

Albemarle Is Two To One For Volstead Act On Face Of Local Prohibition Poll

Rural Sections Dryer Than City as a Rule But Some Wettest Spots in Section Are in Country

OPPOSITION DIVIDED

Those Favoring Modification Volstead Act, However, Outnumber Those For Outright Repeal

Elizabeth City is two to one for the Volstead Act and strict enforcement thereof, on the basis of the straw vote polled by The Daily Advance last week.

On the basis of the same poll the wettest spots in Advance territory are Weeksville, Woodville and Elizabeth City. Woodville was the only rural community in the entire territory heard from that did not go dry.

Gates, Tyrell, Camden and Dar are the dryest areas in Advance territory, on the face of the vote.

In comparing the vote of Pasquotank with the other counties of the section it would hardly be safe to assume that Pasquotank is any more wet than the neighbor counties of Currituck and Camden, however.

Two votes came in from Pitt, both dry, but both were from the same family and on an almost a vote it would not be safe to judge sentiment in the whole county.

In all 427 votes were cast, 329 of which were voted by residents of Elizabeth City. In view of the fact that most of the rural votes came in by mail and cost the voter two cents in each case, probably the rural section of the territory of The Advance took more interest in the poll than did Elizabeth City.

Of course the vote is too light to be conclusive, but it is about the average for a newspaper in a community of this size, where the paper made no campaign of personal solicitation to get out the vote and left the matter of voting up to its subscribers.

Here is the vote polled by The Advance:

Table with 4 columns: County, Dry, Wet, Total. Rows include Elizabeth City, Rural Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Other Counties, and Total.

APPROVE BILL TO CREATE NEW OFFICE

Washington, March 15.—The House agriculture committee today approved the bill by Representative Ketcham, Republican of Michigan to create the office of agricultural attaché.

WOMAN KILLED WHEN AUTOMOBILE SKIDS

Albemarle, N. C., March 15.—Mrs. Jap Odum was fatally injured today when an automobile skidded throwing her from the machine. Her neck was broken.

FARM RELIEF IS BIG BUGABOO IN COOLIDGE'S WAY

Administration Program May Be Held Up Unless Farm Legislation Can Be Given Place On It

BUT WHAT IS REMEDY?

Farm Forces Divided as to Relief Sought and Administration Has No Farm Relief Program of Own

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, March 15.—The unofficial announcement that farm legislation cannot be conveniently included in the program of Congress for the remainder of the session which leaders hope to terminate by June 1 has aroused legislators from Western states.

President Coolidge and Congressional leaders had examined the status of important bills on the calendar and had come to the conclusion it would not be possible to get to farm legislation this session.

This is hardly due to the fact that the farm group has not been able to agree on a bill and partly because the calendar is crowded with measures that the administration feels can pass if debate is not prolonged.

Approval has yet to be given to the Italian debt settlement and the bill abolishing the railroad labor board.

The Italian debt settlement and the bill abolishing the railroad labor board are vitally concerned about both. Then there are various measures like the public buildings measure, the revision of shipping laws, railroad consolidation on which group interests would like to see action.

Somehow similar situations have confronted the leaders in Congress before. The farm group has threatened filibusters and other preventive tactics in order to get right way for farm legislation.

Job Forbes, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses, was dismissed, Trial Justice Sawyer inclining to the opinion that the prosecuting witness, T. F. Bartlett, Cypress street grocer, was undertaking to make a collection agency of the court.

The case hinged about a purchase of a bill of good totalling about 70 cents on August 31, last.

In the Tashjian case, the court denied a motion by the defendant for continuance to Wednesday morning, holding that the defendant had had ample opportunity to prepare his case in the week that had elapsed since his arrest.

Willie Davis, colored, submitted on a charge of simple drunkenness, and was fined \$5 and costs.

This City To Vote On Shipping Board

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will participate in a National referendum on the proper disposal of the merchant marine question, being conducted by the United States Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today.

Hallots on the question have been received, and a committee comprising M. L. Clark, Henry Sanders and L. R. Foreman has been appointed to investigate and report to the board of directors of the Chamber. The directors will decide Elizabeth City's stand in the matter.

The referendum is the result of a controversy over the authority of the United States Shipping Board which has been raging for many months. When the vote has been compiled, it will be forwarded to various committees in Congress for their guidance in preparing legislation on the subject.

HIGH SPOTS OF '26 FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

"The High Spots of '26" will be presented on Friday evening next week, March 26, in the High School auditorium, and a delightful entertainment is said to be in store for those who make this concert by the High School Orchestra.

MEANSBY MAN STOLE A PAIR OF CRUTCHES

The meanest man in the world lives in Elizabeth City, according to John Culpepper, former mail carrier. Mr. Culpepper says he doesn't know who this meanest man is—but he would like to.

The other night, while Mr. Culpepper was at the Elks' Club, somebody stole his crutches. It is upon this that he bases his bill of particulars. Today he was taking his usual stroll through the business section with a brand new pair of crutches.

JUMBLED LETTERS PRESENT MYSTERY

Miss Audrey Morton Mystified By Esoteric Nature Of Jumbled Letters

Friends and relatives of Miss Audrey Morton were seeking today a solution to a very unusual message she received recently.

The letters in the message were so jumbled that they meant nothing at first glance. The message read "TNEHEMSOEW."

Was the message confused in transmission? Or was it sent in code? If so, to what does it refer?

Members of Miss Morton's family have made many arrangements of the various letters, spelling out a number of words, but none of the words or groups of words offers any



Miss Audrey Morton

SEES TROUBLE AHEAD FOR COAL INDUSTRY HERE

Labor Crisis in England Likely Have Counterpart in U. S. Unless Bituminous Situation Improves

ANTHRACITE WAR ENDS

But Bituminous Miners Have Gloomy Prospect Since Soft Coal Prices Have Taken Severe Drop

By J. C. ROYAK

New York, March 15.—Approximately \$12,000,000 will be distributed to miners in the anthracite field in the next three days. This will mark the first "real" payday the workers have had since the resumption of mining as the first working days were spent in getting the mines back in shape for production.

The President and Secretary Jarne are not opposed to farm legislation. They would like to see some law enacted but they are against anything that means Government price-fixing or Government subsidy. The farm groups themselves are divided on these questions. The effect of the announcement that no legislation will be passed may be to drive the various groups into a preliminary measure, namely the creation of a Federal board to supervise the handling of farm products through cooperative organizations or expert bodies but with the price-fixing and subsidy feature placed in the hands of representatives of the farmers.

Such a proposal probably would win administrative support and test the practicability of the scheme. Various bills are pending which embrace these ideas. If the members of Congress from farm states see that it is a question of some legislation or no legislation, the chances are they will support the move to get a vote on a bill that has a chance of administrative support.

Up to now the administration has not been taking sides, simply allowing the farm groups to fight it out among themselves and taking the position that until the farm representatives agree there is no use of the administration getting behind any measure.

It seems certain that political revolt will develop here and there in the west and east the administration some seats or at least that the seats of regular Republicans will be won by radical Republicans unless some farm measure is passed as a start toward ultimate regulation of the export surplus problem.

Coal operators in the eastern Ohio fields are preparing another contest for lower freight rates along with the West Virginia and Kentucky producers. On the result of the campaign, many millions of dollars invested in coal mines in these districts and in dock properties on the Lakes. The coal trade to the Northwest amounts to about 25,000,000 tons a season and the fight will determine how and when it will be transported.

American operators and miners will watch with closest attention the fate of the part of the British report which provides for government acquisition of title to coal property for a time.

Up to Public to Give Support To Hotel, Chamber Head Says

"I have watched with interest the growth of Elizabeth City within the past few years," says E. C. Conger, new president of the Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps I have a better opportunity than the majority of our citizens to gauge our growth and progress since it is incidental to my business.

New homes from the humble cottages to the elaborate home have been built; our retail district has been developed; new stores and the remodeling of old stores have shown the progressive spirit that exist in Elizabeth City.

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of its past president, M. Leigh Sheep, has been instrumental in assisting toward the growth of the city by its activities in progressive movements such as the cooperation with other communities in the building of the bridge across the Chowan River, creating sentiment and appealing to our District Commissioner for 16-foot in-

DR. SCHAUB SPEAKER AT KIWANIS BANQUET

Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of agriculture and director of the extension department of North Carolina State College, at Raleigh, will be the chief speaker at the observance of Farmers' Night by the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club Friday night. It was announced today.

Farmers' Night is an annual Kiwanis event here. Each member of the club invites a farmer friend, and a special program for the benefit of the guests is arranged. It is indicated that about 100 farmers, mainly residents of Pasquotank County, will be present at the event this year, club members declare. Other special features of the program are in process of arrangement, in addition to Dr. Schaub's address, it was stated.

DEMAND PROSECUTE HAYES FOR PERJURY

Washington, Mar. 15.—Demand that the Department of Justice prosecute for perjury George H. Hayes of New York, "surprise" witness of the Government in the Montana trial of Senator Wheeler of Montana, was made today in the Senate by Senator Walsh of Montana.

CHAPMAN REFUSED REVIEW

Washington, March 15.—Gerald Chapman, mail handler under sentence to die April 6, today refused a review of his case by Supreme Court. Tried and convicted of murder in Connecticut while serving Federal sentence at Anaitate, Chapman was given commutation of his Federal sentence by President Coolidge to enable the state to execute the death sentence.

MILLION SPINDLES IDLE

Gastonia, N. C., March 15.—More than one million spindles were idle in Gaston County today following the announcement of a curtailment plan Saturday until demand for yarn products becomes active. The shutdowns will be from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning for a time.

RADIO BILL PASSEDS Washington, March 15.—The White bill to control all phases of radio was passed in the House today by a vote of 291 to 124. The bill now goes to the Senate.

"TNEHEMSOEW" May Englose Code of Great Import

means of deciphering the true intent of the message. "I have been able to make out several combinations of letters giving me the word 'woe,'" Miss Morton said today. "but I know of no relative or friend in woe or trouble."

"I tried to read the message backward, but that spells 'woes me.' It really is all very puzzling. "I would greatly appreciate any solution to the problem. Indeed, I shall be happy to see that a true interpretation of the message is suitably rewarded."

Can you help Miss Morton out of her dilemma?

SUPERIOR COURT SESSION SLOWLY GETS UNDER WAY

State Bank Examiner and Others Arrive to Assist in Prosecution of Colored Bank Cashier

JUDGE HEARS MOTION

Authorizes Removal of Damage Actions to Wilson County, Provided Opposing Sides Agree

Getting under way slowly, a week's term of Superior Court opened here Monday morning, with Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, as the presiding judiciary. While awaiting the findings of the grand jury, Judge Grady heard a motion by attorneys on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Thompson, Jr., of Raleigh, for the transfer of a civil suit from Chowan to Wake County.

This suit and a counter action were brought as a result of an automobile accident said to have occurred June 20, 1924. Through counsel, the defendants in the former suit—who are the plaintiffs in the latter—opposed its transfer. Judge Grady agreed to move both cases to Wilson County, if that arrangement suited both sides.

The appearance of Chief State Bank Examiner Clarence Latham, J. M. Bailey, general counsel for the State Corporation Commission, W. S. Coursey, certified public accountant, and State Senator P. H. Williams, receiver for the defunct Albemarle Bank, in court Monday morning served as a reminder of the most important case on the criminal docket for the present term. This is an action in which W. H. Holland, former cashier of the bank, a colored institution, is charged with embezzlement.

Holland has been held in jail here as the outcome of a brief hearing in recorder's court January 1, in which probable cause was found upon which to base a charge of embezzlement. It was regarded as likely that the case would be among the first on the docket, in the event that the grand jury brought a true bill against the ex-cashier. The bank's shortage is estimated at \$55,000.

MUST CLEAR DRIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

Plymouth, Vt., March 15.—The packed snowdrifts of Vermont highway must make way for the President of the United States. Word has gone forth that the road from Ludlow to Plymouth where the President's father now lies seriously ill must be opened to motor traffic immediately. A plow is being made which will operate day and night clearing the drifts of snow to permit passage should the President decide to come to his father's bedside.

Forbes and Thompson Sentenced to Prison

Washington, Mar. 15.—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, convicted at Chicago of conspiracy in connection with hospital contracts, were today denied a review by the Supreme Court. Each was sentenced to a term of two years in Leavenworth penitentiary and fined \$10,000.

UNFAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE FEBRUARY

Washington, March 15.—An unfavorable trade balance of \$25,000,000 was shown in the preliminary estimates of American foreign trade for February, issued today by the Commerce Department.

COTTON MARKET New York, March 15.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 18.60, May 18.18, July 17.50, October 17.17, December 17.14. New York, March 15.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.35, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: March 18.21, May 18.18, July 17.57, October 17.23, December 17.22.

NO PROSPECT FOR EARLY REVISION OF VOLSTEAD ACT

Both Houses Congress Overwhelmingly Dry and No Chance Making Either Wet at Coming Election

WETS STILL HOPEFUL

Believe That Continual Agitation Will Wear Down Resistance and Get Them Somewhere Eventually

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, March 15.—No question comes offstage to Washington these days than the one: "Is there any real chance for modification of the Volstead Act at any time in the near future?" The answer is: "No."

It is no wonder, however, that the question is being asked. The "wet" and "dry" issue is being kept constantly before Congress and before the people, but as yet the wets have no real strength in either the Senate or the House and every time a prohibition issue reaches a vote the dry victory is an overwhelming one.

The anti-prohibition forces believe, nevertheless, that they are making some headway. They say they are trying to talk "course" into some of their fellow statesmen who are wet at heart but invariably vote dry. They think they see signs of progress in this direction but frankly admit that the likelihood of changing the Volstead act in any important respect is still remote.

It was foreseen at the beginning of the present session of Congress that the prohibition issue was in for a thorough thrashing out. The forecasts have been more than fulfilled. Scarcely a day passes without a clash between the liquor and anti-liquor forces. The wets believe that this constant discussion is good for their cause and that as water wears away a stone, they may eventually get somewhere.

There is no thought that there can be a repeal of the prohibition amendment for many generations to come. Therefore the "wets" are working for some sort of modification which might come within the narrow limits of the constitutional inhibition.

On several occasions, the wets have steered away at least from proposing any specific alcoholic content for the beverages they would like to legalize. In this way they believe they will have wider latitude. Court decisions are said to be with them. Senator Edge's revised beer bill would legalize beverages which are not intoxicating "in fact." The constitutional amendment prohibits no specific alcoholic content. The wets believe now they are working along safe lines.

It is admitted that Canada's beer has not been a success. The Canadian measurement of a percentage of alcohol is equal to a 2.5 per cent by United States standards. The Canada beer is weaker, therefore than the 2.7 per cent at one time manufactured in New York, states which has secured a basis for "wet" bills introduced in Congress in the past. It is extremely doubtful that a 2.75 beer would be satisfactory to American drinkers who have become accustomed to "hard liquor" since the beer saloons have done away with. Therefore wet idea is to stop up the hole content just as far as possible would permit under a liberal interpretation of the amendment.

There is virtually no hope that wines—light or otherwise—ever can be legalized under the constitution. Even the lightest wines known to the vineyard have an alcoholic content which can easily be proved to be intoxicating in fact.

The United States never has been a wine drinking country in the sense that wine drinking is known in Europe. Consequently the one wet hope at the moment is for legalized beer of an alcoholic content that might give some degree of exhilaration without being actually intoxicating. That hope is a dim and distant one. Congress is overwhelmingly dry. There is no chance for making it wet at the coming election. The prohibitionists claim Congress never will be overturned in this respect and at the moment they seem to have the better of the argument.

SECRETARY KELLOGG RETURNS TO HIS DESK

Washington, March 15.—Secretary Kellogg returned to his desk today after a week's visit at Pinehurst, North Carolina, and said he felt "entirely fit" after an attack of grippe.