

WHISKY TRUST 'GRAB' LOOMING, SAYS O'CONNOR

Blended Liquor Profits to Be \$500,000,000 in Six Months, Is Charge.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The "whisky trust" is prepared to "grab" \$500,000,000 in profits from blended whiskies in the next six months, Representative O'Connor (Dem., N. Y.) charged today.

"They are out for that profit and are buying up all they can of the 40,000,000 gallons of liquor in the hands of the illicit industry," O'Connor, a leading house wet warned.

O'Connor, who asserted that a liquor tax hearing yesterday that the "trust is sitting pretty in Washington," followed up his sweeping attack with a plea for public boycott of "extortion priced" liquor.

He took a surprise stand for a return to prohibition if present repeal methods continue. Representative Cochran (Dem., Mo.) also warned that the "public may put back the prohibition amendment" unless liquor interests bring down prices.

Foreigners Have Stake
"Between 75 and 90 per cent of the whisky industry is controlled by the trust," O'Connor said. "Foreign interests also have a big stake in it. One Canadian company is furnishing funds for a huge plant at Peoria, Ill., working through a subsidiary. The profits will go to foreign stockholders."

The distillers code authority, according to Federal Alcohol Administrator Joseph H. Choate has received complaints of such a trust.

In addition, representatives of a group of Kentucky distillers have informed the house ways and means committee that such a "trust" exists and that it is possible for independent, if given a free hand to undersell the "trust" to such an extent that whisky could be available to consumers at \$1 to \$1.25 a quart.

O'Connor's assertion that high taxes would have little effect on liquor prices, and his proposal for a levy of more than \$5 a gallon failed to change sentiment among members of the ways and means committee, many of whom favor a levy of from \$1.50 to \$2.

Taxes Are Discussed

Majority members of the committee met in secret session a few hours after hearing O'Connor's charges. It was reported they discussed them in detail. All members declined to discuss whether any decision on a tax was reached. Chairman Robert L. Doughton (Dem., N. C.) said "tax procedure" was discussed.

House Majority Leader Joseph W. Byrns (Dem., Tenn.) came out for a low tax, preferably under \$2, but all tax proposals remained contingent on whether the bill which the ways and means committee will draft, calls for a revenue sharing plan with states which refrain from gallonage taxes.

The field of such taxes was left entirely to the federal government in pre-prohibition days, but at present eight or nine states have imposed volume levies.

Representative Charles West (Dem., O.) said the proposed return of 20 per cent of all liquor revenues to states which come in under the plan, was meeting opposition from various states. "Some want 35 per cent, or even more," he said.

BUILDING TENANTS TO PRESENT PAGEANT

Three Tableaux Depicting Birth of Christ to Be Given.

Tenants of the When building, 38 North Pennsylvania street, will present a Christmas pageant Saturday, Dec. 23, depicting the birth of Christ. The pageant will be given in three tableaux presenting Mary and Joseph, Mary, Joseph and the Christ child in the manger and the manger with shepherds, kings and followers.

The descriptive dialogue of the pageant is by Dr. de Langlade, the music by Olive Kiler's orchestra and the dance setting by pupils of Andre Saranoff of the Indianapolis Civic Ballet.

ITALIAN CLOUDBURST CLAIMS LIVES OF 15

Venetian Canals Flooded; Nearby Seaport Hardest Hit.

By United Press
VENICE, Dec. 15.—A terrific cloudburst, raising Venetian canals four feet above normal and flooding nearly all dry ground in the city, swept over Venice today, and racing southward, drowned fifteen persons.

Chioggia, where the most considerable loss of life occurred, is a seaport town, built on an island at the extremity of the Venetian lagoon. It is connected to the mainland by a large stone bridge, and its construction resembles that of Venice.

INCOME PUT IN TRUST

Old Ladies' Home Will Benefit From \$3,000,000 Property.

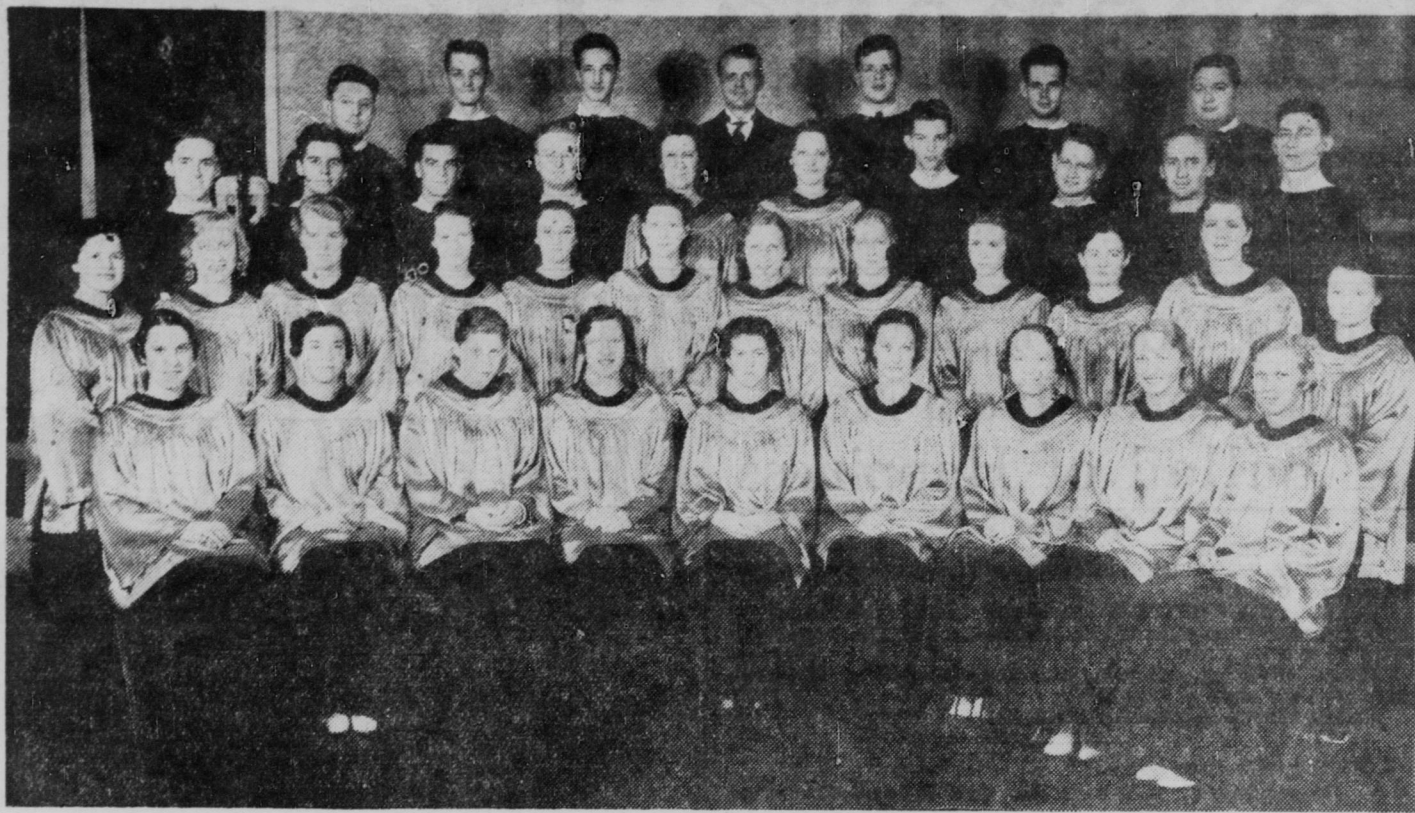
By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Alonzo C. Mather, stock car manufacturer, announced yesterday he has placed the forty-two-story Mather Tower building and other property valued at more than \$3,000,000 in perpetual trust, the income from which is to be used in construction and maintenance of an old ladies' home near the Chicago "Gold Coast" district.

COAL PRODUCTION UP

Canada Has 36 Per Cent Increase Over Preceding Month.

By United Press
MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—Coal production in Canada during October, 1933, totaled 1,548,587 tons, an increase of 36.6 per cent over the preceding month's total and 22 per cent over October, 1932, output, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The five-year average for October is 1,498,913 tons.

JORDAN CONSERVATORY JUNIOR CHOIR TO APPEAR IN CONCERT



COST OF 1933 DRINKING HIGH

Some Present Prices Three Times Those on 1918 Lists.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A comparison of Christmas season liquor advertisements of 1918 and today revealed that present prices are as much as three times those of pre-prohibition days.

Prices of a few representative brands follow:

	1918	1933
Old Taylor Bourbon	\$2.00	\$7.25
Johnnie Walker Scotch	3.00	5.75
John Jameson & Son Irish Whisky	2.50	4.00
Hennessey Three Star Brandy	3.00	4.50
Sloe Gin	1.50	4.25
Crème de Menthe	1.50	4.35
Pieper Heideck Champagne	5.50	6.50
Duff Gordon Sherry	1.00	2.25
Bordeaux Wine	.75	2.00
Sauternes	1.25	2.35

Only a small percentage of the increase is due to taxation, it was estimated.

Royal Wishes

First Family of England Chooses Greetings.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The royal family is all set for Christmas. They have ordered their Christmas greeting cards. A fine reproduction of a painting by Bernard Gribble of the Henry VII chapel, Westminster abbey, is the design for the cover of King George's card. Inside is the greeting: "Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year."

The queen has chosen a garden scene. It is simply entitled "An Old English Garden." The queen's greeting, briefest of all: "Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

The prince of Wales' card depicts an incident in the life of Sir Walter Raleigh. The duke and duchess of York have chosen a gay picture. It is entitled "Bringing in the Yule Log."

The princess royal's card, entitled "Where Nature Casts Her Magic Spell," is a picture of an old world English garden.

60 Chickens Stolen
Ray Smith, Acton, Ind., reported to the sheriff's office early today that thieves stole sixty chickens from his hen house last night.

Members of the student choir of Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music will appear at the second annual Christmas concert of the music school Sunday afternoon at the John Herron Art Institute. The concert, which will be presented by approximately 180 persons, will begin at 4:15 p. m. The choir includes:

Front Row (left to right)—Mabel Pruitt, Maxine Mertz, Dorothy James, Dorothy Edwards, Maurine Warner, Georgia Baumann, Ruth Hutchins, Edythe Gunther and Nila Duncan.

Second Row—Irama Mae Steele,

Virginia Leyenberger, Jean Southard, Mary Alice Kaylor, Mary Davis, Catherine Powers, Emma Heikema, Martha Herrforth, Syl via Watson, Mary Lee Gabbert, Aileen Stockton and Miriam Hostetter.

Third Row—Charles Kennett, Dale Young, Paul Bechtold, Virgil Phenister, Frances Wishard, Katherine Sommers, Ivan Warble, Gray Burdin, Fred Martin and R. Bernard Fitzgerald.

Rear—H. Otis Pruitt, Virgil Hebert, Charles Payne, Max T. Krone, director, Wallace Knapp, Robert Taylor and Donald Ratcliffe.

Urges Christmas Seal Buying on Larger Scale

Dr. E. M. Amos, Leader of War on Tuberculosis, Points to Need.

An appeal to all citizens of Indianapolis to double or treble gifts to the Christmas Seal because of the emergency that faces the general health program of the Marion county Tuberculosis Association was made today.

"Unless many in the city and county can increase their usual purchases of Christmas Seals," said Dr. E. M. Amos, president of the tuberculosis association, there is a grave danger that the preventive and curative work of the organization may be curtailed.

"Such a curtailment would mean a consequent sacrifice of the health progress gained here since the association began its educational work two decades ago.

"Few citizens realize fully the important place that this community protective work has assumed among

us. It has been responsible for developing Sunnyside sanatorium, where 250 tuberculosis cases a year now often find cure and renewed happiness.

"The seal money has been used to originate and develop the fresh-air school system where undernourished children are nursed back to health and strength and normal lives. It has given us the nutrition camp for sick children at Bridgeport, a preventorium which already has given hundreds of children a new chance to grow into useful manhood and womanhood.

This winter is one of extreme emergency. Many who formerly bought Christmas seals can not give this year. The total of Christmas seal sale money will be reduced this year to a point where next year's program of community health protection will hang in the balance unless those who still have incomes will realize that a few more dollars than usual must come from them—even if they already have bought seals—if we are not to go backward here."

PETROLEUM GROUP ELECTS L. J. SCHEIDT

Columbus Man Chosen at Closing Session.

Election of L. J. Scheidt, Columbus, as president, marked the closing session of the Indiana Petroleum Association annual convention yesterday at the Antlers. Mr. Scheidt succeeds W. F. Small, Peru. Other officers named were Robert Mullins, Indianapolis, vice-president; Max L. Wickersham, Indianapolis, executive secretary; Mr. Small, A. A. Davies, Delphi; Earl C. Storm, Madison; Russell Morton, Remselser; Charles E. Foreman, Indianapolis; Eliza J. Warren, Lafayette, and L. W. Stuckey, Geneva, directors.

BANDITS' LOOT ONLY \$150 IN HOLDUP SERIES

Filling Station Attendants, Grocer Are Among Victims.

Loot totaling less than \$150 was obtained by bandits last night in a series of holdups reported to police. Two bandits held up Emmet Starns, 1633 Pleasant street, last night and robbed him of \$23 and a lunch basket in an alley near Lexington and State avenues.

While collecting insurance premiums, W. G. Price, 646 West Thirtieth street, Kentucky Central Life Insurance Company representative, was robbed of \$25 by a Negro in the 1900 block Yandes street.

A Negro bandit locked Fred Milan, 43, of 1361 North Gale street, attendant at the Lubrite oil station, Morris and Union streets, in a lavatory at the station and escaped with \$10 last night.

Two Negroes drew revolvers and forced Jerry Benedict, 3502 West Sixteenth street, grocer, to stand against the wall and stole \$5 from the cash register. James Thomas, Negro, 1027 West Vermont street, a customer, also was threatened.

Morris Barlee, 1006 South Bellevue place, attendant at the Phillips oil station, Geisendorf and Washington streets, was robbed of \$15 by a Negro gunman last night. Hugo Poe, 1116 North Pennsylvania street, visiting Mr. Barlee, also was robbed of \$20 and a \$45 watch.

Two Negro bandits who attempted to hold up Lee McDaniels, manager of the Producers oil station, 1003 Massachusetts avenue, fled when McDaniels swung at them with a broom.

CHURCH GROUP HOLDS FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

150 Attend Meeting in Fairview Presbyterian Church.

More than 150 persons attended the last family night dinner under the pastorate of Dr. Edward Haines Kistler in the Fairview Presbyterian church last night.

Speakers who praised the work of Dr. Kistler, who will retire soon to engage in literary work, were John Boesinger, Herbert Minturn and Mrs. John D. Stillwell.

Motion pictures of Muscle Shoals were shown by William G. Mabce, chief engineer of the Indianapolis Water Company. A special musical program was presented by members of the church.

SWISS ELECT PRESIDENT

Youngest Executive in Half a Century Chosen.

By United Press
BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Dr. Marcel M. Pilet-Golaz was elected president of Switzerland yesterday, to serve for the customary one year term. He is 44, and the youngest president in half a century. He succeeds Edmund Schulthess.

LIFE SAVER



Because boy of 4 remembered the lesson taught him by his fireman father, his sister is alive and Gerald Copeman, Berkley, Mich., will probably be the youngest child in the country to receive a hero medal. When the clothing of Joyce Copeman, 3, became ignited from a grass fire, Gerald rolled the tot on the ground, beat out the blaze and now is recovering. Joyce is shown here beaming her thanks to her brother.

Accused as "Peeping Tom"

William Bostich, 22, Negro, 908 East Fifteenth street, was arrested on "peeping tom" and vagrancy charges last night after police were notified a man had been seen peeping in windows at the home of Ed Cox, 124 West Twelfth street, apartment 6.

PROGRESSIVES ATTACK C. C. C. FOREST WORK

Republican Groups Expected to Support Request of PWA.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Progressive Republican support for the Roosevelt emergency program in the approaching session of congress appeared likely today to be divided on questions of money, the NRA and the Civilian Conservation Corps, but in general veteran senators expressed the opinion that the Roosevelt administration would be able to prevent major modification of the various relief acts.

Senator Hiram Johnson (Rep., Cal.), is in the forefront of the progressive group supporting the Roosevelt business and industrial policies, expressing the opinion that the county has its choice between following the President and "going to hell economically."

The progressives, as a group, will support the administration's request for upwards of \$1,000,000,000 to carry on the public works program but Senator William E. Borah, at least, is expected to challenge the national industrial recovery act provisions which in effect set aside anti-trust legislation.

There has been widespread progressive criticism, also, of the large sums spent on the CCC forest workers. Some senators estimate the actual cost per man in that organization is averaging a figure in the neighborhood of \$12 a day.

Thieves Loot Restaurant

Thieves who broke into the restaurant at 743 North Noble street, operated by Jacob N. Neuber, 3815 Boulevard place, last night stole \$5.50 in cash and cigarets valued at \$3, as well as other articles of an undetermined value.

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\$4.00 Cash

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\$3.89
\$1.00 Cash

STUDIO COUCH

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\$22.50
\$2.25 Cash

COMFORT

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