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MITCHELL GETS SUSPENSION AS PUNISHMENT

Believe Sentence Unduly Harsh for Peace Time Conviction

MAY BE REDUCED

Hoped That President Will Cut Sentence Which Has Been Recommended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Colonel William Mitchell's sentence to five years suspension from the army, decided upon last night by the jury of generals who heard his court martial, was today on its way through the war department's legal machinery to President Coolidge.

It is believed, however, that the President will reduce his sentence, possibly to only two years.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that the sentence, which short of the absolute dismissal which the war department prosecution attorneys sought, is still unduly harsh for a peace time conviction, under the 96th article of war, the catch-all, blanket article, that covers every offense not mentioned in the other 95 articles.

CHINESE SMASH UP AMERICAN SCHOOLS

HONG KONG, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—An anti-Christian revolutionary mob today attempted to wreck both the English Presbyterian school and the Anglo-Chinese college at Swatow, and succeeded in doing damage estimated at \$125,000.

CHILDREN BURNED MOTHER MAY DIE

HOLDEN, Mass., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Two children were burned to death, and their mother and her year old baby perhaps fatally burned early today, when the home of John Hoey was destroyed by fire. Hoey carried his wife and baby from the burning house. The other children were trapped.

REYNOLDS TO HEAD OREGON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MEDFORD, Dec. 18.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the Oregon State Horticultural society annual meeting here, Floyd T. Reynolds of Salem was elected president; C. A. Reed of Hood River, vice-president, and Clayton L. Long of Corvallis was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Paul Scherer, Bert Anderson and S. M. Tuttle, local orchardists, were recommended to Governor Pierce as three out of which one is to be appointed trustee for the society. Salem was selected for the convention city in 1926.

Over 270 people attended the Medford Chamber of Commerce banquet at Hotel Medford Wednesday evening, given in honor of the visiting delegates. Dr. E. W. Clancy, president of the chamber, acted as toastmaster in a very able manner. The banquet was not given over to serious business matters, but was a "get-together" and jollification meeting, and as such was a great success.

During the course of the evening, music by the Crater Club

Potatoes Lift Mortgage From Church

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 18.—Contributions of potatoes have lifted the mortgage from the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, one of the finest in the Helena conference district, which includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The edifice, which cost \$90,000, was freed of encumbrance yesterday.

CHARITY WORK OF SALVATION ARMY STARTS

Donations for Work, Received From Many Here Envoys States

The Salvation Army Christmas and winter activities are well under way, and a large number of friends have been anxious and inquiring to know what they can do in aiding the army in this work, according to Envoy Schwidtel.

Perhaps an account of the plans would help them to know the needs, Schwidtel says. A large number of families have already been found who are having a struggle to keep soul and body together. Aside from this, the unemployment situation will throw many more in this condition. Much temporary relief will thus fall to those ready to take it to them.

BENEFIT SHOW TO BE STAGED THIS EVENING

Bellview Community House to be Built From Funds Obtained

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This is the word received from those backing the benefit show, "Fun on the Podunk Limited," which will be presented at the Bellview school this evening, the first of a series of entertainments to be staged to raise money for the construction of a community house in that district.

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In addition to the show, refreshment booths, managed by the women of the Bellview district, will be open, and it is believed that a tidy sum will be realized from the sale of foods.

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The seven directors chosen are Ralph Billings, W. M. Briggs, B. C. Forsyth, J. H. McGee, S. B. McNair, F. F. Whittle and R. J. Woods.

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A few are now remaining open at night, but this will not be general until Monday, probably. Many shoppers who are unable to spare the time during the daytime find the "open evenings" custom very convenient.

Henry Ford Hears Maine's Champ Fiddler



"Mellie" Dunham, champion backwoods fiddler of Maine, plays for Henry Ford at Detroit after the automobile king had brought him there in connection with his campaign to popularize old-fashioned dances and dance music. Ford likes Dunham best of all the 39 old-time violinists he has had play for him.

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WOMAN SAYS SHE STARTED MCCOY BLAZE

Mrs. Minnie Whelple Confesses to Starting Blaze in Home

HELD TO GRAND JURY

Issue Imagination Accounts For Actions, Police Officials Declare

After more than five hours of the closest questioning possible, during which Fire Chief Clinton Baughman, Deputy State Fire Marshal H. H. Pomeroy, Chief of Police C. W. McNabb and Assistant District Attorney Allison Moulton again and again reviewed the facts in the case, Mrs. Minnie Whelple last evening broke down and confessed to setting the fire which partially destroyed the home of Mrs. Jane McCoy, on Iowa street, last Saturday evening.

Jealousy, brought on by an insane imagination, is the reason given by the officers in explaining her actions. Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Whelple asserted, was "trying to steal my husband," and for that reason, Mrs. Whelple determined to drive the former from the neighborhood.

Four threatening letters were received by Mrs. McCoy before the fire, and yesterday afternoon she received the fifth letter, again threatening her. Mrs. Whelple confessed to writing these letters.

Mrs. Whelple and Mrs. McCoy reside side by side on Iowa street. Saturday night a fire was discovered blazing on the rear porch of the McCoy home. Although it did but \$125 damage, had the fire gained a few minutes more start, it would have destroyed the entire building, and would have endangered several homes in the vicinity. From the conditions of the fire, Mrs. McCoy having been away from home for two days, Baughman was certain that the blaze was incendiary, and he wired Pomeroy to come to Ashland for an investigation.

Suspicion centered on Mrs. Whelple because of her peculiar actions. Yesterday, she complained to Chief McNabb that her life had been threatened, and when she was questioned, gave information which made the officers positive she was the guilty party.

Mrs. Whelple was held in the city jail last night, and this morning after being bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace L. A. Roberts, was taken to the county jail, where she will be held awaiting the next session of the grand jury. Officers declare that it is probable she will be committed to the State Hospital for the Insane.

FUEL SUPPLY LOW, ORDERS ARE UNFILLED

Many Box Factories, From Which Much of Supply Comes, Are Closed

In summer months the fuel dealers advise the people to lay in their winter's supply of fuel—and the large majority of the people serenely wait until Jack Frost comes along and nips their buds before they fill up their wood or coal house.

Practically every year this habit results in the consumers paying a little more, as is right, but this year the habit has resulted more seriously. Many of the box factories, from which the wooden block dealers get their supply, have closed down and the supply to the local dealers this year is practically nil. The local dealers get most of their "flox" from the Hill plant, which is working only on part time and some of them report they have had practically no flox this fall and winter.

One of the box dealers reports that many of the orders placed with them in September are still unfilled—and may remain that way for some time.

The only ray of hope is that production at the box factories will increase in the next two or three months, and that there will be sufficient flox to go around for the tail-end of winter.

All of the dealers report plentiful supplies of coal, and some of them have other forms of wood fuel, but no flox. The admonition next summer "to lay in your winter fuel now" will probably get a more liberal response from those who are now feeling the disappointment.

FILM STAR MOTHER PASADENA, DEC. 18.—(U. P.)

Mae Marsh, film star, became a mother today of a seven-pound baby boy.

BIG RUSH AT POST OFFICE YET TO COME

Mail so Far Easily Handled, No Delivery on Christmas

In spite of the fact that everyone has been urged time and again to mail their Christmas packages early, in order that a last minute rush might possibly be avoided this year, employees of the Ashland postoffice declare that there is no change from previous years, and that they believe the big rush is yet to come. Only five days remain before Christmas, and packages going to distant points within the state should be mailed at once.

The day before Christmas cannot be counted as a mailing day, and since there will be no delivery on Christmas day, it is believed that many will be disappointed this year.

Some of the Southern Oregon post offices have announced that they will have an extra delivery on Thursday, but such will not be the case here. After the final regular delivery, all packages will be held over until Saturday, and packages coming in on the afternoon trains will not be delivered on Thursday.

Packages for local delivery can be mailed right now, and easily be handled. The post office is cleared every night of outgoing and incoming packages, the employees declare.

He's Hero

Milton Allen 21, taxi driver of Council Bluffs, Ia., was the outstanding hero of a \$2,000,000 fire in the business district there. He went into the burning Grand Hotel and ran the elevator after the three lower floors were enveloped by flames, saving eight women from death. He was then trapped on the eighth floor, and rescued by firemen.

BAPTIST CASE WILL COME UP IN JANUARY

Approximate Date of Hearing Set for Local Church Controversy

Hearing on the equity case of the Ashland Baptist church against the First Baptist church, Inc., of Ashland, will be heard in the circuit court the latter part of January. Attorney Robert, one of the counsel for the defense, is ill with a bad cold, and is confined to his home. The First Baptist church, Inc., ousted last July by the Ashland Baptist church from the house of worship in controversy, are the defendants.

The religious action, which has brought forth many acrimonious accusations, revolves about the possession of the church property.

The bitter row is an outgrowth of a revival meeting held in Ashland in 1922 by Dr. Price, "divine healer," as a result of which the Baptist followers were split into two groups—one following the teachings of the Aimee McPherson Four Square Gospel, and the other clinging to the established doctrines of the creed.

Grand Ronde—Machinery arriving for new sawmill here.

Big Reduction in Price of Dodge Car is Expected Soon

As announced in yesterday's Tidings by The Eakin Motor Company of Medford in a full page advertisement, Dodge Brothers will make a tremendous slash in car prices on January 7, the amount remaining a secret until that date.

However, all cars which are sold from December 15 at midnight until January 7, will profit by the reduction, the amount being refunded on that date to the purchasers.

Erection of a \$10,000,000 extension to the large Dodge Brothers plant and the increased production this will bring about, permits the Detroit manufacturer to promise a substantial reduction. The Eakin Motor company, which has the Jackson and Josephine county territories report a large increase in Dodge sales during the last six months.

Ceburg—Growers now sell peppermint oil up to \$19 a pound, 20 to 40 pounds an acre.

BORAH OPENS FIGHT UPON WORLD COURT

Declares Tribunal Lined up With League of Nations REFUTES SWANSON

Long Expected Attack is Opened by Idaho Senator Upon Resolution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—The long heralded irreconcilable fight, which was expected would be waged against the World Court, was opened last night by Senator William Borah, Republican of Idaho, chairman of the powerful foreign relations committee, opened an attack upon the resolution introduced by Senator Swanson.

Senator Swanson's resolution would pledge American adherence to the international tribunal.

Senator Borah contended that the World Court was inextricably lined up with the League of Nations, denying the statements of President Coolidge and others that it is an independent institution.

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE HERE MONDAY

Santa Claus is going to have a big number of presents for the youngsters of the city Monday afternoon, according to a message which has been received by The Borgerson Ice Store.

This message was to the effect that Santa Claus would arrive in Ashland Monday afternoon about 4:15 o'clock, that he would land on the roof of the Enders' Department store building and that he would bring with him 268 packages awaiting a present, which he would throw to the kiddies who gathered in front of The Borgerson store at the hour mentioned.

When the 268 packages are distributed, Santa Claus will continue on his journey to the south, so youngsters who want one of these presents had better be at the store right on the dot.

NEW CRESCENT CITY ROAD IMPASSIBLE

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—The new section of the Grants Pass-Crescent City highway, which was to have been opened to travel Monday, was covered with a slide of twenty thousand cubic yards of rock near Oregon Mountain, the United States Bureau of Public Roads advised today. The opening has been indefinitely postponed.

AUTO OWNER OBJECTS TO THROWING OF HANDBILLS

Further, he stated, on two occasions recently he has returned to his automobile and found the door ajar. "Suppose," he continued, "the door should project out far enough for the autoist parking next to my car to jam into it. Who would be responsible? The party who had opened the door to throw inside the circular, of course, but where and who is he? I would have to stand the loss."

When questioned by The Tidings, the auto owner said he did not know of any instance where the disappearance of any property from an automobile could possibly be blamed on the distributor of a circular or which the distributor's carelessness had resulted in injury to an automobile. He added, however, that because neither of these contingencies had arisen was no reason that the auto owner should be subjected to a possible occurrence.

