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ALIENS AND LIQUOR BROUGHT IN ALIKE

GOVERNMENT AGENTS UN-DETECTABLE EVIDENCE OF SMUGGLING SCHEME—FAKE MARRIAGE FAVORITE METHOD OF CARRYING ENTRY

Washington, Sept. 26.—Smuggling European aliens into the United States from Cuba, surreptitious smuggling temporarily in the waters of the Florida coast of large quantities of liquors by "international smugglers" and mock marriages devised to insure entry into this country of women barred by immigration laws, form the basis of a report submitted to Secretary Davis of the bureau of immigration.

This report, Commissioner General said today, is the most comprehensive review of smuggling conditions ever prepared by immigration officials and is expected to be considered by the treasury, labor and agriculture departments in connection with the proposed coordination of border patrol forces.

Government investigators, by direction of Mr. Husband, visited Jacksonville, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Key West and Habana. They reported, it is said, with the "kings" of the aliens of every nationality sought entry to the United States. The data gathered, it is stated, proved invaluable to the government in coping with a situation which has taxed the ingenuity of federal agents to combat. The smuggling ramifications, it is declared, extend to the capitol of Europe and involve Greeks, Spaniards, Poles, Rumanians, Russians and Chinese.

The report states that the favorite method of gaining entry to the United States from Cuba for Italian women has been for them to enter into "fake" marriages with naturalized American citizens who, for certain considerations, go through mock ceremonies and then accompany their wives to some Florida point. Frequently, it is said, "bridegrooms" have been paid as high as \$200 for their part in the scheme. The principal smugglers in Habana, the investigators declared, do not confine their activities to smuggling aliens to the United States but also handle whiskey and narcotics. The majority of leaders are said to be naturalized Americans.

A great many of the smuggling boats, it is declared, which land and depart from Matanzas, are of Cuban registry, and do not enter or clear the customs house. The names used by the schooners and power launches, it is declared, are inscribed on easily removable and some boats are said to carry several false plates. Destination of such boats when leaving Cuba are not always fixed, the inspectors report, finding that a majority of the bigger boats anchor outside the customs limit off the American coast and send their load, if aliens, across a few at a time in small boats, liquor or narcotics the cargo is submerged at a pre-designated point and grappled up subsequently elsewhere. Probably no less than four or five vessels with aliens and contraband goods cross from Matanzas to the United States each week, the report states.

FEW MORE TAX DAYS

Executions in the Hands of the Sheriffs on October 1. Columbia, Sept. 26.—Only this week remains for taxpayers who have not paid their 1921 state, county and school taxes to meet their obligations without having a writ from the sheriff. Under the recent extension granted by Walter E. ... the comptroller general time for the executions to be made in the hands of the sheriffs is made October 1, rather than November 15 as at first named by the comptroller.

HEAVY DOCKET FOR OCTOBER TERM COURT

Twenty-one Cases Docketed for Term of Court Which Convenes October 9th.

Twenty-one cases are docketed for the October term of Court which convenes in Abbeville on the second Monday, being the 9th day of October. Judge Hayne F. Rice will preside.

The most important case to be tried will be McDonald vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway. W. H. Nicholson of Greenwood and J. Howard Moore of Abbeville are plaintiffs' attorneys, while J. L. Glenn of Chester and D. H. Hill of Abbeville will represent the defendants. R. F. McDonald, of Donalds, is suing the Seaboard for damages in the sum of \$30,000 for the killing of his father, W. L. McDonald, a farmer, while in Greenwood Dec. 12, 1921 at the Byrd street crossing.

Other out of town lawyers having cases at this term of court are Bonham & Allen, Anderson; Ross & Owens, McCormick; G. Harris, Anderson; W. H. Nicholson, Greenwood; T. Frank McCord, Greenwood, and J. L. Glenn, of Chester.

The following cases have been docketed:

- Hamlin vs. Hamlin; Miles F. Bixler Co. vs. L. C. Martin; Peters International Shoe Co. vs. S. F. Sheppard & Co.; Mary Taggart vs. Pearl M. Beckwith, executrix; Planters Fertilizer Co. vs. W. D. Thomas; Mary T. Hill, Executrix vs. L. W. Cox; White, Branch Shelton Hat Company vs. G. O. Hall; R. R. Tolbert, Jr., vs. C. J. Rapley; J. R. Winn vs. Gregg Loner and Will Strawhorn; Red Devil Company vs. G. A. Harrison as City Garage; R. F. Donald, administrator vs. S. A. L. Railway Company and others; Planters Fertilizer Works vs. John Burris; Farmers & Merchants Bank vs. J. K. Temple; Planters Bank vs. John A. Wilson; Bewley Darst Coal Co. vs. W. M. Speer; W. R. Ellis vs. R. Y. Simmons; C. L. Bowen vs. W. M. Bell; F. A. Pruitt vs. S. A. L. Railway Company; Brunswick Balke Colender Co. vs. Bowie Bros.; The Co-Mortimer Company vs. W. H. Williams.

ASHLEY BEGINS HIS SENTENCE

Anderson Man Convicted of Manslaughter Gets 12 Years

Anderson, Sept. 26.—Ernest Ashley, convicted of manslaughter on September 18, in connection with the killing on August 24, 1920 of Deputy Arthur Hughes at Honea Path and sentenced by Judge Mendel Smith in Sessions Court to a term of 12 years as the result of his second trial yesterday afternoon began the service of his sentence at a county convict camp. Whether or not the appeal to the Supreme Court has been abandoned could not be ascertained but the beginning of his service of the sentence would indicate as much.

Defense counsel who served notice of intention to appeal the case following Ashley's conviction, today stated that nothing definite had been agreed upon as far as the appeal is concerned.

DEATH OF JESSE CROCKER

Jesse Crocker, young thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crocker of Calhoun Falls, died Tuesday morning Sept. 26, about 5 o'clock at the Memorial Hospital of typhoid pneumonia. The young boy was brought to the Abbeville Hospital about five days ago for treatment. The remains were carried to his home in Calhoun Falls yesterday afternoon and funeral services were held at that place.

ABBEVILLE WINS FIRST PLACE.

Abbeville won first place in the District Canning Contest at Greenwood yesterday, and 3rd place in the sewing contest. Miss Eunice Fisher was the winner of the Canning contest and Miss Mary Eugenia Cochran came third in the sewing contest.

EXPECT KEMALIST TO ACCEPT TERMS

DANGER OF NEAR EASTERN WAR NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE PASSED.—DIPLOMATIC DELAYS CAUSE NO SURPRISE.—BRITISH STANNR READY.

London, Sept. 26.—Smiles, which wreathed Lord Curzon's face as he departed from the prime minister's official residence in Downing street this afternoon after making a detailed report to the cabinet of his Paris mission testified the general easing up of the tenseness in the Near East situation as viewed from the British capital. Everywhere in official circles there are expressions of relief that the war cries of last week have been replaced by old school diplomacy, with such an old hand as Curzon directing British policy, and although there is no record that the note has yet been delivered to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, it is intimated that his refusal to come to terms is extremely unlikely.

The view is held in authoritative allied circles that immediate acceptance would be against Turkish "tarding propensities." It is said that the Turk in bargaining diplomatically or otherwise always wants a first offer made to him. Then he holds the other to it and angles for further concessions. The allies have made Kemal Pasha a definite offer of Constantinople, Thrace to the Maritza and membership in the league of nations, but it is believed that Kemal will probably reply with a demand for all of eastern Thrace and complete retirement of the British from the neutral zones before the Turks enter into a peace conference.

It is taken for granted, however, both in Paris and London that no reply will be forthcoming from the Nationalist leader until he sees M. Franklin-Bouillon, the French envoy, who is expected to arrive from Smyrna Thursday.

That all danger is not past is evident from today's dispatch reporting a new Kemalist incursion in the Chanak zone, necessitating a further warning from the British command there. Details of the affair are meager, and it may not be serious since, according to The Times' Chanak correspondent, small Turkish cavalry patrols were still in the zone yesterday, but he anticipated no difficulties as the Turks were showing a genuine desire to be reasonable.

Even when Kemal's reply is received there are likely to be prolonged negotiations, for it is believed the Kemalists will demand the admission of Russia and Bulgaria to the conference, which in itself would provide ample opportunity for protracted discussions. In the meantime the British government is not relaxing its military and naval preparations.

PRISONER ESCAPES

J. T. Worley Escapes From Newell's Camp Near Honea Path

J. T. Worley, a young white man convicted at the last term of Court for violation of the prohibition law and sentenced to serve twelve months on the County chain gang escaped last night from Newell's Camp near Honea Path. Worley's home is in Anderson County near Barnes' station but he was caught in a raid on a still in Abbeville County and sent up from here. He is a small man, about 25 or 30 years of age, five feet and three or four inches tall and weighs about 120 pounds. Sheriff McLane and his deputies are on the trail of the escaped convict.

In Atlanta for Few Days

Miss Blanche Reep and Mrs. D. H. Hill and Miss Susan Hill have gone to Atlanta where they will consult a specialist about Susan's eyes. They will return Friday.

SENATOR WATSON OF GEORGIA IS DEAD

DIED IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY MORNING FROM AN ACUTE ATTACK OF ASTHMA—WILL BURIED IN THOMSON, GA. TOMORROW.

Washington, Sept. 26.—United States Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, died suddenly at his home here early today. Death was said to be due to an acute attack of asthma, from which Senator Watson had suffered recurrently for some years.

Although falling health had interrupted Senator Watson's attendance at senate sessions frequently in the last several months, he was in his seat Friday when the senate adjourned and his friends believed that he was then showing improvement. He was stricken suddenly after dinner last night and passed away shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. He was 63 years old.

Members of the senator's family and a number of close friends were at his bedside when the end came.

Born in Thomson, Ga., in 1856, Senator Watson grew up and practiced law there for some years before entering state politics. After serving in the Georgia house of representatives and later in 1888, as democratic-elect-at-large for the state, he was elected to congress in 1891 on the populist ticket. After being defeated on that ticket in the next two elections he was nominated as the choice for vice president of the St. Louis populist convention which endorsed William J. Bryan for president in 1896. Nominated for president by the peoples' party in 1904, Senator Watson conducted an active campaign to revive the party.

About that time he began the publication of Tom Watson's Magazine in New York and a year later undertook the publication of Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine which was continued under the name of The Weekly Jeffersonian.

The body of the senator will be taken to his home at Thomson, Ga., today at 3:15 o'clock. He had already made reservations on a train ready made reservations on a train leaving at that time to spend the congressional vacation at his home and Mrs. Watson decided to take the train that he had planned. The senator is survived by his widow and two grandchildren.

Greenville Makes Only Half Crop

Greenville, Sept. 23.—Greenville county will make only a fifty per cent cotton crop this year on account of boll weevil damage according to a statement today by County Agent A. H. Chapman, following an investigation throughout the county. Only the earlier bolls have yet matured and many of the newer bolls, while appearing healthy, have been punctured by the weevil and will wither, he said.

POTATO HOUSES BEING BUILT

Work Progressing Rapidly on Both Sweet Potato Houses.

Work is progressing on the sweet potato storage houses being built by R. E. Cox on Branch street. The house is 60x24x12, consisting of two compartments of 2,000 bushel capacity each, which gives a total storage capacity of four thousand bushels.

It is located so that the filling can be from Branch street and the loading of cars for shipment on the side-track at the rear which extends up to Long's ginney.

All the space in this house has been engaged with the exception of a room for about one thousand bushels, which will probably be taken within the next few days.

This gives Abbeville County a start in marketing another cash crop. This means more money in circulation in Abbeville County, which will stimulate the various channels of trade.

THREE MILE LIMIT WILL BE OBSERVED

Liquor Ships in Touch With Shore By Their Own Small Boats Subject to Seizure.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The cabinet at its meeting today decided to restrict prohibition enforcement operations within the three mile limit at sea except in cases where ships beyond that limit are in communication with shore through their own crews and small boats. Prohibition enforcement officials, it was said, authoritatively would be cautioned to observe this decision.

The subject of searches for contraband liquor beyond the three mile limit formed the principal topic of discussion before the cabinet, examination of laws authorizing customs or other operations up to the twelve mile limit were found by the presidents' advisers to be out of harmony with international law and it was held that attempts to carry out the municipal law provisions might involve the government in embarrassments with other countries.

It was brought out in the cabinet discussion that in the recent case of the British Grace and Ruby, seized beyond the three mile limit, the court held this vessel to have been within American territorial waters in effect since she was in touch with shore by means of her own small boats. The decision to restrict operations of prohibition enforcement officials to similar cases beyond the three mile limit in future therefore was explained as in line with the courts action.

J. C. CHEATHAM HONORED

J. C. Cheatham has been made president of the Abbeville County Club at Clemson College. The students are organizing social club by counties and Mr. Cheatham has been honored by being made president of the Abbeville County Club. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cheatham.

WITHOUT OPTION OF FINE

Judge Rice Gives Bootleggers Straight Sentences.

Laurens, Sept. 26.—Seventeen defendants, ten on charges of violation of the liquor laws, were convicted or entered pleas of guilty in Court of General Sessions here today. At one time in the day Judge Rice paused in the trials long enough to sentence a line-up of fourteen, seven of them on liquor charges. All were given sentences without an option of a fine, the sentences ranging from two years to twelve months in the whiskey cases.

SPARTANBURG EXPECTS ABOUT 60,000 BALES

Spartanburg Sept. 26.—Dry weather throughout this county is forcing the cotton crop to open very rapidly report made from frequent trips through the country are to the effect that the crop will be larger than expected a few weeks ago when the boll weevil appeared to be doing so much damage. Many observers say that at Spartanburg county will this year gin between fifty and sixty thousands bales. The maximum crop in the country about 84,000 bales, was harvested two years ago.

DR. ROBT. McNEILL HERE

Dr. Robert McNeill of Danburg, Ga is in the county to see his father, William McNeill who in very sick at his home at Chestnut Hill. Dr. McNeill was in Abbeville. Monday.

Inspector of Bureau of Markets

Mr. D. D. Whitcomb of the Bureau of Markets was in Abbeville Tuesday inspecting the sweet potato storage houses under construction at Abbeville and Latimer with County Agent C. Lee Gowan.

OFFER BY FORD MAY YET PREVAIL

MAY MEET OPPOSITION BY MODIFICATION.—FORD'S REPRESENTATIVES TO BEGIN FIGHT THIS FALL FACING FACTS. CHANGE IN TACTICS.

Washington, Sept. 26.—When the congress is called into extraordinary session the middle of November, it is regarded as entirely possible that action will be permitted on the various plans for the permanent disposition of the government's \$100,000,000 projects at Muscle Shoals.

Election will have been held. Members will have opportunity of considering this most important matter without prejudice of bias. The atmosphere will have been cleared of threats and cajoling. The Republican majority will no longer have a scintilla of excuse for further delay.

It is anticipated, however, that Muscle Shoals, after the elections, will not be as popular as it is today. There is a very strong element in congress, which during the past session, remained silent, which actually favors scrapping the magnificent plants so capable of benefiting the entire country. This element is anti-Southern and is a minority element.

There are three plans before congress. The one is that of Henry Ford, the manufacturer of Detroit. He offers to buy the nitrate plants, Waco quarry and the Gorgas steam plant, claimed by the Alabama Power company, and the water to be developed after the construction by the government of two dams for \$5,000,000 and a rental approximating 4 per cent, on the cost of constructing the dams.

This offer has the support of practically all members of congress who hail from Southern states. It is supported by certain organizations which maintain headquarters in Washington. It is regarded by an able and ever alert propaganda. At the same time it has its opponents, many of whom are very powerful in congress and in the cabinet.

The second plan is a government ownership proposition advocated by Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the senate committee on agriculture. Under this plan, the governor would complete the two dams and lease them together with the nitrate plants. The third plan is sponsored by Representative Hull of Iowa, member of the house committee on military affairs. Under this scheme, the government would dissolve its partnership with the Alabama Power company by selling Gorgas to that company for \$3,000,000, would complete the two dams and lease the power to be generated, and would lease at \$1 per annum the two nitrate plants with the understanding that they were to be used in the manufacture of fertilizer to be retailed at a profit not exceeding 8 per cent.

WORKING FORCE REDUCED

An order has been received at the Abbeville Shops reducing the working force to number of workmen employed as of June 30, 1922.

Mrs. Jno. T. Stokes in Hospital

Mrs. John T. Stokes of Monterey will come to the Abbeville Hospital this afternoon and will have her tonsils removed tomorrow.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 21 1-4 cents on the market in Abbeville today. Futures closed:

Oct.	20.43
Dec.	20.68
Jan.	20.50
March ...	20.50
May	20.51