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## THE CHILDREN GO TO THE MOTHER

Harnett County Husband Tried to Get Children From Durham Woman. Case Friday

The following article taken from Friday's Durham Herald will be read with interest by many Harnett county people:

An ugly story of domestic infelicity in which admissions were made by both husband and wife that neither were justified in casting the first stone was uncovered in a habeas corpus proceeding before Judge Connor yesterday afternoon, in which C. M. Collier, of Harnett County, tried to get possession of four little children from the mother, Mrs. Stella M. Collier, his wife, who is now living in Durham.

The decision of the court was that the mother was entitled to the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier are not now living together and have not been for sometime past. Collier claimed he left her because of infidelity and because of lack of sympathy and aid in the home. She contended in affidavits that the husband was a drunkard of the most dissolute type, that he made no provision for her support and that he was cruel to her. Collier, on the stand, admitted many of the allegations in the affidavits furnished by his wife, but decorated them with extenuating circumstances which bolstered up his side of the story some.

Collier was a life insurance agent and apparently doing well, for he was promotive to the assistant agency of Charlotte, when according to his story his domestic troubles sent him to drink, and from that he dropped down, into the pits, into which booze carries a man, going from one town to another selling insurance a mile at a time, working in cotton mills a part of the time and a part of the time unable to get enough money to keep his family in the necessities of life. He went from bad to worse, in the meantime discovering that his wife was not true to him.

The family in some way got out to Tennessee, where through a man, Collier, who was a friend of the family, they were taken to North Carolina, leaving the wife and

them. She did follow them, however, coming to the home of his father in Harnett county, where Collier had carried the children. He said she broke the door down and entered the house against the protests of his family, who in the beginning, were opposed to the marriage. At 1 o'clock in the morning a sheriff arrested the wife and mother, forcing her to get out of bed, on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Collier, Sr., father of the husband.

Still later the family came to Durham and here Collier abandoned her for good, then instituted proceedings to get the children. The most pathetic part of the whole ugly business is the apparent very strong devotion of both parents for the children. That was manifested yesterday afternoon in the court room. The smaller of the group clung about their mother's chair, while the affidavits were being read, and the father pleaded with the court to allow him to have just one of the children. His brother offered his home to two of the children, the two boys, and the mothering of a christian woman, if the court would allow the father to have them.

But Judge Connor said no. He believed all of them were too small to leave their mother, and he did not believe the husband prepared to take care of them as well as the wife and mother. He did not think even the home of the grandfather or the brother the place for them, for the grandfather admitted that he did not want their mother to come to see them if they stayed at his house. So the order was made denying the petition of the husband the right to get possession of the children, but so worded that Collier will have the right to come to see the children any time he wants to, and planned with the ultimate hope that there can be a reconciliation of the two.

When the husband saw the decree was final, he added the last touch of pathos to the heart rending story the proceedings had revealed, when he went over to the smallest boy the baby, and giving him a half embarrassed kiss and man like, clumsily bid him goodbye. Some action of the court, some further explanation of the order about the children, distracted his fondling and called him back to the seat beside his lawyer, Mr. Ross, of Harnett county.

Mrs. G. B. Ford and two children, Byron and Julia, left Saturday for Richmond, Va., where they will join Mr. Ford, who has been in Richmond for several months.

Mrs. J. E. Taylor, of Clayton, New Mexico, arrived the latter part of the week to spend the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

## KEEP WELL, KEEP WARM AND SAVE YOUR COAL

Thermometer Kept at 68 Degrees Means Good Health, Efficiency and Small Coal Bills

How to keep warm, keep well and save coal is a problem the whole country is now bent on solving. That it can be done is in accord with some recent experiments made in the interest of health and efficiency. According to Dr. W. A. Evans of Chicago:

"Any number of experiments have shown that low temperatures, 60 to 68 degrees, as compared with the high temperatures which so often prevail in office buildings, school-rooms, and living places, are favorable to health. For instance, a person staying for an hour or more in a warm room is certain to develop about a degree of fever. This leads to colds infections generally, anemia, fatigue, and general rundown conditions.

"As to efficiency and a low temperature, several researches have shown that men will do more work and do it more accurately if the temperature of the room or office is reasonably low. Winslow of Yale making this test found that stenographers did 6.8 percent more work when the temperature was 68 degrees than when it was 75 degrees. Men doing moderate manual labor did 15 percent more work at the lower temperature. The New York labor commission on ventilation found that men working at both office and at manual labor, in a temperature of 68 degrees, were good humored, energetic, did good work and were given to less drowsiness than usual. On the other hand when the room temperature was over 75 degrees they were drowsy, lifeless, and with less inclination to work."

As a means of saving coal, adds the State Board of Health, under no circumstances' must ventilation be stopped. Cold air is not always fresh air, and regardless of how low the temperature gets, fresh air must be admitted. Windows should be kept open from the top, as dools and shutters thrown wide open at intervals to have a general blow out."

## PROHIBITION AMENDMENT PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Wild Demonstration Takes Place in the House. Seven Years to Approve. Bryan Present

Washington, Dec. 17.—With Yates Webb, of North Carolina, leading the fight on the floor of the house and all but two members from the state supporting him, and William J. Bryan of Asheville, an interested spectator in the press gallery, the house this afternoon passed the Webb nationwide prohibition bill which allows the several states to ratify the amendment, by a vote of 282 to 128. Representatives Small and Poy voted against the measure because they did not believe it was the proper way to settle the question at issue.

Thirty-six states must now ratify the amendment. But 27 states have already voted prohibition, so there seems little doubt that the remaining nine states will take the action which the prohibitionists have fought so long and lobbied so hard to attain. Two hundred and eighty-two members voted for the amendment, eight more than the required two-thirds majority, while 120 voted against the measure.

## Both the Wets and Drys Predicted Great Victory

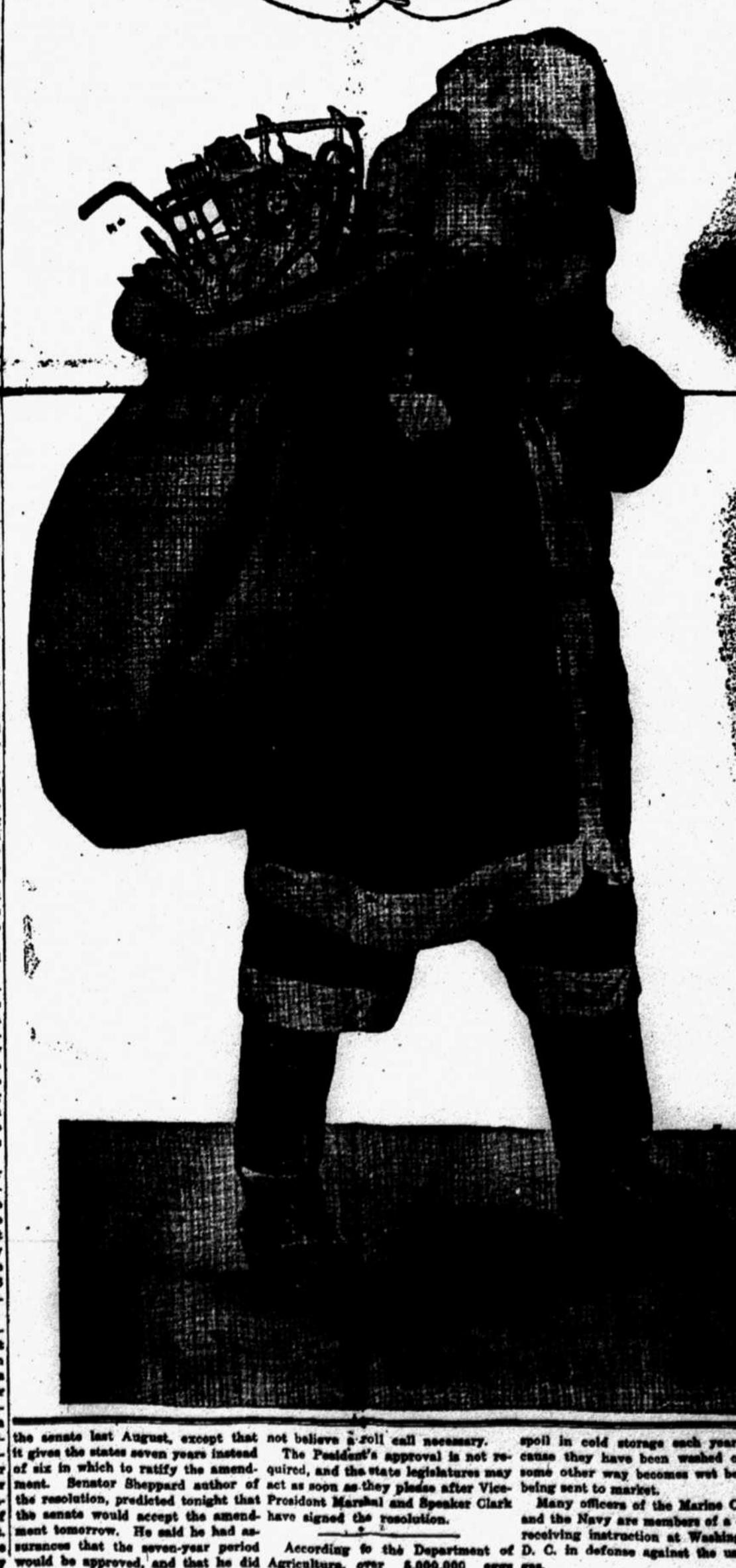
Washington, Dec. 17.—Nation-wide prohibition was in the house today and only the adjustment of a slight difference in resolutions between the house and senate now stands up the way of submitting to state legislatures an amendment to the federal constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the house, taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just eight votes more than the necessary two-thirds of the membership of the house required for adoption, and 26 more than two-thirds of those voting.

Both wets and drys had been predicting victory all day, and it was not until the last few names had been called that the anti-prohibition forces conceded their defeat. When Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such a demonstration as is rarely permitted in the house. Former Secretary Bryan, and interested spectator nearly all day, appeared on the floor and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, who had led the fight.

The resolution adopted by the house is identical with that passed by the senate last August, except that it gives the states seven years instead of six in which to ratify the amendment. Senator Sheppard author of the resolution, predicted tonight that the senate would accept the amendment tomorrow. He said he had assurances that the seven-year period would be approved, and that he did

# Santa Claus Wishes One And All A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



## LOCAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE IS NAMED

R. L. Godwin, Chairman for Harnett County, Names Those to Assist Him in Raising Funds

R. L. Godwin, Chairman of the War Savings Committee for Harnett County, has named his executive committee, which is composed of two or more citizens from each of the townships in the county. He has called a meeting to be held in Lillington on Friday, January 4th, 1918, at 11 o'clock and earnestly requests all members of the committee to be present if possible. Mr. Godwin has invited two or three of the leading speakers of the State to be present on this occasion to fully present the plan of the campaign. As soon as the organization is completed it is expected that the men and women upon whose shoulders the work of raising funds will fall, will enter enthusiastically upon their duties, and under the efficient leadership of Mr. Godwin, Harnett will do her part.

- Those appointed:
- Anderson's Creek Township: John S. Johnson, M. A. Elmore
  - Asheboro Township: McD. Holliday, J. B. Holland, J. L. Thompson, G. M. Tighman, E. F. Young, Jas. Peasall, E. C. West, Ellis Goldstein, J. W. Turnage, Prof. E. M. Gray, J. W. Draughon, J. W. Jordan, W. J. Jones, G. E. Grantham, H. S. Freeman and Boy South, J. H. Pope, E. B. Warren, G. F. Pope, K. L. Howard, Tom Royal, E. C. Neighbors, Eugene Smith, L. E. Lee, Jr., F. A. Lee, E. H. McKay, C. L. Wilson

- Rev. J. M. Daniel, Rev. J. A. Blaylock, Rev. A. R. McQueen, D. C. Fumell, P. S. Cooper, T. V. Smith, J. W. Whitehead, Miss Sallie Purdie, Mrs. L. J. Best, Mrs. V. L. Stephens, Mrs. E. F. Young, Mrs. J. C. Clifford, Mrs. N. A. Townsland, Mrs. Jas. E. Butler, Mrs. H. O. Mattox, Mrs. I. F. Hicks, Mrs. C. D. Bain, Miss Alta Tow, Mrs. C. J. Smith
- Black River Township: J. A. Hockaday, E. D. Overby
- Barbecue Township: E. D. Cameron, T. W. Harrington
- Buckhorn Township: J. E. Holt, L. S. Mann
- Duke Township: Dr. W. F. Holt, E. S. Yarbrough, Felix McKay
- Grove Township: L. L. Levinson, N. T. Patterson, J. F. Lee
- Hechter's Creek Township: G. E. Wells, E. E. Smith, D. H. Senter, N. A. Smith
- Johnsboro Township: J. A. Callagan, W. H. Johnson
- Lillington Township: J. M. Byrd, Tom Kite, H. T. Spears, B. F. Gentry, G. A. Cole, J. M. Shaw, Frank Hair
- Neill's Creek Township: E. T. Kivatt, C. B. Matthews, J. A. Campbell, L. H. Campbell
- Stewart's Creek Township: J. C. Byrd, C. M. Allen, John Williams
- Upper Little River Township: J. D. Patterson, M. G. O'Quinn, Paul McKay

## THE FARMERS WILL GET NITRATE SODA AT COST

Congressman Godwin Arranges to Have a Supply Shipped Through Wilmington Port

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Godwin has been assured by the department of agriculture that not only will nitrate of soda soon be furnished the farmers, but that a large amount of it will be moved through the port of Wilmington. The government will sell it to the farmers at cost, \$10,000,000 being provided by Congress in the food bill for that purpose, and that a large part of the shipments will be made through the port of Wilmington shows plainly that the government has commenced to recognize the desire of North Carolina's chief export.

Several months ago Industrial Agent Cowan, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, passed the matter before the shipping board and other officials, and both the Board and Representative Godwin were active in their support, as they recognized that the matter was vital to the farmers and that it was important to the port of Wilmington. It was shown that Wilmington had been largely used in the past for such importations and that it was better equipped for handling this particular nitrate than any other north Atlantic port.

The object of the bill being to furnish nitrate soda to the farmers at a minimum cost, it was pointed out that Wilmington was the logical port on account of being nearest the greatest number of nitrate consumers. Representative Godwin obtained the solid support of the North Carolina congressional delegation, who signed a joint request urging that the port of Wilmington be used.—Felix R. Anderson in Greensboro News.

## THE FORT CARROLL BOYS WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS

Modestly Make Suggestions to Those Who Want to Remember Them During Christmas

We are publishing another letter from the boys at Fort Carroll.

This year it is addressed to Santa Claus and the object of the letter would be appropriate for Christmas gifts to the boys who must spend their first Christmas in camp. Of course the good people of Dunn will be liberal with their gifts to those who are in training camps of the country and make this Christmas as pleasant for them as possible. The boys cannot be with us and they should be made to feel that the folks back home have not forgotten them. The letter follows:

DEAR OLD "SANTA CLAUS" We hope that you will not fail to remember the "Hogan Gang" at Fort Carroll this Christmas. Instead of the usual good things you have previously loaded our stockings with, you will see fit to put in a good supply of woolen socks, mittens, (khaki color if possible) towels, handkerchiefs, toilet articles and the such.

If you only know how cold it was down here and could see our tented homes on the water edge, you would be convinced beyond a doubt that we are justifiable in expressing a preference in how we want you to remember us. Up until a week ago we all thought that we would spend Christmas at home with the folks, but owing to the report of a couple of cases of measles in Southport and Wilmington, the Colonel thought it best to quarantine the entire outfit for an indefinite period to prevent our being subject to the disease.

Some seem to think that the C-O restricted the serge strictly as a sanitary precaution, but others, which include a large percent of the soldiers, feel safe in saying the C-O had other motives not pertaining to health or such.

If the Big Dog had not been too wise this large percent would very likely taken advantage of the regular week-end pass into the city and journeyed on home for a few days.

Now, old Santa, we have been good soldiers, so please don't forget us. We'll be home again on the 27th. The Co. has long ago forgotten this unit. Yours evertingly "HOGAN GANG."

## DISKETER GIVEN TWENTY YEARS AT HARD LABOR

Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 18.—A sentence of 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor, dishonorable discharge from army and forfeiture of pay was today imposed upon Private Lawrence W. Trefougen, of the 15th depot brigade, charged with desertion. Trefougen was absent from October 1 to October 27, when he was arrested in Staunton, Va.

Miss Winifred Turlington and Miss McLamb, who teach at the Shady Grove school near town, spent the week-end in town with Miss Corina Jackson.

The telegram that Tom Pate had been accidentally killed in an auto accident in New York last week was false, and Saturday night Tom himself "turned up." Among other things, he brought back with him a young alligator. Mrs. J. R. Butler is in Raleigh today for Christmas shopping.

According to the Department of Agriculture, over 8,000,000 eggs spoilt in cold storage each year because they have been washed or in some other way becomes wet before being sent to market. Many officers of the Marine Corps and the Navy are members of a class receiving instruction at Washington, D. C. in defense against the use of