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MARSHAL SERVES WARRANTS

ADVOCATING "HOME OPTION," PROHIBITION DIRECTOR SAYS PROHIBITION CAN'T PROHIBIT

Woodcock's Statement to Wickersham Commission Causes Sensation When Revealed to Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—A self-styled "confession" that prohibition cannot prohibit and a suggestion for "home option" as the final solution of the prohibition problem were made to the Wickersham commission by A. W. W. Woodcock, prohibition director.

This was disclosed in the material and evidence submitted tonight by the commission to the senate. Woodcock's lengthy statement contended that his "confession" would be challenged but his theory was that it did not mean the failure of the prohibition experiment.

By "home option" Woodcock explained he meant there should be no effort to overcome existing legal difficulties in carrying prohibition enforcement into the home. A home owner would be untroubled in his right to possess or to make liquor in his own home for his own use.

This was one of a number of sensational disclosures in a huge pile of evidence submitted by Chairman George W. Wickersham of the commission in responding to the Tydings resolution adopted by the senate. This resolution asked for all material not confidential.

Another feature of the mass of evidence was an opinion by Mabel Waler Wilbrandt, former federal dry chief and now representing Fruit Industries Incorporated, arguing that congress in passing the Volstead Act intended to give to house holders all leniency that could properly be given.

Recommendations by a commission investigator, Henry W. Dennison, for a 60 percent increase in duty agents, more coast guard destroyers, strict enforcement against small as well as large violators, a national clearing house with headquarters in Washington for exchange of information concerning federal law violation and a radio service to interconnect various dry law enforcement agents.

"There has not been any true test of the prohibition laws," Dennison said.

WASHINGTON EXAMPLE FOR YOUNG FOLKS
All-Church Banquet Last Evening At Baptist Church

Depleting everything sacred to the birthday of George Washington, the Baptist Young People's Union held an all-church banquet last evening.

Telling of the founding of the church, Mrs. Delkin stated that the local organization was begun in 1923.

Mrs. McGriff, representing the Women's Home Mission Society, showed how young people should emulate the name of Washington.

Jap Ship Makes Record Crossing

SEATTLE, Feb. 20 (AP)—Breaking all speed records for ship crossings of the Pacific ocean, the S. S. Empress of Japan arrived at Victoria, B. C., at 8:10 a. m. today, making the trip from Yokohama breakwater to Race Rocks in eight days, three hours and 12 minutes.

The time was more than three hours under her previous trans-Pacific record of eight days, six hours and 27 minutes, established on her maiden voyage last summer. The Japan, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, maintained a speed of 22 knots during her record run. Captain Samuel Robinson, most of the Japan, said he believed the Japan could negotiate the passage in less than eight days.

Captain Robinson was decorated by King George for his heroism during the Japanese earthquake. He was made commander of the British Empire for rescuing hundreds of people from the waters of Yokohama harbor which was covered by a burning mass of oil.

300,000 MEN TO BE EMPLOYED ON NEW WORK

Huge Government Program Under Way In Thirty Days

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—More than 300,000 unemployed men will be at work on government projects within 30 days, President Hoover said today.

While only 150,000 men were at work directly and indirectly under government contracts before the depression, 450,000 will be engaged on government buildings and works before another month has passed, he said.

As the final supply bills are passed by congress in the closing days of the session more jobs will be made available, Mr. Hoover added. He said that out of the \$700,000,000 construction program for the fiscal year beginning June 30, more than \$500,000,000 has been authorized by congress for immediate use.

"Of course, we will not be able to use all that sum at once," the President continued, "but it will enable us to still further expedite our program."

Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, added in the senate at the same time that Mr. Hoover would veto the bill.

Reed said he had telephoned Mr. Hoover and had been informed the bill would be vetoed and returned to congress by the middle of next week and not later than Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Hoover is expected to veto, presumably within the next few days, the veterans' loan bill which passed the senate last night by a vote of 72 to 12.

Senate and house advocates of the measure are confident of enough votes to override a veto, the house having voted nine to one for the bill, while the senate's approval was in the ratio of six to one.

But for early adjournment of the house the bill might have gone to the President last night. It will be signed today by Speaker Longworth and then dispatched to the White House.

This brief delay, according to Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, and others in the senate, may give Mr. Hoover the opportunity to exercise his right of "pocket veto."

They asserted that less than ten legislative days remain before the close of the present session of congress, explaining that neither March 4, the final day of the session, nor the day upon which the bill is sent to the White House, can be counted in such a reckoning.

This development was overshadowed, however, by word from the White House that the President intends to act upon the measure and not let it die for want of his signature.

YOUTH MAKES CONFESSION IN TORCH MURDER

Takes Fiancee to Theater After Burning Victim

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Charles L. Simpson, confessed slayer of the aged Mrs. Albina Voorhies in the "torch murder" of last Monday night, appeared today for arraignment but action was continued until February 25.

The delay was granted by Municipal Judge George Schoenfeld because Simpson had not yet hired counsel.

Just prior to his appearance, which was delayed for several minutes while the youth engaged his fiancee in a telephone conversation, Simpson indicated his bravado was melting and he was already beginning to think of ways to escape the consequences of his act.

"I was full of 'dynamite' whiskey," he told police. "I did not know what I was doing. Or else I must have been out of my head. I've had buzzing noises in my head for two years. Nobody in his right mind would do a thing like that!"

His nervous and haggard bearing was in sharp contrast to his phlegmatic conduct of last night, when he coolly told of how he slugged the aged woman into unconsciousness, ransacked her little shop of \$3 and some cookies and cigarettes, then poured oil over her body and ignited it.

Simpson, whose well-to-do and respected father owns the store building leased by Mrs. Voorhies, showed little remorse, police said, as he told how he slugged the woman into unconsciousness, ransacked the little shop of a few dollars and some cigarettes, then poured oil on her body and ignited it.

"She screamed when the flames lit up but I slugged her again," the asserted confession read. "Then I dragged her into the bathroom so the fire would burn better and ran."

"I guess I ought to hang for this."

The traditional return of a criminal to the scene of his crime brought about Simpson's arrest, Police Captain Charles Dullea said. In "thinking the crime out," Dullea believed the murderer would be found to be someone who knew Mrs. Voorhies and probably lived near her. Police watched the store and spotted Simpson going by.

By a coincidence the youth had been arrested before the slaying on a charge of stealing an automobile. As he left a courtroom yesterday after his arraignment on this charge he was arrested and questioned about the Voorhies case. Dullea said he admitted owning a gray cap found in the store and later signed a confession.

He needed money, Simpson said, and decided to rob Mrs. Voorhies. "Of course her knowing me, I knew I'd have to kill her to cover up, but I thought it'd be all o. k. if I burned the place down," the confession continued. "She let me in after hours when I said I wanted to buy some cookies. I had a heavy club and hit her with it."

"Then she tried to get back to the bedroom behind the shop and I followed her. I took some clothes and bound her hands and feet and sat her in a chair. Then I went through the store but I only found \$3."

After that, Simpson said he found some kerosene and poured it over the livingroom and his victim's clothes.

Police said Simpson spent the \$3 on tickets to take Mrs. Voorhies to the theater.

"It's terrible to think we enjoyed ourselves on that money," she told police. "We talked about the killing last Wednesday night and Charlie seemed terribly interested in it." He said, "the man who killed that old lady will remember it as long as he lives."

HOOPER DAM Storage Told By Dr. Mead
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Commissioner Mead of the reclamation bureau, said that Hoover dam would store enough water to cover New York state a foot deep.

The most hazardous part of the project, he said, would be the cofferdam which will divert the Colorado river through four diversion tunnels which will be completed in two years.

ARKANSAS TO SEEK NEVADA DIVORCEES

Governor Is Expected Put Signature on Measure

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 20 (AP)—The Arkansas divorce bill which would make this state a rival of Reno, passed the senate today by a 20 to 12 vote.

Governor Harvey Parnell is expected to sign it.

Legal residence for an applicant for a divorce under the bill is reduced from one year's residence to three months.

Mrs. Schroeder, Glenn Dague To Face Death

Governor Refuses To Interfere With Execution

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 20 (AP)—Governor Gifford Pinchot today refused to intervene in the case of Irene Schroeder and Glenn Dague, sentenced to be electrocuted at the Westergate penitentiary Monday and declined to issue a respite.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 20 (AP)—Alone in their cells in the Lawrence county jail after some farewell visits of relatives, Irene Schroeder, former waitress, and W. Glenn Dague, former salesman and choir singer, today counted the hours until their transfer to the death house at Rockview penitentiary.

Sometime before Sunday night the pair are to be taken to Rockview to pay with their lives for the killing of Corporal Brady Paul, Pennsylvania highway patrolman.

Relatives of Mrs. Schroeder paid their farewell visit to her last night after their return from Harrisburg where they had appealed to Governor Pinchot for a respite.

Mrs. Schroeder's five year old son, Dennis, companion on the flight from Butler to New Castle during which Paul was slain, was with them. Mrs. Theresa Hess Dague, wife of Dague, and her children, Marys, 7, and Delmar, 11, after an earlier farewell visit to their husband and father, returned to their home near Wheeling, W. Va., last night. They are not expected to visit Dague again.

While no official announcement was made concerning the visit of the relatives with Governor Pinchot, it was believed little hope for a respite was entertained.

\$11,000 FOR NINE SECONDS OF FIGHTING

DETROIT, Feb. 20 (AP)—Ray Miller of Chicago knocked out Johnny Jadiek of Philadelphia tonight with the first punch in the first round of a fight.

Miller weighed 135 and Jadiek 133 1/2. More than 10,000 fans paid \$11,000 to see nine seconds of fighting and a ten second count over the fallen fighter.

Vegas Girl Is Guest at Mills College Function

Dr. Horace Westwood of Boston was a guest of the junior class of Mills college recently and was entertained at luncheon by the president of the college and a group of students whom the president of the class, Miss Frances Vail of Atascadero, had invited to meet him personally in one of the private dining rooms of Orchard-Meadow hall.

Among the fifteen guest students present, was Miss Jean Nevada Fayle of Las Vegas, Nev., president of Orchard house.

Two members of the faculty were also guests of Miss Vail. President Aurelia Henry Reinhardt and Professor Lucy Lockwood Hazard.

PERUVIAN REVOLUTION IS FAILURE

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 20 (AP)—Reginald Skidmore of Bethlehem, Pa., was among those killed during the severe fighting which followed an attempt to overthrow the provisional government of Luis Sanchez Cerro today.

The revolt began at 3 a. m. and was quelled by late afternoon, but 60 or more lives were lost, including 40 loyalists and 20 insurgents.

The rebels were overpowered in a heavy battle after they had fled from Lima to Callao and taken refuge in an old fortress now used as a customs house.

Famous Singer's Condition Grave

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 20 (AP)—Dame Nellie Melba was in an exhausted and grave condition today after several days of critical illness.

Relatives summoned yesterday were in constant attendance.

The famous singer, who was born in Melbourne in 1865, was taken ill when she arrived by steamer last November. She was removed from the ship on a stretcher and has been confined to bed since.

Mme. Melba made her debut in 1887 as Gilda in Rigoletto at the Theatre de la Monnaie, Brussels. She scored a great success in Lucia di Lammermoor at the Royal Opera house, Covent Garden, in her first London appearance.

School Dance Was Enoyable Last Evening

A get-together dance was given last night by the High School Speech Club. All the upper grades and the high school classes were well represented. Larson and Long's orchestra furnished the music.

MUSCLE SHOALS COMPROMISE IS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—The compromise Muscle Shoals bill, providing for government operation of the power plant and lease of the nitrate plant to private industry for manufacture of fertilizer for farmers was given final approval by the house today.

The house adopted the conference report embodying the compromise and sent it to the senate.

"The vote was 216 to 153."

The house action came shortly after expectation of a "pocket veto" was expressed by Senator George W. Norris, Republican, Nebraska, who had campaigned ten years for a bill providing government operation and he is author of the resolution. A similar Norris measure was killed by pocket veto of President Coolidge four years ago.

Senate adoption of the conference report is believed to be assured and may come tomorrow. But even if it goes to the White House tomorrow, that will be within the ten day period allowed to the President for consideration of bills and the measure will die if he does not act on it. Persons close to the President represent him as not being fully acquainted with the contents and possibilities of the measure as finally adjusted.

The compromise as adopted provides that if a private operator does not lease the nitrate plant within a year, then the government is to operate these plants also.

Arizona Club Gets Federal Padlock Today; Abatement Proceedings Are Under Way

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20 (AP)—The first threatening letter in the Virginia Brooks case was reported here today by Mrs. Matilda Litman, who gave police information concerning the San Diego child shortly after Virginia disappeared in her way to school.

Mrs. Litman said she left her home at 1301 West Jefferson street and started for a grocery store when a man she never had seen before approached her. Handing her the note, the man fled.

Two days ago, Mrs. Litman told police that she gave a ride to a middle-aged man and a small girl last Sunday on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Later she saw a picture of the Brooks girl in a newspaper and noticed a resemblance to the girl she met on a highway.

Detectives were sent to Mrs. Litman's home.

NOGALEE, Ariz., Feb. 20 (AP)—Blake Mason, San Diego deputy sheriff, arrived here today to investigate rumors that Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old San Diego girl, will be in Las Vegas next Tuesday, Feb. 24, when those charged with liquor violations may enter pleas. By this procedure, those charged with the warrants will save themselves a trip to Carson City to answer or enter their pleas and will make it possible for their cases to be heard when the federal court sits here on March 2.

Subpoenas in equity were served on Mrs. George Morris and George Morris of the Red Rooster night club, W. M. Pechar, John Suto and Frank Dudley of the Owl night club, Edna Needham, Bill Higby and J. L. McLaurin of the Bungalow, W. B. Green, Fines Doe and Grand Lee of the Blue Heaven and the Dixie Club.

Subpoenas in equity are the forerunners of abatement proceedings, which give the defendant twenty days in which to answer and show cause why their premises should not be closed for violations of the 13th amendment.

The Arizona club, one of Nevada's famous saloons and gambling halls of early days, will again find the government padlock of its doors sometime today, according to word given out yesterday by Plummer. The Arizona club has been operated for the past two years by a group of northern California men, headed by John Boyer of Marysville, Bay and associates purchased the property from the late Al James.

Deputy Marshal Plummer plans to remain in Las Vegas and vicinity for the next two or three days. Las Vegas' great white way has been practically closed since the federal agents made their appearance and it is doubtful whether southern Nevada will boast of the "wide open" again during prohibition.

Business Trend Is On Upgrade, Say Bank Heads

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Emerging from the period of readjustment spotted by many bank suspensions, the nation's banking structure was viewed today by the federal reserve board as strengthened and able to finance business revival.

In a review of banking developments covering the 15 months ending December 31, the board found the general banking system in a condition of "greatly increased liquidity." Suspension of many rural and small city banks was said to have eliminated much weakness from the banking structure.

Bank failures in January had decreased to 196, of which 43 reopened. There were 344 bank suspensions during all of 1930 numbered 1,341, compared with 642 in 1929.

Alabama's honey crop for the last year was valued at \$450,000 by state college officials.

SEARCH FOR BROOKS GIRL IS WIDENED

Many Clues Given Police Fail To Prove Helpful

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"Great White Way" Of Las Vegas Under Ban

Bone Dry City Seen in Federal Action

Deputy United States Marshal Plummer arrived in Las Vegas yesterday with a pocketful of grief and was busy last night serving warrants and subpoenas in equity. Warrants for violation of the eighteenth amendment, resulting from the raids made a short time ago by federal agents, were served on the following:

- John Doe Manon
Jimmie Callahan
Art Schriber
Ed. Jones
Thomas O'Brien
Wm. Hayes
F. B. Green
Fred LeRoy
W. G. Goodwin
W. M. Pechar
John Suto
Frank Dudley

The above men were all arrested by the federal agents for alleged liquor violations when the agents made a sensational raid on the night clubs and liquor establishments in Las Vegas.

In each case new bonds will be required.

According to Plummer, Deputy United States Attorney Whiskey will be in Las Vegas next Tuesday, February 24, when those charged with liquor violations may enter pleas. By this procedure, those charged with the warrants will save themselves a trip to Carson City to answer or enter their pleas and will make it possible for their cases to be heard when the federal court sits here on March 2.

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