

## LAWYERS HAVE COURT BATTLE ON KNOX PLAN

Bowerman, Neuner, Watkins  
In Closing Arguments  
Before Lewelling

Judge Asks Briefs; Early  
Decision is Hoped for so  
Appeal May be Had

Final arguments on the Knox liquor commission law were heard yesterday by Judge L. G. Lewelling who at 1:15 p. m. adjourned court and took the case under advisement. Appearing yesterday for the state were George Neuner, liquor commission counsel, and Jay Bowerman, special representative for the commission. Eiton Watkins represented Klamath Falls while City Attorney Levitt of Klamath Falls, detained by illness, wired the court that he would submit a written brief.

Arguments centered around the home-rule amendment to the state constitution and whether or not it was not in effect. Mr. Watkins also raised the question of incomplete title to the Knox act, claiming the legislature had not followed the constitution's mandate in providing a title which stated that all city charters and ordinances were repealed. Watkins also asserted that the act, being a tax raising measure, could not contain the emergency clause.

Bowerman Says Knox Law Act of Sovereignty

Mr. Bowerman, opening for the state, held the home rule amendment was invalidated when the state passed constitutional prohibition, insofar as the right of municipalities to license liquor selling was concerned. He also contended that the state's sovereign police power was exercised in the Knox act and that in no sense could a city pass ordinances in conflict with this power.

All forms of liquor control tried in Oregon have failed, Bowerman averred. He declared the citizens of the state now demand the Knox plan and he contended the courts should not obstruct the expressed will of the people. Bowerman contended the licensing features of the act did not make it a tax measure. Numerous cases were cited by Bowerman on the various points.

"The people don't go backward, they always go further," Bowerman continued, "and a return to the city, power of licensing with the right of establishing saloons would be a step backward."

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## EVERGREEN SOLONS TIED UP IN JANGLE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 10. —(AP)—The time of adjournment of the special session of the Washington legislature was made more uncertain late today when the Steele liquor control bill was ordered a conference committee after the senate and house were unable to agree on 106 amendments.

Appointment of the conference to iron out the controversial changes written into the state monopoly liquor control act by the lower chamber was delayed until tomorrow when both houses adjourned until morning—the senate in respect to E. B. Benn, a former state senator who died today, and the house in respect to Mrs. P. R. Holcomb, wife of Justice Holcomb, who also died this afternoon. S. R. Holcomb, a son, is the chief clerk of the house.

The principal objections in the senate against the house amendments were the reduction in the salaries to be paid members of the liquor control board; the division of profits; and the restricted search warrant procedure, leaders said.

## Everything Set to Nab Bandits—Only Alarm Not Sounded

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 10. —(AP)—After the National Bank and Trust company of north Kansas City had been robbed twice, the citizens decided something had to be done. A vigilante system was organized.

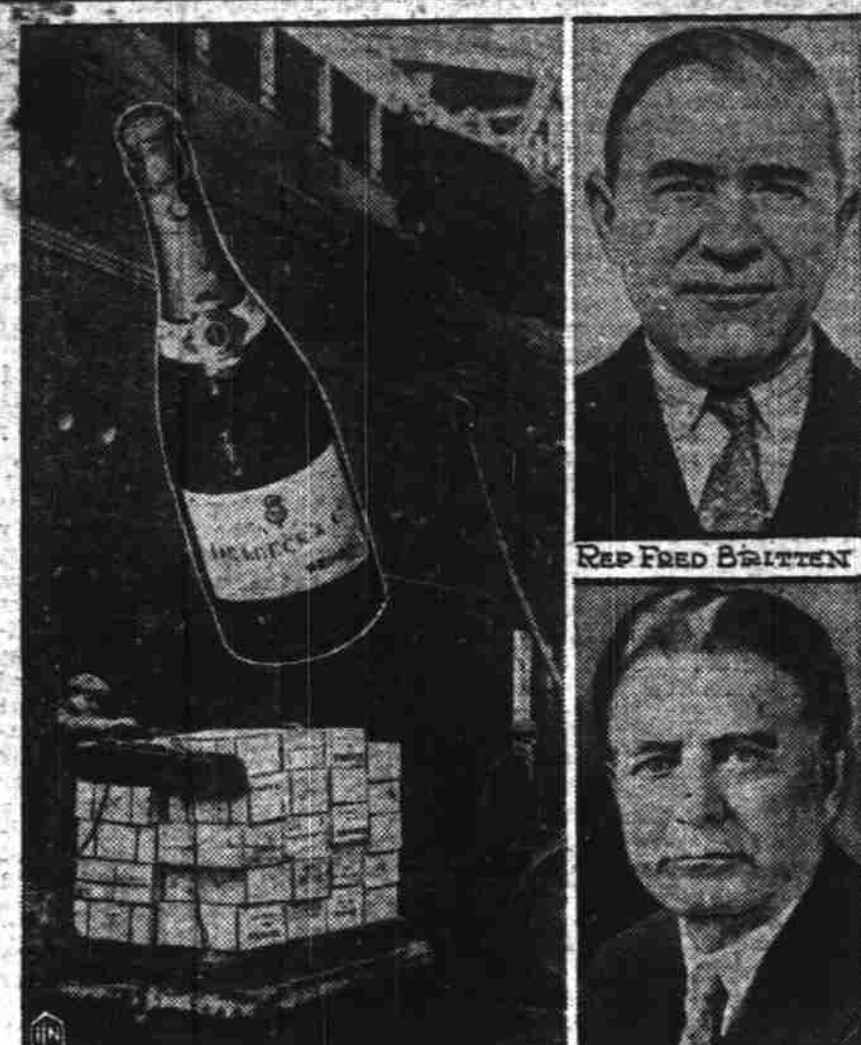
Doctors, dentists, grocers and others were given rifles with a range of 3000 feet. National guardsmen trained the vigilantes in marksmanship.

A siren was installed atop the city hall to serve as a summons.

Today three robbers entered the bank. Threatening customers and bank officials with pistols, the robbers seized \$5000. Then they entered a motor car and sped away fast.

In the excitement somebody forgot to sound the siren.

## Congress "Cracks Down" With Tax Additions on Defaulting Importers



SHIPMENT OF FRENCH WINE, SEN. WYMAN BORAH

Congressional sentiment on war debts became evident this week. Yesterday the upper house tacked an added excise tax on liquors imported from nations in default to the United States. Representative Fred Britten earlier called France a "nation of cheaters and defaulting misers." Above, left, French wine shows coming into port in New York; upper right: Britten; lower left, Senator Borah.

## Walters Quits His Job; Political Fracas Seen; To Tell Views to Chief

Home Owners' Loan Assistant Denies He is Going to Run for Congress; Says He Spoke at Lipscomb's Request

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Horace E. Walters, P. of Portland, assistant manager of the Oregon branch office of the Home Owners' Loan corporation, today telegraphed his resignation to Washington, D. C.

He also sent word he would fly to Washington and report Friday to John H. Fahey, chairman of the HOLC. It was Fahey who assertedly instructed J. L. Lipscomb, Oregon HOLC manager, to fire Mr. Walters or any other person in the organization who was not doing as Lipscomb thought he should.

The instructions particularly referred to reports that Walters was subverting duties of the office to public appearances and publicity work.

"I am going back there in an effort to get this Oregon Home Loan office straightened out so it can give the people the service they are entitled to," said Walters.

Back From Blue As Far As Lipscomb Knows  
Later Manager Lipscomb said "I don't know what he was talking about. It came so suddenly that I haven't had time to give it much thought yet."

Before his departure Walters commented on his public appearances.

"I have made most of these speeches about the actual work of the HOLC at chambers of commerce and civic clubs, and many at the direct invitation of Manager Lipscomb who, when called upon to speak, would just take a (Turn to page 3, col. 4)

## Utilities to Push Bills Under Doors

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The Portland Water & Light company announced today it will have motions slipped under water bills under doors and then ring door bells, since the postmaster general has ruled that unmailed matter may not be placed in mail boxes. Similar orders were given Portland General Electric company officials, they said. Officials of the Portland Gas & Coke company and the Northwestern Electric company also are planning to have their companies' bills placed under doors.

## Germany Beheads Alleged Burner of its Reichstag

LEIPZIG, Germany, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The beheading of stolid Martin Van der Lubbe today for the burning of the reichstag last February closed one chapter of that sensational case, and brought to the fore the probable fate of his four fellow defendants.

The emotionless young Dutch mason was executed at 7:30 o'clock after refusing, as in a coma, to reply to final questions whether he had anything to say and whether he had any last wishes.

In two or three days the German government is due to decide what to do with three Bulgarians, who have been in jail since De-

## HIGHER TAX ON LIQUORS FROM DEBT DODGERS

Senate Views on Foreigners Who Won't Pay Shown; Bill in Conference

House Opens Debate on Initial Appropriation Bill For 16 Bureaus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—War debts lighted a colorful flare of congressional debate today to lead disputants toward penalizing backward debtors.

Close behind, with fate yet to be settled, was President Roosevelt's recommendation of today, backed by the federal power commission, for ratification of the St. Lawrence treaty with Canada under which a gigantic power and navigation system would be built. An impending dispute over recognition of Russia was disclosed by the refusal of two members of the senate foreign relations committee to vote for committee approval of William C. Bullitt of Pennsylvania as ambassador to the soviet union of republics.

The war debt penalty was attached to the liquor tax bill pending in the senate. An amendment was adopted, in the face of an urgent request by Chairman Harrison of the finance committee that the revenue measure not be loaded down with controversial matters, calling for imposition of an excise tax as well as the usual tariff duties on liquors from countries in default on their war debts.

RFC to Give One More Year Under Present Plan  
Before the house banking committee, Chairman Jones of the reconstruction corporation was re-

## Altar Trials No Bogey For Walska Quest

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—To Ganna Walska, her four matrimonial experiences have all been part of the search for the "perfect man."

Rehearsing for a concert appearance in this city, the noted Polish soprano paused in her work today long enough to expand graciously her philosophy of woman's love, explaining in her theory that "mistakes" in marriage do not daunt a woman in her search for marital happiness.

"Three or four mistakes don't make a woman feel there are no happy marriages," she said. "She just keeps looking for the 'one perfect man for her.'"

"A woman can love only one man in her life, and if she has had several unfortunate marriages, it is because she thought she had found her perfect mate and then discovered her mistake."

Men, Miss Walska believes, are inclined to be "tyrants"—they want their wives to be just wives, not searchers for careers.

"Marriage and a career for women do not often work out well," Miss Walska contends.

## World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO.—Six navy planes start 2400-mile mass flight to Honolulu.

WASHINGTON.—Senate approves heavy taxes on liquor imports from nations defaulting war debts.

WASHINGTON.—Roosevelt asks St. Lawrence waterway treaty, guarantee of farm loan bond principal.

CHICAGO.—Milk blockade ended by truce; end of interference with interstate shipments sought.

WASHINGTON.—Senate witness testified former Postmaster General Brown asked air line official not to bid on mail route; committee told Linbergh received \$250,000 in stock.

NEW YORK.—August Heckscher sues Rockefeller center for \$10,000,000, charging unfair solicitation of tenants.

WASHINGTON.—Code authorities to consider reduction of working hours below 40 hours a week.

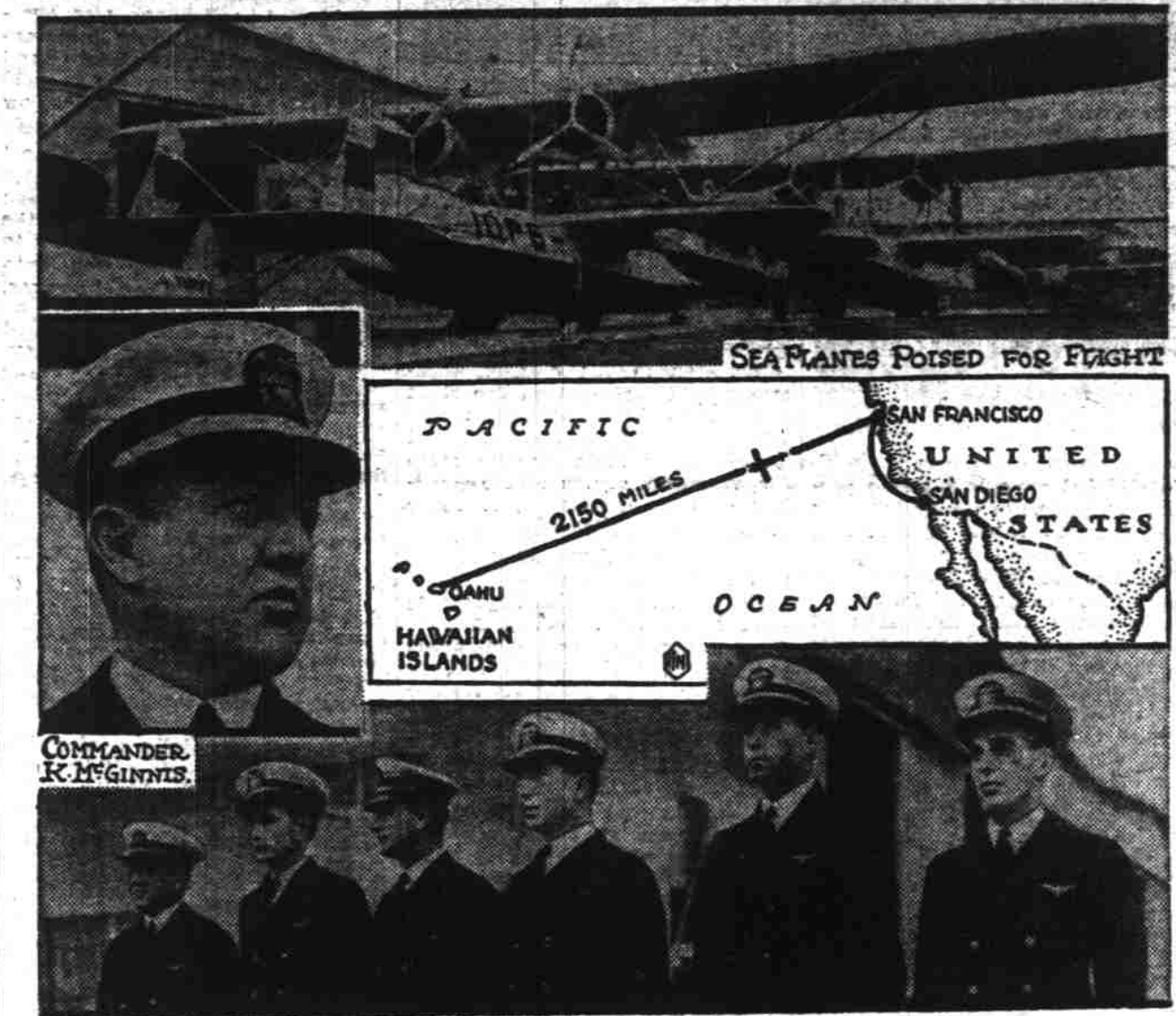
Foreign:  
VIENNA.—Two men killed, several wounded, 600 jailed in nation-wide anti-government demonstration.

HONGKONG.—Nationalist forces not to attack Foochow, says report; six American missionaries believed safe.

LONDON.—Greek foreign minister says Samuel Inoull must leave country by January 21.

## Navy Planes at Mid-Ocean In History Making Flight

These Men Today are Guiding Navy Planes Toward New Goal in Mass Flying; 2400-Jump is Planned



SEA PLANES POISED FOR FLIGHT  
PACIFIC OCEAN  
2150 MILES  
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
UNITED STATES  
SAN DIEGO

With the naval base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as its goal, VP squadron ten of the United States naval air force, comprising six sea planes, left San Francisco at 2 p. m. yesterday afternoon. The flight the planes are attempting is the longest non-stop air voyage ever attempted in mass formation. The six seaplanes being used are the same that flew from Norfolk, Va., to the Canal Zone last September, later flying from the Canal Zone to San Diego.

## MISSIONARY PARTY, CHINA, HELD SAFE

Nationalist Forces Not to Attack Foochow; Secretary Not Alarmed

HONG KONG, China, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Some reassurance regarding the safety of six American missionaries trapped in the Fukien province fighting zone was contained in a report tonight that nationalist forces will not attack Foochow, the provincial capital and center of an anti-nationalist revolt.

The Nanking dispatch did not specifically mention the Americans, workers of the Methodist Episcopal church, whose headquarters are in New York, but observers believed a change in the nationalists' drive toward Foochow would enable them to leave the danger area.

"We live there," the boys told the officer, pointing to a house where no one appeared to be home. "Our dad isn't home; he's working on a relief crew. Do you want to wait until he comes home tonight?"

The state officer, having other duties to attend to, let the boys out and went his way. Later he found out that they did not live at the house in question and had crawled into the blinds of a Southern Pacific passenger train and ridden to Salem.

Wednesday morning a Salem policeman tried to catch the boys near the Southern Pacific depot but they outran him.

That afternoon city police took the runaways into custody and state police relayed them back to Portland.

Asked where they were bound, when caught, the boys said, "to California to pick oranges."

## WATERBURY APPOINTED

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A special Washington dispatch tonight to the Oregonian said H. E. Waterbury of Portland was appointed acting district manager of domestic and foreign commerce of the department of commerce. He succeeds Frank Messinger, who has been transferred to the NRA.

## Prince Flits Away Again; Will Meet Bride in Japan

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Nothing more nor less than princely curiosity was the reason given here today by Alexis, youngest of the "marrying Mitvans," for his nocturnal "sneak" from Seattle where he had reserved a suite aboard the liner Hiwaka Maru for a brideless voyage to Yokohama.

Princess Mitvans's \$40,000,000 bride, the former Barbara Hutson, was in getting Prince Alexis, a witness in his elder brothers' trial on grand theft charges in Los Angeles than in the Mitvans' honeymoon, the Georgian nobleman and

his American dollar princess thus will be united in Japan.

Alexis eluded the process server by the simple expedient of staying out of California. He flew from Reno, Nev., to Portland. He left even his valet behind on his secret trip to Vancouver during the night.

"I had intended sailing on the Hiwaka Maru from Seattle," he said on his arrival here, "but I decided I would like to see Vancouver so come here to await her sailing at noon tomorrow."

"My wife will sail from San Francisco tomorrow almost at the same time as I sail from Vancouver. My ship will reach Yokohama two days before hers, but I will see her in about 16 days."

"We are going to China after a visit in Japan and thence to Paris. We will make our home in Paris and New York."

## PERFECT LINE KEPT; SMOOTH WEATHER SEEN

Takeoff Retarded 2 Hours as Planes Held Back by Lack of Wind

6 Officers, 24 Men Aboard; Destroyers Stationed Every 300 Miles

## NAVY FLIGHT LOG

- 3 p. m.—48 nautical miles off the Golden Gate.
- 4 p. m.—117 miles off the Golden Gate.
- 5 p. m.—194 miles off the Golden Gate.
- 5:25 p. m.—Passed over Minesweeper Sandpiper 300 miles out of San Francisco.
- 7 p. m.—424 miles out of San Francisco.
- 8 p. m.—490 miles in direct line from Golden Gate.
- 9:15 p. m.—Passed over Destroyer Schenck, approximately 600 miles from San Francisco.
- 10 p. m.—645 miles in line of flight from the Golden Gate.
- 11 p. m.—775 miles direct line from the Golden Gate.
- 12 midnight—860 miles from the Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Breeding in the darkness over the Pacific, the six American navy planes carrying 30 men on a mass flight from the mainland to Hawaii were well on their way tonight and had almost ideal weather ahead.

At midnight, Pacific Standard time, they had been flying southward over the ocean for about 9 1/2 hours and were 860 nautical miles (about 950 land miles) from the Golden Gate. The squadron reported it was on the direct line of flight.

Navy headquarters here sent a (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## Gas Price Cuts To Be Probed; 20c Price is Reported

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—A gasoline price reduction here today from 22 to 20 cents a gallon brought expressions from some dealers that NRA principles were thereby violated, but competition would be met.

Henry W. Brown, secretary of the Oregon state petroleum committee—code authority here for the industry—replied that "A few cases of price-cutting have been reported and many of them corrected."

All reports of chiseling on the code price, by selling below the figure displayed on the service station corner or on the gas pump or by going below actual cost have been sent to Washington, D. C., for prosecution, he said.

## The Washington Spotlight

By the Associated Press  
Heavy taxes upon liquor imports from debt-defaulting nations were approved by the senate.

President Roosevelt asked congress to guarantee the principal on farm loan bonds.

The president urged immediate ratification of the St. Lawrence waterway treaty.

Senate investigators heard that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh received \$250,000 in stock from Transcontinental Air Transport in addition to his salary.

The senate foreign relations committee approved William C. Bullitt as ambassador to Russia.

President Roosevelt advised railroads and utilities to establish mortgage-retirement sinking funds.

Unrestricted importation of American type whiskeys was announced for the next 30 days.

President Roosevelt agreed that home loan bonds should be guaranteed fully by the government.

Hugh S. Johnson announced a conference to consider further reduction working hours.