

## BILL TO REPEAL VOLSTEAD ACT IS SHOT AT HOUSE

MEASURE WILL BRING TO CLIMAX WET AND DRY FIGHT.

## DRY LAW UN-AMERICAN

STAND TAKEN BY HILL—PROHIBITIONISTS SEEK TO THROTTLE MEASURE.

By Clarence Dubose (United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, April 15.—The battle to bring back beer and light wines will be fought to a finish in this congress, it was declared by both wets and dries today. The fight will come to a head in the house as soon as the tariff and taxation program can be cleared aside.

Preliminary preparations for the clash were commenced today by the dries, whose ranks were bombarded by a new member from Maryland, Representative John Phillip Hill of Baltimore, who unexpectedly tossed in a bill to repeal the Volstead act.

Representative Volstead accepted Hill's challenge. He is chairman of the judiciary committee that will report on the repeal bill. He made it clear that while hearings will be full and fair, every effort will be made by him to throttle the "booze bill."

Incidentally the new congressman may ruin his own business if he succeeds in legalizing beer and light wines. He owns a drinking water company in Baltimore.

"I want to repeal the Volstead law principally because it is an utterly un-American principle of government," he said.

### —The Best Big Sister— NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED

By United Press WASHINGTON, April 15.—Confirmation of George Harvey as American ambassador to London, and Myron T. Herrick as ambassador to Paris, was today recommended by the senate foreign relations committee. No opposition was manifested by the democratic committee members, some of whom had indicated that they were opposed to Harvey.

### —The Best Big Sister— TWO TRAINS COLLIDE; NINE PERSONS INJURED

By United News SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Nine persons were injured early today when two Southern Pacific trains collided head on near Mohave, Cal., according to reports reaching here.

J. Mendel of Brooklyn, N. Y., was seriously hurt and five other passengers suffered slight injuries. The conductor, brakeman and news agent on the train, were bruised.

Passengers on both trains were forced out into a blizzard at 3:15 a. m. when the collision occurred.

Railroad officials said that the engineer on the southbound train misread the signals.

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## MAN PLUNGES FROM CAR; BADLY HURT

UNLOADING BRIDGE TIMBERS NEAR MISH—AT LOCAL HOSPITAL.

Falling from a freight car while unloading timbers for the repair of a bridge near Mish, on the Shaniko branch, A. Rudin, foreman of a bridge construction gang, this morning sustained severe internal injuries, necessitating his being brought to The Dalles hospital for treatment. According to a report received in The Dalles today, Rudin slipped from a freight car while it was over a dry cut, falling for a distance of about 25 feet before striking the ground. He is expected to recover.

## SKELETONS TELL TALE OF BANDITRY

LOCAL HISTORIAN THINKS PROSPECTORS MURDERED BY EARLY-DAY OUTLAWS

The possibility that the six skeletons found near the Deschutes river Wednesday by highway workers were the bones of white soldiers, killed in a skirmish with hostile Indians, is discounted by Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall, member of the state historical society and herself a pioneer of Wasco county. She advanced the theory that the skeletons are those of white prospectors.

"As a general rule the Indians around The Dalles in the days of its early settlement were friendly and not disposed to attack white men," explained Mrs. Crandall. "The only trouble of any kind in which a campaign was waged against the Indians by the whites was during the Cayuse Indian war, and as far as history records in this trouble, no white soldiers were killed in this war."

Mrs. Crandall has a letter from Captain H. D. Stillwell, written by him in 1915, in which he describes this campaign against the Indians. Captain Stillwell is now 96 years old and resides at Tillamook, Ore. He still carries an arrow point in his hip as a memento of an engagement with the Indians.

According to Stillwell, the white soldiers were sent from Portland and were volunteers and not federal soldiers. About 300 men were in the detachment sent to The Dalles in 1848. He writes:

"When we reached the Cascades it was reported that the Indians were about to attack The Dalles, and the colonel ordered about 50 men to take a forced march and go to their relief, while six men, under myself, were detailed to take a soow from the upper Cascades to Wind mountain, where we would ferry the troops across the river."

"After the regiment reached The Dalles, there was a report that the Indians were gathering up the river, so the whole regiment went up for a few miles, returning again to The Dalles and camping on Mill creek. On January 25 one half of the regiment left for the Deschutes river, camped the first night on Ten Mile creek."

"It was reported that the Indians were massed up the Deschutes about 50 miles, so on the 27th we crossed

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## NEW LEGAL STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE MOONEY'S RELEASE

"AUDITA QUERRIA" WRIT TO OPEN WAY FOR ANOTHER TRIAL.

By United Press SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—New legal steps were today taken to secure the release of Thomas J. Mooney from San Quentin prison.

Attorney Byron J. Parker, who announced that he had discovered a new legal method of reopening the case, today filed application for a writ of "audita querria" in the superior court.

He declared that if the writ is granted, it will open a way for the judge before whom Mooney was tried to order a new trial.

This procedure, according to attorneys, is unique and seldom used.

### —The Best Big Sister— MEXICAN CHARGE ORDERED HOME FOR CONFERENCE

By United Press WASHINGTON, April 15.—George T. Summerlin, in charge of the American embassy at Mexico City, has been ordered to Washington for consultation with Secretary of State Hughes on the Mexican situation, it was announced by the state department today. Conferences with Summerlin will be the first important step in the framing of a definite Mexican policy by the Harding administration.

## JOHNSON OPPOSES PAYMENT OF VAST SUM TO COLOMBIA

SCORES REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES FOR CHANGE OF FRONT ON TREATY.

By United Press WASHINGTON, April 15.—Sarcasically scoring his republican colleagues for the alleged facility with which they changed overnight the convictions of 17 years opposition to the Colombian treaty, Senator Hiram Johnson today declared that it was strange that men who had for two decades fought the treaty should now enthusiastically support it.

"What is the reason?" Johnson asked. "If Roosevelt was alive, he would never approve of the treaty. The \$25,000,000 to be paid to Colombia is a trifling sum, they tell us. It may be trifling, but if we have got to squander, let's squander it on some of the farmers facing poverty and soldiers who upheld the flag, or in securing employment for some of the thousands of persons out of work."

"If we give it to Colombia we will throw it away and commit an infamy and dishonor as the first act of the new republican administration."

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## ANGLERS WHIP TROUT STREAMS

FIFTEEN MILE CREEK FAVORED BY VETERANS FOR EARLY FISHING.

Old Dame Nature smiled today, shooed Grandpa Juke Pluvius and his flock of moisture-laden clouds away from the county and in general smoothed the path of a group of her most ardent worshippers—the fishermen. Today the trout season opened. Early this morning a number of local anglers were seen hurrying to their favorite streams, intent upon getting the first fishing of the season. Many opinions are vouchsafed by veteran fishermen as to the best early fishing streams. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that nearby streams are as good as any, with the majority of anglers favoring Fifteen Mile creek for their early catches. Latest reports are that White River is still milky, which would preclude any good fishing in that stream, fishermen declare. The Deschutes is still roily, but despite this fact many persons are planning upon whipping this "angler's paradise" at the first opportunity. Good early fishing is reported in the Klickitat river, in Washington, but a special license is required of persons wishing to fish outside Oregon. A special license to fish in Washington may be obtained for \$10.

Salmon trout are reported to be running in Mill and Chenoweth creeks.

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## MINING MAN NAMED IN STOKES' CASE

HUGS AND KISSES TOLD OF BY BACK-STAIRS OLIGARCHY.

By United News NEW YORK, April 15.—Another correspondent in the Stokes divorce trial—George Austin Schroter, iron-gray haired, handsome mining engineer and explorer of the world's odd corners, has denounced as "a pack of lies" the stories of surreptitious hugs and long kisses told by the backstairs oligarchy of chauffeurs and butlers who testified for the millionaire, W. E. D. Stokes against his young and attractive wife, Helen Elwood Stokes.

Schroter took the stand in the Stokes trial Thursday and made

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## THREE GANGMEN DIE FOR MURDER

CARDINELLA, BRAINS OF ORGANIZATION, UNCONSCIOUS FROM FEAR AT LAST.

By United Press CHICAGO, April 15.—Three men were hanged here today.

Sam Cardinella, the "brains" of the worst gang in Chicago, according to the police, was carried to the scaffold unconscious. The gang leader lost his bravado as he was being brought from the cell and lapsed into unconsciousness from fear.

The other two to hang, Sam Ferrera and Joseph Costanzo, had been taken to the scaffold previous to Cardinella. Although only petty "stick-up" men in the underworld, they held their heads high and maintained their

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## COURT DENIES NEW TRIAL FOR LEGION SLAYERS

SEVEN MEN CONVICTED IN CENTRALIA MASSACRE MUST DO TIME.

By United Press OLYMPIA, April 15.—By virtue of the supreme court decision denying them a new trial, seven I. W. W. members convicted in connection with the armistice day murders at Centralia will be transferred from the Montesano jail to the state prison at Walla Walla. The men in custody are: Britt Smith, G. G. Bland, Bert Bland, Ray Becker, James McInerney, Eugene Barnett and John Lamb. Sentences range from 25 to 40 years each.

### —The Best Big Sister— CAPABLANCA WINS THREE FROM CHESS CHAMPION

By United Press HAVANA, Cuba, April 15.—Jose Capablanca, black haired challenger of Samuel Lasker, the gray chess champion, today had three of the necessary victories to claim the championship.

With a brilliant attack last night, Capablanca forced Lasker's resignation at the forty-eighth move.

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## BRITISH STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES ARE AGAIN OPENED.

By Ed. L. Keen (United Press Staff Correspondent) LONDON, April 15.—The triple alliance strike set for tonight has been called off, it was officially announced today.

This announcement followed Premier Lloyd-George's statement in commons that the striking miners had renewed their original demands.

This was taken to mean at first that efforts to effect a settlement had failed. The official announcement came a short time afterwards.

It was stated that the cancellation of the general strike order was due to the fact that the leaders of the triple alliance believed that the miners were wrong in refusing to reopen negotiations for a strike settlement.

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## FAKE SUICIDE LEADS TO DIVORCE ACTION

By United Press ASTORIA, April 15.—Instead of winning anticipated sympathy from his spouse, Elton J. Davis' faked suicide made him a target for divorce proceedings, according to a complaint filed today by Mrs. Davis. The statement recites that Davis seized a revolver, rushed from his home into the night, fired a shot into the air and fell on the grass, as if dead.

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## TALK WITH CUBA FROM U. S. EASY

GRAPHIC STORY OF EPOCH-MAKING FEAT IS RELAYED.

By Ned Baldwin WASHINGTON, April 11. (By mail) An hour ago I heard two men talk to each other through 5700 miles of wire, under sea cable and wireless. "Hello Scriber, is that you?" said Bain, the American telephone man at Havana, Cuba, and faintly but plainly Scriber at Santa Catalina Island, 30 miles west of Los Angeles, said, "Yes, is that you, Bain?" They talked about the weather. Bain said it was a fine day in Havana, about 70 degrees temperature and Scriber said it was a little cool in the land of glass bottomed boats.

Then Colonel J. J. McCarty, vice-president of the American Telephone company, sitting at a table in the magnificent Pan-American building at Washington, D. C., called the roll and operators at San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Palm Beach and Key West answered and gave their names as if they were soldiers a few feet away instead of thousands of miles.

Then President Harding talked with President Menocal of Cuba and the Cuban president expressed his appreciation of the cordial sentiments uttered by America's chief executive. The demonstration given to celebrate the opening of telephonic communication with Cuba was under the auspices of the National Press club. All members had a little receiver which, held to the ear, caught every word spoken in Washington and the answer in Cuba. Secretary of State Hughes talked with Secretary of State Desvignes of Cuba. Then General Pershing talked with General Crowder of the U. S. army in Cuba. They had a very friendly chat. Crowder told Pershing that the good looking women in Havana were either married or engaged, after Pershing had accepted an invitation to come down.

The Cuban minister at Washington had a fine chat with Minister Boaz Long, the United States minister to Cuba. "Put him on the line," said Boaz when told that the Cuban minister wished to talk. They talked in English and then in Spanish.

Mrs. Harding was the only lady present—she sat with Vice-President Coolidge in the front row. Colonel McCarty said the conversations heard

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The decision ended a drawn out fight between employees and rail management. Three months ago W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania and spokesman for the roads, asked that working agreements be abrogated. Employees bitterly fought his application.

The ruling of the board is considered a "middle of the road" decision.

Atterbury's application was favored, but a new set of rules must be drawn up.

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## BANK ROBBERY EPIDEMIC HITS CHICAGO HARD

GUN BATTLE IN STREET—POLICEMAN SHOT—THREE CROOKS CAPTURED.

## ONE BANDIT KILLED

TWO MESSENGERS ROBBED OF \$638,000 IN NEGOTIABLE CHECKS.

By United Press CHICAGO, April 15.—The once wild west broke loose in Chicago again today. It brought:

A revolver battle in the streets between Cicero State bank officials and robbers in which one bandit was killed; a policeman wounded and three robbers captured.

Robbery of two messengers for the Chicago Clearing house in which four bandits escaped with \$638,000 in negotiable paper.

A wild chase of bandits through the city streets by the rifle squad of the police department.

Fearing a general drive on banks in the city by the underworld, Chief of Police Fitzmorris ordered all financial institutions carefully guarded. Reserves were called out to aid in protection of the city's banks.

CHICAGO, April 15.—One bandit was killed, a policeman shot and three robbers captured when five men attempted to hold up the Cicero state bank at Cicero, Ill., a Chicago suburb, today.

The money taken from the bank was recovered.

The five men drove up to the bank in an automobile about 9:30 o'clock. Four bandits entered the bank, covered employes with revolvers, swept all cash in sight into bags and started returning to the automobile.

S. B. Witeska, cashier of the bank, proved his courage when he followed the bandits and started a revolver battle before the robbers entered the auto. The chauffeur, left sitting in the machine, started the automobile and fled, leaving his pals.

Witeska's shots killed one bandit. He held the other three off until reinforcements arrived from the town hall police station nearby and the robbers were captured. One policeman was shot but not seriously wounded in the fight.

The dead bandit was today identified as Julian Norwell of Chicago. All of the bandits were boys under 20 years of age.

John Kranaha, one of the bank robbers captured alive, was hit eight times and will die.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Four bandits held up two messengers for the Chicago clearing house today and escaped with \$638,000 in negotiable checks. The two messengers left the clearing house

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## SOLDIERS ON TRIAL FOR NURSE ASSAULT

PENALTY FOR OFFENSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW IS HANGING.

By United Press TACOMA, April 15.—Everett Impynx and Lawardus G. Bogart, Camp Lewis soldiers, will be arraigned today before United States Commissioner Hammon upon a charge of criminally assaulting Nurse Eleanor Scheyer of the post hospital.

Both men have confessed, military officials say. The only penalty which the federal law provides for a crime of this kind is hanging.

The accused men were taken before Miss Scheyer, who is in the hospital but expected to recover. She instantly identified them.

The military record shows that both were Germans, having taken out American citizenship papers only a few weeks ago.