

# U.S. SHIPS PROBABLY WILL STAY DRY DESPITE COURT RULING

Cost of Maintaining Floating Warehouses at Three-Mile Limit Too Great—Next Congress Will Calk Leak in Volstead Law.

## British and French Planning Reprisals Against Liquor Ban

By United Press  
LONDON, May 1.—British steamship officials immediately moved for collective action against the decision of the United States Supreme Court barring liquor from foreign vessels within the three-mile limit, is likely to result in serious reprisals against American ships in French ports.

Those in charge of the largest British lines were most indignant. The various officials held hasty telephone conferences this morning.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—American ships on the high seas will probably continue dry in spite of the Supreme Court's ruling Monday that outside the three-mile limit vessels are outside the Volstead law.

This was the opinion of Government officials in practically all departments having to do with shipping of liquor.

## CORONER BELIEVES RITTER TOOK OWN LIFE WITH POISON

Mysterious Disappearance Is Cleared With Discovery of Body at Home.

Investigation of circumstances surrounding the death of Russell Ritter, 60, found dead in his home at 2322 Cornell Ave., was continued today by Coroner Robinson. Ritter committed suicide, the coroner said, and the cause of death probably was poison.

Letters in the room where Ritter's body was found were dated March 24. However, neighbors saw Ritter on April 15.

Ritter lived alone in the south half of a double house. Recently an agent had nailed a rental sign on the house. Neighbors noticed the gaslight burned in the dining-room many days, but no one investigated.

Walter Hill and his sister-in-law, Frances Hill, 850 N. Keyston Ave., who wanted to rent the house, found the body late Monday.

Police found a revolver fully loaded with no cartridges fired, lying on the kitchen cabinet near the body.

One of the letters was addressed to Harry Ritter, 118 E. Market St., a son, and said: "Harry, give up some of those bonds to help bury me."

Other letters were addressed to his sister in Richmond, Ind.; an insurance agent and to the rental agent. On one sheet of paper Ritter had written an editorial headed, "The Divorce Evil."

## DEFENSE GIVEN IN KIDNAPING CASE

Defense of Clyde Disponett, Charles Locke and Fred Hodson, all of Beech Grove, accused of kidnaping Charles Bartlett, Acton, Ind., last Aug. 4, was expected to be concluded this afternoon with testimony of eighteen witnesses, in their trial in Criminal Court.

The defendants, striking railroad men, are charged with forcing Bartlett, who worked for the railroad during the shopmen's strike, to accompany them to a woods at night. There he was forced to his knees and made to take an oath that he would not return to the shop, testifying.

Four witnesses testified they saw Locke at his home on the night in question.

## CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY HINGE ON COURT RULING

Settlement of more than 2,400 claims against the county as a result of the embezzlement by Richard V. Sipe, former county clerk of \$143,614 of county trust funds may be decided following arguments heard Monday in Circuit Court on a claim by Schuyler A. Haas, attorney, for payment of \$5,000.

Haas acted as attorney for the county in collecting \$100,000 on the surety bond provided for Sipe by the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company. Judge H. O. Chamberlain ordered him to file briefs as to why he should receive that amount.

Pro rata payment of the claims may result, it was announced, as the Haas claim was argued at a hearing brought by the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company to get a court order that will enable County Clerk Albert H. Losche to divide the surety.

## WHOLESALEERS ASKED TO AID IN TAX COLLECTION

Charles C. Benjamin, State director of gasoline tax collection, declared that he will reduce the cost of enforcing the law to a minimum if the wholesaler will cooperate with the State, at the final session of the annual convention of the Allied Motor Commerce at the Claypool.

It is his plan to have the wholesaler collect the tax of 2 cents a gallon and turn it over to the State, thus eliminating the necessity of providing a corps of collectors to call upon and check the books of the dealers.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the gasoline tax and urging economy in its enforcement. The State highway commission was congratulated on its plans for permanent highway development.

## Shortridge String Quartet Popular



## LOCAL FACTORY WORKERS RAISE HOSPITAL FUNDS

Tables to Be Placed in Riley  
Memorial to Commemo-  
rate Subscriptions.

Employees of a number of factories in Indianapolis are organizing to make group subscriptions to the Riley Hospital for Children, according to word received at fund headquarters today, the second day of the Marion County campaign.

Employees of the Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Company have pledged \$2,500, and employees of the Central Supply Company have pledged \$1,200 to the fund.

Memorial tablets will be placed in the hospital to perpetuate group subscriptions.

An average of \$10 each will be raised by the 1,400 employees of the G. & J. Tire Company, Robbins Body Corporation, Eli Lilly & Co., Schloss Bros., H. P. Wasson & Co. and others planning group donations.

New cash subscriptions and four year pledges announced today total \$42,260.62.

Union men are requested to write "organized labor" at the top of their subscription blanks so their pledges will be credited to a special fund being raised through the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

## MRS. C. D. HAMILIN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Funeral Services Will Be Held Thursday.

William I. Pittman Succumbs After Paralytic Stroke.

William I. Pittman, 71, who died Monday, following a paralytic stroke, will be buried Wednesday, 2:30 p. m. at Crown Hill. Mr. Pittman had been invalid for twenty years. He was for many years an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Jennie Pittman; a brother, Frank H. Pittman; one sister, Mrs. Eugenie Langer, and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman, 93, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 2 p. m. at Willard Vehling's chapel, 948 E. Washington St.

## I. U. PROF. IS HONORED BY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

By Times Special  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 1.—Dr. C. H. Elgemann, head of the zoology department at Indiana University, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. He is the only elected member in the State of Indiana. Election in the National Academy of Sciences is the most highly prized honor that can come to an American scientist.

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and the tank corps, commanded by Lieut. E. L. Stewart, entered later.

A selected few of the men who made high averages on the rifle range were rewarded by riding through to Camp Knox in army trucks. They passed through downtown Indianapolis streets before 7 a. m. Infantry units circled the city by taking the Gallagher Rd. off the Pendleton Pike.

Officers expected to camp about fifteen miles south of the city tonight. A site south of Franklin will be reached for a camp Wednesday night. The trip will be made in about ten days. The total distance of the march is approximately 150 miles.

The units go to Camp Knox to serve through the summer in connection with the civilian military training camp, which is to be the largest in the country.

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A fire started in an elevator shaft in the Hibben-Holweg building, Midland and Georgia Sts., and ran up the elevator track. Employees extinguished the blaze.

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## ATTEMPT TO FREE 'CLARA PHILLIPS' IS FRUSTRATED.

Romantic Young Troubadores Offer Aid in Escape at Honduras.

(Copyright, 1923, by United Press.)  
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, May 1.—An attempt to free from jail the woman held here as Clara Phillips, Los Angeles hammer murderer, has been discovered by the police.

The woman, held under the name of Mrs. Jesse Carson, offered money to her guards and intended to dash from the prison gates at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The full plan was discovered by the director of police. He, however, does not attach a great amount of importance to the scheme, believing it only the machinations of "movie mad" film lovers perpetuated in a spirit of adventure and romanticism.

A careful watch is being maintained on the three prisoners, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. R. M. Young "of Poughkeepsie, N. Y." and Jesse Carson, who say he is a promoter for American capitalists.

Fugitive to Be Returned

Fred A. Howard, parole officer from a boys' school at St. Charles, Ill., arrived in Indianapolis today to take Ralph Rowan, 16, fugitive from the school, back. Rowan was taken in custody by police here.

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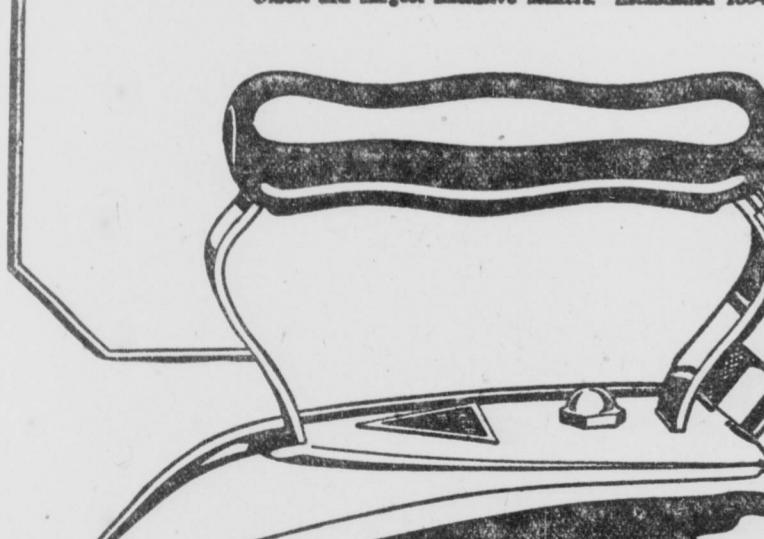
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