

CALIFORNIA GAS TAX FRAUD HINT IS INVESTIGATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Investigation of a purported gasoline tax swindle against the state of California by which a number of petroleum companies are asserted to have mulcted the state out of revenue estimated at between \$100,000 and \$5,000,000, was started today under orders from Governor C. C. Young.

Following the receipt of a letter by Attorney General U. S. Webb, in which five leading oil companies requested an immediate inquiry into alleged gasoline tax frauds, Governor Young last night in Los Angeles ordered the state board of equalization to furnish him with all facts available and promised an immediate investigation "despite any attempts to quash proceedings."

H. G. Cattell, southern California member of the state board of equalization, which is responsible for the administration of the gasoline tax law, said he had five auditors working over the books of oil companies in an effort to discover which were involved in the alleged fraud. Cattell said he did not believe the amount of money involved would approximate \$5,000,000 as reported here, adding that his investigation indicated it would be around \$500,000.

MULLAN SHERIFF QUILTS, DECLARING HE IS INNOCENT

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Repeatedly declaring his innocence of wrong doing, Sheriff R. E. Weniger of Shoshone county, convicted of participation in a conspiracy to violate liquor laws, submitted his resignation to the county commissioners.

"I have an inner consciousness of being innocent of any crime of any kind, character or description," the sheriff wrote. He added that he did not care to become involved in the chaotic condition that would result if litigation were resorted to settle the question of whether he could be removed from office as a result of his conviction. He was accused with Mullan city officials and others of participation in the so-called "whiskey rebellion."

ENGLAND CURBS CRIME WAVE BY APPLYING WHIP

LONDON (AP)—Violent crime, timidly lifting up its head in England, is being scourged back into submission with that old familiar implement of justice—the cat-o-nine-tails.

For while Englishmen love to read about crimes of violence, and detest particularly on exaggerated accounts of criminal reigns of terror in America's big cities, they don't like crimes of violence in their own country. In fact, they won't stand for them.

No English magistrates are so hesitating to revive the old custom.

Magistrates at Leeds, Liverpool and Middlesbrough have answered violence with the whip in recent cases, and here in London's famous criminal court, the Old Bailey, judges have been shaking the dust off the cat-o-nine-tails and letting brutal offenders learn how it feels to be treated brutally. The magistrate who sentenced a man to 18 months' imprisonment for attacking a girl and robbing her did not stop with that. He ordered fifteen strokes with the cat by way of emphasis.

Another justice, sentencing a painter who had followed a servant girl home and beaten and robbed her, ordered 18 lashes with the cat to supplement his incarceration.

"You treated that girl with ferocious cruelty," he told the prisoner, "and the only thing to do is to make you suffer something like the pain you inflicted on her."

A very tough young fellow, and proud of it, who helped another ruffian beat and rob an old man, was given nine months' imprisonment and 12 strokes with the cat. His companion, even tougher than he, got 15 months' hard labor and 18 lashes.

Flogging is not, of course, a legal punishment for all offenses. And since 1791 it has been illegal to flog a woman, no matter what her offense.

Falls Two Miles in Coma

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Lieutenant D. D. Graves, U. S. A., has fallen more than two miles unconscious and lived to tell about it. In a test at Rockwell Field, Calif., 25,000 feet up, a fitting on the oxygen tank of his plane gave way. The plane went into a tailspin. After it had descended 12,000 feet, Graves came to, got the ship under control and landed safely.

KANSAS U. HAS FAIR GOALIE



Florence Kiecker is the University of Kansas' hockey team's classic goalie. She is also a member of the girls' basketball and baseball teams.

RUM GUARDSMEN PLANE ON WAY TO FEAR NEW ATTACK RESCUE EIELSON AS PRESS BLAMED LOST IN ALASKA

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Police were on the alert tonight to prevent a recurrence of attacks on coast guardsmen in retaliation for the killing of three rum runners.

The district about the state pier where the base is situated and amusement places frequented by guardsmen were under their close surveillance. The men themselves were advised to be cautious as the result of beating given two of their number shortly after last midnight by a gang of men.

Coxswain George A. Cadoret, of Pawtucket, R. I., attached to the destroyer Arcton was set upon while taking a short cut to the base, and was cut and bruised. One of the gang asked him if he were a member of the crew of the CG-229 which fired on the rum runner "Black Duck" in Narragansett bay last Sunday, killing three men and wounding a fourth. He said he wasn't but was a coast guardman.

"Well, that's good enough for us," was the reply and he became the target of lying fists.

Immediately after he reported the affair to his superior officers, a squad of guardsmen was sent out to search for the men.

In the meantime, a second guardman, whose name was not learned, called New London police and said he had been attacked and beaten. Police were dispatched to the railroad yards near the base and heard the men talking on the other side of a string of freight cars, when one of the policemen slipped and fell, warning was given them and they fled.

Captain L. T. Chalkor, chief of staff, in a statement today, blamed the attack, which followed an outbreak in Boston in protest against the coast guard's firing on the rum runner, on widespread newspaper publicity, he said. The facts were distorted in an attempt to revile the coast guards.

ROYAL INVALID LIST VERY LONG

LONDON (UP)—The year 1929 has been hard one on European royalty. The list of royal invalids has been a long and formidable one.

King George, Prince George and Princess Royal of England all have been confined to bed, but are now in good health. The sickness of England's king was the gravest of all.

The Crown Prince of Denmark has been another one of the 1929 list. King Manoel of Portugal, recently underwent an operation. The latest victim is Prince Paul of Greece, bothered with throat and nose trouble.

Believes Thing to Cops

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Joe Chatterton knows how to handle visiting gunmen. A fellow hailed Joe's taxi, pressed a pistol at his back and told him to keep on driving. Joe obeyed, but had a hunch the fellow was a stranger in town. Joe kept stepping on the gas until he came to a police station.

Eng.—Radio beacon will be installed in this city to guide traffic on coast air lines.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Harold Clifford, state game warden, announced today that trappers of Baker, Malheur, Grant and Harney counties will meet at Burns, Ore., January 15 to discuss primary plans for the formation of a trapper's organization of mutual benefit.

Astoria.—New laundry may be established in this city.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Sam Brown of Gervasa, state senator from Marion county, announced today that he would be a candidate to succeed himself. Lloyd Reynolds of Salem, Brown's associate in the upper house of the legislature, said that he had not definitely made up his mind but would probably be a candidate.

Classified Advertising gets results

MARTINSBURG, W. Va.—(AP)—Struck by a snowball between the eyes, Frank Hartley, 20, is dead. Three days after he was hit he became unconscious and he died one day after reaching a hospital.

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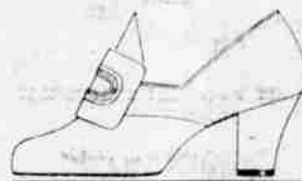
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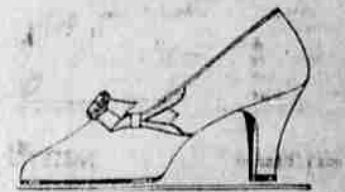
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