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## Forecast

FAIR tonight and probably Saturday; slowly rising temperature; lowest tonight about 18.

# 'CRASH STARTS SPEED, CABARET WAR

## HOUSE ASKED TO CUT EXILE OF MITCHELL

Resolution Would Reduce Five-Year Suspension to Thirty Days.

## COOLIDGE MAY ACT

President Expected to Reverse 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

## Colonel Offered \$10,000 a Year

*By United Press*  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 18.—Col. William Mitchell today was telephoned 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 censorship 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 Tidied

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 Judge Advocate General Hull for general review. It is disputed whether Secretary of War Davis must pass on them before go

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## MAY DELAY IN BOOSTING FARE

Tentative 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 \$679,500 in bonds and another authorizing B. F. Davis to sell a group of bus lines, equipment and certificates to the B. 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 WFBM from the Sevier.

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.

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

Tonight's program is a complete jazz number program.

## Woman's Derby Creates Mild Furore

Reporter Finds City Does Not Take to English Ideas.



By Eloise Walton

**B**ELIEVE a poor, helpless reporter, Derby day in Indianapolis isn't like any other Derby day you run the gentler instead 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 7½ derby hat!

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

Christmas shoppers gaped and stared over the tops of their bundles, 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 women's headgear?" were these replies:

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

Girl in hose, admiringly: "Perhaps."

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

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

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

### "Ain't the Style"

Haughty Nouveau Riche in fur coat: "Nevarial! 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.

Pat Ryan, New York advertising man: "Sure, I think they're smart. I have to. My wife wears one. We've got a 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-are-I expression vied for supremacy on many faces. "Breaking-in" a style is no easy task.

## ELECTION PAY FIGHT IN COURT

County Council and Commissioners Defendants.

Members of the Marion County council and board of commissioners were named defendants 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 Losche 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. Gilliom, who said that the county clerk is entitled to equal compensation with other board members.

## FIRE EPIDEMIC BLAME PLACED ON COLD WAVE

Eight Flee in Night Clothes From Two Burning Homes.

## THIRTY-NINE ALARMS

Temperature Lowest of Season, 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 at 7 a. m. today, while the lowest mark heretofore was 19 on Nov. 23 and Dec. 17, Thursday, J. H. Armington, 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.

Home of O. H. Becker, 1537 S. State St., then caught fire. Becker, his wife, and three children, Carl, 10; Helen, 8, 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. Keigh, 622 E. Clark St., early Thursday night. Damage was placed at \$500.

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

United 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.

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### By United Press

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Fight Against Tribunal Starts in Senate.

### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The high-heeled, 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 marks of economy slashes.

The bill provides \$738,236,303 for the Postoffice Department an \$129,615 for the Treasury. For the Coast Guard \$24,213,140 is recommended for its campaign against rum smuggling and for life saving.

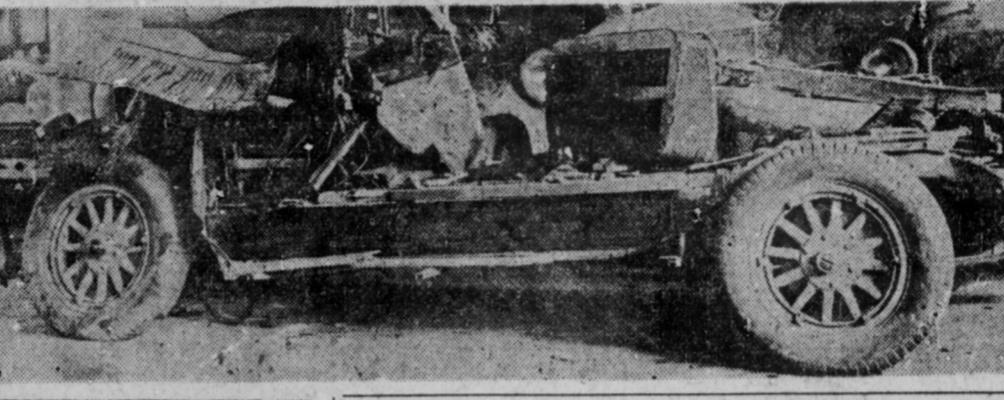
The court is an American court founded upon American ideals several centuries ago, Wisconsin Senator Lenroot, Republican, declared.

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## Auto Wrecked in Fatal Accident



## SPEED OF TODAY IS BLAMED BY FATHER

Parent of Girl Injured in Wreck Asks 'What Is There to Do?'—Says Young Folk '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

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