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AIR COMMITTEE OF HOUSE WILL BACK MITCHELL

Report of Committee Recommends Defense be Placed Under One Head

HIGH COMMAND CITED

Declare Officers of Army and Navy Have Retarded Aviation Development

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The charge that the high commands of the army and navy have retarded aviation developments for several years, the concurrence of the many criticisms voiced by Colonel William Mitchell, army air service critic, and the recommendation for a single department of national defense, are the salient features of the report of the House aircraft committee, as drafted, the United Press learned today.

The committee will forward its findings and recommendations to the clerk of the House within a week, about the same time that the Morrow board report is submitted to President Coolidge.

Beside obtaining the approval of his proposal for a merger of the national defense organizations under one head, Colonel Mitchell will also receive the committee's wholehearted support for his charges that the nation is without an adequate defense system.

FRENCH TO REOPEN DEBT NEGOTIATIONS

PARIS, Nov. 30—(U. P.)—One of the most important points in the forthcoming ministerial declaration of Premier Briand, will be the formal announcement that the French government will continue the negotiations for the settlement of its debts to the United States and England, the United Press learned today.

France intends, as soon as possible, to send Henry Berringer on a mission to the United States to reopen negotiations, while a similar mission, perhaps headed by Finance Minister Loucheur, will be sent to London.

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PACIFIC SLOPE BUSINESS SHOWS 12 PER CENT GAIN

Details of the report by John Perrin, chairman of the board and federal reserve agent of the San Francisco federal reserve bank, showed that sales by wholesale firms of the Pacific slope territory of the 12th reserve district were 11.4 per cent greater in October of this year than in October of 1924.

The report showed that Portland wholesalers of furniture enjoyed an increase of business over October, 1924 amounting to 18.7 per cent; wholesalers of auto supplies, 16.9 per cent; wholesalers of auto tires, 52.9 per cent; wholesalers of stationery, 13.5 per cent, and those handling hardware, 4.6 per cent. Local wholesalers of shoes reported sales slightly smaller and those of agricultural implements fell off 12.2 per cent.

For the entire district the increase in furniture sales at wholesale was 9.9 per cent; in auto supplies, 25.4 per cent; auto tires, 92.7 per cent; hardware, 4 per cent; shoes, 3.1 per cent and agricultural implements, 44.5 per cent. Stationery sales for the district were 2.5 per cent less than a year ago.

The report said regarding wholesale business of October in the district:

"Value of sales of 193 wholesale firms in 11 lines of trade was 11.4 per cent greater in October, 1925, than in October

Most Southern Colleges Ban Co-Ed Smoking

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30—The precedent set by Byrn Mawr in placing the stamp of official approval on smoking by women students finds scant sympathy among southern colleges attended by women. It is indicated by reports received from 37 institutions, including five in the District of Columbia. A few have no rule against the practice, but it is nowhere encouraged.

Women's College, Presbyterian, Charlotte, North Carolina, has the maximum penalty, expulsion, but reports no violations since several years ago, when several girls were "shipped" for indulging in the weed.

LARGE CROWD HEARS SPEAKER FROM SO. CAL.

Rev. L. L. Myers, Evangelist, Holding Meetings at Church. Boys Attend

Yesterday marked the beginning of a revival in the Christian church. The De Molay organization attended the services in a body. Rev. Leon L. Myers, the evangelist, who was the speaker, chose as his subject, "As Goes America So Goes The World." His appeal was to the patriotic impulse of his hearers. Rev. Myers showed that in order to keep alive the original design of our great country it was necessary for Americans to realize the value of Christian religion. He showed the geographical location of America was similar to that of Palestine in the world of that day. He reviewed the intellectual and moral as well as economic position of America today and showed its supremacy over all other nations. He showed that America was now, as it had always been God's chosen nation for the final battle.

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They Cheated Death



SMOKERS WILL BE FIRED AT ORE. SCHOOLS

ALBANY, Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Smoking by men is as bad as by girls, and the denominational schools of Oregon won't have any of it.

That was the composit attitude developed here Saturday at the convention of independent college presidents of Oregon.

At only one institution represented, Reed College of Portland, is smoking permitted. Reed College is a privately endowed school and has student government, and the faculty does not see fit to interfere with the student ruling permitting smoking by students over eighteen.

President Green of Albany College declared "we would lose no time in dismissing any girl found using tobacco. That holds for men, too." President L. W. Biley of Linfield said any smokers would be dismissed. A reprimand for the first offense and dismissal in aggravated cases awaits the smoker at Pacific University.

Other institutional heads were equally emphatic in condemning smoking.

Winner of State Club Prize is Complimented by Portland Paper

Adena Joy of Ashland and Alex Cruikshank of McMinnville were entertained at luncheon by the Chamber of Commerce as they passed through Portland on their way to Chicago, where they will represent Oregon at the National Conference of Boys' and Girls' clubs next week.

"Fifteen-year-old Adena won the first award for cooking and canning at the State Fair and eighteen-year-old Alex won six first prizes and one second for his Shorthorn cattle and Cotswold sheep. Both have worked under the direction and with the encouragement of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, organized by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

"The visit of these bright faced vigorous young people, with their honest pride in their success and their interest in such practical and useful things as cooking and stock raising, is like a breath of fresh country air and encourages us to hope that not all our youth are infected with the Jazz mania. It is further encouraging to know that there are 11,000 boys and girls in Oregon doing similar work, less skillfully perhaps, but with enthusiasm and the benefit that comes from any honest effort.

"There is no place where Nature has less use for a vacuum than in the life and interests of a child. The work of these farm clubs supplies wholesome occupation, and offers an incentive to sustained effort. The clubs may easily adapt their program to the conditions of the city. Portland has a few organizations which are carrying on similar work, but they are all too few. In most cases the family should supply all the organization necessary to find interesting work for children and to make it seem worth while.

"The world is so full of a number of things" to do and see and know that no child should be forced to mischief from sheer boredom."—Portland Telegram.

UTILITIES OF COUNTY SET AT \$4,875,200

SALEM, Nov. 30—(U. P.)—The apportioned valuations upon which public utilities will pay taxes next year how an increase of \$4,598,561.42 over the value as fixed last year, according to a report of the state tax commission.

The total valuations for some of the principal counties are as follows:

Multnomah	\$43,222,383.45
Clatsop	3,551,877.51
Cook	100,507.63
Coos	2,117,730.36
Curry	33,732.00
Deschutes	810,869.78
Jackson	4,875,255.23
Jefferson	1,094,360.28
Linn	3,802,311.00
Wasco	6,382,667.78

Former Ashland Man is Dead at Corvallis

Mrs. Don Spencer was called to Corvallis, Thanksgiving Day by the sudden death of her father, James A. Archibald, Sr.

Mr. Archibald had been in the Old Soldiers Home Hospital at Roseburg for some time, but his death came as sudden shock to his friends and relatives.

The body was taken to Lebanon for burial. The funeral was held yesterday.

Mr. Archibald was formerly a resident of Ashland, having lived on East Main street about 12 years ago and was quite well known at that time.

Mrs. Spencer expects to return to Ashland the last of this week.

MAN GETS TOWNS MIXED, IS INSULTED

A man whose directions were badly twisted appeared at the fire station yesterday in search of information. When he first arrived, he declared that he had hunted all day for the Hildebrand ranch and had been unable to locate it.

None of those present at the station could aid him, and finally one asked him if he were in the right town. The stranger became very indignant at that question.

Finally, one of the firemen said: "There's a Hildebrand ranch near Medford, but we don't know of any around here."

"Medford! Say, for the love of Mike, isn't this Medford?" the stranger ejaculated. He did not wait to hear more, but when last seen was on the highway going north muttering to himself.

STATE GAME WARDEN IS VISITING HERE

E. F. Averill, state game warden, is a visitor in Ashland today, going over the Jackson county territory with Deputy State Game Warden Roy Parr of this city.

Averill will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon tomorrow. It was announced.

MRS. RHINELANDER IS NOT PUT ON STAND

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Counsel for Mrs. Leo Kip Rhinelander, sprung a surprise and rested his case shortly after court resumed today, without putting the former Alice Jones, daughter of a negro cabman, on the stand.

25 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED BY PARACHUTE

Army Air Field Men Develop New Chute Which Opens Quickly

ONE WOMAN IS SAVED

DAYTON, O., Nov. 30.—Twenty-four men and a woman are walking the earth today when they should be dead.

A little package of folded silk and cord is all that stood between them and destruction.

Each one, dropping like a plummet through empty space, pulled a little brass ring and turned a headlong plunge to instant death into gentle glide to safety.

These 25 are aviators who were saved by the U. S. army parachute—a development that adds a new thrill to flying but, at the same time, reduces the risk.

McCook Field developed this parachute, and it is proud of it. The field records here give the details on the 25 lives it has saved. The officers tell you proudly that England has scrapped its own parachutes in favor of the McCook Field type.

It was over five years ago that the first life was saved by one of these devices. The tabulation, of course, does not include test leaps, but only cases where it was a case of use a parachute or die.

W. C. O'Connor came to the field here to demonstrate another type of parachute. He was taken aloft by an army aviator, with his own parachute strapped to his back. Before he jumped, however, officials here insisted that he also wear an army parachute. Reluctantly he consented.

At 2000 feet he jumped. Down he dropped like a stone, trying frantically to get his own parachute to open. It wouldn't. When he was a scant 500 feet from the ground he pulled the cord on the army parachute. It opened at once and he descended safely.

Lieut. H. R. Harris, for example, took up a new monoplane for a test flight. At a 2500 foot altitude—a bad place for accidents—a wing gave way. Harris stood up and pulled the cord on his parachute. It opened, he was blown clear of the plane and descended gently to a grape arbor, while his plane fell with a crash that could be heard halfway to Cincinnati.

Lieut. Harris maintains that it's highly pleasant to make a parachute jump.

"You jump out of the plane and have no sense of speeding through space, except for the difficulty in breathing," he says. "Your arms and legs are absolutely free, body action is not hindered in any way. You just sort of rest in the wind.

"When the chute opens you feel a jerk, but it is the most pleasing jerk a fellow ever had. When you fasten your eyes somewhere near the center of the chute, to avoid the swaying motion that makes a fellow sick, and just float down."

But he admitted that it's mighty thrilling, anyhow. When you land, he explains, you strike the ground with "a force equivalent to what you would feel if you jumped from a six foot elevation.

An exhibition jumper named C. Bottomfield last year went up at Kelly Field, Texas, to edify a throng with a "leap for life." He wore five of his own parachutes. Just before he went up the army officers got him to add an army parachute to his equipment.

He jumped at 4000 feet. One after another, he pulled the cords on his own parachutes. They had become entangled with one another and not one would open. The army parachute saved him.

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Frgewater—English buyers here to inspect apples shipped to England.

There is "Much Good in the Worst of Us"

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 30—The bard's claim "that there's so much good in the worst of us," has found tangible expression in the act of a highwayman.

Last Tuesday the highwayman held up and robbed C. V. Combes while on his way home with \$227 of the proceeds of a concert held for the benefit of a Christmas stocking fund for the poor children of Winnipeg.

Yesterday a burly, shabbily-clothed man called at the office of the concern promoting the campaign for funds, left a package with the cashier and quickly departed.

In the package was found the money and Mr. Combes' watch. Also inside was a note saying: "Sorry we did the job. We did not know whose money it was. Spent two dollars before reading."

BLAME MOONSHINE

Murderer of Garage Man is Hanged at Salem Prison

BLAMES MOONSHINE

SALEM, Nov. 30—(U. P.)—W. R. Lloyd of Cottage Grove, was hanged here today for the slaying of Clint I. Baun, independence garageman in July.

Lloyd, in his death statement, blamed his troubles on drinking. "I don't know why I did it," he said, "I was full of moonshine at the time," he concluded.

Lloyd faced his end without any outward sign of emotion. The trap was sprung at ten four a. m., and he was pronounced dead at ten seventeen, a. m.

About thirty persons witnessed the hanging, including Irvin Baun of Independence, brother of the slain man. Permission to view the hanging was refused by Deputy Warden Lillie, to Mrs. Clinton I. Baun, widow of Lloyd's victim, and Mrs. Irvin Baun, who came here from Independence, under the impression that they would be admitted to the death chamber.

DAUGHTER OF LOCAL MAN IS GIVEN HONOR

H. G. Gilmore of Ashland Gets Word of Success of Daughter's Music

Christ church, Episcopal of Houston, Texas, under the direction of Horton Corbett, has some of the finest church music in that state. It is of a character that thrills the soul and grows in appreciation, according to those who have been fortunate enough to hear it.

November 15, at the evening services a composition by Kate Gilmore Black of Seattle, daughter of Professor H. G. Gilmore of this city, was sung by a granddaughter of Mr. Gilmore, Mary Chancellier Gilmore of Houston, to the inspiring words of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." The number was highly appreciated.

Mrs. E. A. Allen is Winner of Hill Climbing Contest

Considerable excitement was created in the Church street neighborhood Saturday afternoon when automobiles started thundering up Church street, participating in a hill-climbing contest which was conducted under the auspices of the local Star automobile agency.

According to M. W. Hamaker, local Star dealer, the three prizes were won by the following, all driving Star cars:

Mrs. E. A. Allen, first prize; E. Nute, second prize; C. A. Jensen, third prize.

Quite a large number of light-colored cars were entered in the contest, which attracted many persons.

NEWSPAPER SPORT WRITERS CHOOSE ALL COAST ELEVEN

By HAROLD E. SWISHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30—Four football stalwarts from the University of Southern California, two from Washington, two from Stanford and one each from Montana, California and the Oregon Agricultural College comprise the Pacific Coast all-conference team of 1925.

Selected as the players polling the highest votes of eleven leading football writers on the coast, the United Press today presents the above lineup as its annual contribution to the debate on "who's who and how much," in college football along the Pacific.

Experts whose nominations were sifted down to form the all-coast team included: Howard Langley, Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News; Ed Frayne, Los Angeles Record; Jack James, Los Angeles Express; Harry Culver, Los Angeles Herald; Phil Ray, Oakland Tribune; George Berts, Portland Journal; Billy Stepp, Portland News; George Davis, San Francisco Bulletin; Vic Klee, San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald; Tom Ching, San Francisco Daily News, and Lee Lassen, Seattle Star.

The year has been one which developed few outstanding forwards to judge from the wide selection shown in picking the linemen, especially the tackles.

On the other hand, there was little dispute about the backfield stellar list, most writers agreeing on who were the best men for the positions.

To George Wilson of Washington, the fighting, tearing halfback who was knocked cold in the Huskies-California game and was carried, crying, off the field, and Ernie Nevers, the brilliant Stanford fullback, got the honor of being the only players to receive a unanimous vote. Each of the scribes balloted for them without question as the best men in their positions on the coast this year, if not in the history of the conference.

Cravath (U.S.C.) and Shipkey (S) almost equaled Wilson's and Nevers' 100 per cent mark. Each received all but one vote for their respective positions at center and end.

SHIPKEY (S.) and Adams (U.S.C.) were the selection for the end positions with the Stanford man's speed and ability winning him almost unanimous. Mell and Thatcher (C); Cutting (W) and Walker (S) also received votes for end honors.

The tackles went to Erickson (W) and Dixon (O.A.C.) though there were several other players who crowded the leaders for the high places. The fullback position was won by Shipkey (S.) and Nevers (S.)

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WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Rain in the west portion. Probably local rains in the east. Warner in the interior, with fresh strong east and south winds along the coast.