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RUM ROW HIT SEVERE BLOW

Sixty-One Men, Thirteen Coast Guard Members, Named in Indictments

HUGE RING SAID BROKEN

Syndicate, Known as the \$25,000,000 Bootleg Ring, Unveiled; Eighteen Steamers Used

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The federal government today struck a herculean blow at rum running on the high seas, bootlegging ashore and bribery of government employees. Sixty-one men, including 13 members and former members of the coast guard were indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiracy and violation of the national prohibition law. A second indictment charges William V. Dwyer, former race track owner and alleged head of the biggest liquor syndicate in this country, and ten of his higher-up confederates with bribery of government employees. Dwyer and one of his lieutenants, John J. McCambridge, were charged with a felony in a third indictment, for sending twelve men to their deaths in an unseaworthy ship when on the rum trade. Dwyer was named in all three indictments.

The syndicate, international in scope, was termed the "backbone of rum row," and was alleged to have operated 18 ocean going vessels in the liquor traffic. It was represented as a "\$25,000,000 bootleg ring," with headquarters in New York.

Among those indicted for conspiracy and violation of the prohibition laws were C. Paul Charney, Canadian, represented as the head of one of the biggest liquor distributing companies in Canada; Louis Izkovitch, described as the syndicate's purchasing agent in London; Walter L. Van Dyke, alleged purchasing agent for the rings in Canada, with offices in Montreal, and Edward Caproni, an aviator, charged with having piloted airplanes over rum row to direct liquor ships in their unloading.

Dwyer was arrested December 3 and is at liberty in \$40,000 bond. Twenty-nine of his alleged higher-up confederates also are awaiting trial under bail totaling \$322,000 which was furnished by a surety company.

Nine of the coast guard men still were in active service when the indictments were returned. The others were taken in the preliminary arrests of December 3.

One of them, Nicholas Brown, boatswain and commanding officer of the coast guard boat No. 124, was charged with having taken a bribe of \$8,400 and of having landed 315 cases of liquor from his boat.

The officers confiscated 10 gallons of liquor which they allege were taken from the boat by Montgomery and Overton. Montgomery was previously fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail for operating a still near Woodburn.

POISONER ASKS FUNDS IN PENITENTIARY, WIDOW SEEKS INSURANCE

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Re-trial of a suit by Mrs. Ruth Plumley to recover \$2,000 from a Seattle insurance company on policies taken out by her for her husband shortly before she poisoned him last spring was begun in federal court here today. Mrs. Plumley, who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, lost her first suit in the case after she was convicted of murdering her husband. The case was appealed to the higher courts and a re-trial was granted.

GUNMAN DEFIES POSSE BARRICADED IN CABIN, MINISTER HOLDS OFF FORCE

DAWSON, Y. T., Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Barricaded in his cabin 40 miles north of here, John Smith, miner, is holding at bay a posse sent to arrest him for shooting at a neighbor. Police sent from here today to reinforce the constables hope to capture Smith alive, although he is an expert marksman, having shot the revolver from the hand of a would be captor.

OSBORN WOOD WANTED SON OF GENERAL SAID TO HAVE LEFT UNDER CLOUD

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The Palm Beach National Detective agency, announced tonight it was seeking Osborn Wood, son of Major General Leonard Wood, whom the agency said left a fashionable Palm Beach hotel today for Havana, leaving behind several alleged worthless checks.

WOOL GROWERS ELECT YAKIMA, Jan. 26.—(AP.)—T. K. Drumheller of Walla Walla was this afternoon re-elected president of the Washington Wool Growers association and J. P. Sears of Yakima was re-elected secretary. Each man has served in his position for 10 years. W. A. McGee was elected vice president for the sixth time.

Everybody to Win Prizes In Statesman Competition

Launched at End of 2 Year Period, New Circulation Campaign Offers Rewards Unequaled in Any Previous Enterprise, Contestants Enter

It is more than two years since the Oregon Statesman has put on a contest of this kind, but the one today as you will read in the daily ad is a far bigger and better one than we have ever had. The prizes amount to over \$3000. What better could we give to the public than you read now. During all this time we have tried to be fair with every one, meeting every contingency as we saw fit, playing no favorites, and avoiding no just issue.

The Statesman has been and still is the people's paper, devoted to the home folks, their interest and their ambition.

We have been thinking it over and have decided to give the public something worth while to work for, and win with a little effort. We finally decided to open a campaign which will benefit the public, and reward them for their spare time, and at the same time help us.

We have decided to have a big automobile contest. We are going to give away over three thousand dollars in valuable prizes to the public.

Everyone, everywhere, of good character will participate in this contest. It will be the most interesting, and the most profitable to the public of any undertaking ever attempted in this city and county.

The prizes will be worth a great many thousands of dollars. The list will consist of the very latest model automobiles, washing machines and cash. There will be something on the list for everyone. Both old and young will find something of interest to them in this mammoth distribution by the Statesman. All these valuable

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That this country shall participate upon an equality with other signatory nations in the election of judges and deputy judges by the league of nations.

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ARMY AIR UNIT BEFORE HOUSE

Separate Corps for Land Force, Like Marines to Navy, is Outlined

MITCHELL HOLDS MOVE

Fighting Billy Passes First Day Under Suspension Quietly; Services Sought for Lecture Tour

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—After hearing Major General Mason M. Patrick, army air chief, outline his plan for creation of a separate air corps having a status like that of the marine corps in the navy, the house military committee today required him to present his views more fully in writing.

Decision by the committee to seek additional information on the air chief's recommendation was reached at an executive meeting after the open session at which General Patrick reiterated his proposal as a means for establishing a more perfect air organization.

According temporarily to the advice of friends, Colonel William Mitchell withheld today submission of his resignation from the army which he otherwise probably would have started on its way to President Coolidge.

The colonel's first day under suspension from rank, command and duty, with pay and allowances reduced to \$387.67 a month for five years, passed almost without incident.

He conferred with Representative Frank R. Reed, republican, Illinois, chief defense counsel during the court martial trial, and with other friends, and it was late in the day before any decision was reached respecting a resignation.

Several offers of private employment have been received by the colonel and taken under consideration. These include a proposal that he undertake a nationwide lecture engagement, and this is known to have certain attractions for the convicted officer. His acceptance, however, probably would entail his resignation from the army, since it is certain that the war department would refuse to give its consent to any such employment while he remained subject to military control. It is also Colonel Mitchell's hope to engage in big game adventures in Africa.

BUCKY HARRIS SIGNS TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 26.—Stanley "Bucky" Harris who has piloted two Washington baseball clubs to American league championships, tonight signed a three-year contract to manage the Senators.

Clay Griffith, president of the Senators, did not reveal the sum to be paid for his services.

Does He Look Like a Criminal to You? He's Bandit and Killer



A close-up study of Marth Durkin, murderous two-gun "chick bandit," whose handsomeness will wither in the electric chair if Chicago prosecutors have their way.

PRISON SHOW DECLARED BEST EVER PRESENTED

HIGH CLASS, CLEAN COMEDY AND HARMONY OFFERED Large Audience Unstinting in Applause at Opening Night of Follies

The Follies of 1925, the annual show put on by the Oregon state prison, opened last night with every seat in the auditorium taken. There is no doubt but that it outshines any other show ever presented at the penitentiary, both in entertainment and in the high class of entertainment. It will close Saturday evening.

The Follies of 1925 is nothing more than a hodge-podge of harmony and really mirthful comedy. The jokes are real jokes. They are funny, clean and not "smart." No "wise cracks" are made at public officials and others, and no lines of a questionable nature are included in the unusually high-class comedy. In this respect the Follies of 1925 is an improvement over several shows put on at the penitentiary in past years.

Fred Taylor, of course, is again the star of the show. He is absolutely inimitable. The little negro puts more high-powered comedy into his lines than two-thirds of the comedians that reach Salem in the regular road shows.

The show is unusually well staged. The lighting and scenic effects are extremely effective, especially in the last act of "Salem Jam." The scene takes place in a hazy—but to tell about it would poll some of the effect for those who are going to see it.

Each number on the program last night won tremendous applause from the audience. The Oregon prison string orchestra in particular was extremely fine, and responded to a number of encores. The orchestra, composed of 12 men, presented an unusually fine appearance. They were all dressed in white uniforms, with white shirts and black ties. Several excellent vocal selections were also given by members of the orchestra.

The Follies was directed by S. E. Murdock and is under the management of C. E. Charlton. Only prisoners, however, have parts in the show.

TALK AT AURORA MEET LETTING PLANT POSSIBLE IF SUPPORT IS GIVEN

Governor Pierce, Col. W. B. Bartram and B. C. Miles, of the Miles Lumber company, attended a meeting of fax growers in Aurora last night, foisting out the interests there in securing a retting plant.

Attempts to secure a plant there will turn on the combined support of growers and those financially interested in securing the new industry. Governor Pierce and Col. Bartram addressed the gathering.

WORKER DIES IN BLAST CROWN-WILLAMETTE PAPER CO. TANK LETS LOOSE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—James M. Jesson, 42, was killed today at the plant of the Crown-Willamette Paper company in Camas, the head of a steel steam tank exploding and striking Mr. Jesson on the head. He was a steamfitter and had been employed at the plant for six years. New discs had been installed in the steam flow meter and when steam was turned into the tank it failed to stand the pressure.

WRECK VICTIMS ARRIVE TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF CREW PRAISE RESCUERS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Twenty-four members of the crew of the Norwegian freighter Solvang, which sank after collision with the tanker Vacuum off the Delaware here today, arrived here today. One of the crew, F. Tybring, a fireman, was drowned.

The crew was rescued by the Vacuum and brought to Paulsboro, N. J., where the Vacuum docked today.

The collision occurred in rough weather. When the vessels came together about half of the crew of the sinking Solvang leaped on board the Vacuum while the others jumped into the sea.

The Vacuum's crew was prompt in lowering their boats and after much groping in the darkness succeeded in rescuing all but Tybring.

SAFETY HEAD ATTACKED CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS IS CHARGED TO OFFICIAL

TACOMA, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Impeachment of Commissioner of Public Safety J. L. Murray, under fire on charges of drunkenness, based on two affidavits filed with the city council last Thursday, is not within the power of the council, even if the charges are proven, according to the legal opinion of Assistant City Attorney Leo Teas, handed down today.

TEACHERS PAY ISSUE TALKED

"Time Has Come to Get Busy" If Results Are Expected, is Sentiment

6 YEAR OLDS ELIGIBLE

Children Whose Birthday Precedes March 1 Can Be Registered Thursday for Entrance Next Term

Whether or not Salem teachers are to go before the public for a higher salary schedule is a matter that was hinted at last night at the meeting of the school board. One of the directors suggested that if the teachers are thinking at all of trying for an advanced schedule, it would be well for them to "get busy" now.

Salem teachers were going before the people a little while back in a special election, but their cause was passed on by the school board at such a late date that there was not time to call an election.

A special election would have to be called in May for the salary question, but it would be merely a matter of form. The school board could call the election, and the matter would be printed on the regular ballot of the primaries.

All children six years of age by March 1 are eligible to begin school next term, according to announcement made at the meeting by superintendent George Hug. Parents are asked to register such children at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

A new class room is to be added at Englewood school. The room will be fixed in the basement. A new floor will have to be put in, and other repairs are expected to bring the cost of arranging the new room to between \$154 and \$175.

It was suggested that the room above the office of the school could be converted into a class room, but as only thirty seats could be installed in it, the board thought it better plan to arrange a larger room in the basement.

The portable at Washington is to be closed down during the coming term. The pupils attending there will be enrolled in various other schools in the city. The school at Lincoln to fill a vacancy caused there by the resignation of a teacher. It was suggested that in case conditions become too crowded in the elementary schools, Washington might be used to relieve the situation.

The school board, by unanimous vote, moved to ask a letter of condolence to Mrs. Harry A. Foster, whose husband died recently after having served for some time as manual training instructor at McKinley junior high school. The board also moved to continue Mr. Foster's salary to the end of this term.

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