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LEAGUE OF NATIONS FIRST

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CHARGES OF GRAFT PROBED BY RINGER

Head of Police Department Interviews Wilma Rice; Refuses to Give Result of Investigation.

Police Commissioner Ringer yesterday afternoon began a thorough probe of alleged graft in the police department in connection with the vice traffic. Wilma Rice, former trained nurse and now an inmate of the women's Detention hospital, who charged that she had given policemen money to keep from going to jail, was brought to his office in the city hall by Miss Berger, superintendent of the hospital.

IOWA FARMER ANSWERS TAUNT WITH BULLET

Feud Over Draft and Use of Yellow Paint Results in Shooting Affray at Maquoketa.

Davenport, Ia., Jan. 18.—Bitter feeling, growing out of the free use of yellow paint on the barns and fences of Ward Turner, 35 years old, led to the probable fatal shooting of Dennis Flynn, 34, by Turner, in the main street of Maquoketa this afternoon.

Warship Lays To In Storm As Doctors Work

With Waves Running 40 Feet High, Cruiser South Dakota Steps for Critical Operation.

New York, Dec. 18.—Coast artillerymen from Connecticut and scattered states and aero construction troops from Pennsylvania, Iowa and Oklahoma, who reached port today on the armored cruiser South Dakota, went through a storm two days out from Brest, described by naval officers on the war ship as one of the most tempestuous they had ever experienced.

Fewer Bills Introduced During First Week Than in Previous Legislatures

Total of 110 in House and 44 in Senate; Interest Centered in Bills Designed to Standardize and Americanize Public and Private Schools of State.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 19.—Although 110 bills have poured into the house and 44 into the senate legislative hopper the first week of the session after organization, the number of new bills is not above the average, but rather below it.

Braker to Attend Banquet to Captain Rickenbacker

New York, Jan. 18.—Secretary of War Baker today accepted an invitation to a banquet by the American Automobile association here February 3 in honor of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's premier ace. The aviator is understood to be on the Adriatic, due here in a few days.

Ten New York Firemen Fall into Blazing Building

New York, Jan. 18.—Ten firemen fighting a fire in a two-story frame automobile warehouse early today fell into the blazing building when the roof collapsed and were buried in the debris.

Stranded Transport Refloated

Fire Island, Jan. 18.—The United States transport Northern Pacific, which ran aground on a sandbar off Fire Island Light New Year's day, was floated tonight.

North Platte Girl Wants Auto License With Marriage Permit

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Miss Marie Bowen of North Platte paid her fee to County Treasurer S. M. Souder for an automobile number plate and now she wants the license transferred to Ralph J. Claybaugh, who is going to drive her car for life, according to a letter from Souder, to Secretary of State D. M. Amsherry. To which Amsherry replied:

Gus Hyers Makes His First Arrest of Man Bringing Booze to City

Gus Hyers, newly appointed state agent, made his first arrest of bootleggers last night on a Missouri Pacific train. W. A. McDonald, 412 South Fifteenth street, former employe of the city health and sanitation department, was the victim. Two grips, which were in McDonald's possession when arrested, were found to contain 20 pints of booze each. The owners of two other suits of clothes were in the front coach of the train escaped with their contraband, while Hyers was holding McDonald.

Boy Scouts of America Hold Annual Dinner; Budget Considered

Annual council dinner of the Boy Scouts of America was held at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Scout Executive G. M. Hoyt told of the aid extended by the local scouts to the government and of the progress the organization was making in Omaha. Walter W. Head, president of the local executive board, told of the prospects for the year 1919 was considered after the dinner. Mr. Head stated that though the sum seemed large it would all be needed. J. E. Davidson expressed the opinion that the sum could easily be raised.

Mills Go on Short Time

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 18.—Beginning next week the Amoskeag mills, employing 15,000 textile workers, will be operated five and one-fourth hours a day, said an official announcement today. They will open at 6:45 a. m. and close at noon. General trade conditions due to readjustments were given as reasons for the curtailment.

Germans Call Assembly

London, Jan. 18.—A German government wireless message says that Philipp Scheidemann, the foreign secretary, announced today that the government had decided to convolve the national assembly February 16.

Radical Socialists Oppose Paderewski Ministry in Poland

Warsaw, Jan. 18.—The Polish ministry, formed by Ignace Jan Paderewski, apparently meets the approval of all parties except radical socialists. They have threatened a general strike if the Paderewski ministry holds office until the elections to the national assembly, which are planned for the middle of February.

War Widow Omaha

The new cabinet represents most of the parties in German, Russian and Austrian Poland. Bankers of Posen or German Poland, have loaned it 100,000,000 marks.

Woman Bandit Plays Star Role in Auto Holdup

A bold woman bandit held a revolver at the head of a motorist last night while a male accomplice, pointing a gun at two other occupants of the car, robbed them.

Photos of "First Lady" Shown in "Roto" Part Taken in Movieland

My, my! How many movie fans would give their heads (almost) to be a friend of one honest-to-goodness movie star, to say nothing of being photographed with four of them—and the big ones at that: Theda Bara, Bebe Rezzano, Mary Pickford and Harold Lockwood.

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"VIRTUOUS WIVES"

FOREWORD. New York is a city always on the march. It grows as no other city has grown, devouring its past. The great capitals of the world—London, Paris, Rome—present the phenomenon of a stone dropped into a surface of water. The expanding circles of population, widening and receding, leave a central calm—the calm of history, of traditions, of cherished memories, the solidifying calm of monumented generations. But New York is like an overturned bottle, constantly charged with champagne through its narrow neck, and this restless, increasing pressure, driving from the battery to Central park, has not only in one generation consumed its ancient residential area and dispersed its once conservative landmarks but created a new and feverish society.

A few apartment houses (called at that time "flats") had made a timid entry, but were associated in the popular mind with that symbol of the slums, the tenement. The millionaires could be counted on the fingers, and most of them were still waiting their entrance into a rigid society that quoted Emerson, served cold suppers for Sunday, packed the churches, knew no divorce, and brought up its children at home. Thirty years ago, a woman who appeared on the streets rouged and powdered attracted as much attention as a Zulu princess in native costume would today.

invasion has been without discipline or directing force—that horde of guerrillas, free-booters and scavengers, who rolls up in the wake of an invasion; a vast contaminating, pestilential torrent, engulfing the last vestiges of the old Dutch and colonial life with the greed of a tidal wave. The West Side contains the true slums of the city—slums of little sweatshops and ramshackle factories, slums of stagnant existences where all filth and all degradation, all bleakness and all suffocation, all races, intermingled in the mediocrity of arrested development. It is a region without clear racial definition, except in the upper reaches, where the negro has established himself like a spreading shadow cast by the advancing line of skyscrapers. If this western invasion seems at first formless and without intent, it still flows upward, a soiling barrier from which society recoils as from a pest.