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MITCHELL MORE ON STAND AIRS HIS VIEWS

Recites Rejections of His Recommendations by the War Department

DEFENSES HELD WEAK

Questioner Points Out His Plan to Protect Pacific Would Cost Double U. S. Wealth

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Colonel William Mitchell took the witness stand today before the court martial trying him for breach of discipline as a result of his public criticism of the administration of the army and navy air services.

For the third time within a few months, the air crusader repeated under oath his reasons for assailing those in charge of governmental aviation and for his advocacy of a larger and better trained and equipped air force.

Much of his testimony hinged upon the same points he had stressed last spring before the house aircraft committee and later before the president's special air board.

When he took the stand in his own behalf he was informed of his rights by the law member of the court, Colonel Blanton Winship, and replied that he would subject himself to full direct and cross examination by the defense and prosecution counsel, "the same as any other witness."

Colonel Mitchell began his testimony with a long and detailed account of his army career, including the service in the air in France for which he was awarded many decorations.

From that point the witness was led under questions by his counsel, Representative Frank Reid of Illinois to an expression of his opinion on various phases of aircraft development. The colonel testified that at the end of the World War aviation was just beginning to come into its own and had the conflict gone on, a destructive air warfare would have been directed against Germany's "nerve centers."

New York Easy Target

He then recited a long succession of recommendations regarding aviation made by him and rejected by the War department. He said he never had been able to have a study made of the precautions a city like New York should take to defend itself from an air attack.

"If an enemy came within 100 miles of New York," he said, "he could stand off in an airship, after picking up an identifying point, and I believe every aerial torpedo he fired would fall within an area the size of New York City."

Other things he had asked for unsuccessfully, the witness said, included a better meteorological service for aviators, maintenance of air units at such institutions as Culver military academy in Indiana, an air unit in Alaska; and an arrangement with Canada for airways through Canada to Alaska, Asia and Europe.

"In 1924," he said, "I recommended that a complete change be made in our national defensive policy in the Pacific, so as to utilize Alaska as an offensive and defensive point."

Another request on which no action was taken, he said, was for the building of a plane with the speed of 200 miles per hour, at an altitude of 5,000 feet and a cruising radius of 1500 miles.

Death Blame Denied

Asked if he was in command at Langley Field, Va., in 1921, when the airship England left for Washington and crashed in a storm, killing six persons, Colonel Mitchell said he was not.

The prosecution recently charged that Colonel Mitchell was in command at Langley Field at that time and asked one of the witnesses if the defendant was not responsible for the disaster.

Colonel Mitchell read findings of the board of officers, which investigated the disaster which said no blame or censure could be attached to any individual.

The defense turned Colonel Mitchell over to Major Allen Gullion, assistant trial judge advocate, after less than two hours of questioning. No mention was made of the San Antonio statements on which charges against him were based.

TEXAS OFFICIALS RESIGN WHEN BIG GRAFT IS EXPOSED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
N. Tex., Nov. 23.—The chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, Frank V. Lanham of Dallas, and V. Burgett, of Eastland, Texas, a member, resigned today.

There have been movements for a special session of the legislature with the purpose of impeaching some of the members of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's highway commission.

A judgment for \$600,000 for excess profits was obtained Friday by Attorney General Dan Moody against the American Road Company, whose highway contracts and permit to operate in Texas were cancelled.

GRANDSON LATE WM. A. CLARK IS SUED BY DANGER

\$250,000 Heart Balm Is Sought by Hollywood Girl, Supplanted by Armenian

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Today's American says that William Andrews Clark, third grandson of the late Montana senator, has been sued for \$250,000 by Marguerite McNulty, a dancer, who avers he broke a promise to marry her.

The defendant is in London and the complaint, with court approval was left with the management of the hotel here, where Clark has an apartment.

The complaint charges that in 1922, less than three months after they met in a Broadway cabaret, Clark took the plaintiff to his father's home in Butte, Mont., and introduced her as his fiancée, and that announcement of the engagement was made. When they met she was dancing at a cabaret and he was just out of college. Many detectives are reported to have been engaged by Clark to investigate the girl's career.

McNulty is quoted as saying that Miss McNulty and Katya Minassian are distinct individuals and the plaintiff is Miss McNulty.

An order for service of the complaint by substitution was issued by Supreme Court Justice Ford of New York upon recommendation that Clark had evaded personal service since a definite refusal October 3 last, to marry the plaintiff.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Examiner today styles Marguerite McNulty as a Hollywood actress and a former Oakland girl in referring to the \$250,000 breach of promise suit brought against William Andrews Clark, III, by the actress.

A copy of the complaint was received here by Gavin McNabb who says Miss McNulty charges that Clark met her in Los Angeles less than a year ago and after a rapid courtship proposed marriage and was accepted. Later the girl charges, Clark refused to marry her and she made a special trip to New York to remind him of his promise.

The Examiner says Clark recently announced his engagement to "Miss Catherina Minassian, former Broadway stage favorite, who appeared in a series of successes. Announcement of the engagement was by his father, W. A. Clark, II, shortly before his son left on the foreign trip."

SACRAMENTAL WINE PERMITS REDUCED TO CHECK ABUSES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Another relic of pre-prohibition days has been marked for a swift end by prohibition officials.

Some several hundred thousand wine making permits which have enjoyed a quiet and untrammelled perpetuation of life since the years before the Volstead Act have come under the searchlight of the new prohibition regime and will be revoked under a regulation to be promulgated, probably within the next day or two. The permits as issued allow a maximum annual production by the holder, tax free, of two hundred gallons. They are held largely in the foreign quarters of the larger cities and are suspected of contributing heavily to the illicit supply.

Leads of sacramental wine into illicit channels also are to be plugged up. Assistant Secretary Andrews, the treasury prohibition field marshal, has reached an agreement with Jewish leaders, whose churches are the largest users of sacramental wine, for new regulations, expected to be issued this week, sharply reducing the amount of wine now permitted to be withdrawn for religious purposes.

War Charges Costly

Major Gullion took the witness over subjects dealing with the Hawaiian maneuvers and during this phase of the examination, Colonel Mitchell said Japan was the theoretical enemy in these war games. The trial judge advocate also remarked that a plan for the

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COUNTY SHOULD PRODUCE MORE SHEEP, GOATS

Should Improve Beef Cattle in Quality and Not Increase Numbers

TO FEATURE LAMBS

Quality of Umpqua Lambs Should Make Them a Premium, According to Report

That more sheep and goats should be raised in Douglas County, but that the beef and cattle lines of livestock should not be increased except in cases where conditions are ideal, are the recommendations made by the livestock group at the Agricultural Economics conference. The high cost of beef production, together with market conditions, discourage further expansion, the committee says. Hogs should be raised only in sufficient quantity to use up waste freight rates make it impracticable to bring in feed.

Sheep offer the greatest opportunity, and the committee encourages, particularly, the raising of lambs and urges that steps be taken to make "Umpqua Lambs" a feature on hotel menus.

Goats are also advised as a livestock venture, while the committee urges the raising of more horses.

The committee's report in full is as follows:

The beef cattle situation in the United States during the last few years has experienced a difficult period. This condition appears at this time to be somewhat relieved, there has been a reduction in the number of beef cattle in Oregon during the last five years amounting to 16 per cent. This reduction will apparently carry through the eleven Western states. On the other hand the same per capita consumption of beef has been maintained. This reduction in numbers should eventually raise the price of the producer to get a little better price for his cattle. The present competition which comes from the meat furnished through worn out dairy cows is a heavy blow to the beef interest. There is need at this time to establish the sale of beef on a quality basis. Production costs are high. The average calf crop on Eastern Oregon ranges is 65 per cent and the physical losses run as high as 30 per cent.

Sheep production is important to the agriculture of Douglas County. The wool conditions are favorable at this time for a continued production on the present plane. This is borne out by the fact, that expansion in a large way in the world is out of the question, because of the fact that all of the cheap range lands have been taken up. The influence of high prices during the last few years has resulted in an increase in numbers of farm sheep. There has also been a tendency for beef cattle growers to change to sheep production in the range area. This may result in an increased number of sheep and eventually lower prices. However, over a period of years the industry stands on a firm basis because of the fact that the United States is a heavy importer of wool.

The high price of fine wool since the war has resulted in a somewhat less demand, with this has come a strengthening of the market for coarser wools.

Cost of production figures gathered in Western Oregon show that the average ewe will pay the farmer \$5.00 a year for the feed she consumes. Out of this must come the taxes and interest on the land needed to produce the feed.

The hog situation in the state shows a shortage. That is Oregon produces about half of the pork that is consumed within the state. This is due to the fact that not enough feed grains are produced within the state to finish hogs. Consequently they must be produced in smaller numbers on waste feeds such as skim milk, grain stubble, etc. The freight on enough grain from the middle west to produce 100 pounds of pork is about double the freight on 100 pounds of live hog. Production costs show that in order to make a profit in hog production on grain alone the price of 100 pounds of hog live weight must be the same as the cost of 615 pounds of grain. With these facts in mind the livestock group has gone into the study of the beef cattle, sheep and hog problems in Douglas County.

Beef Cattle

The census figures show that

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OREGON CITIES FEEL WINTER NIP

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 23.—Jack Frost visited Eugene again last night, and left a record minimum temperature for the season. The mercury dropped to 27 degrees during the night. The minimum Saturday was 29.

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 23.—Pendleton experienced the bite of winter last night when the mercury dropped to 14 degrees above zero, the low mark for the present season.

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 23.—The coldest night of the year came here last night with the mercury at 21 degrees above zero.

THREE MEN SLAIN MYSTERIOUSLY IN A NIGHT AMBUSH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 23.—Tony Veteri, aged 59, whose three alleged slayings in Meaderville last night left 18 children fatherless, was captured today by sheriff's deputies in the hills eight miles south of this city.

He admitted that early last evening he shot several times at a young couple near his home, but gave no reason.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 23.—Shot over an ambush of darkness, three men were slain under mysterious circumstances near here last night.

The dead: Joe Ciccarelli, 59, John Deriana, 53, and Antonio Favero, 59.

Ciccarelli and Favero were shot as they stepped from the doorway of the Favero home in Meaderville, on the outskirts of Butte. Their bodies were found lying in the front yard. Deriana was found dead on a bridge nearby. The slayer's weapon was a shotgun, police believe.

MEDFORD PIONEER ACCUSED OF FATAL BEATING OF WIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 23.—Selection of a jury in the trial of Omar W. Murphy, pioneer resident of this city, charged with manslaughter, as the result of the death of his wife, Ella, last spring, was completed in the circuit court this morning. The jury includes two women, both residents of Ashland, Mrs. Esther Swedensborg and Mrs. Alice Peil. State Senator George E. Dunn is also a member.

The state alleges that Murphy, during a family quarrel, beat his wife so severely that her death resulted several weeks later.

The defense contends that Mrs. Murphy died from other causes, and that the alleged beating was "only a spanking."

The jury this morning visited the Murphy home and the opening arguments will be made this afternoon.

SPURIOUS CHECK TO MAIL ORDER HOUSE LANDS MAN IN JAIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 23.—Oscar McKenzie, alias M. J. Schmidt, was arrested here today at noon on a charge of using the mails to defraud. McKenzie is alleged to have sent a spurious check for \$100 to an Oakland, California, mail order house for a diamond ring and watch. When the company learned the check was questionable, they sent a dummy package, and McKenzie was arrested, when he went to the local office to sign for the package. According to state traffic officer Foster, who took part in the arrest, McKenzie admitted the check was worthless. He is being held for federal prosecution.

NURSE'S DEATH NATURAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The death in a hospital last night of Miss Mary E. Lawrence, 25, a nurse, under circumstances which started an investigation, was caused by natural causes, it was announced here today by Dr. Shelby Strange, autopsy surgeon. Dr. Strange said a post-mortem examination showed that the young woman's death had been caused by influenza-pneumonia.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; ONE WOMAN DEAD, 3 INJURED

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—Mrs. M. O. Hognin, 32, Portland, died this afternoon of injuries sustained yesterday when the automobile in which she was riding was struck by an inbound Oregon City Interurban train. Three other women, occupants of the automobile, suffered lesser injuries.

CHICAGO AUTO TOLL 1925 OVER 2 A DAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The automobile death toll in Chicago and vicinity for 1925 stood at 796 today, higher than that for any previous year. Eighteen deaths were recorded here last week, including two on Sunday.

TWENTY-YEAR OLD MURDERER OF TWO SENTENCED TO DIE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 23.—Harison W. Noel, kidnaper and slayer of six-year-old Mary Daly of Montclair, was sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of January 19 for the murder of Raymond Pierce, negro taxicab driver, whose car he used in abducting the child.

After Judge Caffrey had pronounced sentence, William Wachenfel, counsel for the 20-year-old youth, announced that he would seek a writ of error from Chancellor Walker at Trenton tomorrow. Such action automatically would stay the execution.

Noel showed no emotion and his eyes were downcast through the entire proceedings.

DODGE BROS. BUY MAJORITY STOCK IN GRAHAM BROS.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Purchase for cash of a majority interest in Graham Brothers, said to be the largest independent motor truck manufacturers in the world, by Dodge Brothers, Inc., was announced today by Clarence Dillon of Dillon, Read and Company, bankers, who acquired control of Dodge Brothers last April in a cash transaction of \$14,000,000.

Graham Brothers have factories in Detroit, Evansville, Ind., Stockton, Cal., and Toronto, Ont., the last named establishment being operated as Graham Brothers (Canada) Limited. They rank first among the manufacturers of one and one-half ton trucks and are second in production of one and one-half ton trucks and one ton trucks combined, the fields constituting about 75 per cent of the country's present truck production.

Dodge Brothers are ranked as the third largest producers of motor cars, being exceeded in output by Ford and the General Motors Corporation.

JOHN COOLIDGE SUFFERS ATTACK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PLYMOUTH, Vermont, Nov. 23.—President Coolidge's father, Colonel John Coolidge, who is seriously ill here with heart trouble, today entered the second week of his fight for health, faced with the necessity of regaining ground lost yesterday.

After having made cheering progress for several days he fell slightly Sunday, suffering a number of heart blocks. Major James P. Cowan, the president's personal medical adviser, was plainly disappointed by the patient's failure to show continued improvement.

He was unwilling to discuss the number of heart blocks suffered or to say anything of their severity or their effect upon Colonel Coolidge. Instead, he indicated that his decision not to call Washington to report on the case ought to startle that no ground existed for alarm.

DOLLY QUARTIER AT LAST IN STATE PENITENTIARY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Arthur Zielke, better known as Dolly Quartier, veteran of numerous courts of law, will be brought here tomorrow to serve a year's term in the state penitentiary, having pleaded guilty today to a charge of arson at Astoria before Judge Eakin of the circuit court. It will be her first confinement in the state penitentiary.

She was indicted on a charge of setting fire to a rooming house operated by her at Astoria.

Arthur Zielke, her husband, indicted jointly with her, was allowed to go free, the court holding that he had been "merely a tool" in the affair.

PLUNGE INTO VAT OF BOILING CREOSOTE FATAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEWPORT, Wash., Nov. 23.—Jack Flynn, an employe of the Bell Lumber company here, died early today from burns he received when he fell into a vat of boiling creosote. He was assisting in loading poles into the huge tank.

YOUTH OF 15 WILL DIE FOR MURDER OF HIS GRANDMOTHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The state supreme court today upheld the first degree conviction of William Cavalier, the 15-year-old boy sentenced to death by Schuylkill county court for the killing of his grandmother.

Cavalier is believed to be the youngest boy ever sentenced to death by a Pennsylvania court. His grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Cavalier of Mechanicville, near Pottsville, was 68 years old. Cavalier admitted the killing for the purpose of robbery.

More than \$100 in cash taken from Mrs. Cavalier, was found in the boy's possession.

DANCERS ARE FINE

The Portia Mansfield dancers, appearing at the Antlers Theatre last night and tonight, made a tremendous hit and the packed house were loud in their praise of this splendid attraction. They will appear for the last time tonight should greet them. The Gloria Swanson feature, "Wages of Virtue," will be shown in conjunction with the stage offering.

BRIAND CALLED TO GIVE FRANCE A NEW CABINET

Regarded as Only Man Able to Bring Order Out of Chaos

LIKELY TO CONSENT

Augmented Prestige From Locarno Meeting Makes Him First Choice For Premier

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, Nov. 23.—For the ninth time in his long political career Aristide Briand today received the charge of the President of the Republic to form a cabinet and tonight he stands on the verge of accepting his eighth premiership.

M. Briand promised President Doumergue that he would consult his friends and bring him a definite reply in the course of the evening.

"The man of Locarno," was the president's first choice last spring to head the government after the fall of M. Herriot, but the socialists refused their support and compelled M. Doumergue to call M. Painleve, the retiring premier.

The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon voted the bill authorizing an increase of the Bank of France's advances to the government by 1,500,000,000 francs. The vote was 243 to 44, the national bloc and socialists abstaining.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—Aristide Briand, dubbed "The Man of Locarno," since his success at the security conference, is regarded as certain to be called upon by President Doumergue to form a cabinet in succession to the fallen Painleve government.

The foreign minister, who has held the premiership seven times in his lengthy political career, returned to Paris this morning and had two long telephone conversations with M. Doumergue. The opinion is expressed that the president succeeded in convincing him of the patriotic necessity of his acceptance, but no official summons to the Elysee Palace had been received at the Quai d'Orsay early this afternoon.

M. Briand was suggested as the only man capable of leading France out of the present political and financial jungle by the president of the senate, M. Deselves, the president of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Herriot, and other parliamentarians consulted by the chief executive since the beginning of the cabinet crisis.

Some of the foreign ministers' friends fear he will not accept under the present conditions. The only alternative to a Briand ministry, they say, is one headed by former premier Herriot, with the solid left behind it, including Socialist participation.

The consensus today was that the second Painleve cabinet fell, like all other French cabinets during the last two years, a victim of the financial situation rather than of a political maneuver. The press of all political shades adopts a serious attitude regarding the fall of the ministry as secondary in importance to the questions now facing the country.

Premier Painleve in a statement to the newspaper men today replied to the rumors of an impending coup d'etat which have been circulating throughout the country for the last two weeks.

"Governments fall but the Republic stands," he said. "We are still able to watch over her. Keep this in mind and if anyone believes that the moment has come he is mistaken."

Germany Favors Peace Pact

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Debate on the Locarno security pact and colonial treaties began in the Reichstag today with every prospect of favorable action on the government's motion for ratification.

Chancellor Luther reiterated his statement of Friday to the party leaders that the government would resign after the signature of the Locarno documents in London on December 1 and that the new cabinet would be one formed in sympathy with the Locarno policies and obligations.

FATAL DUEL ENDS A LONG STANDING FEUD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BARTHOLOMEW, Col., Nov. 23.—Ralph Bennett, 25, secretary of the Chinney Hollow school board, is dead and Edward Hertha, 50, is dying, as the result of their pistol duel early today west of here.

The duel took place in a lone gulley and was the climax of a feud which has lasted several years, neighbors say. It started, they declare, when Hertha left the gate to Bennett's farm open.

Hertha, who was shot in the abdomen, told officers that Bennett started the shooting.

MRS. W. S. JOST TO HAVE CHARGE OF XMAS SEAL SALE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
Annual Sale to Raise Funds For Fight Against Tuberculosis to Start After Thanksgiving

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This seal sale, an annual event, is one of the sources of revenue for the fight against tuberculosis in the county. Many people confuse the National Tuberculosis Association with the Red Cross, and call the seals "Red Cross" seals. The two organizations, however, are entirely separate and distinct and the seal sale is purely an effort to combat the tuberculosis situation.

CHARLESTON UNDER OFFICIAL BAN AT STATE UNIVERSITY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 23.—The Charleston is doomed as far as the University of Oregon is concerned.

At a meeting of heads of the fraternity and sorority houses on the University campus Saturday evening, it was voted that the Charleston is to be barred from all University dances and from all inter-fraternity and inter-sorority dances.

Fraternities and sororities holding private dances may allow the Charleston at their own discretion, it was decided.

The dance may be used as a feature at the university dances, but the students will not indulge.

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The Douglas County Public Health Association is working with the Oregon Tuberculosis Association in this effort. The local association is composed of Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, president; Mrs. F. M. Compton, vice-president; J. H. Booth, treasurer, and Miss Marion Porter, secretary.

A certain percentage of the proceeds from the sale is turned over to the local association for health work in the county. The tuberculosis association has found that by keeping children well and healthy, that tuberculosis cannot gain a hold, consequently they are using a great deal of the money received to keep children strong and well nourished, and are working in close cooperation with local organizations.

Mrs. Jost, who has charge of the sale in Roseburg, will have her plans completed and workers appointed before Thanksgiving and the seals will be on sale at public places immediately after that holiday.

GOLDEN HARVEST AWAITS GRANGE ON GAME CONTRACT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Harold "Red" Grange, the reigning football hero of moment, will don his fighting togs again on Thanksgiving Day, but he will not wear the famous "77" of college days. For Red has turned professional, to follow, as he phrases it, the business he knows best.

Declaring that he had no training that would enable him to accept other alluring offers, the strawberry blonde warrior of the chalked field, signed a contract yesterday that will place him in the Chicago Bears' lineup for six seasons, after which he will invade Florida during the holidays.

Contract terms were not made public, but it was understood that Grange was guaranteed \$2,000 a game with 10 per cent on the first \$5,000 dollars, 20 per cent on the second five, and 40 per cent on every dollar beyond that. On that basis, it was estimated Grange would receive between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for his first game.

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WOMEN ORDERED OUT

Justice Morschauer announced that he would give all women in the court room an opportunity to leave before the reading of the letters. Few did so.

After asking young Rhinelander a series of questions as to how he had spent his time during the week-end, Mr. Davis announced that he would read the first of the "mystery letters," the one which was "not the worst" being the first introduced.

Justice Morschauer read the letter over and then announced that it was not proper for the women to remain in the court room. He ordered all women except those having specific business there to leave. About 150 women were

KIP'S LETTERS TOO EROTIC FOR WOMEN'S EARS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
JUDGE READS ONE SILENTLY THEN ORDERS FEMALES FROM COURT ROOM

Epistles on record comprise the "Trumps" by which Rhinelander's wife expects to win her case.

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