

# SCIENTISTS TO FIGHT AGAINST EVOLUTION BAN

Powerful Forces Join to Combat Teaching Taboo in Three States.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Protesting against legislative and administrative interference with the presentation of the facts and theories of science, and deploring the anti-evolution laws now on the statute books of three states, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Association of University Professors have announced in resolutions a fighting attitude against present and further encroachment upon the freedom of science and teaching.

At the November elections, Arkansas passed an anti-evolution law by a large popular vote. Tennessee and Mississippi previously had placed a ban on evolution.

Even more powerful in some cases are the unwritten prohibitions that many institutions impose upon teachers, with loss of their jobs as the penalty.

## Notables on Committee

The special committee of scientists, empowered with the delegated authority of more than 20,000 scientists and more than fifty scientific organizations, consisted of Professor Edwin G. Conklin, Princeton; Professor S. J. Holmes, University of California; Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History; Dr. R. A. Millikan, president of the California Institute of Technology and newly elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Dr. J. C. Merriam, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

"We deplore all efforts to restrict the freedom of teaching and learning in science," the resolution stated. "We deplore such action first because evolution in some form is accepted by practically all competent men of science the world over, and second, because the idea of evolution profoundly has so influenced the thinking of mankind in biology, psychology, ethics, social science, and philosophy that no one can pretend to have a liberal education, who is ignorant of its grounds and import."

## Called Liberty Restriction

"We deplore these measures also for a deeper reason, which should appeal to all Americans of whatever creed, who believe in intellectual and religious liberty, whether they accept or reject the theory of evolution. Namely, that such restrictions constitute a violation of a fundamental principle of freedom essential to all progress."

"What is taught as science should be determined by qualified experts in their fields rather than by popular vote."

The university professors created a special committee under Professor Holmes to co-operate with the scientists and issue a circular to be used in the campaign against educational intolerance.

## FORMER DETECTIVE ON TRIAL IN SLAYING CASE

First Degree Murder Charged in Death of Mishawaka Woman.

By Times Special  
GOSHEN, Ind., Jan. 2.—Harvey L. Smith went on trial today in Elkhart superior court here charged with the murder of Mrs. Genevieve Stults, divorcee, and operator of a beauty parlor at Mishawaka.

The body of Mrs. Stultz was found in a lime pit near Elkhart several weeks ago after she had been missing since April.

Smith, former detective, told authorities that he had been given \$50 by Mrs. Janie Reyher "to get Mrs. Stults out of town," in an effort to break up a love affair with Charles Reyher, husband of Mrs. Reyher.

Smith denies any connection with the slaying, asserting that after he was paid, he turned the task of getting rid of Mrs. Stults over to two strangers.

## LARGE CROWD AT LAKE SEES NEW YEAR'S SWIM

Eighteen Men Take Plunge at Wabash as Snow Falls.

By Times Special  
WABASH, Ind., Jan. 2.—Eighteen men are shivering today as they remember a plunge into Silver lake here Tuesday, the occasion being the fifth annual New Year's swim.

Among those taking the plunge while snow fell, were John Morrow and his son-in-law, Homer Showalter, who started the swim Jan. 1, 1923.

A large crowd watched the swimmers. Vere Powell, Wabash policeman, dressed in a bathing suit, kept spectators from in front of a camera which filmed pictures of the swimmers for a motion picture news agency.

## House Fire Blamed on Tramps

Fire believed started by tramps seeking shelter from the cold caused \$800 damage Tuesday night to a frame house at Seventy-seventh and Silver avenue, by S. T. Barnett.

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# Famed Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Will Be Wrecking Crew's Prey



The celebrated Waldorf-Astoria, pictured at the right soon is to be demolished to make way for the fifty-story office building shown at the left in the architect's sketch. Inset is "Oscar of the Waldorf," whose long service as the hotel chef has made him internationally known.

## Kings and Pawns, Princess and Poets File by in Memory's Parade.

BY GENE COHN  
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NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Shortly after the last snows have fallen the hand of the wrecker will be laid upon the familiar red stone front of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, and one of America's most colorful landmarks will pass to make way for a new fifty-story sky scraper.

But the spot long will be haunted by the most strangely assorted collection of ghosts that ever gathered at a spectral conclave—wraiths of kings and pawns, of poets, princes and paupers; wraiths of a lost decade inhabited by almost legendary figures; ghosts of pomp and splendor and glitter and careless luxury; ghosts of a dead gentility and an almost forgotten code of manners.

Here were set social styles that affected two generations. Here smart set history was made to the tune of soft playing orchestra hidden behind palms, to the glitter of gems and the gray shadows of dimmed lights.

## Birth of Great Corporation

Here upon a long-ago afternoon sat three men, talking of American business and commercial prospects. Their names were John W. Lambert, John W. Gates and Max Pam. Out of this informal chat sprang the United States Steel Corporation—mightiest of American industries.

Here were settled financial as well as social fates. For it became the custom of Wall Street magnates to use the hotel as a clubroom and to gather there at the end of trading. In one of the rooms, a yearly occupant, could be found John G. J. And in another, Charles M. Schwab.

Here was a gay center of an international play world—a corner stone of many vogues, fads and fancies. Reminiscent looking out into Peacock Alley today, watching the lumbering auto busses fill and empty, it is hard to believe that never again will merry tailyho parties come galloping up to the blare o' horns and the clatter of horses' hoofs. In this hectic day and age, "the Alley" is a miniature depot for shoppers rushing in from the Jerseys and way points. Now and then on swank occasions, it recaptures a bit of its old flavor.

## Oscar Can Tell Tales

And if you can catch Oscar of the Waldorf in a reminiscent mood you will hear glamorous tales of the Peacock Alley that was. He will tell you of those gay old tailyho and coaching parties which, in the hotel's early days, helped to build up its reputation as a rendezvous for the smart set.

The coaches would go cantering up Fifth avenue with horns blowing and passing crowds waving from the sidewalks, headed for Westchester county, which today can be reached in a few minutes by motor, but which then meant a several hour drive through rustic countryside.

And you will hear almost fabulous tales of a shrewd genius—George C. Boldt, the Waldorf's manager for many a long year and perhaps one of the world's most famous hotel men. What with Boldt in command and the trusty Oscar to provide the rococo and filigree trimmings, it was not long before the hotel was establishing a name that traveled over the world.

Both Boldt and Oscar had come as immigrants to America—Oscar from Switzerland with his mother and father, who intended to found a beauty parlor; Boldt, who had

come alone as a boy from a little island in the Baltic.

Two immigrant lads, seeking their fortunes in a new world and finally tossed together in a spectacular enterprise through the merest of accidents, Oscar of the Waldorf began life as Oscar Tschirky.

"But I dropped my last name when I found few could remember or pronounce it," he explains. "My brother had come to America while I was still in school. Trained as a chef, he found this a land of such opportunity that he wrote home to my father and advised coming over. So at 17, I found myself here and, at my brother's advice entered hotel service."

"My chance came at the historic

Hoffman house, where the most celebrated and the most important New Yorkers gathered. It was not long before I knew dozens of them, at least by sight, and was made personal waiter to Ned Stokes, proprietor."

"I wanted all-round experience, and so I served in the bar and the kitchen and dining room alike."

"My connection with the Waldorf resulted from a walk up Fifth avenue with my father. As we passed Thirty-fourth street we noticed a great hole being dug. I asked what the new building was going to be."

"Oh," replied a workman, "this is going to be the swiftest hotel in the world!"

## DRY SURVEY URGED

Durant Wants Congress to Name Special Committee.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Demand that a congressional committee be named to determine "why the eighteenth amendment has not been satisfactorily enforced" has been made by W. C. Durant, automobile manufacturer, who recently awarded \$30,000 in prizes for the best plans to enforce the dry laws.

Durant suggests that the committee, after its investigation, "inform the country and Mr. Hoover" concerning enforcement of the eighteenth amendment.

Major Chester P. Mills, former prohibition administrator for the New York district, won the first prize of \$25,000 in Durant's contest, basing his plan chiefly upon a scheme to curb the diversion of industrial alcohol.

## BODY FOUND IN AUTO

Two Men in Custody at Hillsboro After Death of Another.

By United Press

HILLSBORO, Ind., Jan. 2.—Jesse Durham and Tom Brown are held here today for questioning in connection with the death of Charles Williams, 54, whose body was found in an automobile.

The dead man's skull was fractured and there are severe cuts on the face and arms.

The body was found in Durham's automobile, police said.

## MAYOR PRAISES BOARD MEMBER HE OUSTED

Thanks Riddle for His "Earnest and Valuable Co-operation."

"Untiring effort, valuable work and earnest co-operation" didn't win promotion for one job holder whose "valuable aid" in the position which he "held with credit" to himself and his employer according to the boss's own words today.

Instead the industrious gentleman was kicked out, the uplift magazines notwithstanding.

Read the New York letter which Mayor L. E. Slack sent to Charles L. Riddle, whom he ousted as Republican member of the board of works.

"In accepting your retirement as a member of this board I also wish to express my appreciation of your untiring efforts, valuable work and especially your earnest co-operation as a member of this board since I have been mayor of the city. It has been a pleasure indeed to have your valuable aid and assistance in the important and arduous duties of the position you have held with credit to yourself and the city."

## Aged Anderson Couple Dies

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 2.—Anderson Seward, 82, died New Year's day, and his wife, Mrs. Louise Seward, Christmas eve. They would have reached the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage Christmas day.

## City Man's Brother Dies

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 2.—Granville Hacker, 82, brother of Rev. William Hacker, Indianapolis, is dead here.

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# HOUSE HEARINGS ON TAX REFUND DUE THURSDAY

\$425,855,000 Payment by U. S. Depends on Committee, Court Ruling.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The house ways and means committee will hold hearings Thursday on a resolution providing the government consents to suit in the supreme court by any state which paid direct taxes collected from many citizens and corporations during the years 1886, 1887 and 1888.

It also stipulates that the government shall contest the claims solely upon the ground of the legality of the tax, thus waiving in addition to other defenses the statute of limitations.

Records of the treasury department show that the total amount collected during the three years was \$425,855,000.

Thus if congress should pass the resolution and the supreme court rule that the taxes were illegal, the government would have to pay this amount to heirs of the payees or to the forty-four states paying the taxes.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the senate last April without debate.

Huge as are the sums directly involved they probably are small in comparison to the money that the government may eventually have to pay if the resolution is sustained.

Secretary Mellon has informed the ways and means committee that it will be impossible to estimate accurately just how large a sum might be collected from the government.

"However, if your committee would be willing to accept a conservative estimate, not based upon actual research but representing merely the treasury's opinion, it may be stated that the amount which would be required to settle all claims with respect to internal revenue taxation since 1888 alleged to have been illegally collected or on which the statutes of limitation have expired against the taxpayers will aggregate several hundred millions of dollars," Mellon stated in a letter to Representative Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the committee.

The taxes in question were levied against some 200 articles, both manufactured products and raw materials, to help war obligations. Representative Hawley and several other prominent members of the ways and means committee are understood to be opposed to the legislation.

## BAD CHECKS BY PROXY

Man Unable to Read or Write in Custody at Ft. Wayne.

By Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Although he can neither read nor write, John Sands, Convoys, O., is held here on charges of issuing worthless checks.

According to police, Sands made purchases at a store, presenting blank checks. After explaining his illiteracy, Sands would have a salesman fill out and sign checks, and would make a mark after his name. Six of the worthless checks are alleged to have been given the store.

## Carries Mail Twenty-Seven Years

By United Press  
MT. CARMEL, Ind., Jan. 2.—Mahlon E. Rieley, a mail carrier here, today completed twenty-seven years and one month of delivering letters and parcels.

## Kills Wolf With Auto

By Times Special  
OTTENBEIN, Ind., Jan. 2.—John Miller Jr., of this town, killed a twenty-five-pound wolf with his automobile while driving southwest of Green Hill.

# Star Gets His Reward



Christian Keener Cagle, all-America star of the Army football team and captain of next year's team, is to wed the sweetheart of his school days in Louisiana, Miss Marion Halle of New Roads, La. The couple was pictured in New Orleans, where Cagle spent the holidays.

# BRIGHTER FOR FARMS

Lowden Says Agriculture Relief Is Assured.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Brighter days for the farmer are in sight, Frank O. Lowden, farm leader and former Governor of Illinois, predicted as he set out with his wife and daughter, Florence, and son, Pullman, for a four months' trip in Italy and the Near East.

The Lowdens will sail from New York Wednesday on the steamship Augustus with Naples as their first stop.

The former Governor urged farmers to co-operate to the fullest extent in President-Elect Hoover's relief program, which includes a special session of congress March 4 to consider legislation that will aid agriculture.

## Flu Keeps Schools Closed

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 2.—With influenza cases continuing to be reported, Concordia college, public and parochial schools have been ordered to remain closed indefinitely. Allen county schools reopened today.

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