

**Meekins Tells Wets To Pour Whisky Out**

**Federal Judge Looses Tirade Against Violators In Jury Charge.**

Raleigh.—"Pour it out" if you have it, federal judge I. M. Meekins said in his charge to the federal grand jury, in which address of 90 minutes his honor declared himself unable to understand how any "gentleman or criminal, lady or strumpet, can take a drink of whisky without violating some law."

The judge has as his foreman the son of a Presbyterian minister, and that added to his honor's observations made the thirsty very unhappy. Judge Meekins does not think prohibition is impossible. To a savage disapproval of booze which makes the Anti-Saloon league minded to canonize him, Judge Meekins adds a weakness for trying cases according to the law. Thus the Elizabeth City jurist finds himself often in position to win sainthood, only to discover that he has been playing the devil.

Since the judge last was here trying bootleggers and blockaders the Jones law has gone into effect and he was telling the jury about it. Incidentally, his remarks were overheard by many people. It was sycophancy complete, that admonition to the jury. The federal laws are now so stringent, he said, that he cannot see how anybody can drink without running afoul of them. Even so, there are strict North Carolina prohibitions, the judge thinks, and he found in the Burlington act all the kick necessary for troubling people who violate the law.

The federal court hasn't much besides liquor business and the chances are that there will be many prisoners in Atlanta within the next fortnight. Judge Meekins explained the Jones "five-and-ten" act, a recent piece of legislation. A sixteenth century excess on hell was not entirely unlike his honor's charge. North Carolina voted for prohibition," Judge Meekins said, joggling the juridical memory with the election of 1908. His honor also had in mind the legislative ratification of the 18th amendment in 1919. A third vote on prohibition was in 1928, Judge Meekins said. He did not regard the 1928 ruff and random entirely an endorsement of President Hoover, but the judge did think the wet and dry issue was uppermost.

The judge in previous charges has said how badly liquor making and selling breaks down the popular morale. There are two families in a community. One of them works hard, behaves itself and almost starves. The other loafers and lives in finery. The loafers bootleg and blockade and the hard workers get cynical.

"The thoughtful man will leave liquor alone; the price of getting caught is too high," he asserted. "If we can control the thoughtful violator, the vicious violator can be controlled. All people who now have liquor in their possession had better pour it out. I don't know how any gentleman or criminal, lady or strumpet, can take a drink of whisky without violating some law."

Just because the law for violating the prohibition law has been made more drastic by passing of the Jones act is no reason why lawyers and others should believe that just because the law is more drastic there will be fewer convictions, he said, adding that "juries will continue to convict wherever the evidence to convict is sufficient."

Judge Meekins declared that those who criticized federal enforcement of the prohibition law are unfair in that they do not denounce the methods of state enforcement. Better enforcement of the prohibition law, he continued, will be accomplished only when federal and state officers work hand in hand in enforcing the law.

"If we elect and appoint only officers who are in sympathy with the prohibition law, then the prohibition law will have an equal chance of enforcement with other laws," he declared.

**Kiss Thrill Excels All As Heart Exciter**

Seattle.—Which causes the heart to beat more tumultuously—a sentence of death or a long-sustained kiss?

Believe it or not, the kiss shows the greater reaction.

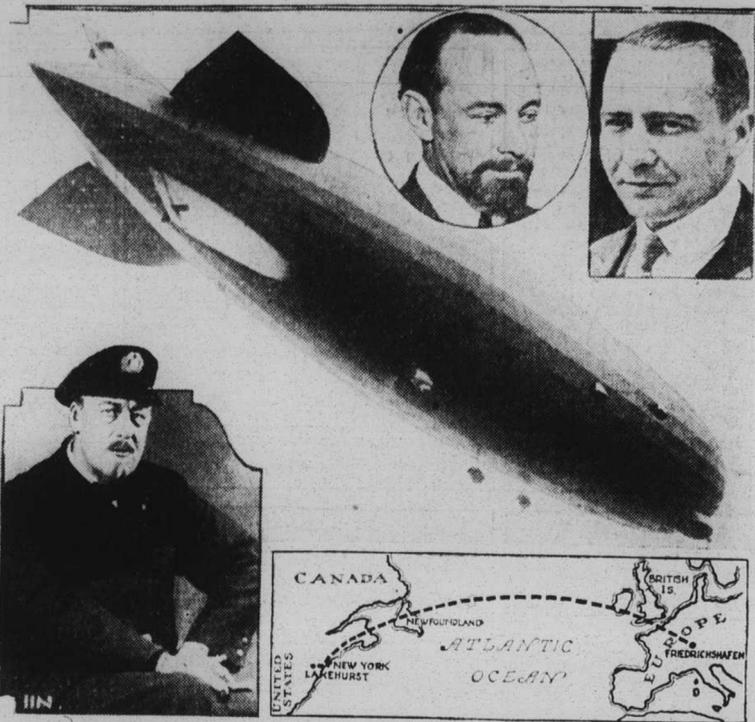
This was scientifically demonstrated in Seattle by a novel and exhaustive series of tests.

Two beautiful girls—a blond of 19 and a brunette of 22—and two personable young men, of 21, and 26, were used as the kissing subjects, while Dr. Earl V. Morrow, the physician who conducted the experiment, used prison data on condemned men for purpose of comparison.

The physician had taken the blood pressure of several condemned prisoners before and after they entered the death cell, and had determined that it advanced an average of 20 points during the ordeal. But a 10-second kiss sent the pressure up 30 points or more on both men and girls.

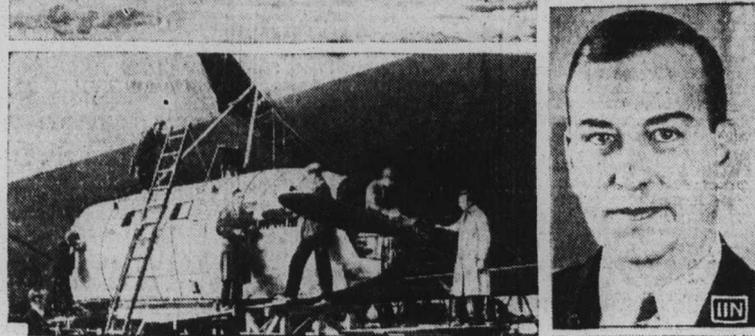
It must be understood that the experiments were made entirely in the interest of science. Maybe the subjects didn't find it too hard a task—but then many ardent scientists get pleasure from their work.

**Giant Zeppelin Braves Atlantic Storms In Second Flight from Germany to New York**



Captain Ernst Lehmann, upper right, executive officer of the Graf Zeppelin, center, is guiding the huge ship across the Atlantic under the personal direction of Dr. Hugo Eckener, below, left, while Sir Hubert Wilkins, upper left, is among the passengers. The map, below, right, shows the approximate route the ship is taking. (International Newsreel)

**R-100 Soon to Be Completed Will Fly Here**



Above, the R-100, new huge English dirigible as it will appear when it is completed and ready to fly to the United States this summer. This will accommodate 100 passengers in perfect comfort in its luxurious cabin. Photo below shows a gondola of the monster being fastened to its side during the course of construction at London, England. Robert T. Pollock, inset, is the American representative of the builders and designers of the ship, and will be a passenger on the craft when it makes its trip to the States. (International Newsreel)

**Banished Man Wants To Come Back To Carolina After 7 Years**

**Judge Shaw Sent Homer McBee Into Exile Longer Than He Intended.**

Raleigh.—Judge Thomas J. Shaw's banishment of Homer McBee five years longer than his honor intended, having been brought to the mind of the jurist and to the executive department last week resulted in Homer's gaining license to come back to North Carolina.

Judge Shaw had given McBee a sentence of two years for violation of the liquor laws, but offered him the alternative of leaving the state. McBee got homesick. He remained away seven years. Judge Shaw intended the banishment to run only during the life of the sentence. Had McBee returned to North Carolina during that time of course there would have been ground for committing him to prison.

Judge Shaw sentences in good faith and rarely asks for any reductions once he has imposed his judgments. But he was willing to help his prisoner out and wrote to the governor to that effect. McBee's seven years separation from North Carolina gave him full appreciation of the courtship of Jacob.

The episode recalls the famous story of Governor Aycock. During his administration a North Carolina fellow committed a crime, escaped prison and of course went to Texas. The stay was not joyful and the prisoner wrote back thus: "Dear Governor—Next Wednesday I will be in your office to sur-

**Cotton Market**

(By John F. Clark and Co.) Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange: May 19.44, October 18.66. Saturday's close: May 19.42, October 18.70.

Weather map clear east cloudy, west, raining at Amarillo 1.04 rain at Fort Worth .04 at Little Rock and Palestine .44 at Oklahoma City. Forecast Carolinas Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi showers. E. Texas local showers east portion. West Texas fair. Manchester cable reports plenty inquiries but buyers ideas too low few large transactions recorded. Good inquiry Saturday. One says sales caught up with production. New Bedford says movement of raw cotton to New England is speeding up again and is 50 percent larger than last year.

Memphis review in Journal of Commerce says Mississippi valley farmers must replant much cotton, cold weather excessive rain and high winds ruined thousands of acres. Favor purchases reactions. CLEVELAND.

**LARGE CROWD ATTENDS NEW HOPE MEMORIAL**

One of the largest crowds attending the memorial and Mother's day service of New Hope church yesterday, that has been there in years. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, preached at 11 o'clock and special music was rendered. A large and beautiful dinner was served on the grounds and many visitors from a distance were present.

**Twenty Million In Autos This Year**

Raleigh.—Tar Heels spent nearly \$20,000,000 for new automobiles during the first four months of the year, according to figures secured from Sprague Silver, head of the motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue.

The 7,680 new cars sold in April brought the sales since the first of the year to 27,769, a material increase over the first four months of 1928. Taking \$700 as the average cost of each new car, Mr. Silver pointed out that bills for new cars would amount to \$19,438,300.

January sales totaled 6,029, February sales 7,240, March sales 6,820, and April sales 7,680 as compared with 5,340 for February, 1929. This state now has one car to about every six persons. Mr. Silver estimated, while California has one car registered in the state for every two and a fraction persons. California leads the union with the largest number of cars per population of any state.

Mr. Silver called attention to the increased foreign market. Heretofore the United States has furnished a market for about 87 per cent of the cars manufactured all over the world, but this figure has already started to decrease and Mr. Silver predicted the decrease would continue. Ten years ago there were in round numbers 7,000,000 cars registered in the United States, while this year there are over 24,000,000 with approximately 7,000,000 cars registered in the rest of the world, which taken as a whole is ten years behind the motor registration of the United States.

**Shriners To Visit Hickory On May 18**

Charlotte.—The members of Oasis Temple of the Mystic Shrine will be guests of the Shriners of Hickory at a festival there the afternoon and evening of May 18, with R. E. Simpson, past potentate, playing the part of official host.

This occasion will be one of a series of pilgrimages planned for this year for Oasis Temple by Lee A. Folger, of Charlotte, potentate. In the past two months similar pilgrimages have been made to Pinehurst, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Albemarle and Concord. A dozen or more events of this nature are on the temple's program for the latter part of the year. After the Hickory festival, the next trip of the temple's members and official divan will be to Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the annual meeting of the imperial council, which will be convened early in June. Oasis Temple's special train will leave here May 29 on a twenty-day journey over a 10,000-mile itinerary.

The uniformed bodies of Oasis will make the trip to Hickory under the command of Major John Blythe. These outfits are the band, the patrol, the drum and bugle corps, and the guard.

Past Potentate L. D. Sutherland, executive officer of the temple, and A. J. Gocking, director, were in Hickory today making arrangements in co-operation with a local committee of Shriners for the visit of next Saturday. Past Potentate Simpson, a resident of Hickory, though his business offices are in Cincinnati, Ohio, has informed Potentate Folger, who will lead the caravan to that town, that the Shriners of Hickory and of that section are planning to make this one of the memorable events in Hickory's history. A parade of the uniformed bodies, a band concert, and several social events are included on the program. For the wearers of the red fez, the most interesting single event of the day will be the old-fashioned barbecue dinner, which Past Potentate Simpson has promised.

**Number Of Homes Are Traded Here**

Mrs. Walter Fanning has traded her residence on S. Washington street to Ben F. Curtis for the Frank Hoey house on the same street. Mr. Hoey has the privilege of occupying his home for a year, so neither Mrs. Fanning nor Mr. Hoey will move until Mr. Hoey erects a new home in Cleveland Springs estate.

Jimmie Blanton has purchased the Dr. R. C. Ellis home in Belvedere and Dr. Ellis in turn has purchased the pretty brick bungalow of Mr. Ray Lutz on the Cleveland Springs road.

**Earthquake Kills 1,000.**

London.—A series of violent earthquakes in northeastern Persia is reported to have killed more than 1,000 persons.

**Stove Explodes; 4 Die.**

Newcastle, Pa.—Mrs. William Stevens and her three children were burned to death when a gasoline stove in their home exploded trapping them in an upper story.

**Swallows Whistle.**

Albion, Mich.—A basketball game came to an abrupt halt when Geo. Mather, time-keeper swallowed his whistle.

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