

TIGERS DFENDED BY JURY

NO BILLS RETURNED AGAINST CHARLESTON "TIGERS."

Lame Excuse Offered by the Defense. Dignified Rebuke Administered by Presiding Judge.

Charleston, Oct. 2.—The grand jury to-day, in the court of general sessions, threw out every case of the 24 handed to them by Solicitor Peurifoy against alleged violators of the liquor law and the result of their week's deliberation over the liquor indictments was 24 no-bills delivered to the clerk of the court this afternoon, after Foreman Viohl had presented some 150 names of revenue license holders in the county to the solicitor for indicting and Judge Dantzler had sent the jurors back to consider the indictments already before them and take action upon them.

To put it mildly, the action of the grand jury in refusing to find true bills in any of the liquor cases before them was a surprise, as this very body of men, at the last term of court of general sessions, in their presentment urged a better enforcement of the liquor law on the part of the city and county authorities, and apparently were in an attitude to back up any efforts made by the authorities.

Solicitor Peurifoy this week handed the grand jury 24 liquor indictments in all, giving them 14 on Monday and several more the next day. Yesterday he handed them two more, to give the grand jury a wide selection of cases, representing almost all classes of alleged offenders.

To-day the grand jury got from Mayor Rhett a copy of his list of revenue holders in this county, and presented to the solicitor this list, with the request that he indict all holding these licenses, on the ground that the possession of a revenue license was prima facie evidence of breaking the liquor laws of South Carolina.

Judge Dantzler addressed the jury. He told them that it would be a physical impossibility for the solicitor to indict all these persons at this term of court, and besides that the mere possession of a revenue license, while prima facie evidence, was not sufficient for the State to get convictions on, and that more evidence was necessary. He urged that the solicitor did not have time to work up this evidence, neither was the solicitor a detective at the disposal of the grand jury; that it was their duty to go out and get evidence themselves, if they wished all the holders of revenue licenses to be indicted. He then brought to their attention that they had already in their possession 24 liquor indictments and that they should take some action on them. The grand jury was sent back to act on the 24.

Prompt Inaction.

It did not take the grand jury long to act. Perhaps they had already made up their minds what they would do in case the solicitor did not indict the list of persons they presented as holders of revenue license. At any rate the grand jury returned within half an hour with the 24 liquor indictments all marked "No bill, Henry Viohl, foreman." That threw out every liquor case brought to the grand jury by the solicitor this term.

Fifteen of these cases were worked up by the police of Charleston, one was brought in by Magistrate Royal and eight cases were made out by the constables, all before magistrates.

When the 24 no bills were brought in Judge Dantzler gave the jury a dignified talk on their action. He declared that he was sure there were some men in the grand jury room who were anxious to see the law enforced, and those who voted against the liquor indictments would have to answer to their own consciences. He made some of the jurors decidedly uncomfortable, but their action had been taken, and the cases thrown out.

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RESULT OF HAZING.

Eleven-Year-Old Lad Severely Beaten by His Schoolmates.

South Bend, Sept. 30.—As the result of hazing by four schoolmates, Albert Whitticker, of River Park, East South Bend, is in a serious condition.

The boy, who is eleven years old, was stripped of his clothing, tied to a tree and so terribly beaten with clubs that he fainted.

When the hazers realized what they had done they ran for the woods in fear, but later one of the boys returned and released the victim.

Young Whitticker says he refused to keep off the forbidden "nutting ground" and was punished.

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CRUSHED BY TRAIN.

Young Man Killed in Greenville on Railway Crossing.

Greenville, October 2.—Asa Batson, a young white man, was instantly killed and his father, W. Y. Batson, was slightly injured near Marietta this morning by the Greenville and Knoxville train, the accident occurring as the two were trying to cross the track in a wagon. The train was coming around a curve and was not seen by the two men until right upon them. The wagon was torn to pieces, the horses escaping unhurt.

The coroner's inquest was held this afternoon, and a full investigation of the accident was made. The engineer stated that he blew the whistle at the proper point, and applied the brakes upon seeing the wagon on the track. The train was going at the usual rate of speed. The two men saw the train just as the horses were getting on the track, and hesitated whether to go on or not. The father jumped on the north side, escaping with slight injuries, but the son was found on the south side with the back of his head crushed in. The accident occurred about a mile from Marietta, at 10 o'clock this morning.

Sensation in Murray Matter.

Sumter, Oct. 1.—The county board of commissioners have received a letter from former United States Senator William E. Mason, of Chicago, protesting against the issuance of requisition for George W. Murray. Mr. Mason's letter contains some sensational charges. He writes as the friend not the attorney of Murray, and he bases his protest against the requisition on the grounds that Murray was never properly convicted; that two of the prosecuting witnesses—James Chatman and Scipio Chatman—both colored, have admitted since the trial that they were bribed to testify against Murray; that Murray paid \$3,000 "as a fine" by forfeiting his bond, and that it was understood that if he paid this fine he would be left alone so long as he left South Carolina.

He says also that Murray was stripped of his property and "reduced to poverty." He also charges that the efforts to bring Murray back have been instigated by negroes of Chicago who have borrowed the little money Murray had left and now seek to escape payment by having him extradited and sent to prison. He asks that the board of commissioners consider the matter carefully before having the requisition for Murray issued.

Accompanying the letters are two affidavits—one by James Chatman, stating that Murray had been wrongfully convicted, the other by Hampton Peters, stating that Scipio and James Chatman had told him they were paid \$105 to testify against Murray.

Saloons Open in Bristol.

Bristol, Va., Oct. 1.—After a drought of more than 18 months, Bristol is once more "wet," 12 saloons having opened here this morning. Others will open Monday and it is said the number may increase to 25. The license is \$3,000 annually.

The return of saloons was not without its tragic significance. Chas. Kenny, a merchant of this county, fell under his wagon while returning home from the city in an intoxicated condition, it is alleged, and was almost instantly killed. He was well known and was a prosperous business man. Until to-day, it is said, he had not taken a drink in three years.

Some Cotton Facts.

For the second consecutive year Southern mills have consumed more cotton than the northern mills, according to Secretary Hester's report on the consumption of American cotton, made public on the floor of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange at the close of business recently. Southern mills, up to the close of the commercial year ending August 31, 1909, consumed 2,560,000 bales, against 2,500,000 bales consumed in the North.

When the Hester report a year ago showed that the Southern mills had for the first time gone ahead of those of the North by a narrow margin, it was generally attributed to unfavorable commercial conditions having had a more serious effect on the New England mills than those of the South.

The figures created considerable stir among cotton men, for such results were hardly expected, although it had been reported for some time that Southern mills were increasing their spindles at a faster rate than Northern mills, and that the expansion of cotton manufacturing in the South was on a scale seldom known in any industry.

For years the bulls have been claiming that the centre of the cotton manufacturing industry of the world was fast moving from Lancashire to the United States, and that eventually the centre would be established in the South. Secretary Hester's statement was taken as confirmation by the bulls of their prediction.

The total consumption of American cotton by the world was put at 13,116,000 bales, the largest on record, larger by 1,004,000 bales than last year and larger by 505,000 bales than the largest consumption ever known before, which was two years ago. Consumption of foreign spinners was put at 8,056,000 bales.

The total consumption of American cotton last year was 12,112,000 bales, while two years ago it was 12,611,000.

The total visible supply of cotton was put at 3,052,000 bales, against 2,412,000 a year ago and 1,932,000 two years ago. Mill stocks in the United States were estimated at 480,000 bales, against 300,000 a year ago, and foreign mills stocks were estimated at 1,160,000 bales, against 1,123,000 a year ago.

It was announced that Ellison's figures on mill stocks for last year had been corrected from 1,123,000 to 1,350,000 bales.—Farmers' Union Sun.

HURT ON 'POSSUM HUNT.

Laurens Man's Life Hanging in Balance as Result of Injury.

Laurens, Oct. 2.—An unfortunate accident occurred last night about three miles from the city, in which Mr. Jas. Mundy had his throat cut to such a degree that his life this morning is hanging in the balance. Mr. Mundy, with Mr. Nelson, was 'possum hunting in the woods near his home. At about 11 o'clock the two men "treed" a 'possum, as Mr. Nelson was cutting down the little sapling his axe flew off the handle and struck Mr. Mundy in the left of his neck, severing a number of veins, although missing the chief artery. He was promptly taken home, but before a physician could be secured suffered great loss of blood.

This morning Mr. Mundy is barely alive.

Whiskey Drummer Convicted.

Laurens, Sept. 28.—Mr. Fletcher Davis, whiskey drummer in the employ of the North State Distilling company, was to-day convicted of soliciting whiskey orders in the city. A motion for a new trial will be heard later, pending which sentence has not been passed.

It is recalled that Davis was in Laurens some time ago handing out circulars and order blanks. His attorneys, Cannon & Blackwell, argued that the act prohibiting this was unconstitutional in that it conflicted with the interstate commerce law on the subject. They held that their client was simply advertising his goods.

Motorists Were Fired Upon.

Lancaster, Oct. 1.—As Col. Leroy Springs, Capt. S. E. White and a couple of ladies were returning to Lancaster last night in the Colonel's handsome touring car from a moonlight ride up the Charlotte road, the party was shot at when a few miles from town. The bullet, supposedly from a rifle, came from the direction of a camp of what appeared to be gypsy or other horse traders near the wayside. Fortunately, no one was hit. Sheriff Hunter is now in that section of the county investigating the matter.

WOMEN AND CANDIDATES.

Suffragettes Plan More Vigorous Efforts in Politics.

New York, Sept. 30.—The headquarters of the National Women's Suffrage movement have been moved from Warren, O., to this city, and Dr. Anna S. ... its president, announces that the immediate work of the association will include the development of political education through the United States by a systematic plan of sending out experienced workers to take charge of affairs in the network of suffrage associations throughout the country, which are interesting themselves in trying to influence legislation.

"Candidates for public places will be questioned as to their attitude on suffrage and on the economic opportunities for women which our association is laboring to bring about," she said. Upon their replies will depend whether the association works for or against their candidacy.

Lunatic Dies of Starvation.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 1.—Adjudged lunatic and waiting in the county jail to be sent to the State sanitarium, Marshall Freeman, a white man died Wednesday from starvation, having persistently refused food since his incarceration.

Freeman was arrested when he was trying to compel his little nephew, Radford Simmons Collins, and another child to remain on a railroad track until a rapidly approaching train should strike them. This led to his trial as a lunatic. His body will be interred at Statesboro, Ga., where he has wealthy kinspeople.

No Decision Reached.

Anderson, Oct. 1.—"The committee has decided on no nomination. I don't know when the trustees will meet," is what Chairman Alan Johnstone, of Newberry, wired your correspondent to-night, when a query was sent to him to ascertain whether or not the committee had decided to recommend to the board of trustees that Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of Wofford college, be elected to succeed Mr. Mell at Clemson college.

A rumor became current in the State to-day that the committee had decided on Dr. Snyder.

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