

# NEW PROHIBITION REGULATIONS ISSUED

## HOUSE TAKES UP MITCHELL AFFAIR TODAY

**President Urged To Modify Sentence Of Five Years Suspension**

## BRANDED AS INSULT TO FREE AMERICA

(United Press Service)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The first reference to the court-martial of Col. William Mitchell on the floor of congress was made today in the House by Representative Tillman, democrat, of Arkansas.

Tillman charged that the court-martial was convened to "get" Mitchell and that the sentence imposed on him was an insult to free America.

Tillman urged the President to modify the five-year sentence of suspension imposed by the jury of generals.

"The President fortunately has strength of a rare order and the people of the nation look to the commander-in-chief to mitigate this drastic judgment," Tillman said.

Tillman spoke after Representative Black, of New York, democrat, had introduced a resolution asking President Coolidge to lift the sentence imposed on Mitchell.

"Unless the President lightens the sentence," the resolution said, "Congress in the future will experience difficulty in getting army officers to reveal abuses believing that they might be disgraced and punished."

## Government Ready To Probe Highway Commission

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Government officials are ready to investigate the muddle in the Indiana state highway commission in connection with the disposal of surplus war material, it was learned today.

Albert Ward, U. S. District Attorney, announced he was "ready to look into the highway commission trouble."

Ward said that he had all of the necessary information before him and that he expected to go into the situation during the holidays.

## Marriage Of 13-Year-Old Marion Girl Is Annulled

Marion, Ind., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The law today made Zona Gannett, 13, a little girl again instead of a married woman.

Judge Charles, in circuit court here, annulled her marriage to Carl Joseph, with whom she eloped last summer.

## SIX HEALTH BONDS SOLD

## Six Decatur Organizations Help Out In Tuberculosis Society Drive

Six Decatur organizations have responded to the appeal of the Tuberculosis society to buy health bonds. The campaign is being conducted in conjunction with the sale of Christmas Seals by the state Tuberculosis society.

Two Decatur lodges, the Masons and the Loyal Order of Moose have purchased \$10 bonds, and four organizations, the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Women's Christian Temperance Union and Rotary club have purchased \$5 bonds.

It is expected that several other organizations will buy bonds during the next few days. W. Guy Brown, who is in charge of the Christmas Seal and health bond sale in Adams county, said today.

Sale of Christmas Seals continues throughout the county, everyone responding willingly, according to a report this morning. Those in charge believe that the sales so far this year exceed those of last year. Seals may be purchased until Christmas day, of any school children in the county and at most leading stores.

## Germans Rejoice

**Berlin Papers Proclaim That U. S. Congress Abolishes Prohibition.**

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Germans on their way to work today found their morning papers jubilantly proclaiming that the American congress had abolished prohibition.

The dispatches, which bore sensational headlines, were sent from Paris.

The press pointed out gleefully that if the report were correct, chances of prohibition throughout Europe had received a severe setback.

## BORAH'S IDEAS ARE DENOUNCED

## Reservations To American Participation In World Court Called Useless

By Paul R. Mallon  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The three proposed Borah reservations to American participation in the world court were denounced today as useless by Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat, a leader of court proponents in the senate.

Walsh contended that the reservations were advanced not for the purpose of improving on the Swanson resolution on the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge proposal, but merely to promote argument against the court.

When senate convenes Monday to resume the conflict between the Borah intransigents and supporters of the Coolidge plan, Walsh will deliver a speech setting forth objections to the Borah amendments and urging all proponents of the court to vote against them.

The first reservation would specify that the court shall perform no duties not imposed upon it at present by statute and would permit no amendment to the statute except by unanimous consent of all nations in the court.

## Favor Probe Of Crude Rubber Price Manipulation

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Tillson resolution for an investigation into alleged manipulation of the crude rubber prices by British colonial government was ordered reported to the house today by the rules committee. The committee agreed unanimously to the action.

## Two Aviators Injured

Zanesville, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Sergeant Lawrence Stipe, Saginaw, Mich., was probably fatally injured and Lieut. James Hewings, Boston, Mass., was seriously injured when their plane, enroute from Phillips field, Aberdeen, Md., to McCook field, Dayton, Ohio, crashed five miles west of here today. Stipe's back was broken.

## GOOD FELLOWS CLUB

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

Contributions to the Good Fellows Club, being sponsored by the Delta Theta Tau sorority, neared the \$250 mark today. The Cloverleaf Creamery company donated \$10 to the fund. The Delta Theta Tau sorority cleared \$29 for the fund on a benefit moving picture show at the Adams theatre last night. Other contributions reported today boosted the day's total to \$44.60, the largest single total since the club was opened this winter. The grand total now stands at \$246.64. Today's contributions were:

Previous total	\$202.04
Mrs. I. Bernstine	1.00
Picture Show	29.00
Miss Thelma Fuhrman	1.00
Miss Thelma Fuhrman Co.	10.00
Cloverleaf Creameries Co.	2.00
Niblick & Company	1.00
Dr. H. E. Keller	.60
Friend	
Total	\$246.64

## TO PRESS CHARGE AGAINST DR. KING

## Members of Board of Health Get Court Decision In Their Favor

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—Members of the state board of health today prepared to press charges against Dr. William F. King, secretary of the board, following a court decision in their favor by Z. E. Dugan, circuit court judge at Danville.

Judge Dugan sustained a demurrer filed by members of the board, thus in effect overruling an injunction against the board which had been issued by Clinton Givan, circuit court judge in Marion county.

The injunction prevented board members from bringing Dr. King to trial on charges of irregularities in the conduct of his office.

One of the board members announced today that the charges against Dr. King had been put in the hands of an attorney and that legal procedure will be used to bring the secretary to trial before the board members.

King was charged with dismissing employees of the health board without the consent of board members and with accepting a salary from the United States census bureau while drawing a salary from the state.

Dr. King claims there was nothing irregular in his acceptance of the federal pay or in the discharge of employees.

He declares the entire fight is an attempt of political enemies to get his official scalp.

## Grads Of Years 1911 To 1920 To Meet Sunday

Members of the Decatur high school graduating classes from 1911 to 1920 are asked to meet at the Decatur industrial rooms at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 20, for the purpose of making arrangements for the high school reunion on December 28. The attendance of all graduates within this period is expected.

## EXPRESS LEAVES RAILS; 10 HURT

## Entire Train On Pennsylvania Road Is Derailed Near Altoona

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 19.—Ten persons were injured, three seriously, when the eastbound New York express of the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed at Bennington, near here early today.

The entire train, comprising three sleepers, two coaches, three express cars and the engine, left the rails, blocking all through traffic on the main line. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

Relief trains with physicians and nurses arrived early at the scene and the injured were transferred to hospitals here.

Preliminary investigation indicated the crash was caused by an open switch.

## Says Change Of Venue System Is Being Abused

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The change of venue system is being abused in Marion county to delay trials and defeat justice. Prosecutor Remy charged today in opposing a change of venue from the county for George Weaver and his son, Windsor Weaver.

The two men are under indictment charged with making false claims in the construction of buildings at the county hospital at Julietta.

Judge Collins denied the petition for a change of venue and granted the defendants separate trials.

## Mrs. H. F. Callow Falls And Breaks Left Ankle

Mrs. H. F. Callow, well-known lady of this city, had the misfortune yesterday of falling, while going upstairs in her home and breaking the bones in her left ankle.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S SON IN HARMONICA CONTEST

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Dana Dawes, young son of the vice president, is one of the entrants in the city-wide harmonica contest staged each year by the Evanston bureau of recreation.

Young Dana admits he's pretty good on the saxophone but not yet so good on the harmonica. He is practicing daily.

Four boys from each school and four from each Boy Scout troop are eligible for the contest.

## YEOMEN TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

## All Members And Families Invited To Social Next Monday Evening

Monday night, at 8 o'clock, the Decatur order of Yeomen will hold its annual Christmas party for members and their families and a few invited guests. The affair is an annual event, starting several years ago when the local lodge was organized.

The party will start promptly at 8 o'clock. A Christmas program will be given for the lodge by the children of the organization. Following the program, a treat will be presented to all children present and the remainder of the evening will be spent in the form of a social.

## 370 Miners Make Way To Safety Following Blast

London, Dec. 19.—When an explosion shook the Birchwood colliery last night, 370 miners made their way to safety, according to reports from the coal region. Six men still are trapped, the dispatches added, and it is feared that they have scant chance of life.

Four rescue parties worked throughout the night fighting fire which followed the explosion.

## Forgotten School Book Costs Life Of Child

Winchester, Ind., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—A forgotten school book cost the life of little Mary Grow here late yesterday.

After she had boarded the school hack, she got out and ran back into the school house to get her book. As she came out, the hack backed against the building and killed her.

## Six To Face Trial For Harming 14-Year-Old Girl

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The trial of six persons charged with wronging a fourteen-year-old country girl was scheduled today to start Monday.

The case had been set for Friday but was postponed because of the serious condition of the girl.

## Awkwardness Costs Life

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Awkwardness cost Lawrence Gillette, 15, his life today. He stumbled and knocked over a shot gun leaning against a fence at his home. The shot entered his left side, causing his death a few hours later.

## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY



## Weather

Unsettled, probably snow or rain beginning late tonight or Sunday. Slightly warmer tonight in south portion. Colder Sunday or Sunday night.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Weather outlook for the period Dec. 21 to 26, inclusive:

Region of great lakes: Snow flurries in lower lake region Monday and general snows the latter part of the week. Colder Monday and temperature below normal much of the week.

## DAMASCUS IS DESERTED CITY

## One Of Oldest Cities In World Is Ruined By Rebellion

By John W. O'Brien  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Damascus, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Damascus, one of the oldest cities of the world and formerly the wealthiest and busiest markets of the orient, is now practically deserted.

Trains of automobiles, native carts, and all manner of vehicles may be seen winding their way over the roads leading from the city. The merchants and other tradesmen of the city, their conveyances piled high with household goods, are fleeing with their families from the ancient city of historical and mythical story as though from pestilence.

The famous bazaars where merchants once sat cross-legged and displayed their wares, are closed. Hotels are empty. The streets are deserted, except for loungers in the Merdje central square (where revolutionaries were recently hanged by the hundreds) and the beggars in "The Street Called Straight." — and troops.

Soldiers are everywhere. Black, yellow, white, these soldier squads move through the narrow streets constantly, arresting revolutionary suspects.

Three vernacular daily newspapers and two comic weeklies have been suppressed by the French authorities. Meantime, revolutionary organizations, called the "Iron Hands," "Watchful Eyes," and the "Moslem Stalwarts," are circulating, secretly printed inflammatory proclamations telling of supposed French disasters. The vendors of these proclamations are promptly arrested by secret service agents the moment they are discovered.

Promptly at 6 o'clock each evening the curfew sounds. A grave-like silence descends, broken only by the heavy rumbling of tanks, the clattering of armored cars, the sound of galloping.

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## APPROPRIATION BILL COMES UP

## House Leaders Hope To Pass Measure Before Holiday Recess Begins

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—With the tax reduction bill passed and sent to the senate, the house today began consideration of the \$867,852,000 treasury-postoffice appropriation bill, first of the regular government supply measures.

Leaders hope to pass the big appropriation bill before next Tuesday, when the holiday recess begins. The house will continue to concentrate upon these and other supply bills until they are all passed.

Senator Smoot, Utah, republican, and other administration leaders today laid plans to respeedy passage through the senate of the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill passed last night by the house. The measure was adopted without a change from the ways and means committee's plan by a vote of 390 to 25.

## Fall And Doheny Fail To Get A Re-hearing

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The District of Columbia court of appeals today denied to Albert B. Fall, Edward L. Doheny and Edward L. Doheny, Jr., a re-hearing of the bribery indictments returned against them. The court recently held the indictments valid, reversing a lower court.

## Another Murder At Gary

Gary, Ind., Dec. 19.—Another murder was added today to Gary's mounting list of slayings.

Amos Johnson shot M. M. Palmer in a quarrel over a woman. The three persons in the fight were negroes. Johnson escaped after the shooting.

## Spring Coming

**Cold Weather Fades Before A Chinook Wind In Northwest**

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Cold weather faded before a Chinook wind in the northwest today. From Montana came reports of spring flowers putting forth buds. North Dakota revelled in mild temperatures and what little snow had fallen had mostly disappeared.

In the twin cities the mercury rose rapidly toward the thawing point from Friday's early minimum of 6 above zero.

## BOOTLEGGERS TO KNOW FATE DEC. 30

## Judge Baltzell To Sentence 23 Persons Convicted At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The twenty-three persons convicted in federal court here late yesterday of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition laws in connection with the substitution of water for whiskey in the Jack Daniel distillery at St. Louis, will know their fate at 10 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 30. Judge Robert Baltzell, who heard the case, said today.

Following their conviction the defendants in the case refused to comment on the sentence but it is understood that several are planning to appeal the case.

Arnold J. Hellmich, former collector of internal revenue for the eastern district of Missouri, refused to comment on the sentence, but Michael Whalen, democratic politician of St. Louis, who was among those convicted declared, "it has been a fair and impartial trial."

## New \$400,000 Hotel To Be Built At Lake Wawasee

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Plans for the construction of a new \$400,000 hotel building at Lake Wawasee were approved today at a meeting here of the stockholders of the Northern Indiana Hotel company. The structure which will be completed by next July, will have 140 rooms and will be the largest lake side hotel in the state.

## Increase In Rates On Bus Line Is Granted

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The interstate public service company, operating a bus line between Indianapolis and Seymour has been granted a rate increase by the public service commission, it was announced today.

The increase practically doubles the present rate and places the fare on the same basis as that charged on electric lines.

## Jingle Bells

New York—John Dankus will appreciate some cigarettes for Christmas. He testified that injuries received when he was put out of a restaurant for protesting a five cent overcharge forced him, through nervousness, to smoke two packages a day but the court denied his plea for damages.

New York—Mrs. Josephine Ricard, 24, with her two children, Joseph, 4, and Pasquale, two months, grew weary of waiting for the promised Christmas cheer. Yesterday neighbors smelled gas and breaking in, found the three dead.

Chicago—Knowing that Santa Claus lives somewhere in the land of snow, Helen Howe, 5, plunged bravely into the snow here last night in a hunt for the home of the king of toyland. Several hours later two policemen saw the tiny figure of Helen prodding along. Helen was tired, but wanted to continue her search. But they took her to the police station, ascertaining her address and drove her home in a patrol wagon, promising that Santa would call on her in person Christmas morning.

## USE OF WHISKY IN MEDICINE IS NOW PROHIBITED

## Andrews Issues Set of Rules To Become Effective On February 1, 1926

## DOCTORS PERMITTED TO PRESCRIBE LIQUOR

(United Press Service)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—New prohibition regulations prohibiting the use of whiskey, brandy or gin in medicinal preparations were issued by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews today.

The rules are effective Feb. 1, 1926, and apply to all medicines, toilet waters and flavoring extracts unfit for beverage purposes, except in specific cases.

In place of the prescribed liquors, Andrews will authorize the use of wine and alcohol in non-beverage preparations. Use of whiskey, brandy and other distilled spirits in treatment of sickness on physician's prescriptions will be permitted.

Manufacturers using whiskey, gin and brandy in non-beverage concoctions and wishing to continue, must state to the prohibition department the length of time their business has been operated, the length of time their particular formula has been in use and is relation to other formulas which would substitute alcohol and wines.

Stopping withdrawals of whiskey, brandy or gin from bonded warehouses for use by manufacturers will further deplete the bootleggers' source of supply, Andrews said.

Genuine liquors however, will be distributed to druggists for compounding physicians' prescriptions.

## Scores Trapped On Upper Floor Of Hotel By Flames

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—When scores of persons were trapped on the upper floors of the Woodbine annex hotel here last night, ten were overcome by smoke, cut by glass or otherwise injured before firemen extinguished the blaze.

The fire, which caused damage estimated at \$20,000, spread so quickly that the guests were unable to escape in the elevators.

Those who were caught in the trap were removed by firemen using extension ladders.

## CARS COLLIDE AT CROSSROADS

## John Helmrich And E. O. Roffler Escape Injury In Accident Near Preble

Two men narrowly escaped serious injury at 8:30 o'clock this morning when a Ford truck, driven by John Helmrich, of Preble, and a Ford touring car, driven by E. O. Roffler, Fuller Brush representative of this city, collided at a crossroads, one mile east and five miles south of Preble.

Both cars were completely demolished, but the men escaped without any serious injuries. Mr. Roffler received a cut on the left side of his face and Mr. Helmrich received a few minor bruises. Both men were able to crawl out of the wreckage.

The Helmrich truck was coming north toward Preble and Mr. Roffler was driving his car west. Neither man saw the other approaching and the two cars were hurled together at the road intersection. The truck turned over twice and the touring car was thrown off the road and against a telephone pole.

Both cars were badly damaged, having wheels broken off, frames broken and bodies damaged. Only one of the cars was covered by insurance. Roffler and Helmrich were the only two persons in the accident. Both men returned to Preble.