

SEEK LIGHTER SENTENCE FOR MITCHELL

SUPPORT GIVEN TO LIMBERLOST TRAIL PROJECT

Establishment Of Memorial To Gene Stratton Porter Seems Assured

FORT WAYNE IS BEHIND MOVEMENT

Limberlost Trail, a model road leading from Limberlost Cabin near Rome City to Limberlost woods near Geneva, through Kendallville, Fort Wayne and Decatur, passing the Gene Stratton-Porter monument here and the place where the gifted authoress lived many years ago, now seems assured and developments are expected during the next few weeks.

Mr. French Quinn, of this city, who has devoted much time and effort to the worthy project, was at Fort Wayne yesterday where he took the matter up with Mr. Martin Luecke, a highway enthusiast of that city, and was promised enthusiastic support.

Mr. Luecke stated over the telephone this morning that the district branch of the Hoosier Automobile Association for northeastern Indiana and the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, which he represents, will get back of the project and stay there until the Trail is established, beautified, marked, and made the model road in the middle west.

Would Attract Many Tourists.

"It is fine and just the thing we have been looking for," said Mr. Luecke. "It should be a Memorial. I am sure we can take care of the expense with our own effort and that it will attract attention of thousands of tourists. The road will be marked with an ornamental design which will be appropriate and can be made more attractive by the planting of trees to make it a real memorial to the great authoress. The fact that it will pass over state and federal routes most of the way will not interfere, but will make it easier to carry out the project. We are enthusiastic about it and will do all we can to carry out the splendid ideas suggested by Mr. Quinn."

Limberlost Cabin North, at Rome City, is a beautiful place with all the

NEW PASTOR TO BE INSTALLED

New Pastor Of Magley Reformed Church To Be Installed Sunday Night

The Rev. David Grether, the newly-elected pastor of Salem Reformed church, at Magley, will be formally installed as pastor of that church on Sunday night, the services beginning at 7 o'clock.

The Rev. O. H. Scherry, pastor of the Reformed church at Vera Cruz, and the Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann, pastor of the local Zion Reformed church, have been appointed by the Fort Wayne Classis to serve as the installation committee. Rev. Scherry will give the charge to the pastor and Rev. Fledderjohann to the congregation.

Rev. Grether comes here from Neillsville, Wisconsin, where he was pastor of the Reformed church for about ten years.

Fort Wayne Negro Is Sentenced For Contempt

Fort Wayne, Dec. 18 — George Washington, negro, who terrorized federal court here a week ago in an attempt to shoot three Chicago dry agents today was found guilty of contempt of court for the act.

Judge Slick sentenced the man to serve 6 months in the Allen county jail for the act, saying there were extenuating circumstances in the shooting.

Washington claimed the three agents were advancing on him with drawn guns in a corridor of the building when he fired.

\$10,000 Job Offered Col. Mitchell By A Florida Newspaper

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Col. Wm. Mitchell, center of the recent aviation controversy has been telegraphed an offer of \$10,000 per year to join the editorial staff of the St. Petersburg Daily News, according to a statement issued today by Frank P. Pulver, publisher here. Pulver's offer stated that no censorship of any kind would be placed on Mitchell's writings.

DAIRY SCHOOL CLOSING TONIGHT

Much Interest Shown In Dairy Feeds And Feeding School At Berne

According to reports being given by those who have attended the Dairy Feeds and Feeding School, being held in Berne this week, farmers of the community are manifesting considerable interest in the programs. Although the attendance registered at the afternoon meetings was small, both Wednesday and Thursday, due to the fact that much corn remains to be husked and other fall work in the community is interfering with the attendance of many who would otherwise be there, the evening meetings have been very well attended. The school will close tonight.

G. A. Williams, director of Cow Testing Associations in Indiana, arrived in the county yesterday morning and, after spending the forenoon visiting members of the local Association, addressed the meeting at the Condensery in the afternoon. His discussion, "The Dairy Herd Sire," dealt with the necessity of obtaining an animal to head the herd whose ancestry is known. According to Mr. Williams, it is absolutely folly to obtain a sire whose ancestors show low butterfat production or whose productions are unknown. This is especially true when sires with production records in their ancestry can be purchased at relatively low prices. The discussion of the subject, led by Jacob J. Schwartz, farmer of Monroe township, brought out many pertinent questions as to the selection and care of the sire.

At the evening meeting, after the showing of motion pictures relating to tuberculosis in cattle, H. E. Stoner, manager of the local plant of the American Milk Company, spoke regarding the proper care of milk and the desirability of testing all milk cows for tuberculosis.

Mr. Williams' discussion of the subject, "Milk" last night, dealt with its contents and the health-giving

Christmas Shopping At Its Peak Here Now

Christmas shopping is at its peak in this city now and the last few days have been busy ones in the local stores. Tonight's Daily Democrat contains 12 pages and our readers will find many excellent suggestions for Christmas gifts in the advertisements. A complete line of grocery and food advertising will also be found in tonight's paper.

GOOD FELLOWS CLUB

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

The Good Fellow Club Christmas fund took a decided boost today with the donation of a total of \$40 by local Rotarians. The donation was made up by the Rotarians as individuals at last night's meeting of the club last night. Two other contributions, one for \$1 and the other for 15 cents boosted the total amount contributed to the fund so far to \$202.04. With a few days remaining before the Delta Theta Tau committee must have their purchases all made, it is hoped that the fund will be increased to \$250 or \$300. The contributions reported today are:

Previous total	\$160.89
Rotarians (total)	40.00
Billy and Fred Vogelewied	1.00
Friend	.15
Total	\$202.04

DANIEL BOOTLEG CASE IS PLACED IN JURY'S HANDS

Judge Baltzell Tells Jury He Believes Most Of Defendants Are Guilty

DEFENSE ATTACKS TESTIMONY OF REMUS

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—The case of twenty seven persons indicted in the Jack Daniel bootleg case, went to the jury in federal court here early this afternoon.

In his instructions to the jury, Judge Baltzell declared that, in his opinion, many, if not all of the defendants were guilty of conspiracy to violate the national dry act.

Albet Ward, U. S. district attorney, in closing arguments, defended George Remus, millionaire Cincinnati bootlegger, as a competent witness for the prosecution.

Defense attorneys in their summary of the case, ha branded Remus as a liar, perjurer, bootlegger and convict, and charged that "not one word of his testimony could be believed as the truth."

Another Murderer Gets Last Minute Reprieve In Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Another of Chicago's famous last-minute reprieves today saved Campbell McCarthy, 19-year-old negro, from hanging for the murder of Christian Geitzen, watchman, during a holdup. McCarthy was scheduled to hang at 7 a. m. today. All preparations had been completed including testing of the gallows.

Early today Judge John P. McGoorty was routed out of bed and prevailed upon to hold court to hear a plea of insanity. At 5 a. m. the court issued a stay pending examination of the negro.

Receiver Asked For Apperson Automobile Co.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—The Apperson Automobile company which shared honors with the Haynes Automobile company in making America's first automobiles, faced receivership proceedings today.

A temporary order to prevent disposal of the property of the Apperson company was issued in circuit court after filing of the receivership petition.

The Haynes company went bankrupt more than a year ago.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS START VACATION

Decatur Public Schools Dismiss Today For Holidays; Reopen January 4

All Decatur public schools closed this afternoon for the annual Christmas vacation. They will re-open January 4, according to Superintendent M. F. Worthman. Each school had an afternoon program with many special features. The high school had a program, containing Christmas cheer, but also stressing the fact that the local basketball team must win the basketball game tonight.

The teachers at the North Ward presented each pupil of that school with a Christmas treat this afternoon. That school also held a Christmas program which was enjoyed by all the pupils and several visitors. The Riley school and South Ward held a similar program.

An hour program was held at the Central school this afternoon, in which the Christmas spirit ruled. All schools were dismissed early.

No definite announcement has been made by the Rev. J. A. Seimetz, relative to the dismissal of the Catholic school, but it is probable that due to the late start of the local Catholic school last fall, the vacation will not start until next Wednesday or Thursday, it was learned today.

A TOUGH GUY



Only twenty-three months old, Norman Nolan, of Boston, suffered like a little major when surgeons took fifteen stitches in his head, following a twelve-foot fall at his home.

Highway Commission Considers 1926 Program

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—The Indiana state highway commission today began the consideration of its 1926 program at a conference between members of the commission, the sixth district engineers, and H. H. Hinkle, maintenance superintendent.

In addition to arranging the program the engineers will fix a budget for the cost of keeping roads in repair. For the most part the roads under consideration are of stone and gravel.

HEBBLE LEASES GARAGE BUILDING

Local Chevrolet Dealer Moves To Former Hilleman Garage Building

P. B. Hebble, Chevrolet dealer in this city, has leased the garage building on East Monroe street formerly occupied by the Riverside and Hilleman garages and, beginning Saturday, will conduct the place under the name of Chevrolet sales and service. Mr. Hebble has had the Chevrolet agency in this city for about a year and will continue to sell Chevrolet cars.

General auto repair work will be done by the new Chevrolet Sales and Service garage and Charles Hickman, well-known mechanic of this city, will be in charge of that end of the business. Mr. Hebble also stated that with the new and larger quarters he would be able to take care of a number of cars for winter storage.

New Jersey Man Named Ambassador To Spain

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Ogden H. Hammond of New Jersey, today was nominated by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Spain. The nomination was sent to the senate for confirmation. Hammond succeeds Alexander P. Moore, of Pittsburgh.

Shenandoah Probers Summon Col. Mitchell

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Col. Wm. Mitchell was subpoenaed today to appear before the Shenandoah naval court of inquiry. The summons was served by Maj. Harry Leonard, judge advocate of the court.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY



Weather

Fair tonight and probably Saturday; rising temperature late tonight and Saturday.

FIGHT AGAINST WORLD COURT IS STARTED TODAY

Senator Borah Declares Court Is Linked With League Of Nations

SEN. WALSH SPEAKS IN BEHALF OF COURT

(United Press Service)
Washington, Dec. 18.—The long heralded irreconcilable fight against the world court was opened in the senate today, when Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee opened an attack on the Swanson resolution which would pledge American adherence to the international tribunal.

Borah said the court inextricably linked with the league of nations, denying the statements of President Coolidge and other adherents of the court that it is an independent institution.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Truth about the world court is that it is only a feeble step toward world peace, but it is silly for the United States to shy away from the step when it incurs no risk, Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat, Montana, told the senate today.

To friends of the court Walsh said they hope for too much if they expect it to end wars or readjust the passions of the world.

To enemies of the court, he said this country would not assume obligations by entering the tribunal nor acquire any rights that it does not now have.

Walsh's speech opened the second day of debate before crowded galleries upon the Swanson resolution which pledges the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge proposal for American participation with reservations in the Hague international tribunal.

Twenty Indictments Are Returned In Jay County

Portland, Dec. 18.—Twenty indictments were returned by the Jay county grand jury when it reported to Judge R. D. Wheat, Thursday afternoon. The grand jury had been in session for nine days.

300-Year-Old Bible Stolen

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—An old Bible said to be more than 300 years old, was missing today from the office of C. B. Kolker, in whose family it had been kept as an heirloom for generations. Police are searching for the thief.

FIRE DESTROYS FARM RESIDENCE

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Near Honduras, Burns Thursday

The farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parrish, near Honduras, was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The origin of the flames is unknown, as Mr. and Mrs. Parrish were in Bluffton when the fire was discovered, but it is believed the blaze started from an overheated stove.

Neighbors first saw the flames, but they arrived too late to get any of the household goods out of the building. The building and all the contents were destroyed. Neighbors succeeded in locating Mr. Parrish in Bluffton by means of the telephone. It is not known whether or not any insurance was carried on the building and contents.

Geneva Man Buys Business In Portland

D. W. Cross, of Geneva, has bought the Guarantee Tire & Service station in Portland. The business, which is located at the corner of Meridian and High streets, formerly was owned by Lon Wehrly. E. R. Huey will manage the business for Mr. Cross. Mr. Cross owns gasoline filling stations in Bryant, Geneva and Berne.

Makers Of Auto Tops With Concealed Liquor Compartments Arrested

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Two officials of the Selden Top company of Detroit, were at liberty under bond today, charged with conspiracy to violate the prohibition law by alleged construction of automobile tops fitted with concealed liquor compartments, said to have been used in a huge liquor ring between Michigan and Ohio.

Both men, John A. Scott and Wm. Goldboro, were released in \$3,500, for examination Dec. 29 on removal to Columbus, Ohio.

REAL TOUCH OF WINTER ARRIVES

Mercury Takes Long Plunge Last Night; Snow Flurries Add To Spirit

Cold weather covered the county in the first real touch of winter yesterday and, though the sun managed to peep through the gray clouds at intervals today, the mercury continued to hover around the 15 degree mark. Snow flurries added the winter spirit and predictions of heavy snow were forthcoming from several weather bureaus.

Last night, the mercury held at about 20 degrees above zero until about midnight when it dropped to 10 degrees. Freezing weather continued and at 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer on the Peoples Loan and Trust company building registered 12 degrees. The sun made the air slightly warmer during the middle of the day, but king winter managed to hold sway and it is predicted that the cold wave will remain for several days.

The Christmas spirit, which has been somewhat lacking the last few days, was stimulated by the cold weather and snow flurries and many people of Decatur and Adams county spent yesterday afternoon shopping in this city. Most local stores reported a heavy business yesterday and are anticipating unusually large crowds of Christmas shoppers the next several days.

Christmas tree trade in Decatur is the largest of the last several years and most local groceries have replenished their tree stock. Trees range in price from 50 cents to \$2.50. Trimmings and lights are also being purchased in large quantities by local shoppers.

Only a few cases of shop-lifting, which usually accompanies heavy Christmas shopping, have been reported, according to local merchants. All stores have an accurate check on their merchandise and are able to check their goods each night. A few petty thefts have been reported, but none of any consequence.

Admiral Sims Upholds Col. William Mitchell

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—A majority of the American people are behind Colonel William Mitchell in his fight on air policies, Admiral Wm. S. Sims declared in a speech here last night.

"Mitchell was honest and sincere in the statements he made," said Admiral Sims, who appeared as a witness for Mitchell in the court-martial which led to the flying colonel's conviction.

W. A. Lower Gives Program At Rotary Club Meeting

An interesting and educational program was given by W. A. Lower, chairman of the better business methods committee, at the regular Rotary Club meeting last evening. Mr. Lower was in charge and talks were given by O. L. Vance, C. J. Vogelewied, Dr. C. C. Rayl and Oscar Lankenau.

Dunkirk Postal Employee Gets Federal Sentence

Fort Wayne, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—James Adamson, postal employee of Dunkirk, today was sentenced to a year and a day in the federal prison on his plea of guilty to embezzlement of government money. Judge Slick ordered the sentence suspended and placed Adamson under probation of George Whittaker, Dunkirk attorney for a period of two years.

WOULD REDUCE HIS SUSPENSION TO THIRTY DAYS

Congressional Friends Introduce Bill To Shorten 5-year Suspension

GENERAL STAFF OF ARMY IS REBUKED

(United Press Service)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Congressional friends of Col. Wm. Mitchell today moved to rescue him from the five-year suspension from rank and pay imposed upon him by his jury of generals last night. A bill was introduced in the house by Representative F. H. Laguardis, socialist, New York, to cut the sentence from five years to thirty days.

The trial was a general staff attempt to "get Mitchell," representative Frank Reid, Illinois, republican, counsel for Mitchell, declared in a statement today.

Saying the fight for an "adequate national defense" had just begun, Reid held the general staff entirely responsible for the whole prosecution.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Col. Wm. Mitchell's sentence to five years' suspension from the army today was on its way through the war department's legal machinery to President Coolidge, who, it is believed, will reduce it, possibly to only two years.

The colonel and his friends and army officers generally were speculating meanwhile upon the amazing ramifications of the penalty which the court of nine generals and one colonel passed upon him last night after 51 days of sitting and two hours and 40 minutes of final deliberations.

The verdict on a sentence first go to a permanent board of review in the office of the judge advocate general of the army for technical review, thence to Maj. Gen. John Hull, judge advocate-general, for general review. It is a disputed question whether Secretary of War Davis must pass on them before going to the president, but ultimately the whole matter goes to the white house for approval.

Political observers foresee a ticklish decision for the president.

FIVE BANKS IN DENVER CLOSED

Frozen Credits And Depression Blamed For Collapse Of Institutions

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—With five banks closed and in the hands of bank examiners, all Denver nervously awaited the next move in financial circles today.

The Capitol Hill State bank was put in the hands of receivers this morning after the Metropolitan State bank failed to open its doors.

Yesterday, the Drivers' National, the Broadway National and the North Denver State banks were placed in the hands of federal and state examiners. Frozen credits and the depression in the live to check industry were jointly blamed for the closing of the institutions whose deposits total several millions of dollars.

One Closes In Iowa
Vinton, Iowa, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Peoples' Savings bank here failed to open its doors today.

The closing of the bank at Newhall, Iowa, a few days ago, is believed to have caused heavy withdrawals from the local bank. Deposits totalled \$360,000.

Officers of the bank declared today they were confident they would be able to pay their depositors in full and re-organize the bank.

House Approves Near Beer And Alcohol Tax

Washington, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—The house today approved the alcohol and near beer tax provisions of the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill, rejecting all amendments.