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U. S. PLANES
CRASH, SIX
MEN KILLED

Major Gearhart, Capt. Boyle
and 4 Enlisted Men Die at
Langley Field When Fokker
Crashes Into Martin Bomber
—One Man Jumps to Death
—Others Burned.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Guy L. Gearhart of Leavenworth, Kas., Captain Benton A. Doyle of St. Louis, Mo., and four enlisted men were killed at Langley field today when a Martin bombing plane carrying five of them and a Fokker scouting machine piloted by Major Gearhart collided while 250 feet in the air. Both machines crashed in flames.

The enlisted men killed were: Staff Sergeant Marsick, Cleveland, Private F. J. Blunka, Chicago, Private Thomas Jordan, Deep Step, Ga., Private Leon Rolas, Philadelphia.

The bomber, piloted by Captain Doyle, was leading a formation and was making a bank when the Fokker rose in the air from a long take-off. The smaller machine struck the bomber almost amidship, cutting off the tail. Both planes hovered a moment, then both broke into flames and crashed.

Private Rolas leaped from the bomber, as it neared the earth, but was fatally injured. He died while being placed in an ambulance.

The others were pinned underneath the two machines and before aid could reach them, their bodies were burned almost beyond recognition.

ANTI-KLAN BILL
UP IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Investigation of the Ku Klux Klan activities by a house committee, which would be directed to "recommend if necessary, proper disciplinary action," was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Ryan, republican of New York.

The resolution also called for an examination of the financial condition of the organization.

It was declared in the resolution that the Klan was un-American, that it had expended "large sums for the building of palaces" and had issued "propaganda of religious bigotry and racial hatred."

Legion Courtmartials
A Certain Member

Candidates were lauded to the skies in speeches by their adherents at the American Legion meeting last night, which will be the last meeting before election of post officers.

Considerable feeling has been aroused among legionnaires through charges brought against a prominent member, came to the boiling point last night with the result that a court martial was convened following the regular session, and the member was forcibly brought before the court to answer the charges against him. Due to the excellent defense presented by the accused man's counsel he was cleared of the charges, but admonished by the court to be more liberal in the matter of watermelons next season.

NAVAL LIMITATION PACT HAS ALREADY
SAVED U. S. A. OVER \$40,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—How the naval limitation treaty already has curtailed the manufacture of navy ordnance was portrayed in the annual report today of the navy department's ordnance bureau.

Although the treaty's scrapping provisions will not become effective until the instrument has been ratified by all the signatory powers, the government has stopped construction work on a sufficient number of vessels to effect a considerable saving in expenditures for armor, armament and munitions. A total of \$47,476,000 had been appropriated for ord-

John D. Gives Bells
to N. Y. Church in
Memory of His Wife

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A carillon of 42 bells, said to be larger than any now in this country, will be hung in the Park Avenue Baptist church, as a gift from John D. Rockefeller, in memory of Mrs. Rockefeller.

Mr. Rockefeller already has ordered the bells from Croydon, England, it became known today.

The only other carillon of the sort in the United States is said to be planned for Grace Episcopal church, Plainfield, N. J., where an anonymous donor has given a set of 23 bells.

MELLON FAVORS
ELIMINATION OF
TAX EXEMPTIONS

Secy. of Treasury Says Time
Has Come to Face the Facts
— Urges Amendment to
Constitutions—Also for Re-
duction of Sur Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Reduction of the maximum income tax rate from the present 50 per cent to not more than 25 per cent and the closing up so far as possible of existing avenues of escape from federal taxes are urged by Secretary Mellon in his annual report, transmitted today to congress. No general revision of the revenue laws is proposed, nor are additional taxes suggested.

Mr. Mellon expressing the hope of meeting any indicated government deficit through collection of back taxes and income from other sources.

The treasury secretary informs congress that to attempt alone to stop the gaps through which there is an avoidance of tax payments to the government, will not be enough because the existing rates of surtax "put such heavy pressure on the larger taxpayers to reduce their taxable incomes that new ones would surely be found. He adds that the high rates "sound productive," but that the fact remains that they are becoming increasingly ineffective and are yielding less and less revenue each year.

Then bluntly he tells congress the time has come to "face the facts squarely" and to correct the artificial conditions which now prevail and which, he asserts, are not wholesome from the point of view of business or industrial development and at the same time are impairing the revenues of the government.

The more important of the methods used by the taxpayers to reduce the amount of income subject to taxation are listed by Mr. Mellon as follows:

Deduction of losses on sales of capital assets, with the failure to realize on capital gains.

Exchange of property and securities so as to avoid taxable gains.

Investment in tax-exempt securities.

Division of property, creation of trusts and the like.

"Not all of these things can be controlled by law or by regulation," he continued, "and most of them lead to unnatural and frequently harmful economic results. To reach the evil thing most necessary is the reduction of the surtax rates themselves, in order to reduce the pressure for avoidance and maintain the revenues derived from the surtax."

"Until some such readjustment is made, the yield of the higher surtaxes will tend, in the ordinary course of events, to drop toward the vanishing point. The wise course is to reform the surtaxes now while the system still functions and at the same time to close, so far as possible, the

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9 MILLIONS
TO ENFORCE
PROHI LAW

Appropriation \$250,000 Less
Than Last Year, But Work
Will Not Be Handicapped—
Commissioner Haynes Is
Pleased With Progress—
Sees Less Law Violations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Nine million dollars for enforcement of prohibition or \$250,000 less than authorized last year, is provided for in the 1923-24 treasury supply bill reported by the appropriations committee today to the house.

The committee report stated that while "the smaller amount would cause a slight decrease in the prohibition organization personnel, bureau officials did not believe the reduction will handicap their work in any appreciable extent."

The total for all purposes carried in the bill is \$115,119,810, which is \$3,725,018 less than last year and \$2,317,958 below the budget estimate.

Dry Crisis Here

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The crisis in the federal prohibition enforcement fight has been reached, in the opinion of Commissioner Haynes, it was disclosed today in reports of recent hearings before a house appropriations sub-committee. In asking \$9,000,000 for the next fiscal year for his department Mr. Haynes said that if a similar amount were allowed for prohibition enforcement continuously for five or six years, a reduction then ought to be possible, but that the critical period for enforcement is now at hand.

Mr. Haynes said there were 3800 men employed in the work of prohibition enforcement. Because the appropriation asked for next year represents a reduction of \$250,000 from this year's outlay, he said there would be a slight reduction in his force.

He said that he was "gratified" with the present functioning of his enforcement machinery and that the department was securing "fine co-operation from states and counties in the main. Courts were becoming more sympathetic" he asserted and jail sentences and fines were becoming heavier.

Tightening Up

"There is a general disposition to tighten up," he added.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, he said, there were 20,453 convictions in federal courts for violations of the prohibition law. Acquittals numbered 4,625, cases dropped 3217 and civil cases disposed of 544. At the end of the year, he said, 15,910 cases were pending in federal courts, bringing the total of cases handled to 44,779. These figures, he said, did not include cases in state courts. Fines in federal courts which were deposited in the treasury, he placed at \$2,791,000.

Buying Evidence

Mr. Haynes asked for \$150,000 for "buying evidence" and told the committee \$139,000 had been spent in that way during the last year.

The prohibition commissioner underwent a long examination by Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusetts, who inquired particularly about the method of handling the department's publicity. Mr. Gallivan referred to what he termed the wildly extravagant statements he said emanated from the bureau, one of which he said credited Mr. Haynes with having asserted that 20,000,000 Americans had "gone on the water wagon" since the enactment of the Volstead act. Mr. Haynes denied knowledge of the statement.

Mr. Haynes said there had been a "splendid reaction" by the public towards his department's work and clashed with Mr. Gallivan over the results of the elections of November 7. Mr. Gallivan citing the voting down in his state of an enforcement measure, and the commissioner asserting that prohibition had won where "conditions were normal."

In reply, Mr. Haynes admitted increased arrests under the narcotic law during the last fiscal year, but attributed it to the "increased inefficiency of the narcotic division and not to the prohibition laws."

LaFollette Attacks Merger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An attack on the proposed merger of the Armour and Morris meat packing concerns was made in the senate today by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, who declared that the packers were seeking immunity in advance from President Harding and government officials.

Minnesota Farmer
to Lead Attack On
Butler Nomination



Pierce Butler.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Arguments opposing confirmation of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, as an associate justice of the supreme court, probably will be heard tomorrow behind closed doors by a senate judiciary sub-committee. Senator-elect Shipstead, farmer-laborite of Minnesota, will be the first witness.

The judiciary committee met today and appointed Chairman Nelson and Senators Cummins, republican, Iowa, and Walsh, democrat, Montana, to hear testimony regarding the qualifications of Mr. Butler, who is a democrat.

SECRETARY FALL
CLAIMS SUCCESS
IN DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Use and development of the country's natural resources under control of the interior department have contributed in great measure to national stabilization and prosperity, Secretary Fall declared today in his annual report. The secretary listed the more outstanding of these contributions as opportunities for home making upon public lands by returned soldiers and other citizens; the discovery of new oil fields; development of existing fields and increasing production of oil and its products; the exploitation of coal deposits, and the opening of mines in the western states.

Incidentally, the interior secretary declared, these developments have resulted in very substantial cash returns to the federal treasury and to the various states in which these mineral resources have been developed under leasing laws.

The outstanding administrative accomplishment of the department during the fiscal year ended June 30 was declared to be the reaching almost of current work in both the land office and the pension office. The examination of final homestead proofs is current in the former office, a situation which has not existed for many years, the secretary said. This, he added, has already resulted in placing in the hands of the people assets valued at more than \$30,000,000 and has been done without increase in force of that office and in the face of greatly increasing work.

Wider extension of the reclamation policy in former arid lands of the west was recommended in the report, which showed that while funds were restricted for that work the achievements of the reclamation service justified the continuation of the reclamation policy. One new irrigation project was started despite lack of funds, and the total value of crops raised on reclaimed lands was estimated at more than \$475,000,000. The benefits in the way of making homes, increase of food production and addition to the national wealth by the reclamation of lands make that work of great value in return to prosperity, the report asserted.

Education of Indians, which falls to the lot of the interior department, has been greatly promoted. The attendance at Indian schools for the past year was 3000 greater than in any previous year. A special effort to provide greater health facilities to the Indian through more hospitals and more extensive nursing service was made.

PRESIDENT OPPOSED TO
MADDEN AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Elimination of the Madden amendment to the shipping bill, giving congress control over the extension of government aid to shipping companies, was urged by President Harding in a letter written to Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee and presented to the committee today when it took up the measure.

ENTIRE U. S.
IN GRIP OF
STORM KING

Terrific Gales Lash Pacific
Coast and Deluge Land With
Rain—Record Snow Fall in
Sierras—Middle West in
Grip of Sub-Zero Tempera-
tures.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—One of the fiercest storms of the year lashed the Pacific coast with rain and snow last night and early today from northern Washington to San Francisco and from far at sea to the Sierra range, forming Nevada's western boundary.

The United States weather bureau reported an off-shore gale of 72 miles an hour at Cape Flattery, Wash., at the height of the storm, while a southerly gale of 44 miles tossed shipping about Point Reyes, Cal.

Flood like rains fell throughout the storm area, while one cold flank of the great disturbance brought the snow pack to more than 18 inches, which is the record at Summit, Cal. The storm is continuing today over a widening area with a corresponding decrease in temperature.

The storm warnings were taken down off the northern California and northwest coast today but were put out on the southern California coast from San Diego to Port San Luis.

The rain will continue for at least 24 hours from 5 a. m. today, the weather bureau says.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Still holding the northwest in a chilling grip of sub-zero temperatures, winter continued its belated advance today into the southland causing marked drops in temperatures as far south as Texas and calling forth predictions of colder weather in the lake region, the great central valleys and the east gulf states.

In the upper lake region, the zero and sub-zero weather was accompanied by a sixty mile wind driving before it a snow storm that practically tied up shipping.

Reports indicated that the cold wave still centered in North Dakota and Montana, Havre, Montana, and Elliston, North Dakota, reported the coldest temperatures in the country last night, the mercury going past six below.

While the east and middle west did not suffer from the unusual cold prevalent in the northwest the east nevertheless felt a severe wind that swept over the Lake Ontario region. Temperatures in the eastern states ranged from 20 to 40 degrees above.

The cold wave still obtained in the northern part of the Rocky Mountain region with a prediction of rain or snow and colder weather supplanting the mild weather that has prevailed in the southern Rocky Mountain region for the past few days.

Temperatures among the Pacific states early today ranged from 20 to 58 degrees.

TURKS PROMISE
TO COME DOWN
FROM HIGH HORSE

LAUSANNE, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The entente plan for keeping open the straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus in time of peace and war provides for commission of an international committee of great powers, including the United States, as well as Turkey and the countries bordering on the Black sea.

A change of front by the Turkish delegates was forecast while the conference was in session. A Turkish spokesman outside the auditorium said the Turkish position on the straits control would probably be found nearer to the allied plan than to the Russian.

Lord Curzon of Great Britain, in the name of the allies, presented the details of this comprehensive project.

The Turks, it appeared, had suddenly realized that the Russian plan for control by Turkish warships would force Turkey to build a navy. Hence doubts had risen in the minds of the Turkish delegates who seemed more disposed to negotiate a scheme for neutralization of the straits at the Black sea with some form of international control.

3,433,204 Gallons of
Booze Disappear in
Dry U. S. A. in Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—There were 38,826,195 gallons of taxable liquors in distilleries and bonded warehouses when the last count was made June 30, last, according to a table filed with the house appropriation committee by the bureau of internal revenue, and made public today.

To show how it is disappearing, the amount under government control and guard was 3,433,204 gallons less than on the same date in 1921.

Here's how much there is:

Whiskey 36,588,567 gallons; rum 384,011; gin 987,884; high wines 1,073; alcohol 543,347.

COUNCIL GRANTS
DEMAND FOR AN
AUDIT OF BOOKS

Offer of Citizens and Tax-
payers' League to Pay for
Audit of City Books, Ac-
cepted at Meeting of Coun-
cil—Audit Starts 1923.

At the next to the last regular meeting of the city council held last night all members were present, with the exception of Mayor C. E. Gates. Following the routine business, a communication from the Citizens and Taxpayers' league came under consideration and was agreed pro and con for a few minutes by Councilmen Keene, Dressler and Gaddis and City Attorney Means.

The communication was as follows:

"Medford, Ore., Dec. 5, 1922.

"To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon:

"Gentlemen:

"We, the undersigned, a committee representing the taxpayers and residents of Medford, Oregon, who believe that it is to the best interest of the city that a complete examination and audit of the city books be made so that a report can be given of the financial standing of the city that will be comprehensive and exact, and not wishing to have anything further to say in regard to the financial condition of the city without the information which an examination of the books will give, respectfully ask that permission be granted to the undersigned committee to secure auditors for the purpose of auditing the books of the city of Medford on behalf of the citizens and taxpayers of said city.

"It is understood that this committee will bear the entire expense of the audit, that the examination will be permitted to be made at the earliest date possible and that a complete copy of the report will be furnished the city, the press and the citizens and taxpayers of Medford.

"We respectfully ask that we be permitted to start this work before the end of this month.

"Respectfully Submitted,

"CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS LEAGUE.

"WM. BAYS,
"JOHN H. BOWMAN,
"EARL H. FEHL,
"Committee."

Councilman Dressler made a motion that the committee of the Citizens and Taxpayers' league be allowed to furnish a certified public accountant of the state of Oregon, approved by the city council, to audit the city books and that a deposit sufficient to cover the expense of the audit be placed with the city treasurer before the audit commenced. Furthermore, that the audit should not commence until after the closing of the books on December 31, 1922 and that the books should not be taken from the city hall.

It was provided that the work of

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LOS ANGELES SKUNK SUCCESSFULLY
DEFENDS HOME AGAINST PROHI RAID

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—A skunk successfully defended its home from a raid by a prohibition enforcement agent whose identity was kept secret today by himself and his superior officers.

The skunk's home is in a barn back of the home of Benjamin Razotto, who was arrested on charges of violation of the Volstead act. After searching the Razotto home and confiscating six gallons of liquor, but

SEARCH LAND
SEA AND AIR
FOR VAMPIRE

Highways and Byways Being
Combed for Mrs. Phillips,
Convicted Murderess, Who
Escaped Yesterday—Hus-
band and Girl Pal Rounded
Up, But No Trace of Clara.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Highways and the desert in Lower California, the sea and the air are being watched for Mrs. Clara Phillips, while authorities are also investigating possibilities that she may be in hiding in or near Los Angeles. Finding of principal figures in the hammer murder case involving beating to death of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, for which Mrs. Phillips was convicted and under sentence when she escaped yesterday morning from the county jail here, complicated theories of who assisted in the jail break.

In Los Angeles her husband, Armour Phillips, is under technical arrest while officers are investigating



Mrs. Clara Phillips.

doubts cast upon his alibi of having slept in a hotel room for five hours before until five hours after his wife's dramatic dash for liberty across the jail roof. Mrs. Peggy Caffee, former chorus girl chum and chief state witness against Mrs. Phillips, likewise was located here, thus dissipating theories that she may have been kidnapped in connection with the escape of Mrs. Phillips.

Overnight reports from Tijuana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, indicate that a close watch is being maintained along channels, sea and air, that lead to the property of relatives of Mrs. Phillips on the west coast of Mexico.

Two airplanes were reported seen late yesterday flying southward below the border.

MULTNOMAH CO. TO
AID HOOD LOOP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—Provision for participation in construction of the Mount Hood Loop road by Multnomah county was voted yesterday by the tax supervision and conservation commission which approved a budget item of \$170,000 for this purpose. In voting favorably upon this item the commission reversed its position of last year when it turned down an item of \$15,000 which was to match a like amount of state funds devoted to construction of the road.