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## Mitchell's Dismissal Demanded

expulsion From Army of 'Egotistical, Flamboyant, Untruthful and Destructive' Flying Colonel Asked by Prosecutor.

## Accused Man Defends Self Before Generals

rial Judge Advocate in Impassioned Oration Says Evidence Proves Defendant Guilty of Misconduct as Charged.

*United Press*  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Dismissal of Col. William Mitchell from the Army "in the name of the American people" was asked today by the War Department prosecution in losing 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 Gullion, assistant judge advocate, in an impassioned oration, declared the evidence had proven Mitchell guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline as charged, which is punishable under the Ninety-Sixth 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.

### In the Name of Truth

Gullion demanded he be dismissed for the sake of the Army, whose discipline he has endangered and whose fair name he has attempted to discredit.

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## Forecast

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## Court War Breaks Out in Senate

Initial Barrage Fired by Senator Swanson, Author of Resolution Providing U. S. Adherence to Tribunal at The Hague.

## Debate Expected to Be Long and Bitter

Project Heralded as Greatest Existing Agency in World for Settlement of International Disputes—League Praised.

By Paul R. Mallon

*United Press Staff Correspondent*

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-Coolidge plan for United States adherence to that tribunal.

The Senate took up Swanson's resolution embodying this plan as a special order of business made last spring.

More than the necessary two-thirds majority is reported sympathetic.

Prospects are that debate will be long and perhaps as bitter as the famous League of Nations debate, with Senators Borah, Republican; Idaho and Reed, Democrat; Missouri, leading the opposition.

"Court of Wisdom"

Participation in this court by the United States, Swanson declared, will not embroil 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, pains-taking 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.

"It is this court for us, or none," he warned. "The nations which enjoy its benefits are pleased with it beyond measure and contemplate making no amendments, no modifications."

Swanson's speech required nearly four hours to deliver.

"Are We Afraid?"

Opening his remarks, Swanson pointed to the universal desire for peace. He warned that wars in the future would be more numerous and frightful unless ways are devised to settle international differences by peaceful means instead of by force, and asked:

"Who among us would have America retire, surrender her pre-eminence and fail to discharge fully the duty and responsibility which come from her pre-eminent position? Are we to be timid vacillating and frightened by our own prodigious shadow it projects itself thwart the world?"

Swanson praised the League of Nations as "the most potential factor in the world working for world peace and betterment," but added:

"The United States has determined not to unite with the League and there is no proposition pending before the Senate for this purpose, hence, any discussion of that matter would be ill-timed."

The distribution of the law violations was that 596 persons were found guilty in court on the charge of failing to have license plates, and eighty-two pleaded guilty in the traffic office and paid the assessment. The next highest violation was overtime parking, 257 being found guilty and 357 pleading guilty. Of those driving with open mufflers, 173 were found guilty and nine pleaded guilty. Improper parking was charged against 259 found guilty in court and 389 who pleaded guilty.

Not a single motorist went into court on the charge of leaving a parked auto with the motor running, although twenty-seven pleaded guilty.

Action Reveals Marriage at Crown Point, Ind.

*United Press*

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Natacha Rambova, otherwise Mrs. Rudolph Valentino, today began a divorce action against Rudolph Valentino, film shark. Valentino is registered here under his natural name of Guglielmi, and the divorce action became known when "Mrs. De Wolfe Guglielmi" asked for a divorce from "Rodolfo Guglielmi" — otherwise Rudolph Valentino, American film star.

A "marital vacation," which had been deemed by many as perhaps a "press agent" affair thus developed into an actual freedom attempt.

The divorce papers showed the couple had been married in Crown Point, Ind., in 1923.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

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8 a. m. 22 12 (noon) 27

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## "Something Ought to Be Done"

*By United Press*

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.—"There's too much disrespect for law," moralized Morris Goldberg at police station today after hijackers robbed him of 250 gallons of alcohol valued at \$3,500. "Something ought to be done about it."

Goldberg's truck was forced to the curb and three armed men forced the bootlegger to stand by until they transferred his liquor to their car. He pledged himself to aid in bringing the culprits to justice.

## C. of C. Will Back Schwab, Says Leader

President-Elect Pledges Aid in Helping to Bring Industries.

*By Times Special*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—

Anything that Charles Schwab, steel king, wishes to do toward locating a new industry in Indianapolis will receive aid from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Nicholas Noyes, newly elected president of the Chamber said here today.

Noyes, treasurer of Eli Lilly &amp; Co., is in Washington working against the cut in alcohol taxes in the proposed tax bill.

He declared the Chamber's industrial progress would be developed carefully to do everything possible to improve Indianapolis' industrial development.

"We shall not bring industries to the city, regardless of what kind they are or what backing they have," he said. "We shall investigate carefully."

"And none will be encouraged to come without showing evidence that they are stable and well-backed."

## Traffic Code Violators Pay Less to City

\$18,229 Last Year—\$4,622

This Season—Glenn Gives Reason.

A great decrease this year in the amount paid into the city through the police traffic office by traffic law violators, speeders excepted, is shown in a report filed with Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff by Inspector Michael J. Glenn and Lieutenant Lewis Johnson of that division.

While traffic violators paid \$18,229 last year, only \$4,622 has poured into the coffers so far this year.

Glenn said that the fact that motorists are learning to obey traffic laws is responsible for much of the difference in the figures. Last year 9,089 persons pleaded guilty to the traffic department, while only 2,811 did so this year.

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main as heretofore, but the Mosul

population, I am convinced, will

never accept the League council's

Mosul decision," declared Turkish

Foreign Minister Tewfik Bey today

before departing for Paris.

This declaration (perhaps signifi-

cant for the absence of any real

"war" threat) supplemented state-

ments of Tewfik's colleague,

Houschedi Bey, yesterday to the ef-

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