

DISMISSES CHARGE OF STORING LIQUOR AT HOME

Crutchfield Unwilling to Convict Man Who Bought Before State Went Dry.

NO PROOF OF INTENT TO SELL

Police Find Twenty-Six Pints of Whisky in Trunk in His Room When They Search Home of N. P. Dillard, at 1111 West Main Street.

Refusing to pave the way for what he feared would lead to the prosecution of every man in Richmond who had liberally supplied himself with liquor before the State prohibition law became effective, Justice Crutchfield yesterday dismissed in the Police Court the charge against N. P. Dillard for keeping and storing intoxicants at 1111 West Main Street. Dillard testified, and his testimony was corroborated by that of his sister, that the liquor had been purchased prior to November 1.

The Commonwealth's Attorney can indict over my head if he desires," remarked Justice Crutchfield, in announcing his decision in the case. Mr. Wise replied that he was willing to assume the responsibility he ought to, and thought the court should do the same.

Dillard, G. A. Vashon, J. R. Beattie and R. L. Gray were arrested on the night of August 30 while in an automobile. He assumed all responsibility for a small stored quantity of liquor in the car, and was held for the action of the grand jury on the charge of illegal transportation. With the exception of Vashon, the men were also charged with being intoxicated, and were fined \$10 and costs. Vashon was driving the automobile, and the court fixed his fine at \$50 for operating a motor car while under the influence of liquor.

SEARCHED HIS HOME AND FOUND TWENTY-SIX PINTS

It was brought out in the hearing yesterday that Patrolmen Clarke, Fray and Tyler were called to search the house, although Dillard's sister, Mrs. W. C. Vaughan, said the officers had not informed her that they had a warrant to search the building. The point involved was whether or not the finding of the liquor in the house was prima facie evidence that it was being stored for the purpose of sale, as charged in the indictment. Attorney Wise read from the prohibition statute, and contended that the possession of more than one gallon of liquor constituted a reasonable presumption that it was being stored for sale.

NEW TYPHOID RECORD

Only Sixteen Cases in City, Compared With 105 This Time Last Year.

Great satisfaction over Richmond's typhoid fever record this year was expressed yesterday by Dr. Roy Flanagan, chief health officer, who has just returned from a short vacation in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The month of September was started with only sixteen cases of typhoid, as compared with 105 during the month of August last year. There was, however, an epidemic fever last summer, but the record of August was considerably better below those of former years.

CANNING CLASSES CLOSE

Domestic Products of Their Handwork to Open-Air Schools of Richmond.

The canning class at the John B. Cary School closed yesterday, with an exhibit of its work for the summer. Each member brought a sample jar of the products she had canned. About 100 jars were exhibited. Miss Ferris, the district agent, was present and gave an interesting talk to the women. Of tomatoes thirty and one-half quarts were donated to the open-air classes of the city, besides a small sum of money.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS MEET

Map Out Preliminary Plans for Session Beginning Next Week.

Presided over by Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Superintendent of City Schools of Richmond, the regular annual meeting of the principals, supervisors and assistant supervisors of the city schools took place in the auditorium of John Marshall High School yesterday morning. Dr. Chandler outlined the policy which will be pursued in the conduct of the schools for the ensuing session, and the tentative list of assignments was read out. This list will not be given out for publication at the present time, since there are several adjustments to be made caused by resignations of young men whose names are included in the selective draft.

Called to St. Louis Church. Rev. Richard Orme Flynn, D. D., for nineteen years pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, who has several times conducted evangelistic services in the Presbyterian churches of Richmond, is considering a call to the Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis.

Transporting Liquor. Arrested by Marshal Harrison on the charge of transporting 234 pints of whiskey from Washington to Hopewell, T. Robinet, a young white man, was arraigned before Commissioner Flegenheimer yesterday morning. The case was continued till to-day. Bond of \$500 was required, and was furnished by G. Ellinger.

Books Are Needed for Men at Camp

State Library Calls for Contributions of Suitable Literature for Soldiers.

The American Library Association is, at the request of the United States government, collecting books and current magazines for the use of our soldiers and sailors in the camps at the front and in the hospitals. In Virginia, the Virginia State Library is acting as the agent of the association in doing this work. Many books have already been collected in Richmond and other cities of the State, and a very great many more will come in from those sources. It is felt, however, that the people of our State who do not live in cities would like to have an opportunity to participate in the good work, and there is no likelihood that too much literature can be assembled for the purpose set forth. Later on, the association hopes to be able to secure from the people of the whole country as much as \$1,000,000 with which to erect library buildings at the camps and buy the very best books to put in them, but at present the books themselves are being given. So far as Virginia is concerned, they are being sent principally to Camp Lee (near Petersburg) to be cared for by the Y. M. C. A. It is hoped that such persons reading this notice as may wish to give books or magazines will send them in at once. Magazines should not be over six months old. Any good reading book of general interest—whose binding is in good condition—will be suitable. Each person who reads this notice should feel that an opportunity is presented him to show his appreciation of the sacrifices being made by our young men in the cause of all.

CHEMICAL COMPANY ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT

Operating Conditions Increasingly Difficult Owing to War—Large Increase in Business Noted.

The annual report of the directors of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, which was made public yesterday afternoon, shows that operating conditions during the past year have been increasingly difficult, owing to the war, which applies to all branches of the company's business. The financial statement, recently issued, showed that last year was the best in the history of the company in net earnings, with very much the largest increase in business.

The percentage of profits to the amount of business done is unusually small, being only 5.56 per cent, or more than 1 per cent below the year 1916. The total turnover for 1917 was \$53,774,550, as compared with \$47,894,444 in the previous year, an increase of more than \$5,750,000. However, probably half of this increase is due to higher prices, necessitated by higher cost. In the year 1912 the total value of business done by the company was \$50,948,783, so that from 1912 to 1917 business increased \$2,825,767, or more than 6 per cent.

Fertilizer consumption materially increased over the previous year. Particularly was this true in most of the cotton and grain-growing sections. The short crop of cotton grown last year in the Atlantic States is largely attributed to the limited consumption of fertilizers, and the farmers, realizing the mistake they made the previous year, fertilized very much more liberally, with indications now pointing to a satisfactory crop in all of the territory in which there has been a liberal application of fertilizers. This also applies to the tobacco territory. Indications now point to a large consumption of fertilizers next year, not only in the tobacco and cotton sections, but also in the grain-growing sections.

Each of the principal subsidiary companies has shown improvement over the previous year. The Southern Cotton Oil Company, the largest of the subsidiaries, had a very satisfactory year, and enters the new year with a desirable inventory. The Charleston (S. C.) Mining and Manufacturing Company, which controls the phosphate rock mines of the company, shows marked improvement over last year, not only in making slightly better earnings, but in the fact that its operating cost. The Sulphur Mining and Railroad Company has its pyrites mines now in operation, and the outcome from its properties is expected to be an improvement over the several previous years.

Efficiency with which the company's properties are kept up is evidenced by the large amount spent for repairs and maintenance and charged off, as shown in the financial statement—viz., \$2,145,830.91. Under the terms of their contract with the Government, the company bought and cancelled in the year 1916, 300 of 5 per cent bonds and \$125,000 of 6 per cent debentures, a total of \$425,000. Of course, under present conditions, it is impossible for the company to make any statement concerning the potash mines and chemical property in Germany in which the company is interested. During the calendar year 1916 reports showed that the company was operating in a fairly satisfactory way.

MASS AT SHERWOOD PARK

Special Services for Forty-Seventh New York Infantry, on Duty Here.

Next Sunday at 9 o'clock, under the auspices of the Catholic Bishop of Richmond, the Rev. J. O'Connell, there will be a celebration of the mass at Sherwood Park, headquarters of the Forty-seventh New York Infantry. At 10 o'clock there will be morning prayer and sermon by Rev. F. E. Warren, rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Glinter Park. Of special interest is the fact that at the 10 o'clock service the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered by the chaplain to those desiring to take advantage of the opportunity thus presented. The rite of confirmation will be administered, also. Any candidate who desires to be confirmed, and will communicate his wishes to the chaplain, who will make the necessary arrangements with one of the Catholic clergy.

ALLEGED SLACKER ARRESTED

Hillary Atkins Says That He Slept All Day and Failed to Register.

There has been no laxity among either Federal or civil authorities in their search for slackers, as evidenced by the fact that Hillary Atkins, colored, was arrested in South Richmond Tuesday by Sergeant Golsby and Officers Wood and Coleman. When brought before Commissioner Flegenheimer yesterday morning, Hillary said that he worked all night and slept all day, and thus did not register. The commissioner bailed him over to the District Court in the sum of \$50, but he could not furnish the required bond, and was remanded to jail.

REQUISITION HONORED

Ira H. King Charged With Robbing Guest of White Sulphur Springs of Jewelry.

Governor Stuart yesterday honored a requisition of the Governor of West Virginia for the return to White Sulphur Springs of Ira H. King, charged with having held up and robbed, on a lonesome mountain trail, a guest of the White Sulphur Springs, of jewelry valued at \$2,300. King is under arrest in Notoway County and Parit E. Yeager, deputy sheriff of Greenbrier County will take him back for trial.

GOVERNMENT ROAD IS IN NEED OF REPAIRS

Administrative Board Calls on City Council for \$15,000 Appropriation.

PARKKEEPER IS ACQUITTED

More Money Needed for Expenses of Pine Camp—Sewer and Water Mains Are Ordered Extended. Price of Cemetery Lots.

Steps for the general improvement of the Government Road, from the old corporate limits of the city to the National Cemetery, which has been in bad condition for some time, and is declared to be growing steadily worse, were taken yesterday by the Administrative Board when a resolution offered by Chairman Hirschberg was adopted, requesting the Council to make an immediate appropriation of \$15,000, as much of that amount as may be necessary, for the repairing and resurfacing of this thoroughfare.

The resolution will go to the Council at its next meeting and members of the board will appear before the Finance Committee to explain the need for immediate repairs to the road when that body considers the appropriation. Efforts have been made by the Administrative Board for several weeks to find some means for the improvement of the road. Members have inspected the thoroughfare several times recently, finding that the road surface had become badly washed, and that the surface gone, the road was rapidly becoming filled with holes.

FUNDS FOR WORK ARE NOT NOW AVAILABLE

Estimates furnished the board by contractors for the cost of resurfacing the roadbed at \$18,000, and for a waterproof macadam surface a \$8,000. Funds for the work are not available to the board, which was forced to report to the Council, with great difficulty being experienced, that the crushed stone for all kinds of work, the repairing of the road probably will not be started for some time, in event the necessary appropriation is made by the Council.

Numerous complaints against the condition of the Government Road have been made recently by property owners and automobilists, and members of the Richmond Automobile Club have discussed the matter at length. Several delegations have appeared before the Administrative Board during the past week asking for relief, but because of the fact that the board was unable to authorize immediate repairs.

PARKKEEPER MORE IS QUICKLY ACQUITTED

Disposal of the charges against Allie B. Moore, keeper of Monroe Park, was made yesterday by the Administrative Board in ninety seconds, and much to the surprise and apparent disappointment of a large audience that had assembled to witness the inquiry. Mr. Moore and numerous witnesses, including half a dozen police officers, were in attendance when the matter was tried. The board was advised that the man who was fined in the Police Court for being intoxicated in the park, which led to the inquiry, had appealed a case to the Hustings Court. Chairman Hirschberg immediately announced that the case was dismissed, since it was still pending in court, and directed the parkkeeper to return to his duties as a single witness was examined, nor were there any questions asked.

Patrolman Griffin, of the Second District, was suspended from duty last week for the fact that he had arrested a man for the park for being drunk, and that when the case was called in the Police Court, the man was fined, although Parkkeeper Moore had testified that he did not believe the man was intoxicated.

EXTENSION OF SEWER AND WATER MAINS ORDERED

City Engineer Bolling was directed to advertise for bids for the extension of a sewer in Buchanan Street, between Fairfield and Accommodation Streets, the bid to be returnable September 14. M. Bolling was also directed to contract with the present contractor at existing prices for the extension of the sewer in the 1500 block Mosby Street.

Orders were issued to the Superintendent of the Water and Gas Department directing that mains be laid at once in the 1500 block Mosby Street, and the Superintendent of the Water Department was instructed to lay a four-inch water main in Buchanan Street, between Fairfield and Accommodation Streets.

Upon the report of Paymaster Shepard that only \$356 remained in the expense account of Pine Camp Hospital institution, the board adopted a resolution requesting the Council to appropriate \$6,000 to operate the hospital for the remainder of the year. Members of the board pointed out that in 1916 an appropriation of \$10,000 had been made for Pine Camp, while this year only \$10,700 for this institution. The board fixed the prices for plots in the new section of Riverdale Cemetery, upon the report of Humphrey Calder, Superintendent of Cemeteries, who recommended that no eurling around the lot be permitted in order that a park effect might be obtained. His recommendation was adopted.

SEABOARD EARNINGS

Gross earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company for the month of July aggregated \$2,117,441, as compared with \$1,691,718 for the corresponding month of last year, showing an increase of \$425,723, according to the figures made public yesterday. Operating expenses and taxes for the month were \$1,738,174, increasing \$130,127 over last July, leaving net earnings of \$379,267, as compared with \$213,568 last year.

Explosion of Sewer Gas. Caps on several sewer manholes on East Main Street, Seventh and Eighth Streets were blown off shortly after midnight this morning by sewer gas. The explosion was followed by a resounding roar, and cap after cap, as the gas traveled through the sewer, was blown several feet in the air. The police had no report early this morning of damage from the explosion, which was not believed to have affected other conduits in the streets.

Grandson Born to Henry Ford. DETROIT, MICH., September 5.—Henry Ford, II., was born to-day. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ford, and the automobile manufacturer's first grandchild.

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EKS PLEDGE SUPPORT OF FOOD CONSERVATION

Local Lodge Adopts Resolution for One Meal Per Day Without Wheat Food.

ALSO ONE MEAL WITHOUT MEAT

Richard Evelyn Byrd Makes Address on Necessity of Husbanded Nation's Food Supply—Preparing for War to Last Four Years.

"Food conservation" was the predominant keynote that characterized the meeting of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge 46, and the address of Richard Evelyn Byrd, District Attorney for Western Virginia, last night, and the result was that the lodge adopted among other resolutions the following significant one: "That a committee of three be appointed to be known as 'Committee on Food Conservation,' and that said committee be authorized and directed to take such immediate steps as may be deemed most effective to secure from the head of each household presented in the lodge membership a written pledge that, for the duration of the war, his household will observe the following rules: a. That one meal each day be served without wheat food. b. That one meal each day be served without meat. c. That no butter shall be consumed for any purposes when a satisfactory substitute is available. d. That bread shall be sliced during each meal only as required for the immediate consumption. e. That at three meals each week at least one dish shall be served prepared from food unconsumed at previous meals. BARD DISCUSSES FOOD CONSERVATION

Following the regular meeting, Richard Evelyn Byrd addressed the lodge on the subject of "Food Conservation," and a very effective manner what he believed to be the problem before the American people with reference to food conservation. The speaker asked that the members abide by the resolutions that they had adopted and reminded them that they were in duty bound as a patriotic organization to help the nation preserve its food products, and that the members have been drafted and numerous others have left the farms to seek employment in munition factories and at the government-owned cotton mills. The country is confronted with a serious problem, there is a great scarcity in farm labor and few left to take care of the crops, the result that the country must suffer unless we conserve our products that we have," said Mr. Byrd. "America is called upon to feed not only herself, but her allies, and this fact presents a problem that can only be met by the wise use of our food products of this country. There is at present a normal supply of wheat to meet the demands of the people of this country, and we must use it less if we send any to our allies. The real solution lies not so much in legislation as in the people themselves.

"I have it from a high authority that the government is expecting the war to last four years," said Mr. Byrd, "and if that is the case the people have got to conserve their food."

In conclusion, Mr. Byrd said: "We must all dedicate ourselves to be careful in the use of food. The time may come when food will be scarce, and we can prevent that."

POLICEMEN IN FIGHT

J. S. Garry Is Suspended by Captain Sherry, Pending Trial Before Major Werner.

Patrolman J. S. Garry, of the First District, was suspended from duty this morning by District Captain C. A. Sherry as a result of a difficulty between him and Patrolman John H. DuBouque near the corner of Eighth and Main Streets. The report is said to have started about 12:30 o'clock just as the midnight relief was going on duty. From what could be learned of the affair early this morning, it was said that Garry had struck DuBouque in the face. Witnesses separated the two officers, and Captain Sherry was notified of the fight at once and immediately suspended Garry. DuBouque probably on duty last night. Garry will be given a hearing by Major Werner to-day when the trial of several other officers is to be held.

Condition Is Serious

The condition of Engineer J. W. Hurt and brakeman George W. Satterfield, who were badly injured Tuesday morning when the bridge on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near Bremo collapsed, sending the engine and a coal car to the bottom, was still serious, according to the report from Grace Hospital last night. Hospital attendants said that sufficient time had not elapsed to tell whether or not they would survive the shock and the resulting operation.

Boy Arrested at Station

Herman Dickens, a sixteen-year-old white boy, was arrested last night at the Main Street Station by Detective Sergeant Wiltshire just after he had alighted from a northbound Southern Railway train. The boy declared that he was on route to Canada. The arrest was made at the request of C. L. Lewis, Mayor of Stovall, N. C., who had received Police Headquarters that the boy was running away from home. Dickens was held last night in the Juvenile Detention Home, and Mayor Lewis advised of his arrest. An officer is expected this afternoon.

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