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## Prohibition Question Now Up To States

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house today adopted the senate resolution to submit repeal of the prohibition amendment and thus transferred the 13-year battle for repeal to the 48 states. The vote was 289 to 121.

A burst of applause, punctuated by triumphant yells of jubilant foes of prohibition, followed the victory in a fight once thought lost in this "lame duck" session of Congress.

The resolution for the 21st, or repealing, amendment, first introduced by Senator Blaine, now goes to Secretary of State Stimson.

The senate adopted it last Thursday, 63 to 23.

Stimson will immediately certify it to the governors of all states.

The house members from the state, for the second time, have not placed themselves on record in favor of submission. There was a division on beer, but not on submission. Even Representative Abernethy, after a long illness, is back in the house, and voted today with his colleagues.

Some months ago Mr. Abernethy indicated his belief that the maintenance of the status quo would be about the right idea; that there was prohibition, and plenty of Craven county corn, so all hands were happy.

Times do change. Thirteen years ago Messrs. Pou and John H. Small were the only members in the territory running from Virginia to Florida who declined to vote for the adoption of the 18th amendment. These two have lived to see a reversal of form on the part of the members in the southeastern territory.

When it was announced that Secretary Stimson would now notify the governors, the speculation over the probable reaction of the states was revived. Some members of the North Carolina delegation, and visitors from the state, were of the opinion today that the legislature, now in session, would take the initiative in setting up the machinery for the constitutional convention, to consider the question of ratification. The view predominates in the senate that this is an undertaking that will be left to the states.

After the house vote was announced today there was heard the comment: "It merely means more nullification." Others said this was a condition that would lead to anarchy, and that if the majority of the more populous states took action leading to ward repeal, these smaller states, generally classed as very dry, would act accordingly, or fall in line.

The view grows steadily that the wet leaders fell into error when they demanded the state constitutional method of bringing about repeal, that this course would result in endless litigation, led by the astute lawyers of the Anti-Saloon league, whereas there would have been no question about its legality and regularity had the legislatures been permitted to handle the repeal election machinery.

Others may have their doubts but Jouett Shouse, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, is cheered by the outlook. He said tonight:

"The friends of prohibition reform have proper basis for exultation. This, however, is a time for dedication to the work ahead rather than for rejoicing, because the fight for repeal which has been going on for years is not yet won. The background is now transferred from the capital of the nation to the individual states. In a number of them an intensive campaign must be waged in order to insure victory. That 36 states will ratify the resolution is certain, if the repeal forces continue earnestly, actively, wholeheartedly and undividedly to push, with every proper resource at their command the measure to which they are committed."

"Because of the fact that no prior amendment to the constitution has been referred for action to conventions in the

states, a degree of confusion naturally has arisen as to the course that is immediately ahead.

"A number of eminent lawyers hold that the Congress has the right to pass legislation relating to the establishment of the conventions in the states on the theory that these conventions are to be created solely for the performance of a federal function. Other lawyers of distinction contend that Congress has no power beyond specifying the method of ratification and that the conventions in the states can originate only in response to authorization by the respective legislatures.

"Our association does not attempt to pass upon this difficult constitutional question. Apparently, however, there is accord as between several schools of thought that if the states act to establish ratifying conventions, regardless of the power of Congress, such action is proper and may make unnecessary any measure by the national legislature. Thus theory, in conjunction with the Voluntary Committee of Lawyers for Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, our association has submitted within the past month the suggestion of legislation along the indicated line to the 40-odd legislatures now in session.

Joseph H. Chocate, Jr., of North Carolina, and his associates on the Voluntary Committee of Lawyers, prepared a general bill, which naturally must be modified to conform to the election laws of the different states embodying the plan for the setting up of ratifying conventions. This legislation is under consideration in many of the states. In others bills have been introduced on their own initiative by members of the state legislatures with the same general object in view. Some of these bills have progressed to the point where they have been reported favorably by the committees having them in charge, and in one instance, the state of Wyoming, a bill has been passed by the legislature and on Saturday was signed by the governor providing for the establishment of a ratifying convention in that state.

"Without attempting to specify whether or not it is necessary for Congress to enact legislation, it seems apparent that the action now being taken in the states can do no possible harm, and may advance substantially the opportunity for decision upon proposed amendment 21 to the federal constitution.

"If subsequently it should be determined that Congress not only has the power, but also the duty of legislating with reference to these conventions then any federal enactment on the subject will naturally supersede what may be done now by the states. On the other hand, should it be finally decided that Congress has no right beyond that of establishing the method of ratification, and that in each instance the convention in a state must be created by the legislature of that state, then action at this time by the legislatures will prove an eminently wise and desirable step."

The following is a brief legislative history of the 18th amendment:

The resolution for the 18th amendment passed the senate by 2-3 majority on August 1, 1917.

On December 16, 1917, the house approved a resolution by a vote of 276 to 131.

It was submitted to the legislatures of the several states and on January 16, 1919, it was ratified by the legislature of the 36th state, and thereby became a part of the constitution.

Under the terms of the amendment it did not become effective until the expiration of one year after its ratification and it, therefore, became effective on January 16, 1920.

The Volstead act was passed by Congress over the veto of President Wilson on October 28, 1919. The 18th amendment and the Volstead act have been in effect and the federal government has been trying to enforce the dry laws for a little

## George White And John Daniel Vaden Sent On To Jail

Last week The Messenger gave a brief account of the hold-up of Douney Cox, but we were mistaken as to where the robbery occurred. Mr. Cox lives on Baughn Mountain, about two miles from Mayodan and it was near his cabin that the robbery occurred. It was dark and Mr. Cox failed to identify his assailants, who took \$109.55 from his person. The robbers told him to not go to his home, as there were two persons waiting for him. He came back to Mayodan and secured an officer. On reaching his home he found that it had been broken open and the house ransacked. Next day two young men—John Daniel Vaden and George White, who have not been employed for some time, were seen with a pretty large roll of money on each and suspicion pointed to them as being the parties who held up Mr. Cox. A warrant was issued for their arrest. White was the first one to feel the hand of the law. He readily confessed and said that he and Vaden were the guilty parties. A search of his home revealed the sum of \$35.00 concealed in a drain pipe. Later \$13.00 was found on his person. He said the money belonged to Mr. Cox and it was ordered to be delivered to him.

White was given a hearing before a local magistrate Thursday at noon and plead guilty when arraigned. He was placed under \$1,500 bond. That night Vaden was given a hearing and plead not guilty. The officers swore that White told them that Vaden was his partner in the hold-up and probable cause was found in his case. His bond was also fixed at \$1,500. Neither being able to give the required bond, both were sent to jail.

more than 13 years.

When the resolution for the 18th amendment was considered in the house of representatives December 18, 1917, Representatives John H. Small and E. W. Pou were, as before stated, the only members in the North Carolina delegation who cast their votes against the resolution. Mr. Small has never wavered in his opposition, although he made no public expression on the subject from December 1917 until the early part of 1931. When Governor Morrison, who had been appointed to succeed Senator Overman, made it known early in 1931 that he would seek a nomination in the Democratic primary as an advocate of the continuance of the 18th amendment, Mr. Small abandoned his silence and announced that he was openly advocating the repeal of the amendment. During 1931 and 1932 Mr. Small made a number of public addresses in North Carolina, and a few in other states in which he vigorously opposed the 18th amendment, arguing that the time had come for the states to repeal the amendment and to resume the exercise of their police power in the regulation of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Small has always contended that it was not a question of temperance, or prohibition. His objection to the 18th amendment was based upon fundamental reasons. He believed that the states had committed a serious error in surrendering their jurisdiction and he contended that it was impossible for any central government to enforce a law regulating the lives and habits of the people. He has often stated that our scheme of government contemplated that the protection and maintenance of the people who resided in the states.

Now that an opportunity has been given to the 48 states to resume their original constitutional jurisdiction and the people in their respective states who have an opportunity to express their views in the election of delegates to state conventions, he believes that the people will repeal the 18th amendment, and assume their rightful responsibilities.

The county agent of Martin county has reclaimed and treated enough tobacco seed to plant 164,000 square yards of plant bed for 47 farmers.

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## Things We're Never Through Hearing About



### STOKESDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell and daughter of Reidsville visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell Sunday.

Phil Robinson of Winston-Salem visited D. P. Lemons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lester of Raleigh were in town Sunday.

Miss Madeline Corum has returned home after spending several weeks with her aunt in Leaksville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Casey of Leaksville visited Mrs. Frank Corum Saturday.

Misses Maurine and Virginia Lemon entertained Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Martha Neal of Walnut Cove, it being her sixth birthday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Pearman and son of Cooleemee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pegram.

Dewey Dillon of Greensboro spent Sunday evening in town.

Miss Ruth McKaughn spent the week end with her parents at Spencer.

Miss Ardenia Turner of Newark, N. J., spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. Y. Turner.

Joe Simmons of Winston-Salem spent Sunday in town with friends.

Miss Emma Wilson Neal of Walnut Cove spent Saturday in town.

Misses Elizabeth Long and Helen Cummings of Summerfield spent the week end with Miss Mae Simpson.

Miss Anita Long of Greensboro spent the week end with Miss Mae Simpson.

Mr. Poindexter and H. S. Turner of Winston-Salem spent Monday in town.

J. W. Angel and D. P. Lemons motored to Mayodan Sunday.

Miss Frances Angel of Greensboro spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Angel.

### Zangara Draws A Term of 80 Years

Zangara, the Italian who made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is to become President on March 4th, at Miami on Wednesday night of last week, was tried Monday and given a hearing on four counts. He drew a term of 20 years on each count, making a total of 80 years. The assault on Mayor Cermak and Mrs. Gill, both of whom were seriously wounded, was not included in the indictment, and if both or either should die Zangara will have to face murder charges and would no doubt be placed in the electric chair.

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### MAYODAN

Miss Ruby Price of Winston-Salem spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heath of Martinsville spent Sunday with Mr. N. A. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walters spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Merle Freeman of Winston-Salem spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Shropshire and children of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Young and daughter, Jane, of Roanoke visited Mrs. W. N. Poole Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Alley of Summerfield attended the funeral of Mrs. Sue Alley Sunday.

Miss Maud Joyce and Francis Carter were married in Martinsville Saturday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Veach has returned from the Leaksville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Smith and son and daughter of Martinsville spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford of New York City are visiting Mrs. J. B. Crouch.

Miss Lillian Cox is spending a few days in Winston-Salem.

Roy Van Hoy of Kernersville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Van Hoy.

Mr. J. L. Fulton, Mrs. Roy Farmer and Mrs. Fannie Martin spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Kate Case and Mrs. W. H. Gass visited in Greensboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Claude Taylor of Martinsville and Mrs. Ada Taylor of Buena Vista, Va., spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. E. Dempster.

Misses Irene and Beth Monney, Sara Poole, Ann Johnson and Mrs. K. V. Reid visited in Greensboro Saturday.

Mrs. Kate E. Case entertained the Sewing Club Tuesday night. Sandwiches and coffee were served.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Webb was the scene of a lovely party Tuesday evening when Miss Willie Mae Holton and Marcus Simpson delightfully entertained members of their bridge club. The occasion being Valentine Day, that idea was carried out by the tallies, favors, decorations and refreshments. Little Miss Beverly Johnson, with dainty dress trimmed in hearts, passed the tallies. Mrs. Perry Ashe won the high score for the ladies. The high score for men went to Dr. Webb.

Over 200 acres of permanent pasture was planted in Johnston county last spring and additional plantings are being made this spring.

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### STONEVILLE

Miss May McCabe of Nettle Ridge, Va., and Miss Pearl Thomas of Buffalo, Va., spent the week end with Mrs. R. B. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Foster of Stella, Va., visited Stoneville Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Hodgkin of Thomasville visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hodgkin Sunday.

Mrs. Nat H. Lewis is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C. While there she will attend the inauguration.

Misses Pauline and Grace Grogan visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Grogan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of Madison visited Mrs. E. W. King Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bennett of Reidsville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. King.

Misses Gertrude and Florence King spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Carol King of Asheboro spent several days with relatives recently.

Mrs. W. L. Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders of Danville visited in town Friday.

Mr. H. L. Glenn was a Winston-Salem visitor Friday.

Miss Mary Brewer spent the week end with home folks.

Messdames John Smith, Jeter Grogan and Clarence Smith visited Winston-Salem Friday.

### Surprised At Deep Snow In California

E. B. Trent, an old Rockingham county boy, who now resides in Blythe, California, sent a friend here a recent issue of his local newspaper, which contains a description of recent snow that fell in that section, the caption of which reads as follows: "Oldest Inhabitant Here Gasps When Four-inch Snow Covers Everything; Trees Broken, Crops Hit, Roads Mud." This all leads one to believe that Mr. Trent has not seen very much snow since he adopted California as his home.

### J. B. Crouch Passes

After a lingering illness, J. B. Crouch of Mayodan died in a Winston-Salem hospital Sunday. The remains were brought home and the funeral services were conducted from the residence Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by the widow and two daughters and one son—Misses Lettie and Annie Crouch and Mathis Crouch.

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## HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Miss Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

### Program For Next Week

Monday, February 27th: The County-Line Club will have their regular monthly meeting. Demonstration will be "Quick Breads."

Tuesday, February 28th: The Sylvania Club will meet with Mrs. J. E. Goolsby. Demonstration will be "Use of Wheat as a Cereal and Quick Breads."

Wednesday, March 1st: The Mapleview Club will meet in the club room of the Wentworth school.

Thursday, March 2nd: The Bacon Club will meet with Mrs. G. C. Moore.

Friday, March 3rd: The Brushy Mountain Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. J. P. Martin. Mr. Walker, the farm agent, will give a terracing demonstration for the men. The home agent will demonstrate "Light Rolls and Biscuits."

### March Short Course

The March Short Course has become a fixture in Rockingham county. The farm folks have begun to inquire—"When are we going to have the short course this year?" Well, the dates are set for March 15th and 16th and the way things are lining up it looks like the program is going to be a good one. Demonstrations are to be given of interest to farmers and their wives. Work in forestry, poultry and tobacco for men. Demonstrations in clothing, poultry, marketing, etc., for the women. And besides we will have some good speakers, music, etc. Mark these dates on your calendars and make your plans to spend these two days at the Wentworth school for some real inspiration, recreation and instruction.

### County Club Room

Through the kind permission of County Superintendent McLean and Supt. of Wentworth school, Mr. Stroud, the County Club women have the permission of fixing up one of the school rooms for our club room for holding our county leaders, schools, short course meetings, group meetings and girls' councils. Any club who wishes to contribute anything to the furnishings of this room, it will be most acceptable and appreciated.

### Quick Roll Recipe

The following recipe is so quickly and easily made that any one can make it. This demonstration has been given this month to the foods and nutrition clubs. It has been requested that the roll recipe be put in the papers. These rolls can be made, raised, and baked in an hour and a half. This recipe makes enough rolls for an average family for one meal. The amounts may be doubled, using the same amount of yeast, but it requires a longer time for them to rise.

### Quick Rolls

1 yeast cake (compressed)  
1 c. liquid milk  
2 T. fat  
1 t. salt  
2 T. sugar  
3 1-2 c. flour  
Scald milk, allow to cool until lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in this. Add sugar, salt, shortening and flour. Keep this dough as soft as can be easily handled. Knead slightly, shape into small rolls, grease over top. Allow to rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Bake in a moderate oven of about 400 degrees F. about 15 minutes.

### Local Citizen Hurt In Georgia Wreck

Sam R. Robertson, local citizen, was badly hurt in a wreck near Gainesville, Ga., last Friday, sustaining a five-inch scalp wound, cuts on the face and a bruised hand. His sisters, Mrs. E. W. King and Mrs. J. M. Vernon, and the latter's son Tom Vernon, of Stoneville, were also in the wreck, but all escaped injury except Mrs. Vernon, who suffered bad cuts and a broken rib. The car, which was being driven by Tom Vernon, was badly smashed up. On being notified of the wreck, J. M. Vernon immediately left for that place in an automobile and brought all home, arriving Monday night. Mr. Robertson and his sisters had been on a visit to relatives in Georgia and Florida and were returning from Florida when the wreck occurred. It seems that they were trailing another car which suddenly stopped without warning and Tom Vernon was forced in an attempt to pass it. At this point he met a truck and his car and the latter crashed together. It was truly a narrow escape from death. Mr. Robertson is now confined to his bed, but it is believed that he will be out again within the next few days.

### The Passing Of An Old Homestead Mark

"Prince," the sorrell riding and driving horse, owned by Harry J. Penn of this place, passed away Tuesday night at 10 o'clock, and he was perhaps the best and most valuable horse that Madison ever claimed. Twenty-eight years ago he was brought to Madison by Charles B. Pratt and Ed Jones, who were large dealers in horses at that time, and sold to Mr. Penn, who was impressed with the princely bearing of the horse and immediately gave him the name of "Prince." He was not only a most excellent saddle, but a splendid driving horse. At the time he was purchased by Mr. Penn, he was 4 years old, which, added to the 28 years he belonged to Mr. Penn, made him 32 years of age—an age rarely attained in the horse world. During those 28 years, he was never known to commit an act that could be considered ungentlemanly in the horse world; and during the latter years of Joseph M. Vaughn's life and that of Green Penn, fathers respectively of Mrs. H. J. Penn and Harry J. Penn, they both rode and drove him frequently, feeling secure in the thought that "Prince" could be depended upon. Mr. and Mrs. Penn and their children will feel a decided personal loss, for "Prince" was looked upon as a member of the family.

### Bank Robbers Pay Visit To Ridgeway

The Bank of Ridgeway was probably saved from a daring robbery Thursday night by Johnny Jones. About midnight he heard a noise in the bank, he occupying a room in an adjoining building, and turned on the light. This evidently frightened the burglars, for next morning it was found that during the night an attempt had been made to blow open the vault of the bank, and in their hurried departure the would-be robbers left an acetylene torch and other equipment necessary for such a job. So far the officers have failed to find any clues that would lead to the identity of the marauders.

During the month of January 174 Lincoln county poultry growers sold 10,750 pounds of poultry in cooperative shipments for \$916.

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### Finance Committee Recommends Method

Monday the finance committee made its report and suggests or recommends the adoption of either a general sales tax or commodity tax to balance that budget that has been following the line of least resistance, and the budget committee is running true to form, regardless of what the people back home want. The adoption of either method will be but passing along more taxes to the ultimate consumer, who is already bowed down with taxes.

A group of Pamlico county hog growers sold 6,000 pounds cooperatively, last week at a net price of \$3.05 a hundred.

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