

## GENERAL BUTLER LIKELY WINNER IN COURT MARTIAL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 19.—(United News)—Colonel Alexander Williams' court-martial, which was in the nature of the 'morning after' to the cocktail party in honor of the arrival here last March 6 of Brigadier Smedley Butler, came to an end Monday when the court revealed tacitly that it had found Williams guilty of public drunkenness.

The verdict was a great victory for General Butler, who had caused a national sensation by having his host arrested following a scene at the fashionable Hotel del Coronado in which Williams staggered drunkenly under an overload of his own cocktails.

The exact findings of the naval tribunal were not revealed, but the fact that Colonel Williams was not called in to hear himself pronounced innocent indicated clearly, according to court-martial procedure, that the verdict was against him.

**Papers Forwarded**  
All papers in the case have been forwarded to Washington, where they must be approved by the secretary of the navy.

Meanwhile Williams does not know whether his punishment is to be dismissal from the service or demotion in rank.

General Butler, who came here to relieve Williams as commander of the marine base after a hectic two years as safety director of Philadelphia, lost no time supplementing his victory with a warning to other tipplers among the local "devil dog" contingent.

"There could be no other verdict," he said. Williams was drunk and it was my duty to have him cited for court-martial.

"Now I am going to dry up this marine base. There will be a house cleaning and there will be no more cocktail parties in which marine officers under my command are guests."

"An officer, above everyone else, should respect the constitution. We have a dry law and it must be enforced."

**Nothing to Say.**  
Colonel Williams would make no statement about the verdict. He appeared surprised, however, as many of his fellow officers had testified before the court-martial board that he did not appear to be drunk on the night of the party.

Williams' trial attracted wide attention. It involved the unique personality of General Butler in the still more unique role of public accuser of his host and predecessor. Society folk were extremely amused by the first reports of the affair, which indicated that Butler had been guilty of extremely bad taste in turning so savagely on the man who was entertaining him.

At the court-martial, however, it developed that Butler had tried to avoid the embarrassing situation by turning his head away.

**Did His Duty.**  
The general said that Williams kept running after him and insisting that he take one of the "very mild" cocktails. Finally, after the guests had removed to the Coronado hotel for dancing, Butler saw Williams staggering through the lobby supported by Mrs. Williams and a captain. This was too much for the "bone dry" general and next day he did his duty. Williams was cited for drunkenness.

At the trial Williams' attorney attacked Butler's charges from every angle. They introduced testimony intended to show that the general was nearly blind in one eye, that he was ill and irresponsible, that Williams was "doped," with a powerful drug, that he was merely suffering from the effects of tropical fever and that Butler "framed" the testimony of several junior officers.

Butler's reply was that he and his aides—two of them agreed with him—saw Williams "staggering drunk," and that he was doing his duty in bringing the charges.

### FORCE WORTHLESS MONEY

PEKING, April 19.—(United News)—Chang Tso-lin's troops are in possession of Peking and already have created a tense situation by compelling merchants to accept Manchurian military paper money. This money is worthless in exchange.

Fifteen hundred Manchurian soldiers already are inside the city and more are coming.

Tsun Chi-jui, provisional chief executive originally installed on Chang Tso-lin's orders, continues to hold office, but asserts he is eager to retire at the earliest opportunity.

## Completes Solitary 35,000 Mile Circumnavigation of World



"Blue Water Medal," awarded every five years, by the Cruising Club of America, for the most conspicuous accomplishment in deep water navigation in that period, goes next to Harry Pidgeon, Los Angeles photographer, who has just completed a 35,000 mile voyage around the world alone. He is seen with his craft.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT MENACED UNLESS VOTERS WAKE UP

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election of practically all public officials and the direct nomination of most of them, there is no opportunity for an expression of public opinion, except at the ballot box.

### Selfish Will Go.

"It is perfectly evident that all those who have selfish interests will go to the polls and will be active and energetic in securing support for their proposals and their candidates."

"Citizenship in America is not a private enterprise, but a public function. Although I have indicated that it is my firm conviction that this requirement will be met it can not be denied that if it is not met disaster will overtake the whole fabric of our institutions."

The president said that success and prosperity had brought with them their own perils, that in the "splendor and glamor of success" the moral sense is "sometimes blinded," and that in many quarters "there is a lack of reverence for authority and obedience to law," but it "is not in violence and crime that our greatest danger lies," he said.

### Danger to Shirk.

"These evils are so perfectly apparent that they very quickly arouse the moral power of the people for their suppression. A far more serious danger lurks in the shirking of those responsibilities of citizenship, where the evil may not be so noticeable, but is more insidious, and likely to be more devastating."

"We live in a republic. A vital principle of that form of government is representation. More and more as our population increases it becomes necessary to express their will through their duly chosen delegates."

"If we are to maintain the principle that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the government, if we are to have any measure of self-government, if the voice of the people is to rule, if representatives are truly to reflect the popular will, it is altogether necessary that in each election there should be a fairly full participation by the qualified voters. This is far from being the case in recent years."

### Once Led World

America once led the world in getting out the vote, Coolidge said. Now it has dropped far behind, he declared, citing figures to show that in England, Germany, Italy, Canada and Australia a greater percentage of voters go to the polls than in this country, where the average in the last two presidential elections has been less than fifty per cent, and that despite a sincere effort on the part of numerous organizations to get out the vote.

"Since 1880," he said, "there has been a marked increase in the tendency to remain away from the polls on the part of those entitled to vote. But despite a steady decline in the vote in the five presidential elections in the period 1880-1896, there was a voting average of 80 per cent. For the last two presi-

## VOLCANO ROCKING HAWAIIAN ISLAND MENACES VILLAGE

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hurler further destruction as her answer. Older natives now declare that only human sacrifice will appease the wrathful goddess.

Two hours before Hoopuloa was engulfed in lava priests had led the hundred villagers through the weird pagan rites that have always been used to appease the goddess. As the noise of the chanting died there was a roar above the pall of smoke, the earth trembled and the lava moved, on relentlessly toward the cluster of huts.

Following the priests the natives fled to higher points, away from the stream. This was the story told by the priests themselves to some of the younger natives, who came in on the steamer Monday night.

### Kilauea Quiet.

Asked if there will be another "Kahunas" or pagan service, the old priests shook their heads.

"Madame Pele will not listen," they said.

All this, say the older ones, is because some one refused to administer to the wants of the goddess when she went among the huts, begging for food a few weeks ago.

Throughout the bursts of flame and the quakes Kilauea remains silent. The great crater is lavaless and shows no sign of sympathetic activity.

Dr. Thomas Jaggard and other scientists believe the present eruption will be the greatest on record. The island is overcast by the smoke, and only occasionally can the flashes of fire be seen, but the ever increasing volume of lava tells the story, they say.

Nothing can be salvaged from Hoopuloa and even the records are gone, for the postoffice, the last to be destroyed, was completely buried.

### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

SPARKSBROOK, Eng., April 19.—Enraged because his wife had her hair bobbed, Enoch Johnson pulled the offending locks, threw a coffee pot at his daughter, hit his eldest son with the family dog, which he had grabbed by the tail, and tossed the cat across the room at a picture of Lady Astor. His wife was granted a separation.

denial elections the average has been less than 50 per cent.

"It was hoped that giving, the vote to women would arouse a more general interest in the obligations of election day. That has not yet proved to be the case."

He said it has been estimated that women had cast only 37 per cent of the 27,996,000 votes cast in the presidential election of 1920.

"Some say the percentage of feminine vote was greater in 1924. Others say it was less."

"I am not disposed to accept these conclusions as altogether fair to the women. And it stands to reason that it would take some time for them to become used to exercising the privilege which had belonged to the men of this country for many generations."

## AIR PARTY STILL FAILS TO REPORT

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 19.—Captain George Wilkins, who left by airplane for Point Barrow last Thursday, has failed to report to other members of the Detroit Arctic expedition since passing Wiseman on the northward flight.

On two previous trips to Barrow with gasoline and supplies, Wilkins radioed his whereabouts when possible. The period since Thursday has been the longest to pass without word of the expedition's leader since he and Pilot Ben Ellison started flights to the northern base.

With Sergeant Wisely at the stick the three engine monoplane which has been laid up for repairs Monday took the air in its most successful practice flight from the Fairbanks field. The plane, the Detroit, soared about for nearly an hour.

The overland party headed by A. Malcom Smith, taking supplies north by dog sled, has not reached Point Barrow, it was announced at the expedition's headquarters here.

### QUAKE IN AZORES

LONDON, April 19.—(United News)—A succession of violent earth tremors caused a panic among the inhabitants of Horta, the seaport capital of the island of Fayal in the Azores, Sunday and Monday, according to dispatches reaching London.

This is the second report of earthquakes in Horta within the last few weeks. The last shock there three weeks ago, made necessary considerable repairs on the harbor lighthouse.

### MARRIES PARTNER.

PARIS, April 19.—(United News)—Maurice Mouvet, famous Paris dancer, who has lost many partners when they have deserted him for matrimony, has at last taken a protective measure against such losses in the future.

In announcing his marriage Monday to Eleonora Ambrose of Kansas City, Mouvet declared that he was marrying his latest dancing partner so that he would be assured of her company on the stage for the remainder of his life.

### THEATERS DISPLACE CHURCHES

FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 19.—Two historic houses of worship, the Trinity English Lutheran and the Plymouth Congregational churches, soon are to be torn down here to make way for moving picture theaters. Bill boards will stand in what were once quiet churchyards.



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## BANDITS STAGE A \$12,000 HAUL

Bandit Auto Drives Along  
Side Electric Co. Collection Car

PORTLAND, April 19.—(United News)—Portland police Monday were investigating one of the daring daylight robberies on record which occurred here Sunday when four men held up the collection car of the Portland Electric company, and escaped with \$12,000.

The hold-up was staged in an uptown district and was witnessed by scores of citizens. It went off without a hitch, the bandits escaping in an automobile bearing false license plates.

The collection car, driven by J. S. Hicks, had completed its rounds and carried funds for all business transacted by the electric line Saturday. It is not an armored car. The bandit machine drove alongside of it, two men leaping to the running board and at the point of guns forced delivery of the money, which weighed about 600 pounds.

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