

# 'PATRIOTS' PLAN SAVING OF U. S.—AT A PROFIT

'Red Menace' to Be Slogan in Keeping Government Out of Business.

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Paul Y. Anderson, special correspondent of the Post-Dispatch today describes in a story from Chicago "grandiose plans for the launching of a huge propaganda agency" aimed at "government in business."

The promoter, according to Anderson, is W. J. Sylvester, who says he already has enlisted the support of wealthy men and corporations throughout the country. His literature lists an "advisory board" of fifty-four prominent men, according to Anderson.

"The advertised purpose is the 'patriotic' one of 'saving the United States from bolshevism' by waging a campaign of 'education' against government in business. The other purpose, which is not advertised, but is none the less obvious, is that of turning up a handsome profit for the promoter."

"The propaganda campaign outlined by Sylvester is astounding in scope and the methods by which he proposes to make it effective are extremely daring. These methods include many already employed by the power trust and recently exposed by the federal trade commission—such as subsidizing or coercing newspapers and teachers, introducing propaganda into the public schools and universities, and employment of a troupe of public speakers."

Use of the radio and publication of a magazine and "clipsheet" for editors also are contemplated. Sylvester proposes that each contributor a "quota" of one mill for each \$100 of net income of the concern. He says \$40,000 already has been spent in laying plans, of which \$20,000 was from business men as advances on their quotas. An outline of Sylvester's plan makes reference to a conference held in Washington in 1925, at which time the federal trade commission, but government competition with business and says his organization purposes "to put into effect, the program outlined by the Washington conference."

## HANGING BANDITS ALONG HIGHWAYS PROTESTED

Annoys Tourists, Mexican Paper Objects.

By United Press  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—Protests against the practice of hanging bandits along the roadsides were published today in the newspaper Excelsior.

Readers of the paper said that the sight of the suspended bodies was disgusting to tourists. Bodies of three road agents, captured Christmas, are now hanging from trees along the Mexico City-Puebla highway.

## 3,450,000 APPLE CROP

Northwest's Yield This Year Would Make 40,000 Carloads.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Some savant of statistics has electrified the populace of this city with the following: If all the apples grown in the northwest this season were laid side by side, they would make six rows between Seattle and New York, and there would be enough left over for a good sized stomach ache for a large percentage of the world's population.

In other words crop estimates place the northwest apple crop at 3,450,000 apples or 40,000 carloads.

## BUILDS DESERT 'LINER'

Motor-Driven Vehicle May Take Place of Camels.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—An invention of Dr. Biehoff, German engineer, if proven practical, will eventually supplant the camel as a means of conveyance across the Sahara desert.

The new method of locomotion is a gigantic "desert liner," 130 feet long, 42 feet high and 26 feet wide, propelled on four wheels driven by two Diesel motors of 450 horsepower. There are four decks to the ship, and 12,000 miles can be covered without taking on fresh stores.

## ESCAPES JAIL; RETURNS

Prisoner Returns to Be Locked Up on Advice of Mother.

By United Press  
UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 27.—William Hale, charged with robbery, is back in jail here although he made good his escape from the prison several weeks ago. When Hale reached his home in Alto, Ill., his mother ordered him to return and take his medicine like a man.

## REWARDED FOR HONESTY

Tailor Receives \$200 for Finding \$1,400 in Man's Pants.

By United Press  
ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 27.—There are honest men in this world and Joseph T. Bucca, a tailor, is one of them. Lee Schiff of Kansas City sent his suit to Bucca to be pressed with \$1,400 in one of the pockets. Bucca found the money and returned it to Schiff. He received a reward of \$200.

## Last Civil War Veteran Dies

By Times Special  
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—John J. White, 82, last Civil War veteran of Washington township, Shelby county, is dead. He had lived in the county fifty years.

## Grid Players Get Jobs



The Indiana Bell Telephone Company selected athletes from Butler, Indiana, Purdue, Notre Dame and De Pauw universities and Wabash college and the six Indianapolis high schools to push the carts from which the directories are distributed, giving the students a few welcome dollars for vacation time. The picture shows Jack Walsh, 1723 North Pennsylvania street, Butler tackle, on the job.

## ATTACKS LOVER, TAKES POISON

Woman Fearing Desertion Tries to Kill Man.

By United Press  
DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Florence Montgomery and Eugene Gable, both 24, came to the end of their illicit romance in city hospital today, where Mrs. Montgomery is expected to die from poison she took after fracturing her lover's skull with a hatchet.

Before she lapsed into unconsciousness Mrs. Montgomery said she tried to kill Gable, as he slept because she thought he was going to desert her. Gable said he met the woman on a street at Portsmouth three months ago. They came here a week later. Mrs. Montgomery said Gable had deserted his wife and two children in Portsmouth to come here with her and had spoken of returning to his family. She admitted she had not been divorced from her second husband.

## BABY BORN IN JAIL; MAY FREE MOTHER

Parole Asked for Young Woman in House of Correction.

By United Press  
DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Arrival of a seven-pound baby girl may bring a parole for Mrs. Elsie Holmes, 20, who is serving a sentence in the Detroit house of correction for shop-lifting in Grand Rapids. The baby arrived Christmas night.

Mrs. Holmes has served eight months of a two and one-half to five years sentence. Governor Fred W. Green has directed that the state parole commission to investigate Mrs. Holmes' case.

Her husband who is 21 years old was sentenced to a similar term in the Michigan reformatory.

## SET CHECKER TOURNAMENT

Experts to Tilt With Amateur on New Year's at Y. M. C. A.

The annual chess and checker tournaments will be held at the Y. M. C. A. New Year's day. Milton L. Munger, 117 Good avenue, will play thirty checker opponents simultaneously. Daniel B. Luten, 3357 Ruckle street, chess expert, will meet all comers.

## Thief Steals Policeman's Badge

By United Press  
NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 27.—Entering the home of patrolman John Miller, a burglar made away with the officer's badge, police pants and several Christmas presents of jewelry.

## NEW CALENDAR IS OPPOSED AS CHURCH PERIL

13-Month Year Would Destroy Holy Days, Says Congressman.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Charges that calendar simplification as proposed by George Eastman, kodak magnate of Rochester, would create "wandering Sabbaths" and injure religion, were made today by Representative Sol Bloom (Dem., N. Y.).

Bloom told the United Press the plan to create a thirteen-month calendar of 364 days was tried in 1600 but created such chaos that it was abandoned.

## No Fears for Bible

"Time is figured by the sun and moon. There are 365 days and six hours to a year, but under the proposed simplification the extra day would be thrown into the discard, an unnamed day. In seven years by having a blank day an entire week would be discarded and in twenty-three years the calendar would be one month behind. "This would seriously disturb the Sabbath and Sunday and Easter day and when these holy days are destroyed it means the Bible virtually will be destroyed."

Bloom criticized the thirteen-month calendar as "a modern and economic" schedule, but said if business men needed such a calculating sheet they could arrange their own periods to suit conditions.

## Favors Conference

He announced the Seventh Day Adventists, the Seventh Day Baptists and the Orthodox Jews were supporting his campaign against scientific regulated Sabbaths. The Catholic church, he said, already is on record against the change, as the Holy See objected to the League of Nations to calendar simplifications several years ago.

Bloom said he would not object to the house foreign affairs committee reporting out a bill for the United States to participate in a conference where some other type of calendar reform might be developed.

## He's Hot, Now!

Glyndon Macy, police emergency car driver, took a cold ride this morning. As the emergency bell rang he learned his overcoat had been stolen out of police headquarters. He was forced to make the trip without it.

## NORTHCOTT'S LAWYERS WIN WAY INTO JAIL

Gain Admittance to See Alleged Slayer by Court Order.

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Gordon Stewart Northcott, in jail here awaiting trial on charges of murder, conferred with his attorneys today under protection of a writ of habeas corpus.

Norbert Savary and A. H. Detremaudan, Northcott's attorneys, charging that jail guards and deputy sheriffs refused them admittance to Northcott's cell, went before Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy yesterday and obtained a writ allowing them to see and talk with the accused youth.

## BISHOP TO PRESIDE AT MASS MEETING

Catholic Association Session to Begin Friday at Claypool.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Charrtrand, bishop of Indianapolis, will preside at the public mass meeting arranged for visitors to the American Catholic Historical association meetings Sunday night at the Knights of Columbus auditorium. The Catholic association sessions start Friday at the Claypool and continue concurrently with the meetings of the American Historical Association of which most of the Catholic historians also are members.

At the Sunday night meeting, the Reverend Peter Guilday, D. D., of the Catholic university, Washington, D. C., will speak on "The Catholic Chapter in American History."

## FORTUNE TELLING BAN PUT ON ALL CHINA

Ancient Practice Must Go; Order Will Affect Thousands.

By United Press  
PEKIN, Dec. 27.—Fortune-tellers, who have been patronized by emperors and coolies alike for centuries in China, must find some other occupation within two months, according to an order issued by the Nanking government. The mayor of Nanking abolished fortune-telling some time ago, and now the order is extended to the entire country. Each city has from a hundred to several thousand who earn a livelihood by foretelling the future.

## GOTHAM'S NEW POLICE BOSS ON SLAYER'S TRAIL

Whalen Starts Work on Rothstein Case; Hold Trial Back.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Police Commissioner Grover Whalen, virtually having completed reorganization of his department, set out today to try to solve the Arnold Rothstein murder mystery.

Whalen will confer with District Attorney Joab Banton, marking almost the first time that police and the district attorney's office have taken active steps to co-operate in the murder case.

Banton has revealed he is unwilling to proceed with the trial of George McManus, now being held in the Tombs, until at least one of the three other men wanted in the Rothstein case is arrested.

## Forced Out Police Head

Rothstein was wounded fatally Nov. 4 when he went to the Park Central hotel, presumably to discuss a gambling debt. Failure of Joseph A. Warren, former police commissioner, to make satisfactory progress with the case is believed to have caused Warren's resignation and the appointment of Whalen to succeed him.

Besides McManus, three men are under indictment in connection with the Rothstein case. They are Hyman Biller, friend of the murdered gambler, and two other known only as John Doe and Richard Roe. Banton believes the cause of justice would suffer if he put McManus on trial before capturing Biller or one of the other men indicted.

## Shifts Strongarm Squad

Whalen's final step in reorganization of the police department was taken yesterday, when he announced he would revive the "strongarm" squad which formerly terrorized the underworld. This squad, made up of the most "hard-boiled" men on the force, will concentrate on driving gangs from the city.

In addition, the 125 policemen on the force will become more active. Whalen said, devoting their time to keeping order, watch on dance halls and cabarets.

## Comet Guided Wise Men, Says French Astronomer

Doubts Star Led Sages and Shepherds to Christ Child.

By United Press  
PARIS, Dec. 27.—The three wise men of biblical history were led to the manger of the Christ Child in Bethlehem by a comet, according to modern French astronomy leaders. The Star of Bethlehem never existed as a star outside of a legend, the astronomers contend. Many of the greatest French astronomers have puzzled over the luminary which, according to the Bible, first appeared to the shepherds 1,928 years ago.

Never Seen Again  
M. Ballaud, director of the famous Paris observatory, and M. Joseph, chief of the St. Maur observatory, both contend that the star which guided the wise men never has figured in astronomical history. In biblical history they find but one mention of it in the gospels.

"The appearance of a brilliant comet in the west may have been coincident with the birth of Christ," Ballaud said in an interview. "At any rate the so-called star of Bethlehem never has been seen since. It could have been a star which showed for a night and then disappeared, for such instances are not rare in astronomy. But I believe it was a comet."

## May Have Been Venus

"Many astronomers have contended that the shepherds saw an unusually brilliant Venus. Their argument has some grounds, for Venus is visible in the west in the evening at present and the shepherds may have seen it 1,928 years ago."

"But on the other hand," he continued, "the ancients knew astron-

## FATHER CALLS IN HIS THREE CHILDREN TO SEE DOUBLE KILLING

### Tree Cows

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Professor Samuel J. Record of the Field Museum, has milked a tree and has a quart of the fluid and some wood from the tree to prove it.

"Half a liter of this Guatemala tree milk, taken straight, produces the same effect as a good square meal," Professor Record said.

The liquid looks and tastes very much like cow's milk and sours as quickly.

## DINNER TO OPEN HOSPITAL DRIVE

Flower Mission Leaders to Meet Jan. 15.

The Indianapolis Flower Mission Society will hold a dinner Jan. 15 at the Columbia Club to review work of the society in the last year. Mrs. Charles J. Buchanan, Marott hotel; Mrs. L. O. Hamilton and Mrs. Robert Geddes are the committee arranging the dinner.

Tentative program includes these speakers: Mrs. Harry New, wife of the postmaster-general; Mgr. Francis H. Gavick, Arthur V. Brown, Union Trust Company president; Dr. William Wishard, Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson and Mrs. John Holliday.

Opening of the drive for approximately \$300,000 for a Flower Mission unit at city hospital will be started following appointment of a campaign committee by Arthur V. Brown, chairman of directors. The Flower Mission plans to dedicate a special unit for care of tubercular cases, the city maintaining and operating the hospital. Officers of the society are Mrs. Stowell C. Watson, president; Mrs. Robert Geddes, secretary, and Mrs. James H. Lowes, treasurer.

## ELABORATE BALL HELD

Brings Flowers From California for Chicago Affair.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Edith Rockefeller McCormick, who owns the only gold luncheon set in Chicago, thrilled society again Wednesday night by bringing masses of laurel from Tennessee and carnations from California for the musicale and ball which she gave at the Drake hotel for Florence Crane, her god-child.

Oldest, 8, Importantly Walks Into Station to Notify Cops.

By United Press  
TORONTO, Ontario, Dec. 27.—Three children watched with the detached interest of childhood while their father shot their mother and then killed himself.

Then the two older ones, John Williamson Jr., 8, and Alex Williamson, 6, walked importantly to a police station and reported the tragedy, leaving the youngest, Isaac, 5, at home to guard the bodies.

"My mammy and daddy are dead in bed," John told the desk sergeant.

Policemen went to the Williamson home to find the mother lying dead and the father, John Williamson, a well-known horse dealer, also dead on the bed beside his wife's body.

The children told them that their father had awakened them, and that they had stood in the bedroom while the shooting occurred, looking on.

John, as the remaining head of the family, told the story. "Daddy shot mammy through her head," he said, indicating with his finger where the shot entered.

"Then he shot her here (the right breast) and here" (the left breast). "Then daddy shot himself and fell over on the bed. His legs jumped up, and then he didn't move any more."

"The gun dropped under the bed, and Isaac crawled under and got it. Then we got dressed and went to the station house."

## GREEN BEANS DOWN

Apples Hold Own at Stalls in City Market.

Green beans were down to 20 cents a pound on city market today, and green peas were 25 cents. Oranges sold at from 25 to 70 cents a dozen. Apples remained 6 pounds for a quarter, and bananas were from 20 to 30 cents a dozen. Grapefruits were from 3 for a quarter to 10 cents each.

Head lettuce was selling for 10 and 15 cents each and leaf lettuce was 15 cents a pound. Celery was 3 cents a stalk and celery hearts were 3 to 4 bunches for a quarter. Greens were 2 pounds for 15 cents to 15 cents a pound. Broccoli was 50 cents a bunch. Radishes, the long white ones, were two bunches for 15 cents. New cabbage remained at 10 cents a pound and old cabbage at 6 cents a pound. Cauliflower was from 25 to 40 cents each, and alligator pears were 50 cents each. Cranberries were 25 cents a pound.

## TRAFFIC LIGHT WASTE SCORED BY AUTO CLUB

Needless Use of Signals Criticised by Hoosier President.

The widespread use of traffic lights in small towns and villages where they are not warranted by traffic conditions is a great source of annoyance and delay to motorists in all parts of the country, according to Duane Dungan, president of the Hoosier Motor Club.

Dungan said that the value of the automatic traffic lights definitely has been proven in areas of heavy traffic, but where there is light traffic, they not only are unnecessary, but are proving costly in loss of time and unnecessary annoyance to car owners.

## Salesmen Blamed

"Moreover," he continued, "authorities in many smaller cities and towns have overburdened the taxpayers through the expenditures of funds for unnecessary traffic signals. It is quite apparent that the high-pressure salesmen of concerns manufacturing traffic light equipment are doing a land office business even in the great open spaces. They have sold the village fathers off their feet and perspective has gone by the board."

The motor club executive said there is no more deplorable sight than to stand on the corner in some village and watch the change of traffic signals with, in some instances, not a car in sight.

## Millions Lost by Delays

Dungan said this condition also applies to the suburban sections of many of the larger cities, where traffic heads have been over-enthusiastic in the purchase of signals. "It has been wisely estimated that traffic delays cause an annual loss of millions of dollars and this condition should be remedied, not by unnecessary traffic lights at every cross road with useless expenditure, but by their entire elimination, except in congested business areas or where the traffic is heavy in residential section."

## HOOSIERS MET SUSPECT

Negro Held in Murder Former Porter at Washington.

By Times Special  
WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Hoyt McMurray, Negro, held at Carmi, Ill., charged with the murder of Miss Anna Preher, a school teacher, was employed as a barber shop porter here less than a year ago.

While here McMurray was taken into custody as a suspect in a restaurant robbery, but was released after establishing an alibi.



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