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Weak rain or snow east portion tonight and Saturday. Normal temperature, fresh southerly winds along the coast.  
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# TO UPSET MITCHELL VERDICT

## BORAH OPENS BATTLE UPON WORLD COURT

### Idahoan Replies To Swanson And Lenroot Declaring Court A Part of League Of Nations.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The battle over the world court got under way in earnest today in the senate with Chairman Borah, of the foreign relations committee, firing the first salvo into the pro-court ranks.

Replying to the opening shots from Senators Swanson, Abbott, Virginia, and Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, the Idaho senator undertook to establish what relation the world court bears "to the political institution known as the league of nations."

"There is so much difference of view on this particular subject," he said, "that it seems advisable at the outset to determine that relationship."

The foreign relations chairman, one of the irreconcilables in the league fight, spoke after Senator Lenroot had delivered a prepared address in which the court was declared wholly independent of the league, so that by adhering to the court protocol the United States would not involve itself with the league.

Senator Borah said in reply that those who organized the court had sought to create an "organ, a legal part of the league," and if the court is not a part of the league, "it is because they failed in their efforts."

Asserting that there was much propaganda on both sides of the question Senator Lenroot said that most of that in opposition "is very misleading and alleged statements of fact are made that have not the slightest justification."

Denying that the court is a "creature of the league and is owned by it," Senator Lenroot said "the fact is, as every senator knows, that this court is American in its origin and substantially in its present form was proposed by American statesmen many years ago" at The Hague.

Monsi Dispute Cited.

Referring to the decision of the court in the Monsi dispute, Senator Borah said this showed that the court can render an opinion and

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## GOOD EVENING WORDS AND MUSIC

By Stoddard King

### OYSTERS WITHOUT

Oysters are likely to cause typhoid unless brandy or some other alcoholic drink is taken with them.—Report to the French Academy of Medicine.

"He was a brave man, so the adage goes.

"Who first ate oysters." No whitelash courageous

Is he who dares in these mad days expose himself to germs both deadly and contagious.

Who swallows oysters ten or oysters twenty

Without the aid of spiritus frumenti.

Myself when young did eagerly frequent the

Oyster cafes, but had not heard the news

That it was wise to quaff the sweet

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Whose members label with the name of booze.

Few of us kisc how rash it was, how risky.

To sup on oysters without draughts of whiskey.

Alas! that science should delay its findings

Until quite barren are its learned

tricks—

How many a house, with full Morocco bindings,

I might have cherished, had I known the facts!

Typhoid has spared me, but c'en so, at last

I might have had the pleasures of the feast.

There is, of course, still alcoholic drink

For prophylactic purposes, and yet I'll get along without it, for I think

Of easier ways of paying nature's debt.

Typhoid is bad, but would not one be sicker

If he went in for quaffing home-made liquor?

It has been made a rule in England that cabinet ministers must not write for the newspapers. That is why the readers of the newspapers, but decidedly unfair to the cabinet ministers. There should be another rule restraining people who write letters to the newspapers from telling the cabinet ministers what to do.

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## KIMBALL TO BE MOVED TO PUGET SOUND

### Methodist Pastors And Laymen Vote For Change—Offered \$250,000 Plant At Seattle.

Another step toward moving Kimball college of theology from Salem to Seattle was accomplished at yesterday's meeting at University Methodist church, Seattle, when the 140 prominent Methodist pastors and laymen at the meeting unanimously went on record as favoring the proposed move.

While the action taken yesterday was not official, and does not necessarily mean that the school will be moved, it does pave the way for more active work toward making the proposed move. Next steps will be to get official sanction of the Puget Sound, Oregon and Columbia River conferences for the move as well as official sanction of the general education board of the Methodist church. No difficulty is anticipated in either case, the conference being expected to fall in with the recommendation made yesterday, and the general education board to follow the action taken recently by its executive committee.

Expects More Support

Dr. E. C. Hickman, president of Kimball, stated this morning following his return to Salem that he anticipated getting much more financial support at Seattle than has been given at Salem, due to the fact that there will be a larger field at the proposed new location.

It is generally believed that it is

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## PRESIDENT CRITICIZED BY LA FOLLETTE

### Coolidge Attitude On Coal Strike Compared To True History Of Boston Police Strike.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—President Coolidge is criticized by Senator Robert LaFollette Jr., Wisconsin, in an editorial in the current issue of LaFollette's Magazine for his reported attitude toward suspension of anthracite coal production. Another editorial, signed by Senator LaFollette, sets forth a refusal of the Wisconsin delegation in the house of representatives to "compromise or bargain" with Speaker Longworth or with "any other member of the house."

After reviewing the anthracite situation briefly, Senator LaFollette writes:

"Threat of Strike

"The possibility of a soft coal strike hangs over the country. President Lewis has written President Coolidge in strong but respectful terms, calling attention to the critical situation in the soft coal fields by violation of the so-called Jacksonville agreement by many operators.

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER RESPONSE IS SLOW

### Barren Yuletide Is Looming for Kiddies

### FUND SHORT OF LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

#### CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Capital Journal.....	\$ 25.00
Salem Ad Club.....	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus.....	5.00
Marion-Polk County Realty Association.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Unknown.....	3.00
Contributor.....	1.00
Henry Jacques.....	5.00
A Friend.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
A Friend.....	5.00
A Friend.....	2.00
A Friend.....	2.50
A Friend.....	1.00
Mrs. Fanny Tracy.....	5.00
Bonus Commission Employees.....	5.75
Pleasant Point Sunday School.....	5.00
Total.....	\$108.75

## A Tip from Santa Claus

There is a giftless, cheerless Christmas only seven days away for approximately 200 little boys and girls of Salem unless the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the city, who are more fortunately situated, open up their hearts and their purses to the call of the Fifth Annual Christmas Cheer Movement of the Capital Journal and the Salem Lodge of Elks.

Today, with the investigations of the committee in charge of the Movement revealing that Santa's need for assistance here this year will be as great if not greater than last Yuletide, the public contributions total less than half what they aggregated on December 18, 1924.

Last Christmas more than \$500 was subscribed to the fund, and on December 18 contributions had passed the \$200 mark.

At noon today only \$97.50 had been raised. It is a small start toward the amount that will be needed in the purchase of shoes, clothing, Christmas dinners, toys, candy and the like that will be required.

Small contributions are particularly slow in responding this year—the usual flow of dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars has so far developed into little more than a dribble, and the Christmas Cheer box on the Capital Journal counter has a discouragingly faint jingle.

Take a hunch from Santa—

Your contribution, however small, may mean the difference between a giftless, cheerless Christmas and a joyous Yuletide for some trusting little kiddie.

## MITCHELL TO BE SUSPENDED FOR 5 YEARS

### Aviation Critic Found Guilty by Court Martial—Approval Up To The President.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—A resolution of the House of Representatives today suspended Colonel William Mitchell to his proper rank in the army, and to suspend for five years Major General Patrick Nolan and Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum was introduced in the house today by Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The friends and defenders of Colonel William Mitchell set out today to discredit the methods and overturn the verdict of the general court martial which yesterday stripped the air crusader of rank and pay for a period of five years.

Representative Frank R. Reid of Illinois, who was the colonel's chief counsel during his long trial for insubordination, charged openly that the court martial proceedings had not followed ordinary rules of procedure but that at the beginning the word had been passed down to "get Mitchell."

Congress to Act

Another Mitchell supporter in congress, Representative Laguardia of New York introduced a bill to prohibit courts martial from suspending for more than 30 days those found guilty under the article of war which Colonel Mitchell was held to have violated in publicly attacking government aviation policies.

Another proposal which will come before President Coolidge, who must approve or disapprove the findings of the court martial, contemplates reduction of the suspension sentence to two years to expire at the time Colonel Mitchell becomes eligible for voluntary retirement from the army.

Many Technicalities

This feature of the situation, however, is surrounded by many legal technicalities. There is some doubt whether the years an officer is under suspension can be counted in fixing the time of his retirement. It also is discretionary with the president whether an application for voluntary retirement would be granted or refused and the army's legal authorities are not willing to pass on the legality of an actual resignation from the army during a period of suspension.

Colonel Mitchell himself is not disclosing his plans, except to renew his determination to secure a greater air service. Through his counsel, Representative Reid, he told the country today that the fight would not be interrupted by the verdict of the court.

The fight for "an adequate national defense," Mr. Reid said, "has only begun."

He denounced the court for failure to pass upon the question of whether evidence offered was accepted in proof of the truth of Colonel Mitchell's statements or whether it was received merely in extension or mitigation of his alleged offense. It was for this reason, he said, that the defense decided not to make a closing argument before the court.

## HOUSE VOTES TO REDUCE TAX UPON ALCOHOL

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Reduction in the alcohol tax as proposed in the tax bill stirred up a prohibition discussion in the house today when Representative Itaney, democrat of Illinois, argued it would serve as advertising value to bootleggers.

"Cut this tax on pure grain alcohol," he said, "and the bootleggers will use it instead of distilled denatured alcohol. They will instill the confidence of customers in their new product and use it for advertising."

Representative Crisp, democrat, Georgia, insisted a reduction in the levy would not harm prohibition enforcement and said Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury department and Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon League had so agreed.

After half a dozen representatives expressed different views of the adequacy of the proposed tax, the house approved it as written in the bill. It would cut the present tax 25 per cent beginning January 1, 1927, and an additional 25 per cent a year later.

A proposal to impose a one cent a gallon on denatured alcohol was defeated but approval was given an amendment offered by the ways and means committee requiring that confiscated alcohol seized on entry into this country be subject to the tax when sold by the government.

The new tax of one tenth of one per cent a gallon on cereal beverages, asked by the treasury department as an aid in checking sales of "high powered beer" was accepted.

## TWO MORE BANKS CLOSED BY RUNS DENVER, COLO.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Two Denver banks—the Capitol Hill State bank and the Metropolitan State bank—failed to open their doors today. Three other banking institutions, including two national banks and a state bank, were closed yesterday.

State Bank Commissioner Grant McEwen announced that his department's examiners had taken charge of the Metropolitan and Capitol Hill banks. Both are small institutions.

Steady withdrawals from the Metropolitan during the week and a run on the Capitol Hill yesterday were instrumental in the closing, officials said.

The banks closed yesterday were the Broadway National, the Drovers National and the North Denver bank, the latter a state institution. These three banks had deposits of approximately \$3,500,000. The Broadway National was the largest with deposits totalling about \$2,500,000.

Impairment of capital and frozen paper in livestock loans were ascribed as the reasons for the closing of the two national banks.

Gordon Hollis was president of the two national banks and his wife, Mrs. M. E. Hollis, was president of the North Denver bank.

## GOVERNMENT COST HIGHER IN FIRST BIG BILL

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The first big appropriation bill of the year—that for the treasury and postoffice departments—was reported to the house calling for increased expenditures amounting to \$193,962,000 over the total allowed these establishments in last year's allotments. The amount, \$367,552,000 is \$4,066,000 below the budget estimate.

A large part of the increase is for the postal service to meet increased salaries and to handle a greater amount of mail.

The coast guard is allotted \$24,213,000, an increase of \$3,615,000 the added funds being designed to permit an increase of 1550 enlisted men for the force engaged in battling rum smugglers.

The direct appropriation proposed for prohibition enforcement is \$2,296,000, or a decrease of \$364,315 over the fiscal year. Of this sum, the amount allotted for the procurement of evidence is increased from \$50,000 to \$250,000, of which \$50,000 is available.

The bill would allot to the post office department \$738,256,000, an increase over the current appropriations of \$101,966,000, which is a decrease of \$3,411,000

## SCARED YOUTH RETURNS, PRISON FOR PROTECTION

Chester, Ill., Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Ira D. Perry, Jr., son of a Chicago manufacturer, was back in the penitentiary today after 47 days of freedom, on parole, from a life sentence for murder.

Fearful of being killed by detectives hunting him on old indictments and afraid of possible vengeance by five youths sentenced with him, he sought and obtained incarceration in the Stateville prison here rather than the Joliet penitentiary to which he was originally sent three years ago.

Paroled to Iowa after his release, Perry was returned to prison under arrangements made by his father with Judge Chauncey H. Jenkins, director of the state department of public welfare. Judge Jenkins characterized the entire affair as a "Chicago coppers' Roman holiday" as the 35 year old prisoner was started for Stateville last night after making charges in Judge Jenkins' Springfield office that third degree methods had forced his confession of the murder.

Perry declared that he was starved and beaten by Chicago detectives after his arrest, eleven months after the murder. Once, he said, they forced him to drink a gallon of water without stopping and threatened to throw him from the third story window and announce that he had committed suicide after confessing.

## MANCHU VICTOR IN CHINESE BATTLE

Tientsin, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—A telegram from Tschow, Shantung province, received this morning by the American mission, declared that after 10 days fighting the anti-Kuomintang forces under Marshal Chang Tsao-lin, the Manchurian dictator, had gained possession and that there had been considerable looting. The hospitals were overflowing, the telegram said, but the foreign compounds were safe.

A visit to the front revealed that Lieching-ting, Chibi village government had straightened out his left flank. The national people's army (Kuomintang) of which Feng Yuhsiang, so-called christian general, is the head, and whose attack on the enemy's center Wednesday morning was thrown back with losses, since has given no signs of activity.

## ASK AMERICA TO PARTICIPATE IN ARMS MEET

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The Washington government has received from the league of nations council an invitation to participate officially in preliminary discussions at Geneva for a disarmament conference and with it a notice that solution of the problem will depend upon its consideration "in its entirety and with the cooperation of all nations."

An amplifying document, mailed from Bern by Minister Gibson, giving details of the workings of the preparatory commission, is due to arrive here next week and it is expected that formulation of a reply by President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg will wait its receipt.

The invitation disclosed that every direct and related phase of land, sea and air armaments is to be studied by the commission, making it clear that if an American delegation attends the sessions it must take with it a large technical staff of military and civilian experts.

The invitation, bearing the signature of M. Calajoga, acting president of the league council, declared the league council believes the time has come for studying the practical possibilities of the reduction and limitation of armaments under the guidance and responsibility of the governments.

It expressed the hope "that at the moment when all the nations of the world are conscious of a common need, it will be able to count on the full and direct cooperation of the government of the United States for a work which so closely concerns the peace of the world."

## BANK ROBBED BY GANG OF BANDITS

Dows, Iowa, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Making captive of the town marshal, the telephone operator and the railroad operator and severing all wire communication with other towns, half a dozen bank robbers invaded this village early today, wrecked the safe of the State Bank of Dows and escaped with cash and bonds amounting to \$8,000 or 10,000.

The bandits worked in the bank for more than an hour before they were able to open the safe. Meanwhile the marshal and telephone and railroad operators were held prisoners in a closet of the bank.

Numerous Dows citizens were aroused by the explosions but no outside resistance was offered the robbers.

The local telephone manager, roused by the explosions and finding all telephone wires cut drove into the country where he tapped a long distance line and enlisted the aid of officers in surrounding counties.

## TURKS AROUSED BY AWARD OF MOSUL TO IRAK

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The decision of the league of nations awarding Mosul to Iraq which is under British mandate, was received with consternation in Turkey.

When the award reached Ankara the cabinet was called in extraordinary session. Under the chairmanship of President Mustapha Kemal Pasha and with the participation of the chief of the staff, the ministers sat late into the night examining all angles of the situation.

Turkish public opinion as expressed in the newspapers considered that the question has not been solved but is entering upon a new phase, more complex than that obtaining prior to the league decision.

All papers criticize the "servility" of the league, which they assert is the tool of Great Britain. Most of them are awaiting the lead from Ankara before indulging in any more definite comment, but Djumurdar declares: "We shall save Mosul as we saved Smyrna."

## Uses Gun To Hold-Up And Search 3 Boys Cutting Xmas Trees

Collecting Christmas trees now apparently comes under the category of offenses justifying compulsory detention and search of individuals by zealous law officers, who flourish guns to compel obedience to their dictation.

Three Salem youths, Henry Klosser, John Irons and Floyd Seaman, are the victims of this latest form of official persecution, according to their story of how they were stopped and searched by W. P. Lewis of West Salem, special deputy sheriff of Polk county, while gathering Christmas trees about five miles west of West Salem Tuesday afternoon.

According to the story told by the boys they were accepted as they were driving along in their automobile by Lewis, who drew a

## ASKS PROBE OF PRIEST RAPIDS

Washington, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Investigation of the federal power commission's approval of a project to dam the Columbia river near Priest Rapids, was asked in the senate today by Senator Stanford, republican of Oregon.

To dam the river at Priest Rapids without protecting salmon spawning, the senator said, would destroy half the spawning area of the entire river.

The proposed investigation, which would be made by a special senate committee of three appointed by the vice-president, would call for information surrounding the granting by the federal power commission of a permit to the Washington Irrigation and Development company for construction of a hydro-electric power plant at that point named. It would also call for information on the effect of such development on the fishing industry of the river.

## Submarine Sinking Blame Placed Upon City of Rome Crew

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—A charge that the story told by Captain John H. Diehl of the City of Rome of the sinking of the submarine S-51 in collision with the vessel September 15 was "wholly untrue" was made today by Lieutenant Commander Charles A. Lockwood, judge advocate before the naval board of inquiry investigating the disaster.

Summing up a session of the court today in the Charleston navy yard, Commander Lockwood said the S-51 was not at fault in any way for the collision and that the City of

Rome was entirely to blame. The judge advocate said the conduct of the City of Rome was "reprehensible."

The S-51, he maintained, was a "crossing vessel" and as such had observed all the rules of the road. Commander Lockwood said that the S-51 was allowed to approach within 60 feet of the City of Rome without any action being taken of attention on the part of officers and crew of the latter vessel. He described the City of Rome as a "blind ship," with only one man in the pilot house to steer and keep a lookout.

## WAGON GRANT LAND TIMBER BRINGS \$60,280

Roseburg, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—Thirty million feet of timber from 1000 acres of land were sold today to nine bidders in a public sale conducted by the Roseburg land office. The sale of timber, from O. & C. and Coos Bay wagon road grant lands, netted the government \$60,280.33. All of the timber is in Coos and Lane counties. The buyers were as follows:

W. A. Woodward Lumber company, Cottage Grove, 140 acres, O. & C. lands in Lane county, \$11,533.03; also 150 acres adjoining, \$2579.52.