

## CRASH STARTS SPEED, CABARET WAR

HOUSE ASKED  
TO CUT EXILE  
OF MITCHELLResolution Would Reduce  
Five-Year Suspension to  
Thirty Days.

COOLIDGE MAY ACT

President Expected to Re-  
verse Court's Findings.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Congressional friends of Col. William Mitchell moved today to rescue him from the five-year suspension from rank and pay imposed upon him by his jury of generals. A bill was introduced in the House by Representative F. H. La Guardia, Socialist, New York, to cut the sentence from five years to thirty days.

Mitchell's sentence to five years' suspension from the Army is 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 fifty-one days of sitting and two hours and forty minutes' deliberation.

Prevailing opinion seemed to be that the sentence, while short of dismissal, which the War Department sought, still is unduly harsh for a peace time conviction under the

Woman's Derby  
Creates Mild  
FuroreReporter Finds City Does  
Not Take to English  
Ideas.

By Eloise Walton

BELIEVE a poor, helpless reporter. Derby day in Indianapolis isn't like any other day of the race. At least, that's the way it felt, walking up and down Washington St. and in and out of stores and shops wearing somebody's size 7 1/2 derby hat!

London ladies of leisure may be having a fine time with their derbies, but Indianapolis doesn't take readily to English ideas.

Christmas shoppers gaped and stared over the tops of their derbies, and the expressions ranged anywhere from hilarious laughing to speechless contempt. But those who chose the middle course declared the style was "smart" and that they'd be willing to try it if found its way to Indianapolis.

## Reply to Question

To the victim's question: "Do you like London's idea for woman's headgear?" were these replies:

Stately matron, tartly: "I'm hardly that type!"

Girl in hostess, admiringly: "Per-haps."

Bright young man: "Where's your horse?"

Tactful young girl: "They're very smart on tall women—but I'm too short."

A. R. Cox, buyer for the men's department at L. S. Ayres: "If the girls like them, they're all right. You see them worn a lot in New York. They look very well on certain types."

## "Ain't the Style"

Haughty Nouveau Riche in fur coat: "Nevaire! But it ain't the style."

Ernest L. Kingston, board of safety president: "I'll promise you police protection whenever you want to wear it!"

One young woman: Utterly speechless.

One alley cat: Hissed and spat.

One New York advertising man: "Sure, I think they're smart. I have to. My wife wears one. been the go in New York for some time. All it takes to get it started here is one wearing."

Amusement and an is-she-crazy-or-am-I expression vied for supremacy on many faces. "Breaking-in" a style is no easy task.

ELECTION PAY  
FIGHT IN COURTCounty Council and Commis-  
sioners Defendants.

Members of the Marion County council and board of commissioners were named codefendants in a suit which Albert H. Losche, county clerk, has filed in Superior Court one to mandate them to pay him \$2,500 for services rendered as member of the board of election commissioners during 1924.

Thursday Judge James M. Leathers issued a summons for all defendants to appear in court on Jan. 6 when a trial date will be set.

At a meeting last July the council approved an appropriation of \$2,500 for Leo K. Fesler and Humphrey Harrington, other election board members. A similar appropriation for Dosche was refused on the theory that he was paid a straight salary and not entitled to further compensation. Council members claimed Losche was performing part of his official duties as a board member.

However, Losche in his suit maintained that it was not part of his duties as county clerk. He also cited a ruling of Arthur L. Gillom, who said that the county clerk is entitled to equal compensation with other board members.

FIRE EPIDEMIC  
BLAME PLACED  
ON COLD WAVEEight Flee in Night Clothes  
From Two Burning  
Homes.

THIRTY-NINE ALARMS

Temperature Lowest of Sea-  
son, Says Weather Man.

Eight persons were forced to flee in their night clothes when two homes caught fire at 1:30 a. m. today. The fires were among thirty-nine alarms answered by the fire department during the last twenty-four hours.

The cold wave, which descended upon the city bringing the lowest temperature of the season, was blamed by fire department officials. The temperature coughed and wheezed at 14 degrees above zero a. m. today, while the lowest mark heretofore was 19 on Nov. 23 and Dec. 17, Thursday, J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist, said.

The homes from which the two families fled were adjoining.

## Awakened by Crash

Miss Charlotte Hummel, 18, of 1533 S. State Ave., said she was awakened by a crash and saw the reflection of the flames. She awakened her brother, Fred, 21; her father, John G. Hummel, 1537 S. State St., then caught fire. Becker, his wife, and three children, Carl, 10; Helen, 3, and Robert, 2, were awakened by firemen.

Loss at the Hummel home was put at \$1,800. Only \$250 damage was done at the other home. Sparks on the roof were blamed.

## Sparks Fire Home

Sparks on the roof also fired the home of Harry K. Keygh, 626 E. St. Clair St., early Thursday night. Damage was placed at \$500.

The other alarms were for roof fires, the firemen were able to extinguish with small losses most of them being estimated at \$5 and \$10.

Official States Weather Bureau officials say the temperature should rise slowly today and Saturday, with the lowest tonight about 18. Traces of snow added a Christmas atmosphere, Thursday night. Motorists who had left their conveyances in the open found their motors hard to start. Garages received many calls.

A strong north wind added to the chilliness. Christmas shoppers were unperturbed today, and flocked downtown.

## FOUR CHILDREN PERISH

Mother and Baby Are Rescued From  
Burning Home.

BOLTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—Four children perished and their mother and a year-old baby were perhaps fatally burned early today when the home of John J. Hoey was destroyed by fire in Dawson.

Hoey carried his wife and their year-old baby, Mary, from the burning house, but the other four children were trapped in their rooms on the second floor and could not be reached.

Remus Wednesday barred details of the alleged plot in which it is charged that 890 barrels of liquor were "milked" at the Jack Daniel distillery and water substituted.

Remus and his estranged wife, Mrs. Imogene Remus, who was freed Wednesday in order that her husband could testify, were not in court.

United States District Attorney Albert Ward made the closing argument for the Government.

The case has been on the dockets of the Government for more than two years. Trial was set five times at St. Louis only to be postponed.

Last trial date was Jan. 11. Government then decided to bring the case to Indianapolis, on an alleged overt act. John Marcus and Ben Doncaster were arrested near here in December, 1923, by George Snider, former sheriff and four barrels of liquor, said to have been stolen from the Daniel distillery, were confiscated. Both men were convicted here, but appealed to the Supreme Court.

THE Heralded irreconcilable fight against the World Court was opened in the Senate today when Chairman Borah of the Foreign Relations committee opened an attack upon the resolution which would pledge American adherence to the international tribunal.

Borah contended that the court was inextricably linked with the League of Nations through the covenant of the League, denying the statements of President Coolidge and others that it is an independent institution.

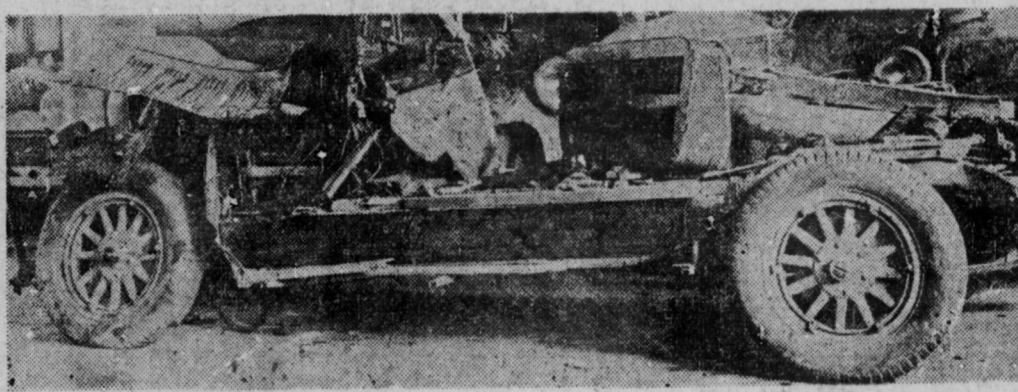
The court is an American court founded upon American ideals several centuries ago, Wisconsin Senator Lenroot, Republican, declared.

FRANK BOWERS DEAD  
Prominent Mason Dies of Heart  
Disease at Home.

James Frank Bowers, 67, of 1005 N. Pennsylvania St., prominent Mason and former manager of State Life Bldg., was found dead at his home early today. Heart disease caused his death.

Mr. Bowers was a member of Murat Shrine, Scottish Rite and secretary of Raper Commandery drill team. He held a position with the Grotto, Masonic organization. The widow and a daughter, Mrs. Ben Stevenson, Indiana champion woman golfer, survive.

## Auto Wrecked in Fatal Accident

SPEED OF TODAY IS  
BLAMED BY FATHERParent of Girl Injured in Wreck Asks 'What Is There to  
Do?'—Says Young Folks 'Just Can't Stay Still.'

"Speed, speed, speed!" Charles F. Woodstock shook his head sadly as he returned to the pretty little home at 2541 Shelby St. from the bedside of his beautiful daughter, Dorothy, 21, who lies broken and bruised at the city hospital.

"Dorothy and Norma (the other daughter) are both good girls," said the father, "but they will dance, dance, dance night after night and see what a sorry mess has resulted! But what is there to do?" came the oft-repeated cry of the older generation, with respect to modern youth.

"Crowd" Stays Out  
"Both mother and I have talked and talked. The girls say 'the crowd' dances and stays out late at night; they're both over 18 years old. We don't know what to do!"

Dorothy is employed at the Powder Puff beauty shop and Norma is a telephone operator at the Robert H. Hassler Company.

"And the police will say they were all drunk, I suppose," the stricken father declared. "But as far as I know the girls never took a drink."

Norman Barthel, dead, and Robert McCordle, seriously injured, both were talking and laughing with Dorothy's parents at the home before they set forth for the evening's entertainment, according to Woodstock.

"They were fine fellows, too," he said.

Said He Wouldn't Drive  
"I'll never drive an automobile again," Barthel said shortly after his brother had been killed in an automobile accident several months ago, Woodstock said.

An atmosphere of good taste and "hominess" prevails at the Woodstock home. On the piano are a number of copies of popular music and a radio-set is at the window.

"It seems to be in the air, this urge to go somewhere," Woodstock ruminates. "The young folks just can't stay still."

Marion County will not purchase the two churches in the World War Memorial Plaza. This was announced certain today by Commissioners Charles O. Sutton and John Kitley, who said they would not sign an order for a \$1,200,000 bond issue.

Failure of the county to buy the properties by Jan. 1 will mean they can remain on their present sites for twenty-five years, if they so desire.

John McCloskey, board of commissioners president, already has signed the order.

William Elder, who represents the Memorial commission, conferred with Kitley and informed him Sutton would sign the order if he would.

"I just can't see how the county can carry the heavy taxation burden which would result," Sutton said.

Under the proposed bond issue it was understood \$600,000 would be paid each for the First Baptist and Second Presbyterian Churches.

Sutton received a resolution this morning from the Disabled American Veterans of the World War asking the commissioners not to buy the churches. "If the county has any money to spend, let them build additional buildings at Sunnyside," the resolution suggested. A resolution signed by 152 taxpayers living in Southport, Sutton's home, asking the commissioners not to buy the churches, was presented several days ago.

BANK ROBBED OF \$10,000  
Eight Bandits Cut Wires, Blow Safe and Loot It.

DOWS, Iowa, Dec. 18.—Eight bank robbers today blew the safe of the State Bank of Dows, taking a haul of \$10,000 and escaped. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut by the bandits prior to the robbery.

CONTEMPT OF COURT  
By United Press  
ST. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 18.—George Washington, colored, who terrorized Federal Court here a week ago in an attempt to shoot three Chicago prohibition agents, today was sentenced to six months in the Allen County jail, on a contempt of court charge.

First Appropriation Reported to be House Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Treasury-Postoffice appropriation bill, first of the big supply measures to start through Congress, was reported to the House today, bearing the marks of economy slashes.

The bill provides \$738,236,403 for the Postoffice Department and \$129,616,158 for the Treasury. For the Coast Guard \$24,213,140 is recommended for its campaign against rum smuggling and for life saving.

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One Killed, Three Hurt When Auto  
Roars Into Street Car Downtown  
—Mother Says Four Returning  
From Colored Cabaret.RIKHOFF TO ASK WHY LID  
ON INDIANA AVENUE LIFTEDMay Order Five-Mile Limit in Busy  
Section to Curb Accidents—Teacher  
Meets Death—Twelve in All on  
Injured List.

Autos in the last twenty-four hours caused:  
Two deaths.  
Twelve injuries.  
Police order to keep white persons out of colored cabarets and clean-up of Indiana Ave.  
Consideration no longer to limit speed in congested district to five and ten miles an hour.  
Consideration of twelve-hour shift for speed cops.

Death rode a speeding automobile early today that roared down Indiana Ave., and crashed into a Northwestern Ave. street car at Illinois St.

Norman O. Barthel, 20, of 140 E. Wabash St., teller at Meyer-Kiser Bank, the driver, was killed.

At the city hospital, Miss Dorothy Woodstock, 21, of 2541 Shelby St.; Miss Catherine Fort, 18, of 1103 E. Washington St., and Robert McCordle, 1655 Park Ave., are hovering between life and death.

The four, according to Mrs. Oscar Barthel, mother of Norman, and whose other son was killed in another auto accident several months ago, were returning from the Hollywood Cafe, a colored resort on Indiana Ave.

The mother said she told her son and the three others had been drinking.

A pint bottle, half filled with white mule, was found near the crash wreckage by police.

Hartley Newton, 3618 Cornell Ave., close friend of Barthel, also said he was at the cafe when the four were there, and that they were drinking.

"If he had listened to me, the accident wouldn't have happened," Newton said.

Mrs. Barthel said:  
"I'm going to write the police and ask them why they permit such a place as the Hollywood cafe to operate."

Police Chief Herman F. Rikhooff in answer said:  
"I have ordered police squads to go through cabarets on Indiana Ave., I'm going to call in my chief officers and ask them why my early administration order that white persons must not frequent colored cafes on Indiana Ave is not being enforced."

Three years ago three society women were arrested in Indiana Ave. resorts. Chief Rikhooff then clamped the lid down on the Avenue.

To Check Speed  
As for speed, Rikhooff said he was considering the enforcement of a five-mile-an-hour rule in the heart of the downtown. In the district bounded on the south by Henry St., on the north by Vermont, on the west by West St. and on the east by East St., a ten-mile-an-hour speed would be ordered.

Rikhooff said he was considering either a twelve-hour-a-day for his motorcycle men or three shifts for the eight motorcycles now in use.

Rikhooff said he was handicapped in the war on speed by lack of funds.

Meanwhile, another death was claimed by automobiles. A total of twelve were injured in the last twenty-four hours.

Miss Edith Keith, 35, Pratt and Pennsylvania St., teacher at School 76, was killed when the auto in which she was riding collided with a machine driven by Gaylord B. Millikan, 24, of 1304 N. Delaware St., at Meridian and Michigan Sts., late Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Calderwood, 22, of 1723 N. New Jersey St., Miss Frieda Huebner, 2406 N. Pennsylvania St., and Miss Ada Crozier, 312 Kenmore Rd., driver of the car, all teachers, were injured.

Fate and premonition played their roles in the accident which cost Barthel's life.

Mrs. Zeta Fort, mother of Cathryn Fort, one of the victims, collapsed at the city hospital when she went there to see her daughter.

Last night, she said to her Catharine:  
"Who are you going out with, Katherine?"  
"Oh, Norm."

"Is he a fast driver?"  
About Thirty-Five  
"Oh, about thirty-five."

"You be careful. His brother was killed in an automobile accident."

And Catherine, her mother said, replied:  
"Oh, Norm will be killed, too, sometime."

Mrs. Fort said she woke about 2 a. m. and found her daughter had not come home. She feared something had happened. She

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Colonel Offered  
\$10,000 a Year

By United Press  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 18.—Col. William Mitchell today was telegraphed an offer of \$10,000 a year to join the editorial staff of the St. Petersburg Daily News according to Frank F. Pulver, publisher. Pulver's offer stated that no ownership of any kind would be placed on Mitchell's writings.

ninety-sixth article of war—the catch-all, blanket article that covers every offense not mentioned in the other ninety-five articles.

Decision Tackled  
The verdict and sentence go to a permanent board of review in the office of the judge advocate general of the Army for technical review, thence to the Judge Advocate General Hull for general review. It is disputed whether Secretary of War Davis must pass on them before going to Page 26)

MAY DELAY IN  
BOOSTING FARETentative Order Prepared  
by McCordle.

Although a tentative order has been prepared by John W. McCordle, public service commission chairman, on petition of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company to increase its transfer charge from 1 to 2 cents, it was indicated today that the matter might be delayed until the entire commission can consider the case.

Samuel R. Artman, commissioner, is sick and was unable to attend this afternoon's conference.

Among the orders to be presented was one authorizing the Indiana Electric Corporation to sell \$678,500 in bonds and another authorizing E. F. Davis to sell a group of bus lines, equipment and certificates to the E. F. Davis Motor Lines, Inc. for \$40,000. The lines operate between Indianapolis and Terre Haute.

AIR FANS WILL  
HEAR NEW SONG'Indianapolis, We Love You'  
on Times Program.

The Indianapolis Larks will introduce a new song tonight on the Times radio program over WFEM from the Severin.

During tonight's concert, the Larks will sing and play, "Indianapolis We Love You," composed by Ned Clay.

This number will be the official number of the Police and Firemen's Band. The Larks will give radio fans a chance to hear it.

Albert J. Baskerville, soloist for the Larks, and George Jaeger, pianist, will be heard in several solo numbers.

Eberty Van Alstyne, song composer, who is at the Circle this week, will give several numbers.

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PARK BOARD  
POST FILLEDMayor Names John E. Mil-  
nor as Member.

Mayor Shank today appointed John E. Milnor, president of C. F. Sayles & Co., as member of the city park board to succeed Charles A. Bookwalter, whose resignation takes effect Saturday.

Milnor is a real estate and insurance man and was Mystic Shrine imperial potentate in 1922.

"Selection of Milnor was approved by the present board members," Shank said.

TAX ACT PASSES  
THIS AFTERNOONHouse Convenes Early to  
Dispose of Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill was to be passed late today by the House and sent to the Senate without a single important change from the proposal of the Ways and Means Committee. The House convened an hour ahead of schedule this morning in order to dispose of the matter. Action in the Senate will be delayed until after the holidays.

The alcohol and near beer provisions were approved. All amendments were rejected.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

At six she wants a candy store, at 16 a box of sweets, at 26 a "sweet papa."

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