

### Gillett Received Confiscated Rum, Witness Asserts

#### Mysterious Disappearance of Seized Liquor Cited Before Committee Investigating Department of Justice.

Washington, April 18.—Testimony of an unexpectedly arranged session today of the senate committee investigating the department of justice with a variety of subjects, including mysterious disappearances of confiscated liquors, bootlegging and bootlegging prosecutions and war funds cases.

One or twice committee members looked at the ramifications introduced, notably when one witness said he had heard that "two bottles" of confiscated intoxicants had been sent in one time to the office of Speaker Gillett of the house. Mr. Gillett later denied the charge in a formal statement.

Adjustment was taken until Monday, when committee members said the handling of anti-trust cases by the department of justice and the federal trade commission would be given attention.

H. L. Scalfie, former investigator of war fraud cases for the department of justice, spent most of the day on the stand. Called to testify for the fourth time, he promptly introduced the subject of whiskey smuggling through Savannah, and then was excused to permit Clark Grier, another former agent of the department of justice, to tell about that matter from first hand information.

#### Tells of Conspiracy.

Grier said in 1921 he developed the facts as to extensive conspiracy for importing of liquor through Savannah and was discharged almost immediately through the influence of John L. Phillips, republican state chairman for Georgia. Later, after President Coolidge took office, he added, federal agents went into the situation and 78 persons were sent to the penitentiary, but he insisted that "graft payment" from the whiskey ring to federal agents was neglected as an element in the prosecutions.

Scalfie later returned to the stand and told of the accumulation at the department of justice during years prior to 1921 of rather large amounts of whiskey, taken at various times from travelers and peddlers and shipments through the Washington Union station. Although its value was around \$50,000, he said, it "all disappeared" before April, 1922, when a grand jury investigated the matter and found no ground for indictment, but criticized the seizure and storage system. The liquor trickled away through many channels, Scalfie said, but "an honest attorney" he contended, would have gotten indictments against persons who absorbed it.

#### Judge Sought Parole.

The alleged contribution to Mr. Gillett's office, for mention of which he was given a sharp reprimand from Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, the committee "prosecutor," was one of the minor items bearing upon its disposal.

Cecil H. Kearns, an Ohio drug company operator prior to his conviction in 1922 of violating the prohibition law, took the stand briefly to say that Federal Judge Killits in Ohio was responsible for seeking the revocation of the parole from the Atlanta penitentiary upon which he is now free.

#### HOME OF DRY AGENT BOMBED

Steubenville, O., April 18.—A score of persons were stunned today when a dynamite bomb was exploded near the home of Dry Agent John O. Cole. Persons in the Cole home were hurled from their beds. Mrs. Cole was severely injured. Windows in houses within a half mile radius were broken by the blast.

Cole has been Jefferson county's most active dry officer. His home had been damaged twice before by dynamite.

#### Republicans to Hold Conference at Norfolk

Madison, Neb., April 18.—P. A. Barrows, chairman of the republican congressional committee of the Third Nebraska district, has called a district conference of republicans to meet in Norfolk, Friday, May 9, at 2 o'clock. The object is organization of a committee for the coming campaign and election of a chairman.

All state office, congressional and senatorial candidates will be invited to be present. A speaker of national reputation will deliver the keynote address.

#### County Conventions Meeting on April 24 will be expected to elect the same number of delegates to this conference as to the state convention, for a total of 221 delegates.

#### Garrison Surrenders.

By Associated Press.

Amoy, China, April 18.—A small garrison left here by Gen. Chang Tso-Ping has capitulated to Admiral K. S. Yang and this city as well as virtually all the Fukien province now is under Gen. Wu Pei-fu, the northern commander. Large numbers of General Chang's troops are returning from Tongan and are being furnished for transportation to Shanghai.

#### La Follette Better.

Washington, April 18.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin has so far recuperated from his recent attack of pneumonia to be able to take short rides into the suburbs. He expects to return to his desk at the capital within a week or 10 days.

#### Ice Stations Open.

Many ice stations were opened Friday for the first time this season. Four were opened in the morning and four in the afternoon. They are open but half a day. Business was reported light.

#### Wife 31 Years Divorced.

After 31 years of married life, Mary Mulligan, 2204 1/2 South Sixteenth street, was granted a divorce Friday from Stephen Mulligan. She said he struck her with his fist while she was sewing.

### BODY OF MISSING YACHTMAN FOUND

Chicago, April 18.—The disappearance of Leon Weeks, yachtman and artist, on November 11, 1923, was solved Thursday when his body was washed ashore in Lincoln Park yacht harbor.

Within a hundred yards of his ship, the Vanadia, he had planned to board at midnight to sail for an early trip to winter quarters. Weeks' body was found.

It was feared at the time of his disappearance that he had met with foul play at the hands of a gang of thieves who had been stripping yachts in the Lincoln Park harbor of their brass fittings.

Cries for help which were heard by residents in adjoining buildings confirmed the theory that Weeks had been slain. For several days a search of the harbor was made but no trace of the body was found until it was washed ashore.

### FIFTY INJURED IN HAIL STORM

New Orleans, April 18.—The injured in the severe wind and hail storm which swept over sections of the city last night, wrecking a score of residences and damaging others, had increased to 59 early today. None of the victims, most of whom were hurt when their homes were demolished, was seriously injured.

No definite estimate of the property loss has been made, but police believe it will exceed \$200,000.

R. A. Dylke, assistant weather forecaster, believed that a cyclonic disturbance of an unusual nature occurred over the city at a high altitude.

### SIoux CITY BANK FAILS TO OPEN

Sioux City, Ia., April 18.—The Iowa State Savings bank, one of the smaller banks of this city, did not open this morning.

Inability to realize quickly on "slow" and "frozen" loans was given as the reason for closing.

No statement of assets or liabilities was issued. It is understood the deposits amount to \$1,000,000.

### D. A. R. Decorates Washington Tomb

#### French and British Ambassadors Join in Homage Paid to First President.

Washington, April 18.—Accompanied by representatives of America's revolutionary war ally and an enemy, Daughters of the American Revolution journeyed to Mount Vernon today and paid homage to George Washington, and his wife, with eulogies and by laying wreaths on the sarcophagi at the tomb. A steady downfall of rain failed to prevent many of the daughters from participating in the annual pilgrimage in which France's ambassador, Jules J. Jussevain, and Britain's ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, joined.

A memorial service constituted the morning session of the fifth day of the 33d continental congress, when tributes were paid to departed leaders of the society. The services were interrupted briefly for Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee to discuss the immigration bill.

A Pan-American evening concluded today's program with Dr. L. S. Rowe, director-general of the Pan-American union, as presiding officer. Tributes to the society were paid by the ambassador of Argentina, Honorable Pueyrredon; minister of Panama, Ricardo J. Alfaro, and minister of Guatemala, Francisco Sanchez La-tour.

### CONFESSION MAY SAVE FIVE LIVES

New Orleans, La., April 18.—To save the lives of his five companions, one of the six men sentenced to hang at Amite May 9 for the murder of Dallas Cannon at Independence, La., three years ago, is expected to confess, it was learned today. All efforts to avert execution have been exhausted by the prisoners and they have been informed that the sheriff at Tangipahoa parish has arranged to hang them in pairs on a double scaffold and will leave it to them to decide the order in which they shall die.

### GIGANTIC PICTURE MERGER FORMED

New York, April 18.—Metro pictures, Goldwyn pictures and the Louis B. Mayer company, motion picture producing companies, with combined capital stock approximating \$60,000,000, have been merged with Marcus Loew, with Marcus Loew at the head of the consolidation, it is announced.

The deal, which was consummated yesterday created the Metro-Goldwyn Corporation. Distribution of Cosmopolitan productions is included in the merger. The amalgamation, it is stated brings to the support of the new company all of the Loew and Goldwyn houses throughout the country in addition to houses partially owned by the goldwyns.

The members of the combine will retain their individuality. Producing headquarters will be at Culver City, Cal., the present home of the Goldwyn studios.

### 3 PLANES READY TO CONTINUE TRIP

Cordova, Alaska, April 18.—Delayed in their plans to hop off yesterday for Dutch Harbor, the three planes of the United States army round-the-world squadron which safely negotiated the dangerous jump from Seward were ready early today to start. Early indications were good for flying and wireless reports were being awaited from Dutch Harbor on conditions there.

The three planes will await the arrival of their commander, Maj. Frederick L. Martin in his flagship at Dutch Harbor. Major Martin is at Kankatak waiting the arrival of a new engine and supplies which leave Dutch Harbor today on the coast guard cutter Halda. He will fly direct to Dutch Harbor, according to present plans, as soon as repairs can be made.

#### Aged Officer Dies.

Washington, April 18.—Brig. Gen. Horatio Gates Gibson, retired, who was the oldest graduate of West Point and the last surviving officer of the army that fought in Mexico in 1847-48, died at his home here Thursday, in his 97th year.

### Kearns Arrested on Drunk Charge

#### Dempsey's Manager Picked Up in Car With Movie Stars.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, was held in the city jail drunk tank for more than five hours early today, following his arrest at a downtown street corner, while seated in an automobile with several film stars, according to police. Fitzsimons, C. L. Christopher, who made the arrest, took the entire party to Central police station, where all but Kearns were released later. Dempsey was not a member of the party, it was stated.

The noted fight manager was stripped of his valuables, including a large diamond ring, despite his vigorous protests. He was then escorted to the drunk tank, where he was ordered held for appearance in court at 10 this morning.

According to Officer Christopher's report, he came upon the automobile at Sixth and Flower streets and started to investigate it. All the party he reported, except Kearns, willingly stepped from the machine and submitted to search. Kearns, however, is alleged to have used abusive language and threatened the

officer with a beating if he touched him up.

Kearns was the spirit agent mentioned in the book "The Fight" and was asked to register his rings. This, it is said, Kearns at first refused to do, but later consented. He was held on a charge of drunkenness.

### PADEREWSKI PET DOG NEAR DEATH

Chicago, April 18.—"Pinky" the Pekinese dog of royal environment and pampered pet of Ignace and Madame Paderewski, was reported near death today.

The dog which was responsible for the noted pianist's cancellation of his concert tour and his haste to Chicago in the Paderewski private car which was met by a veterinary on telegraphic instructions from Sioux Falls, S. D., "has eaten too much, has been pampered too much and exercised too little," said the veterinary who said it was not likely to survive another day.

Besides, he added, "Pinky" is 13 years old.

#### Bryan to Close Coal Trade.

Lincoln, April 18.—Governor Bryan's coal business, operated by a special assistant at the state house "to save the taxpayers of the state millions of dollars on their coal" has practically closed for the season, the governor said today. "Seasonal curtailment of buying has sent the demand for coal and we will probably discontinue sales entirely in a few days," the governor said.

### 'Dope' Charges on Doctor, Druggist

#### Doctors Parson and Lake, Ar- rested by Federal Officers, Out on Bond.

Dr. John Parson of Deacon and Dr. L. B. B. Lake, owner of a drug store at 3025 Cumming street, have been arrested by narcotic agents and charged with violation of the Harrison narcotic act. They are now out on \$1,000 bonds, both having waived preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner.

Narcotic agents assert that they are closing in on a "ring" of Omaha physicians who have been dispensing illegal drug prescriptions. Federal Agents Manning and Carroll declare these doctors have been selling drugs to informers at from \$1 to \$3 a prescription. The informers will be used as witnesses.

"We have been making vigorous efforts to wipe out this practice," said Manning.

Dr. Parson has been a physician in Omaha for 37 years. Dr. Lake lives with his wife and one child at 5426 Spaulding street. Both deny the charges.

#### Clara Kimball Young Worse.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 18.—Clara Kimball Young, actress, who was believed recovering from appendicitis at her hotel here, was reported to

### BATTLE ON BONUS MAY BE DROPPED

Washington, April 18.—On the basis of reports that President Coolidge probably would approve the pending insurance soldier bonus bill, some democratic senate leaders are considering the advisability of withdrawing their proposal for incorporation in the measure of a full cash payment option.

Reports of the president's attitude were received through American Legion officials, democratic senators said, with the word that inclusion of a full cash payment option requiring an immediate government bond issue would endanger the prospects of the bill becoming law.

### OBREGON TROOPS OCCUPY YUCATAN

By Associated Press.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 18.—Gen. Eugenio Martinez, commander of the federal troops operating against the rebels in the states of Tabasco, Campeche and Yucatan, occupied the port of Progreso, Yucatan, yesterday. It was announced officially today. Progreso is the port for Merida, capital of the state of Yucatan, where it was reported recently a new revolutionary republic had been proclaimed.

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