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## ARMY COURT HEARS FRESH ACCUSATIONS

Mitchell Counsel Says "Criminal and Almost Treasonable" Action Will be Proved.

Washington, D. C.—Another reverberating cannonade of accusations was turned loose Monday by Colonel William Mitchell against those in charge of the military and naval air services.

Through his counsel, Representative Frank R. Reid, the colonel informed the court-martial trying him because of his previous utterances in the air controversy, that he was fully prepared to prove his charge of "criminal and almost treasonable" negligence in government aviation.

Among the multitude of offenses of which the defense counsel promised to furnish proof were these:

That the Shenandoah went on her fatal western trip unfit and against the will of her commander, Zachary Lansdowne.

That a naval officer sought to have Lansdowne's widow give false testimony.

That those who arranged the unsuccessful Hawaiian flight of the PN-9, No. 1, were "incompetent."

That high army and navy officers had testified falsely before committees of congress.

That Colonel Mitchell himself "was demoted and transferred because he told the truth."

That government aviators are put to unnecessary hazards and many killed as a result.

That the government has failed to thwart a project to give a foreign flight organization a foothold near the Panama canal and to have provided adequate air protection to Hawaii and the Philippines.

## CONSPIRACY TO KILL MUSSOLINI FAILS

Rome.—Many arrests and detentions were reported in various parts of Italy in connection with the plot against the life of Premier Mussolini.

The conspiracy, which was of wide spread ramifications, is declared to have been aimed at the overthrow of the Savoy dynasty and the establishment of a republic.

Tito Zanboni, former deputy of the Unitarian Socialist party and trusted political advisor of the king of Italy, has confessed the plot to kill Premier Mussolini and dethrone the Italian monarchy, according to the police.

Under grilling, proceeding constantly since he was taken, rifle in hand, from a hotel near the balcony where Mussolini spoke on the seventh anniversary of the Armistice with Austria, Zanboni shouldered the entire responsibility for the plot himself. It is said, and denied he had any accomplices.

Meantime, however, active police ferreting in several cities tended to indicate that the plot had widespread ramifications.

## FARM GROUP IS DISSOLVED

Chairman Advises Coolidge Purposes Have Been Achieved.

Washington, D. C.—The president's agricultural conference has been definitively dissolved. The department of agriculture said President Coolidge had acted on the recommendation of Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, chairman of the conference.

The conference was no longer necessary, Carey told the president, because most of his recommendations had been put into effect and "a satisfactory solution of farm problems" appeared in prospect.

The recommendation of the conference, dealing with co-operative marketing, which has not been acted upon by congress, has been taken up by Secretary Jardine with leaders in the movement, and they have assured him of their assistance in efforts to improve conditions and in supporting legislation.

## Sen. Wheeler Would Drop Charge.

Washington, D. C.—Dismissal of the indictment returned against him here charging conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with oil prospecting permits in Montana was asked of the District of Columbia supreme court by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, of that state. The principal ground for the request was acquittal by a jury in the federal courts in Montana.

## Miller Denies Guilt in Conspiracy Case

New York. — Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, accused with several German and Swiss firms of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the affairs of the American Metals company, pleaded not guilty when arraigned.

## New Zealanders Reject Prohibition.

Wellington, N. Z.—Prohibition has been defeated in New Zealand, incomplete returns indicated.

## COLONEL THOMPSON



Col. C. A. Thompson of Cleveland, Ohio, who was elected commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at their convention in St. Petersburg, Fla.

## JAILING OF LIQUOR PURCHASERS URGED

Chicago.—There are teeth in the Volstead act, little used or not at all, but which would make prohibition enforcement far more effective, Andrew J. Volstead, ex-representative in congress, father of the prohibition law, told the Anti-Saloon league's crisis convention here. He recently returned to public life as legal adviser of the prohibition director for Minnesota.

It is not generally known, Mr. Volstead said, but the purchaser of illicit liquor is subject to 90 days imprisonment and for a second offense not to exceed two years.

"It would have a salutary effect," he went on, "to prosecute some of these purchasers, so that the country might know some of the so-called 'good people' are simply in the Look-alike class."

The federal government cannot carry the burden of prohibition enforcement—each community must police itself so far as local law violations are concerned, Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition, declared in an address before the convention.

The federal government, Andrews asserted, will have done its full duty when it eliminates the sources of supply and traffic in liquors from one section of the country to another.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

A. Harry Moore, democrat and wet, was elected governor of New Jersey. In the New York city election with Walker elected mayor there were swept into office the entire democratic borough and judicial tickets.

There will be plenty of turkey for Thanksgiving, the department of agriculture stated, reporting the crop only four per cent smaller than last year. The Rt. Rev. John Patrick Carroll of Helena, Mont., bishop for the western Montana diocese of the Catholic church, died at Friebourg, Switzerland.

For the first time in 18 years, democratic Boston elected a republican mayor. Malcolm E. Nichols defeated his nearest democratic rival, Theodore A. Glynn, city fire commissioner, by 22,100.

James F. Jones, assistant prohibition commissioner, who has served under Haynes since 1921, has been named prohibition director, and will function as executive head of the dry unit, next to Andrews, according to the official announcement.

## Ambassador Dines German Chief.

London.—The "Locarno spirit" has removed the social barrier between the French and German embassies. Saturday evening the German ambassador and Mrs. Stamer were the guests at dinner of the French ambassador and Madame Fleuriau. This is the first time that a German has been entertained at the French embassy since the outbreak of the World war.

## Forestry Dept. Makes War on Mistletoe

Washington, D. C.—If the department of agriculture has its way, kissing opportunities under the Christmas mistletoe will be abolished. The department doesn't object to kissing, but to the mistletoe which is regarded as a dangerous forest pest. A drive has been started against mistletoe in the national forest, and within ten years the department hopes to exterminate the plant.

## Greece Wants Security Agreement.

Athens.—The Greek government has notified the League of Nations that it would like to initiate negotiations for a Balkan security pact, similar to the Locarno pacts, enforcing arbitration.

## MILLION BENEFIT BY TAX REVISION

House Ways and Means Committee Agrees on Vital Points of New Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Practically united support both in the house and senate of the tax reduction bill now in preparation by the house ways and means committee—in almost unprecedented prospect—is now confidently expected by house leaders.

With virtually all of the vital and controversial points of tax reduction already acted on by the committee, Chairman Green said that a non-partisan measure "bearing almost unanimous support" seems certain.

Removal of more than 1,000,000 individuals from the federal income tax roll by increasing exemptions and widespread reductions in these levies was voted by the committee.

The income tax exemption figures agreed upon were \$1500 for single persons and \$3500 for heads of families, compared with \$1000 and \$2500, respectively, in the present law.

Other changes decided upon included:

Reduction of the maximum surtax rate from 40 to 20 per cent; reduction of the normal rates from 2 to 1 1/2 per cent on the first \$1000 of taxable income, from 4 to 3 per cent on the next \$4000, and from 5 to 5 per cent on the remainder.

Increase in the age limit from the \$400 exemption allowance for dependents from 18 to 21 years in cases where children are in school.

Retention of the present 25 per cent reduction in the tax when applied to earned incomes of \$10,000 or less, also was decided upon by the committee.

Reduction of the inheritance tax rate from a maximum of 40 to 20 per cent.

Repeal of the gift tax.

Retention of the present corporation and capital stock taxes.

Substantial reductions in automobile taxes and repeal of many of the miscellaneous excise levies.

## NEWELL APPOINTED PROHIBITION DEPUTY

Seattle, Wash.—Roy C. Lyle, federal prohibition administrator for the 20th district, has announced that Wilbur K. Newell of Eugene had been recommended for deputy administrator for the state of Oregon.

Mr. Lyle also announced that Dr. Joseph A. Linville, for four years state prohibition director for Oregon, had been made assistant administrator in charge of permits for the whole district and would hereafter be located at administration headquarters in Seattle.

These two appointments complete the higher official personnel of the district, previous announcement having been made of the appointment of William M. Whitney as district legal adviser, H. S. McClure as deputy administrator for eastern Washington and E. O. Birgfield as deputy for Alaska.

## WASHINGTON SOLONS MEET

Lawmakers May Continue in Session Until Business is Cleaned Up.

Olympia, Wash.—The second stretch of work for the 19th legislature of the state of Washington opened at noon Monday with one man's guess as good as another as to when the work will be finished.

By the close vote of 49 to 4 Arthur W. Calder of Vancouver was elected chief clerk of the house over Herbert H. Stier of Chelalis. Governor Hartley sounded a note of economy in state government and advocated numerous changes in the administration of state affairs, many of them drastic in the light of existing practices.

As a means of systematizing the educational program, Governor Hartley proposed the establishment of a non-salaried board of educational administration, composed of nine members to be named by the governor and to serve from one to three years, one member to retire each year. This would entail the abolishment of the boards of regents of the university and of trustees of the three state normal schools.

## Italy Seeks Apology for Flag Insult

Rome.—The Italian government has asked "fitting satisfaction" from the Jugo-Slavian government, for Saturday's anti-Italian demonstrations and the defiling or destruction of Italian flags in various cities of the Serb, Croat and Slovene states. Announcement to this effect was made in an official communique.

## John Henry Walsh On Shipping Board

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge selected John Henry Walsh of New Orleans, ex-naval officer, as a new member of the United States shipping board.

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## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Construction of a new \$17,000 high school building was begun at Cascade Locks.

So successful was the state fair at Salem this year that there is a cash balance of \$24,989.

Portland, with permits of \$2,295,800, took fourth place in construction on the Pacific coast in October.

The Ed Douglass sawmill and planer, located between Sandy and Eataca, were destroyed by fire.

Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner is in New Orleans to attend the annual meeting of state tax commissioners.

To date 1495 carloads of pears and 374 cars of apples have been shipped to eastern market by Medford packing houses.

The new Elks' temple at Salem, which was erected recently at a cost of approximately \$175,000 was dedicated Saturday night.

A movement is on foot at Ashland to prevent the use of all Josephine county grounds for commercial purposes on Sundays.

All but 12 of the 36 counties of Oregon were represented at the annual meeting of the Oregon County Assessors' association at Dallas.

A limited season for the killing of adult bull elk was proposed by E. F. Averill, state game warden, in a report filed with Governor Pierce.

Rails have been laid between the Kitson creek and Salt creek watersheds on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific.

A 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kittson of Marshfield obtained matches and set his clothes on fire. He was so badly burned he died.

John Campbell, pioneer Klamath hardware merchant, died unexpectedly at a natatorium in that city when he was stricken with heart disease.

Six Japanese steamers of the 8000-ton class or greater size will load on Coos bay before the first of the year.

and take 10,000,000 feet of lumber to the far east.

The immigration office at Portland spent \$1345 for tickets during the month of October to return aliens unlawfully in the United States to their native shores.

D. L. Bailey, 31, employed as clerk at the Hammond Lumber company store in Mill City, was killed, being shot just over the heart with a 25-35 rifle he was carrying.

Ratios of assessed values to actual values for the year 1925 were announced by the state tax commission. It was said that the ratios for 1925 show a slight decrease when compared with those of a year ago.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company filed a petition jointly with the Tillamook County Mutual Telephone company, asking the permission of the interstate commerce commission to acquire the property of the smaller exchange.

The Coos Bay Water company announces improvements in its system which involves the expenditure of \$150,000 and includes the latest filtering plant, capable of taking stain from the water supply, which is the principle objection of consumers.

A total of 99,090 visitors called at the Eagle creek camp and picnic grounds on the Columbia highway during the season of May 15 to September 30, this year, according to a report from Albert Wiesendanger, forest ranger in charge of the camp.

The Douglas county budget committee has been appointed by the county court. The members are G. R. Bates, banker at Myrtle Creek; Joseph Lyons, banker and ex-county judge, Reedsport, and N. Rice, real estate dealer and ex-mayor of Roseburg.

As the result of an outbreak of smallpox among patients in the Oregon state hospital at Salem, it may be necessary to quarantine at least two wards in the institution.

Receipts of the state motor vehicle department for the month of October aggregated \$56,632.29, according to a report prepared by the secretary of state. Thus far this year the receipts have totaled \$5,315,625.18.

A. J. Grogg, farm supervisor at the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem, is suffering from numerous injuries as the result of being attacked by a blacktail buck deer which recently was imported from Baker county.

The jury in the case of J. R. Hales, tried in the Coos county circuit court at Marshfield, returned a verdict of not guilty after 45 minutes' deliberation. Hales killed George Holmes in Hales' home in North Bend.

Tests of sugar beets grown by 17 Marion county farmers have proved so satisfactory that the chambers of commerce at Salem and Portland are much interested in the possibility of establishing refineries in that section.

H. F. Schillings, receiver of the First National bank of Bandon, which closed April 2, has announced that the first dividend amounting to 30 per cent would be paid depositors and creditors the latter part of November.

Continued dry weather, the hunting season and the burning of brush and slashings by logging operators and settlers are combining to create serious fire hazards in the national forests of western Oregon, according to the Portland office of the forest service.

The Associated Stores, of Salem, was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. The enterprise now owns 12 stores, located in Salem, Dallas, Newport, Toledo, Silverton, Monmouth and Hebo, and has options that probably will increase their stores to 40.

After running through the entire fire season safely, with no fires extending over more than one-fourth of an acre, lightning set a fire which spread to an area of between two and one-half and five acres on Blowout creek, above Detroit, Supervisor C. C. Hall of the Santiam national forest, reports.

The final chapter in action brought by Jefferson county against H. C. Topping, defaulting sheriff, under American Surety company of New York, his bondsmen, was closed when the county clerk the sum of \$2633.19. The county clerk authorized the clerk to satisfy the judgment in full.

Creamery robbers, believed to be the same who have looted numerous creameries all over the Willamette valley and at various places in the state of Washington, took 700 pounds of butter from the creamery at Jefferson, piled it on the creamery platform and left it there, evidently having been scared away before they could complete the job. Thousands of pounds of butter have been taken from the various Oregon creameries during the past few months.