

COL. MITCHELL GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

SENATE OPENS DISCUSSION OF WORLD COURT

Court Is Heralded As Greatest Agency For Settling World Disputes

LONG AND BITTER DEBATE EXPECTED

(United Press)
Washington, Dec. 17. — The permanent court of international justice at The Hague was heralded today as the greatest existing agency for adjudication of world disputes, by Senator Claude Swanson, Virginia, democrat, in opening debate in the senate on the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge plan for United States adherence to that tribunal.

The senate took up Swanson's resolution embodying this plan, to which more than the necessary two-thirds majority is reported as a special order of business made last spring.

Hordes of women sympathizers with the world court descended upon the senate as that body convened to begin consideration of the world court proposal.

Every possible seat was filled an hour before the session started and they still came, waiting in lines outside the galleries in hopes of ultimately getting in.

There were only a dozen or so men present.

Prospects are that debate will be long and perhaps as bitter as the famous League of Nations debate, with Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and Reed, democrat, Missouri, leading the opposition.

Participation in this world court by the United States, the Virginia senator asserted will not enjoin this government in European affairs, because no "important" question would be submitted until such action had been approved by the president and two-thirds of the United States senate.

The court has demonstrated that it is able, independent, painstaking, and is governed by wisdom and conscientiousness, he said.

Any contention that the court is under domination of the League of Nations is false, Swanson said, because it operates as a separate body, under its own statutes, completely out of the jurisdiction of the league.

Swanson's speech required nearly four hours to deliver.

FIVE CLASSES TO HOLD MEETING

D. H. S. Graduates Of 1921-22-23-24-25 To Meet Friday Evening

Miss Veronica Anker, chairman of the alumni committee of the classes of 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 of the Decatur high school, has called a special meeting of members of the above mentioned classes. The meeting will be held Friday night at 6:45 o'clock, at the Anker home, corner of Adams and Winchester streets.

The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the Alumni day program for the big meeting to be held in this city December 28. All members of the five classes are urged to attend the meeting in order that the plans, so far made, can be explained. The meeting will not last long and it is the desire of the chairman to have as many present as possible. The last five classes to be graduated from the high school will have a part in the general program, which will be conducted by all classes since 1881.

Monon Train Kills Man

Indianapolis, Dec. 17. — (United Press)—Coroner Robinson today began an investigation of the death of James L. Jenkins, 73, who was killed by a Monon passenger train here.

Jenkins had been a railway employee for more than 40 years.

Indiana Beekeepers Meet In Convention

Indianapolis, Dec. 17. — (United Press)—The ninth annual convention of the Indiana Beekeepers' Association was to convene in the chamber of the House of Representatives here today.

The state organization has a membership of more than 500 and arrangements are being made to care for a crowd of at least 300 at the convention. H. H. Root, of Medina, Ohio, nationally known agriculturist and writer, will be the principal speaker at the convention which will be in session two days.

OTTAWA KIWANIS AID NEW HIGHWAY

Club Gives \$100 For Promotion Of Benjamin Franklin Highway

Ottawa, Ohio, Dec. 17.—John H. Williamson last night addressed the Ottawa Kiwanis club upon the subject of the Benjamin Franklin highway. At the conclusion of the Findlay man's address, the club members, numbering 15, raised \$100 in cash towards the promotion of the route.

"This is a great national project and has far more local interest, for nothing is exerting a wider influence in disseminating knowledge to our people by bringing them together from different sections," said Mr. Williamson. "The highway has become the great Americanizer."

Mr. Williamson told of the great commercial benefit that had accrued to Findlay as a result of the Dixie highway. He said that each automobile passing through the city spent on an average of 63 cents and estimated that the Dixie highway had

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THREE SCOUTS RECEIVE HONOR

Local Boys Become First Class Scouts; Eleven Made Junior Scouts

Three Decatur boys became First Class Boy Scouts at an impressive ceremony held last evening in the Decatur Industrial rooms. Scoutmaster Bryce Thomas being in charge. The three boys, who successfully passed the Tenderfoot and Second class tests and were awarded medals in the step upward, are Harry Dailley, Robert Heller and Chalmers Fisher. As far as known, these boys have the honor of being the first local Scouts to have the rank of First Class Scout conferred upon them.

Eleven boys were given the oath and became members of the Junior Scout troop. They were James Burk, Jesse Sutton, Harold Melch, Donald Klepper, Richard Steele, Don Miller, James Engeler, Dan Schaefer, Paul Hancher, George Helm, and Richard Tricker. Speaking for the

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GOOD FELLOWS CLUB

Be A Good Fellow And Help Provide A Merry Christmas For The Kiddies.

Only three donations to the Good Fellows Club were reported today, but the three amounted to \$114.45, the grand total was boosted to \$160.89. The Moose lodge contributed \$10.89. The Moose lodge contributed \$10 to the fund today. The Delta Theta Tau sorority, which is sponsoring the fund, is anxious to have more than \$200 with which to purchase clothing, toys, candy and other things to provide Christmas cheer for the unfortunate children of the city. As the time is growing short, the contributions must be made soon. Today's contributions are:

Previous total.....	\$149.44
Moose Lodge.....	10.00
A Del's Mother.....	1.00
Friend.....	.45
Total.....	\$160.89

RADIO LISTENERS ARE ORGANIZED HERE LAST NIGHT

Jesse W. Rice Elected President Of Club; Membership Drive Planned

COMMITTEE NAMED TO TRACE TROUBLE

Jesse W. Rice, of the Murray Hotel, was elected president of the Radio Broadcast Listeners Association of Decatur, at a meeting last night, held in the Industrial rooms. About 25 radio dealers and fans were present at the meeting and it was decided to affiliate the local club with the National Broadcast Listeners Association.

A campaign will be started for a membership of 400 in Decatur. The membership fee is \$1.00 a year and the club is open to all dealers and persons owning radio sets. A service department will be maintained by the club. D. M. Hensley, Gerald Cole and William Butler were appointed as a committee to trace down any interference in the city.

Cards will be given to each member and these cards are to be sent to J. W. Rice, president of the club, whenever interference is noticed in the set. The trouble committee will then be notified and the trouble traced down.

Other Officers Elected

The Rev. H. W. Thompson, who has been secretary of the local club since its founding three years ago, was re-elected secretary at last night's meeting, and Homer Ruhl was re-elected treasurer. A meeting will be held the first week in January and it is the desire of the local club to have at least 300 members by that time.

The trouble department was notified last night to answer calls of members of the association, only. All radio dealers in the city are members of the club and it is expected that every owner of a radio will belong before long. It is the idea of maintaining the club in order that all radio owners and fans may have the best

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BLUFFTON NOT NAMED IN BILL

Vestal Says No Appropriation Is Asked For Post Office There

According to information received from Congressman Albert H. Vestal, by the Bluffton News, the new federal building bill which was introduced in congress Tuesday does not contain an appropriation for \$98,500 for Bluffton, as was reported in news stories sent out Tuesday. It is believed that the error was made by Chairman Warren of the senate appropriations committee, who introduced the bill, or one of those who helped in the preparation of the measure, who was unaware that Bluffton already had a postoffice building. The error probably grew out of the fact that several years ago, an appropriation of such an amount was provided for Bluffton in a building bill. However, Bluffton did not get the building under that appropriation and the present building was erected under a later appropriation.

A total of \$75,000 was appropriated for the Bluffton post office but all of it was not used, it is said, as the lot cost \$11,500 and the building under \$60,000. The building was completed last summer.

In the bill introduced Tuesday, there was asked an appropriation of \$125,000 for a federal building in Decatur.

Italian Deputies Approve Debt Settlement With U.S.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The chamber of deputies today approved the debt settlement with the United States government negotiated in Washington between Count Volpi and the American debt funding commission.

Seriously Ill



Grave concern is felt for the Queen Mother Margherita of Italy, gravely ill from influenza at Rome. Running a high temperature, her condition requires the constant presence of physicians and nurses.

COUNTY SECOND IN ATTENDANCE

Adams County Receives More Honors At National Dairy Show

Adams county won second place in the attendance contest at the National Dairy Show held at Indianapolis, October 12 and 16. County Agent Busche was informed today. First honors went to Hamilton county.

The contest was conducted by the cow testing associations. Nineteen members of the Adams county cow testing association and 115 other persons from this county were registered at the dairy show. Several others from this county were present but failed to register, it is said. The West Hamilton county association had 27 members and 442 other persons registered.

In figuring up the points for each association, the distance from Indianapolis was considered, and, as Adams county is much farther than Hamilton from the state capital, more points were awarded for each person present from Adams county than those from Hamilton. As a result, Hamilton county received 496 points and Adams county received 459. Seven cow testing associations took part in the contest. Roy L. Price, tester for the Adams county association, had charge of the contest in Adams county.

Since the local association finished second in attendance, the Adams county judging team won second in the Holstein class and one member of the Adams county judging team received a certificate of honor for his work. Adams county made an excellent showing at the dairy show.

Theatre Admission Tax Is Approved By House

Washington, Dec. 17. — (United Press)—The house today approved the theatre admission tax provision of the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill.



Weather

Mostly fair tonight and Friday but some cloudiness. Not much change in temperature.

AUDITOR MAKES DISTRIBUTION OF TAX MONEY

Total Of \$461,128.38 Collected In Semi-Annual Installment Here

MONEY DIVIDED INTO 19 PARTS

A total of \$461,128.38 in current and delinquent taxes was collected in Adams county as the semi-annual installment on tax payments, according to figures compiled by County Auditor Martin Jaberg. The distribution of this money is divided into 19 separate items. The special county road bond and interest fund receives the largest single amount in the distribution, it being \$87,035.16.

The rest of the money is distributed to the various units according to law. The general state tax fund gets \$9,562.88. The Benevolent Institution fund receives \$15,939.45 from Adams county. The state school fund gets \$14,635.41 and \$9,961.77 goes to the state educational institution fund, while \$996.95 goes to the vocational education fund.

Adams county pays \$1,195.83 to the state soldiers' memorial fund and the agricultural experiment station receives \$979.01 from Adams county for maintenance. County tax payers pay \$298.01 to the state teacher's pension fund, and \$398.47 to the Dunes park fund. The agriculture board received \$498.14.

The county tax, from which county officers' salaries and general county expense is taken, derived \$61,708.22 from the semi-annual installment. The gravel road repair fund received a total of \$49,807.89. The county road bond and interest division was \$87,035.16. The tuition tax, from which the teacher's salaries are taken, received \$65,828.36 from the division.

Special school tax totalled \$78,289.78 and the road tax was \$4,058.65. The county poor fund received \$275.88 and corporations, including Berne, Monroe, Geneva and Decatur received a total of \$41,311.77. The library fund, for

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MORE HEALTH BONDS ARE SOLD

Pythian Sisters And W. C. T. U. Add Names To List Of Buyers

The Pythian Sisters of Decatur and the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union have added their names to the list of Decatur Health Bond purchasers, according to a statement made today by W. Guy Brown, in charge of the distribution of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals and Health Bonds for Adams county.

An error was made in the recent announcement that the Woman's club of this city had purchased a health bond. It should have read that W. C. T. U. purchased one. Heavy sale of Christmas Seals continues and it is the belief of those in charge of the sale in Adams county that the sale this year will be larger than ever recorded.

Hundreds of Adams county citizens have purchased the seals and are using them on letters and Christmas packages. The sale will continue until December 24. Seals may be purchased at any school in the county or at any of the leading stores in Decatur, Berne, Geneva and Monroe.

The proceeds from the sale of the seals will remain in this county to provide necessities for Adams county persons afflicted with tuberculosis and for the correct feeding of undernourished children.

Bluffton's New Mayor Makes Appointments

Bluffton, Dec. 17.—Marion Garten today was appointed chief of police of Bluffton, to begin duty January 1. Other officers appointed under the new regime were: Howard Stout, fire chief, and Abe Heshner, street commissioner. All three men are democrats.

Predicts No Cut In Gasoline Price Soon

Indianapolis, Dec. 17. — (United Press)—There will be no radical cut in gasoline prices in Indiana for some time, Warren G. Platt, of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the National Petroleum News said today.

Platt said there is a good supply of the motor fuel on hand.

Closer co-operation between the gasoline dealers of the state was urged by Platt, who said that it was the only method to be used in combatting the gasoline "hottellegers" who have been active in Indiana during the last few months.

MONROE ROBBERY IS BEING SOLVED

Arrest Expected In Near Future; Net Laid For Future Intruders

An arrest is expected within the next few days in connection with the robbery of the Liechty Brothers & company hardware store at Monroe, which occurred several nights ago. The owners of the store have kept the robbery secret until today and have been quietly working on different clues, in conjunction with a detective agency.

Entrance to the store was gained through a window, which was broken out. Several articles, including shotguns, were taken from the store. The safe and cash register were not bothered and the articles missing from the store were things that could be used easily.

This is the second time this store has been broken into during the last year. On the other occasion, the safe was blown and the cash register rifled. O. F. Gilliom, of Berne, who is

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TO STAGE PLAY AT MONMOUTH

Monmouth H. S. Seniors To Present "Safety First," December 21, 22, 23

The senior class of the Monmouth high school will present a home-talent play at the high school building on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 21, 22 and 23. The play is a farce comedy, entitled, "Safety First." The cast of characters for the play is as follows:

- Jack Montgomery, a young husband..... Lewis Lewton
- Jerry Arnold, an unsuccessful fixer..... Harold Murphy
- Mr. McNut, a defective detective..... Robert Rice
- Elmer Flannel, awfully shrinking..... Otto Boerger
- About Ben Mocha, a Turk from Turkey..... Robert Hill
- Mable Montgomery, Jack's wife..... Miriam Myers
- Virginia Bridger, her young sister..... Inez Troutner
- Mrs. Barrington Bridger, their mother..... Adella Berning
- Zuleika, a tender Turkish maiden..... Margaret Moller
- Mary Ann O'Finnerty, an Irish cook lady..... Dorothy Babbitt

"One Arm" Wolfe To Appeal His Case

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 17. — (United Press)—Arrangements for an appeal to the supreme court in the case of Charles "one arm" Wolfe, convicted as the companion of Dutch Anderson in the slaying of Ben and Mary Hance, are being perfected by attorneys today.

Wolfe's motion for a new trial was denied by Judge Clarence Dearth of the circuit court late yesterday.

Queen Mother Of Italy In Critical Condition

Bordighera, Italy, Dec. 17.—Queen Mother Margherita of Italy, suffering from pleurisy, was in a critical condition today, and the end was believed near. The Duke of Genoa had rushed here from Turin. The king was still in Rome.

FLYING COLONEL IS CONVICTED IN COURT-MARTIAL

Verdict Reached After 32 Minutes Of Consideration This Afternoon

JURY RETIRES TO FIX THE PENALTY

(United Press)

Washington, Dec. 17. — The jury of generals trying Colonel William Mitchell today found him guilty of official misconduct as charged.

The court revealed its verdict when after 32 minutes consideration it filed into the courtroom to ask the prosecution if there was a record for a previous conviction of the accused air officer.

Col. Sherman Mooreland, judge advocate, said there was none and the court closeted again to make the formal decision and fix the penalty.

Court-martial rules prescribe that if the defendant is found guilty the court will first inquire if he has been previously convicted before passing sentence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Dismissal of Col. Wm. Mitchell from the army "in the name of the American people" was asked today by the war department prosecution in closing arguments of the flying colonel's court-martial.

Mitchell was characterized as "egotistical, flamboyant, untruthful and destructive."

Summing up all the evidence produced in the eight weeks trial, Col. Allen Cullion, assistant judge advocate, in an impassioned oration, declared the evidence had proven Mitchell guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline "as charged in the 96th article of war."

Mitchell made a brief plea in his own defense. He declared the case was "the culmination of the effort of the general staff to depreciate the value of air power," said he saw no use in proceeding further and asked that argument be dispensed with. The prosecution refused.

Pioneer Of Calumet District Dies; Age 99

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17. — (United Press)—Mrs. Harriet Haines, 99, pioneer resident of Hammond, is dead. She came here when the Calumet district was a swamp and watched it develop into one of the greatest industrial sections in the world.

MUCH INTEREST IN DAIRY SCHOOL

Large Attendance Reported At Sessions Being Held At Berne This Week

Much interest is being manifested in the dairy feeds and feeding school being held at the milk condensery in Berne this week. There was a large attendance at the afternoon and evening sessions yesterday and large crowds were expected at the sessions today. The school, which opened yesterday afternoon, will come to a close Friday evening.

G. A. Williams, of the Dairy Department of Purdue University, was the principal speaker at the school today. Mr. Williams spoke on "The Dairy Herd Sire," at the afternoon session today. Tonight, Mr. Williams will speak on the subject, "Milk." A discussion, led by Jacob J. Schwartz, was scheduled to be held this afternoon. The evening session will begin at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Williams will be the speaker at the two sessions to be held Friday also. He will speak on the subject, "Feeding for Economical Production," at the afternoon session tomorrow, and in the evening he will discuss, "Building Up the Dairy Herd." A discussion will be held following Mr. Williams' lecture tomorrow afternoon. The discussion will be led by John D. Mason.