

## 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 worth.

O'Connor, who asserted at 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 independents, if given a free hand to sell 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 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. Byrnes (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 Langade, the music by Olive Klier's orchestra and the dance setting by pupils of Andri 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 1,548,887 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
John Walker Scotch	3.00	5.75
John Jameson & Son Irish Whisky	2.50	4.00
Hennessey Three Star	3.00	4.50
Brandy	1.50	4.25
Sloë Gin	1.50	4.25
Cordial de Martini	1.50	4.25
Pieper Heidsieck Champagne	5.50	6.50
Duff Gordon Sherry	1.00	2.25
Bordeaux Wine	.75	2.00
Sauterne	1.25	2.50

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 Grubbe 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."

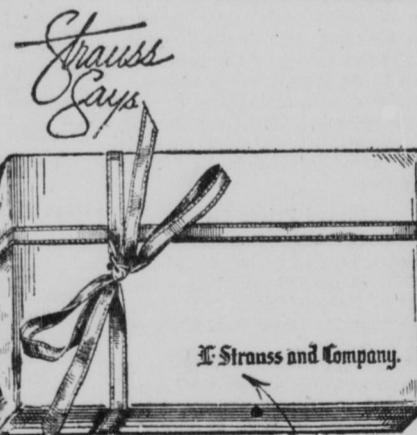
The prince of Wales' card depicts an incident in the life of Sir Walter Raleigh.

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.



*That's all I want to know!*

STORE OPEN  
SATURDAY NIGHT TILL 9

L. Strauss & Co.

## 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 Yandies street.

A Negro bandit looted 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 Bartee, 1006 South Bellevue place, attendant at the Phillips oil station, Geisendorf and Washington streets, was robbed of \$1 by a Negro gunman last night. Hugo Poe, 1116 North Pennsylvania street, visiting Mr. Bartee, 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.

Because boy of 4 remembered the lesson taught him by his 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.

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 cigarettes valued at \$3, as well as other articles of an undetermined value.

YOUNG LADY TO BUY AT CHANCE Prices of 1933....

A GIFT FOR THE HOME!

SAVE AT  
SOMMERS

STUDIO COUCH  
\$22.50  
Twin Size  
With 3 Pillows  
\$2.25 Cash

FROM DAD  
FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
A Two-Piece Suite

STUDIO COUCH  
\$22.50  
Twin Size  
With 3 Pillows  
\$2.25 Cash

COMFORT  
\$7.95  
Rolled Edge Tufted  
\$1.00 Cash

WALNUT  
\$2.49  
Drum Table, Walnut Top

SIMMONS  
\$19.50  
Complete With  
Cretone Pad  
\$2.00 Cash

TABLE  
\$4.98  
Walnut Finish, Occasional Table  
50c Cash

RANGE  
\$39.75  
All Cast Without Reservoir  
\$4.00 Cash

SMOKERS  
\$3.89  
Walnut Cabinets  
\$1.00 Cash

Sommers  
32-36 South Illinois Street

## CENSUS WORK TO BE STARTED

### Senator Van Nuys Selects Nine to Supervise State Statistical Job.

Senator Frederick Van Nuys has nominated nine census enumerators to supervise work in Indiana to learn effect of the depression on business, and the status of advertising, according to dispatches from Washington.

The nominees are: Amos Hukley, Indianapolis; Joseph Winkler, Hammond; George Chamberlain, Elkhart; Albert J. Holtzman, Ft. Wayne; Charles Simms, Lafayette; Courtland Van Arsdol, Muncie; Lenhardt Bauer, Terre Haute; Robert E. Eckley, Evansville, and M. C. Thornton, New Albany.

Speakers who praised the work of Dr. Kister, 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. Mabee, chief engineer of the Indianapolis Water Company. A special musical program was presented by members of the church.

Assistants will be selected by the supervisors. The work is expected to require about three months.

### THIEVES GET HOSIERY, BRONZE NAME PLATES

Two Cartons Taken From Truck Parked Behind Store.

Two cartons of ladies' silk hosiery were stolen from a Real Silk Hosiery Mills truck, driven by Thomas Durbin, while the truck was parked in the rear of the H. P. Wasson & Co. store late yesterday, according to police reports.

Thieves yesterday stole a bronze name plate, valued at \$25, from the side of the Sugar Creek Creamery Company building, 419 West Ohio street, police were notified.

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Youngest Executive in Half a Century Chosen.

By United Press

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Dr. Marcel M. Pleit-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 Schutthaus.

Marott's offer the finest in footwear needs. Purchase your Christmas gifts at Marott's.

Give Useful Gifts!

This is one year when practical gifts are the ones appreciated most.

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Se-Ling Hosiery

The smart hosiery carried exclusively at Marott's—with the fashion features that are certain to please.

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to \$1.65

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Unusual Christmas  
wrappings (cellophane)  
as illustrated.

Other makes of  
Hosiery..... 69c up

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Attention

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OF RELIABLE  
SHOE VALUES

Marott's  
18-20 EAST WASHINGTON ST.

49 YEARS  
OF RELIABLE  
SHOE SERVICE

"We have served four generations"