

GENERAL BUTLER DENIES MARINES 'HARD DRINKERS'

Brands Charge as Slur Against Heroic Dead—Explains Williams Case.

Editor's Note—Gen. Smedley D. Butler, whose charges of public drunkenness brought about the recent court-martial of 10 Marines at San Diego, takes exception to the recent statement of Senator James A. Reed, that the Marines are "hard drinkers," meaning that Marines were hard drinkers, and therefore good fighters.

By **Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler**

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 24.—A statement has been made by a public official that Marines are "Good Fighters and Hard Drinkers." This remark, made in connection with a plea for the return of liquor, leads one to believe that Marines are good fighters, because they are hard drinkers.

Unfortunately that murderous assault has not been made against me personally, but has extended, in its viciousness, to the glorious record of the Marine Corps.

Dastardly Insinuation

As a Marine and an officer, I bitterly resent any dastardly insinuation impugning the patriotic motives of thousands of Marines, whose sacrifice to duty has made our uniform the most respected in the world.

A boy one who would even faintly stir the dead, or living Marines for that matter, is a despicable coward, whom no stimulant could make a man.

A certain class of American citizens insists that their names, their friends, their possessions and even their actions, be immune to criticism, and because I dared to perform my simple duty in ordering the arrest of Colonel Williams on a charge of drunkenness, mud has been thrown at me and the Marine Corps in a futile effort to steer the public mind away from the real issue.

The Real Issue

The real issue developed out of the Williams' court-martial is simply this:

Is it right for a high officer of the armed service to publicly and knowingly violate the certain positive acts of Congress which he has sworn to uphold?

Shall the armed services of the Government be required to obey the Acts of Congress? This question should interest the whole nation, as the time may come when the preservation of our institutions and even our lives may depend upon their obedience and loyalty.

The armed services would be worse than useless without discipline. Therefore, if they are allowed to break any one law and get away with it, the breakdown of discipline then starts, and other violations come easily.

I want to say emphatically that the Marines are not hard drinkers. If they had been they could never have accomplished the many heroic things which has established the Marine Corps as the most efficient military service in the world.

HOUSE LEADERS DEMAND PRUNING

Big Money Bills Will Not Be Considered.

By **United Press**

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Framing their legislative program for the remaining days of the session, House leaders today served notice that a score of bills now on the calendar proposing large expenditures must undergo sharp pruning or fail to be considered.

The measures include the pension bill, retirement bills, military park bills, the veterans bill and numerous miscellaneous measures with total expenditure of \$190,000,000.

Leaders plan to confer with proponents of the bills and hope that a definite program can be worked out within a week.

WOODMEN TO ATTEND

State Log Rolling Association Convention at Bloomington July 5.

Delegates from 514 Indiana camps of the Modern Woodmen of America are expected to attend the twenty-sixth annual convention of the State Log Rolling Association July 5 at Bloomington.

John D. Volz, national director, and William D. Headrick, lecturer, both of Indianapolis, will speak.

GETS BIG CONTRACT

The National Cab and Truck Company, which recently leased equipment of the Premier Motors Inc., has received a large order for rebuilding taxicabs for several Eastern concerns. Work will require several weeks, according to General Manager Frederick L. Barrows.

MEMORIAL FOR PASTOR

Presbyterian Church Will Honor Late Rev. Smith.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church will hold memorial services Monday evening for the late Rev. Matthew F. Smith, pastor who died a few weeks ago.

The Rev. John T. Stone, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, will speak.

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HARGROVE'S 32 N. Penn St.

Seeks Juvenile Court Bench



H. Nathan Swain

One of the candidates for the Democratic nomination as juvenile court judge is H. Nathan Swain, 115 W. Thirty-Sixth St. Swain, a member of the law firm of Oden & Swain, started the practice of law in Indianapolis in 1916.

He is the teacher of the Willing Workers' class of the St. Paul M. E. Sunday school, former commander of the Indianapolis post of the American Legion and a member of city and State bar associations, Masonic lodge and Sigma Nu fraternity. He is a graduate of De Pauw University and University of Chicago Law School. He is married and has one child.

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PLAN OPENING OF AIRPORT IN JUNE

Hangars Will Be Brought to Speedway From Kokomo.

Plans to open the Indianapolis airport at the Motor Speedway early in June are being worked out by the Chamber of Commerce airport board, following a meeting Friday. Work on the landing field and hangars will start about the middle of next week, it was said.

Hangars will be brought from the field of the 113th observation squadron of the Indiana National Guard at Kokomo. If additional ones are needed they will be built.

Tentative plans call for twenty-five planes at the airport. Appropriate dedicatory exercises, in charge of the Chamber, were considered. Board officers elected were: J. A. Goodman, president; Robert Bryson, vice president; Elmer W. Stout, treasurer; Leonard V. Harrison, secretary, and Paul H. Moore, assistant secretary.

NOISES OF TRAIN ARE BROADCAST

Whistling Brakeman Is Popular Entertainer.

George W. Nearpass, known as the whistling brakeman of the Pennsylvania Railroad, proved popular with radio fans Friday night when he appeared on The Times program over WFBM from the Severein.

Nearpass imitated about everything a brakeman comes in contact with on a train. His act is called "A Trip on the Pumpkin Vine Limited." Orchestral music was furnished by H. R. Riggs and his Black Cat Entertainers. Harp solos were played by Miss Ruth Hutchins. The soprano soloist was Miss Sylvie Tasch, who sang the "Shadow Song."

Wayne Williams of The Times made his radio debut when he played two groups of popular numbers.

WOMAN VICTIM OF JEWEL THIEF

Rings Valued at \$450 Taken From Home.

The jewel thief or thieves, who have stolen near \$10,000 worth of precious stones from north side homes in the last two months, added \$450 to the loot total Friday night.

Mrs. Mary Manien, 4102 Park Ave., reported two diamond rings valued at \$450 missing. One, she said, had diamonds in a white gold basket setting. The other was a dinner ring with two half carat diamonds and sapphires in a white gold mounting.

Gideon Hoffman, manager of the Hook drug store, Illinois and Washington sts., reported \$78 stolen from the store.

Frederick Appel, 4142 N. Pennsylvania St., said two English setter dogs, valued at \$300, were stolen.

Three drug stores were entered by breaking panels in doors and looting totaling \$40 taken. Stores entered: Ed Wolfarth, 1227 Oliver Ave.; J. L. Walter, 1737 Howard St., and G. M. Green, Northwestern Ave. and Twenty-Fifth St.

SEES DATA ON AIR

Weather Bureau Study to Aid Aviation.

Observations to secure data on air conditions, which may prove valuable to aviation will be conducted next month at the United States aeronautical station at Royal Center, Ind., the only one of its kind in the country. Meteorologist J. H. Armstrong of the weather bureau here announced today. Conditions all over the country will be studied.

Immense kites, small pilot balloons and several sounding balloons will be set up, according to Armstrong. These latter, to which recording instruments are attached, drift and rise until the decreasing air pressure causes them to burst. The weather bureau, seeks data of balloons to secure the data.

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