaneously with it.

Besides urging that the people of this section and the rest of North Carolina clean up their premises and homes during the week the Insurance Department is insisting that folks paint up as well. As one authority observes, "The annual loss in North Carolina through lack of paint is greater than the actual loss by fire. Clean-up is the negative part of the campaign. Paint-up is the positive, the protective, the constructive part of the work."

Legion Launches An Employment Drive

Washington, Mar. 22 (Special)—Spurred on by the fact that many ex-service men are still jobless, the American Legion has launched a nation-wide 30-day employment drive through its 11,000 posts. Employed veterans everywhere in the United States have volunteered to devote their spare time and money, as well as the use of their automobiles and buggies, for the big job-hunt, in behalf of their less fortunate comrades.

The President's Conference on Unemployment in Washington has been asked to co-operate. All the backing it can give, together with the use of its machinery and organization, has been made available. Hanford MacNider, national commander of the Legion, will direct the campaign from his headquarters in Indianapolis. "A Job for my Buddy" is the idea with which every employed veteran will work until April 20.

Arthur Woods, who heads the Emergency Committee of the Conference, telegraphed the following plan of campaign today from Washington: "First, relieve distress. If there are men in want, take care of them. Next, make sure that a man who needs a job knows how to look for it. Is the local employment agency well run, and do the men use it? Hunt for jobs, and keep on hunting. It will surprise you how many will turn up if you work, and don't miss tricks. Don't wait—apply at every employment bureau, advertise, write personal letters, make calls and get your friends to work for you. And there's a friend in need waiting for every job you unearth. Only don't go so far as to have some one else fired to make room for your men. Last, stir things up so as to create more jobs. Spring is here; it's the time to clean up, freshen up, paint up, dig up, spruce up generally. Everybody's doing it. The nation, your State, your town, companies, just people, yourself, do something that needs to be done; only do it now—don't wait. You'll get it done, and you'll help some one in the doing who needs and deserves help."

NOTE PRESENTED TO ALLIES

Paris, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The American note regarding payment of the cost of the army of occupation and setting forth the American attitude in clear and forcible terms will be presented to the Allies today.

KING GEORGE ILL

London, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—King George is suffering with a slight cold and sore throat today.

LOST—DOWN TOWN SUNDAY

pair of glasses, gold frame. Finder please return to A. R. Nicholson or to Advance office and receive reward. mar22,23-pd

The Moors Grouchy Submission



They don't look any too pleasant about it, but the Moors of the Kabila of Farjana are shown at the formal surrender to Col. Riquelme of Spain, the event being celebrated by a tea party the colonel gives in the fortress.

A Message From the King



Timothy Poore, 84, and his wife, 83. Acton, England, have been married 60 years. Here they are reading King George's message of congratulation.

Stranger Arrested On Forgery Charge

Charles F. Guldry Alleged To Have Made Bogus Checks In C. W. Stevens' Name

Charles F. Guldry, a stranger in the city who has been soliciting magazine subscriptions here, was arraigned in recorder's court here Wednesday morning on a charge of forgery, and was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$500. His trial will be held sometime during the present week's session of the higher court.

Guldry, according to the evidence, presented a check for four dollars, ostensibly made out by C. W. Stevens of this city, to W. H. Cartwright, a South Road street grocer, and Cartwright cashed it for him, under the impression that Guldry was working for the supposed maker of the check. He worked a similar game on C. Basil Markham, who runs the H. G. Godfrey store at the corner of Cypress and Second streets, securing four dollars from him, also. Guldry, it appears, endorsed the name of C. J. Russell on the first check, and of R. G. Russell on second.

C. W. Stevens, called into court as a witness in the case, denied having made out either of the checks. When he was arrested at the passenger station, just as he was about to leave the city Tuesday afternoon, Guldry tore up and threw away a third check, which the police secured. Guldry is a small, dark-complexioned, slenderly built fellow who appears not to be more than 21 or 22 years of age.

Ben Knox, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon L. L. Hines, was sentenced to thirty days on the roads. Hines is a young white truck driver employed in construction work at the Colored State Normal School here, and the evidence indicated that Knox attacked him with an open knife, and without provocation. The negro noted an appeal, and was placed under bond for his appearance at Superior Court this week.

Mrs. Almira Whitehurst left yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. B. Carney of Norfolk.

Great Britain May Have To Intervene

London, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The British government may have to consider whether it is possible to draw a cordon of Imperial troops between the warring elements on the Ulster frontier, Winston Churchill, Colonial secretary, stated in the House of Commons today.

Norfolk County Police Make Important Arrests

Portsmouth, Va., Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The Norfolk County police announced today that with the arrest of three men last night they cleared up the details in connection with attempts to dynamite the Virginia Railway and Power Company's Craddock bridge. All the men are held and will be arraigned on March 28.

Fifty One Arrests In Bank Failure Case

Okmulgee, Okla., Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Fifty-one warrants were delivered to the sheriff by the district court for the arrest of persons named in twenty-three indictments returned by the grand jury last night after an investigation of the failure of the Bank of Commerce here. A state official, a former state officer, and a score of prominent local men are named.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Charles E. Pritchard, formerly of this city, but now a leading contractor of Winston-Salem, was here Wednesday. Mr. Pritchard has the contract for the electrical work now in progress at the Colored State Normal School, and was here upon an inspection trip.

WILL HOLD TAG DAY FOR THE AMBULANCE

Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary Working Hard To Secure Funds For Needed Hospital Equipment

Saturday, April 8, the last day of Dress Up Week in Elizabeth City, will be Ambulance tag day. The Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary will offer for sale tags to raise money toward the purchase of an ambulance—now the most needed piece of equipment of the Community Hospital here.

The ladies are specially anxious to complete the raising of funds for the ambulance as quickly as they possibly can, in order that it may be purchased and put into use here. The ambulance will, they declare, be of special value to rural patrons of the hospital, for whom there is now no readily available and satisfactory means of transportation to the institution for treatment.

Members of the Hospital Auxiliary are also planning a bridge tournament to be held here on Tuesday night, April 18, and for which tickets at fifty cents each will be sold. They will agree to reserve tables for parties at the tournament, and plan to make the tournament an event of real social enjoyment. Mrs. C. D. Bell is president of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. A. B. Houtz is vice president.

DEBATE HERE FRIDAY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

While Larry Skinner and Mattie Spence are putting it over at Hertford and Ellen Melick and Annabelle Abbott are winning at Edenton, the debating teams of Hertford and Edenton will argue out the query: Resolved that the United States should enter the League of Nations.

This happens at the High School Friday night and Superintendent Sheep urges the Elizabeth City people to attend and lend the encouragement to these young people which this town would wish the Elizabeth City speakers to have in Edenton and Hertford. The hour is 7:30.

SECRETARY DAVIS MAY SUCCEED SENATOR CROW

Washington, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary of Labor Davis is considering the request of Pennsylvania Republicans to become a candidate for Republican nomination as Senator to succeed Senator Crow.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Pender's double column announcement about good things to eat on page two today will be of interest to women who are thrifty and like to buy the best and most sanitary in groceries.

Film Biblical Story In City Of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Twenty stars of the American film world are here to prepare for filming the Old Testament story of King David. The big scene is the fight between David and Goliath. Biblical accuracy has been sacrificed to incorporate a love scene after the battle.

Trifling Incident May Shatter Irish Peace

London, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The situation in Ulster on the South Ireland border is such that some trifling incident may draw the rival forces into war which will shatter all prospects of Irish tranquillity, says the Dublin Times correspondent.

KU KLUX THREATEN TO DYNAMITE CHURCH

Beaumont, Tex., Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Notices posted here threaten to dynamite the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church for negroes, and to tar and feather the pastor, according to a protest received by the sheriff denouncing the notices which were signed K. K. K.

Captain John Peterson, postmaster and well known resident of Nags Head, was in the city Wednesday morning.

CANNED ORATORY FLOODS SENATE

Flood Of Prepared Speeches For And Against Four Power Treaty Turned Loose Today

Washington, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—A flood of prepared speeches for and against the four power Pacific treaty were loosed in the Senate today as the period for unlimited debate came to an end under a unanimous consent on an agreement to bring the final ratification of the vote Friday. One hour limit speeches were effective at three o'clock. Several Senators jostled one another bidding for recognition in the eleven hour crush of canned oratory.

REPORT NAVAL BILL

Washington, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The House Naval Committee today agreed to report the bill fixing the maximum authorized enlisted strength of the navy at 80,000 plus 6,000 apprentices, or 10,000 less than Secretary Denby declared was needed to operate the treaty fleet.

Fertilizer Plant Is Damaged By Fire

Columbus, Ga., Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The plant of the Bradley Fertilizer Company was damaged to the extent of \$90,000 by fire early today.

Twelve Persons Hurt In Trolley Crash

Cleveland, Mar. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Twelve persons were hurt in a trolley crash here today. Several were taken to hospitals.

New Provisions Of Child Welfare Law

Certificates Must Be Obtained From Welfare Superintendent For Certain Employments

With the opening of the spring, and the resumption of regular farming operations, many farmers of this section who have boys within the compulsory school attendance age limit, and who feel that they must have them to assist in the work, are anxious to know something of the provisions of the law.

Sections 5 and 6, chapter 100, of the Public Laws of 1919, provide, among other things, that "No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed or permitted to work in any mill, factory, cannery, workshop, manufacturing establishment, laundry, bakery, mercantile establishment, office, hotel, restaurant, barber shop, boot-black stand, public stable, garage, place of amusement, brickyard, lumber yard or any messenger or delivery service," except under special regulations.

It is also provided that "No person under 16 years of age shall be employed in any of the above places or occupations between the hours of nine p. m. and six a. m."

A revision passed September 6, 1921, provides that boys between the ages of 12 and 14 years of age may be employed in the enumerated occupations when school is not in session, if it is shown that such employment does not threaten the health or morals of the child. The County Superintendent of Public Welfare must pass upon that point. The same provision applies to the employment of boys on Saturdays and out of school hours.

Farming and domestic duties are not included in the prohibited occupations. The law likewise has been interpreted not to affect children who are kept by their parents under their direct personal control.

Farmers who wish to take their boys out of school for agricultural duties must first get in touch with the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, and must give evidence to show that the work of the boy or boys is necessary. The Welfare Officer of Pasquotank is Mrs. Anna Lewis, whose office is in the Chamber of Commerce quarters in this city.

WEEK OF PRAYER

On Thursday afternoon at Blackwell Memorial church the Week of Prayer service will be led by Mrs. R. T. Venters, the subject being "Church Extension." Wednesday's meeting led by Mrs. A. F. Toxey had for its subject "Enlightenment," while Monday afternoon Mrs. J. H. Thayer spoke on "Enlistment." The attendance has been good and the programs very interesting.