

BRIEF
BRIGHT
REEZY
BITS OF NEWS

INGENIOUS ELEVATOR
BARROOM UNEARTHED.

New York, Jan. 24.—Prohibition agents in a raid on a Park row cafe opposite the federal building seized an ingenious elevator broom barroom in which imitation whisky is alleged to have been sold to "high class clientele." The saloon, for more than 35 years, has been the gathering place of federal court officials, lawyers and attaches as well as officials and politicians from the city hall.

"VENUS AND ADONIS"
ARRIVE IN AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 24.—A copy of Shakespeare's "Venus and Adonis," printed in 1599 and classed as one of the most valuable books in the world, arrived here in the possession of George D. Smith, a dealer in rare books who was a passenger on the Cunard line Carmania from Liverpool.

Mr. Smith said he paid \$75,000 for the tiny volume, which is by three inches in size and weighs only two ounces. The volume was purchased for Henry W. Huntington of New York, owner of one of the finest collections of Shakespearean works in the world.

PAN-GERMAN PRESS
HAILS DUTCH STAND.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—The Pan-German press joyfully hails what it characterizes as the "manly attitude of Holland on the question of the extradition of former Emperor William." The bourgeois journals and those of the radical and majority socialist persuasion also express satisfaction with the Dutch government's note.

BOUGHT LOT FOR \$263;
IS SOLD FOR \$500,000.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—On June 21, 1838, Father Thomas O'Meara, chaplain of Fort Dearborn, bought a lake front lot from the United States government for \$263. Saturday the property, which has ever since remained in the custody of the Catholic church, was sold by Archbishop Mundelein for \$500,000. Chicago's tallest skyscraper, the Tower building, is located on the site.

THE RIVER SHANNON
OVERFLOWS BANKS.

Dublin, Jan. 24.—The River Shannon has overflowed its banks and many villages, notably Athlone, have been abandoned, their inhabitants taking refuge on higher ground. Entire districts in Connacht and Leinster bordering on the river present an appearance of a vast lake. Enormous damage has been done to commerce and live stock, many animals having been carried away by the flood.

ARRANGING FOR DRUGGISTS
TO SELL WHISKY FOR FLU.

New York, Jan. 24.—Plans to expedite issuance of permits to reputable druggists to sell liquor are under way to assure a supply of whisky for influenza and pneumonia patients, should the epidemic continue to grow. James Shevlin, assistant supervising federal prohibition agent announced here.

The druggists will sell liquor only on a physician's prescription and the minimum bond of \$1,000, which they put up, will represent "a fine immediately collectable" should they be caught violating the prohibition law, he added.

WOULD BAR IMMORAL
MOVIE PICTURE FILMS.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Immoral motion picture films would be barred from interstate commerce under a bill reported by the house judiciary committee.

PREDICTS DECREASE IN
HIGH COST OF LIVING.

New York, Jan. 24.—A decrease in the cost of living in the next few months was predicted by Arthur Williams, federal food administrator. He based his belief on the spirit of the economy prevailing among the people as a whole, decreased exports and increased production.

PARENTS OF TRIPLETS
DROWN THROUGH ICE.

Mitchell S. D., Jan. 24.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rosing of Oacoma, drowned in the Missouri river Thursday night when their automobile truck fell through an air hole while they were attempting to cross the frozen river with a load of provisions, were recovered Saturday. They were the parents of two sets of triplets, one pair of twins and another child, the eldest being 9 years old.

LAW OF THE SEA
OBSERVED TO LETTER.

New York, Jan. 24.—The unwritten law of the sea, "women and children first," was observed to the letter by the passengers of the disabled Powhatan as well as by the officers and men of the Northern Pacific. The men on the Powhatan decided among themselves as to which individual would be personally responsible for a certain child or woman, to avoid confusion if an emergency developed.

Capt. Richard F. Foote of Washington, master sexton of the graves registration service, voiced what all the passengers wished to say in giving praise to Captain Randall and his officers and crew.

"They were splendid," he said, "and worthy examples of the best of American seamen. Captain Randall was on the bridge practically all of the time, leaving it only now and then to visit the main saloon where the passengers were gathered to reassure them smilingly."

OMAHA, THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST, OFFERS YOU GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

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THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy with
perate Sunday, prob.
light snow in northwest.
Monday unsettled.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.	
5 a. m.	11
6 a. m.	10
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10 p. m.	-6
11 p. m.	-7

REED SMASHES INTO HOOVER

DECIDE FATE
OF GENERALS
IN NEBRASKA

Western State to Be Battleground Between Supporters of Pershing and Wood for Presidential Nomination.

LONG RIVALRY PRESENTS
PICTURESQUE SITUATION

Since Spanish War, Pershing Holds Three Victories Over Wood for Commands In Professional Competition.

Daily papers all over the United States, editorially and in their news columns, predict that the fight between Wood and Pershing in Nebraska will settle the fate of one of the two generals in the race for the republican presidential nomination.

Correspondents from all parts of the country are flocking to Omaha and Lincoln to obtain the latest reports on the progress of the campaign of these two respective generals for the papers they represent. Practically all of these political writers express the opinion that the country is looking upon Nebraska as the decisive battleground in the campaign.

In a recent article in the Baltimore Sun, the following comment, characteristic of the press of the country, is printed:

"Political supporters of General Pershing, resenting the fact that the managers of the campaign of Major-General Wood have deliberately invaded Nebraska in an avowed effort to kill off the Pershing candidacy in its incipency, have announced that they regard this invasion as a direct challenge, and that they would meet it not only in Pershing's home state, but from end to end of the country."

"This announcement is the most interesting development in the republican situation in days and is regarded in many quarters as bearing out the opinion, often expressed, that upon the final showdown the race for the republican nomination will narrow down to these two soldiers. The feeling is growing in republican circles that the only way to prevent the nomination of Major-General Wood is to concentrate the opposition to him upon General Pershing."

"The pitting of these two distinguished officers against each other, therefore produces a picturesque situation. They have inherited most of the land in New York's financial district, was begun today by the police."

Swindlers Attempt
To Dispose of Land
Occupied by New York

New York, Jan. 24.—Search for swindlers who are trying to convince thousands of persons throughout the country that they have inherited most of the land in New York's financial district, was begun today by the police.

In a revival of a swindle which netted its promoters nearly \$1,000,000, 300 years ago, letters have been circulated advising the recipients they are heirs of Anneke Jans and her estate consisting of land in the Woolworth Building, Trinity church and most of Wall street, is to be divided soon. A contribution for legal expenses is asked.

Jewels and money valued at millions belonging to the estate have just been discovered in a vault in this city, the letters say. As proof there are enclosed what appear to be newspaper clippings.

Uphold Injunction Against
Publication of Bismarck

Stuttgart, Jan. 24.—The injunction granted in the lower court restraining the publication of the third volume of the Von Bismarck's memoirs has been sustained. The case will be taken to the superior court.

Seven More Germans Are In
Lille for War Crime Trial

DESERTED WIFE
OF REALTY KING
STANDS BY HIM

Mrs. William H. Moffitt Defends Man Accused of Million-Dollar Swindle.

New York, Jan. 24.—(By Universal Service).—Mrs. William H. Moffitt, deserted wife of the former "realty king" who was arrested in San Jose, Cal., on the charge of having swindled small investors out of nearly \$4,000,000 in fake real estate deals, received news of his capture with signs of real sorrow and sympathy.

"Although he has wrecked my life," she said, "I am sorry he has been arrested. He was a most wonderful man. Though he deserted me for another woman, I still love him. He made a terrible mistake, but it was because of the other woman. Many a poor boy he sent through college and helped in other ways. I shall not prosecute him for desertion. Although he is said to have attributed his downfall to the social ambitions of myself and our daughters, that is not true. I cared more for his love than all the wealth in the world."

Moffitt had a meteoric career in this city. He began life as a \$3-a-week dry goods clerk in Auburn, but advanced rapidly to great wealth when he entered the realty business. At one time he maintained a racing stable, a yacht, a country home on Long Island and a handsome town house in West End avenue. He was a lavish entertainer and his daughters moved in exclusive society.

Pearl Carpen, the woman who was with Moffitt when he was arrested and who posed as his wife and worked as his stenographer and office clerk in his real estate office in San Jose, is 35 years old. She was formerly a news girl in front of his office at Thirty-fourth street and Madison avenue, this city, and fled with him just before the grand jury, acting on complaint of some 300 investors in his realty projects, returned an indictment charging him with grand larceny.

300 Complaints Against Him.

There are more than 300 complaints against Moffitt, the police say, alleging that he swindled clients out of about \$1,000,000 in the sale of fake titles and bad checks. Shortly before his indictment, Moffitt disappeared. He was trailed to Canada by detectives, from there to New Orleans, Oregon, Seattle and Washington. He was also traced to Sydney, Australia, and through other foreign countries. At each place he made his escape before the police could arrest him.

Moffitt is said to have owned numerous automobiles, several valuable race horses and to have had a home on Riverside Drive and a country place at Bay Side, Long Island. He came to New York in 1909, from Auburn, and engaged in the real estate and bond business until the date of his indictment.

Moffitt's Statement.

San Jose Cal., Jan. 24.—William H. Moffitt, who was arrested here today at the request of New York police where he is said to be wanted in connection with alleged gigantic real estate swindle told police officials he had been conducting realty sales and auctions on the Pacific coast since 1918. The officers quoted him as saying he had been president of the New York State Realty Dealers' association, and that he had lost \$6,000,000 before coming to California.

German Business Men
Refusing to Abide by
Agreements They Made

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Discussing doubtful tactics alleged to have crept into the German export trade as a consequence of the exchange condition the English real estate swindle told police officials he had been conducting realty sales and auctions on the Pacific coast since 1918. The officers quoted him as saying he had been president of the New York State Realty Dealers' association, and that he had lost \$6,000,000 before coming to California.

Reports from Holland charge that the Germans are raising prices from 200 to 300 per cent over figures agreed upon when the orders were accepted. The practice is defended on the ground of the rise in prices of raw materials which the German firms did not have on hand when they accepted the orders.

Several Suspects In Murder
Of U. S. Citizens Arrested

Mexico City, Jan. 24.—Several men suspected of being implicated in the murder of Earle Boles and F. J. Koney, American oil men, are under arrest at Tampico, according to the military police there. None of the prisoners has confessed, but one of them is said by the police to have been wearing a sweater belonging to one of the Americans. This garment was bloodstained and the man, whose name is Castro, is alleged to have tried to get rid of it when apprehended.

Monitor's Last Survivor
Dies In County Hospital

Phoenix, Jan. 24.—Henry Christopher Tenenbrack, who claimed he was the last survivor of the crew of the Monitor which fought the Merrimack during the civil war, died here at the county hospital, aged 85.

EXECUTION
AGAIN TO BE
POSTPONED

Executioner Sends Word He Will Be Too Busy In New York To Carry Out Sentence On Cole and Grammer.

EFFORTS IN COURTS
ARE EXPECTED TO FAIL

Little Hope In Appeal to U. S. Circuit Court, and Proceeding In State Supreme Court—Up to Governor Again.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special).—It appears highly probable that the execution of Alton B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer, scheduled for next Friday, will again be postponed.

Both youths are still confined to the death cell in the state penitentiary under sentence of electrocution for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, Grammer's mother-in-law, in Howard county in 1917.

Although it seems likely that attorneys for these two men will lose their final fight to save the lives of their clients in the state supreme court and the United States circuit court of appeals Tuesday, John Hulbert, chief executioner of the New York state prison, will not be able to officiate at the electrocution ordered for next Friday here, according to word received at the warden's office tonight.

Executioner Too Busy.

Executioner Hulbert, who came to Lincoln two weeks ago to electrocute Cole and Grammer and who returned to New York January 16, the day set for the execution, will be so busy signing New York criminals to their death this week that he will be unable to arrive in Lincoln by next Friday.

In this event, the next move in the most sensational murder case in the history of Nebraska is again up to Governor McKelvie.

Tuesday, Grammer's counsel will appear before the state supreme court to present argument against the motion filed by the state that appeal for writ of habeas corpus, denied by the district court, be dismissed, on the grounds that it is frivolous, in contempt of the judgment.

EARLY START IS
MADE IN DRIVE
OF CRIMINALS

Holdup and Burglary on Saturday Net Good Returns For Bandits.

Burglars and thugs commenced their activities at an early hour last night. One burglary, reported to police in the early evening, was committed between 5:30 and 5:30 in the afternoon. One holdup was staged at 6:30.

Thieves gained entrance to the apartment of O. K. Hart, 2704 Jackson street, by picking the lock on the rear door. They ransacked the place, taking 20 pennies, a gold watch, a pearl pendant set with diamonds, a gold wedding ring, eight other rings and various other articles of jewelry. The robbery was discovered when members of the family returned at 5:30.

Footpads obtained \$75 in cash when they held up D. R. Woodward, 2408 North Forty-ninth street, and John McGuire, 1817 1/2 North Eighteenth street, at 6:30 last night. Woodward is the yardman for the Coal Hill Coal company at Thirtieth and Nicholas street. With McGuire he was just leaving the yards when they were accosted by the two thugs.

Hates Word "Prohibition,"
Lady Astor, M. P., Says

Liverpool, Jan. 24.—Lady Astor, member of parliament for Plymouth, speaking in support of state purchase and control of the liquor trade, declared that prohibition was impracticable.

All Chicago Concerns
May Be Taxed \$100 Each

Chicago, Jan. 24.—An average tax of \$100 on every concern doing business in Chicago is being considered by the city council license subcommittee as a means of lifting the city out of its financial difficulties. Members of the committee said that if the plan carried an additional \$13,000,000 of revenue would come to the city treasury.

Passing Show of 1920



"WOMAN'S ARMY
OF NEBRASKA"
TO FIGHT H. C. L.

State Food Director, Mrs. C. G. Ryan, Appoints Mrs. C. L. Hempel Chairman for Omaha.

Mrs. C. G. Ryan of Grand Island, newly appointed by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer director of the Nebraska economy campaign, and also identified with the state fair price committee, yesterday afternoon while in Omaha appointed Mrs. C. L. Hempel chairman for Omaha.

Mrs. Hempel, president of the Omaha Women's club, will lead in the work here, assisted by Mrs. F. J. Burnett of the household economy department of the "Woman's club."

State Economy Drive.

A statewide economy drive will be held during the week of February 1. Conferences will be held throughout the state to discuss practical ways and means for lowering the cost of living.

"At these meetings," Mrs. Ryan explained, "we will invite experts in merchandising to describe conditions in the large markets, industrial problems, manufacturers' positions and the general careless and extravagant attitude of the consuming public. We will ask the women to give their experiences and observations."

To Influence Prosecutions.

Information which will be obtained from time to time in connection with profiteering and excessive prices will be given to the United States Department of Justice for prosecution.

A circular being sent out by Mrs. Ryan contains the following information:

"A Nebraska jobber said, 'Four years ago our silk shirt sales were 10 per cent of shirt sales. Now they are 65 per cent.'"

To Determine Physical
Standards for Children

Washington, Jan. 24.—Appointment of a permanent committee to determine physical standards for children about to enter employment and to supervise the health of children at work was announced by the children's bureau of the Department of Labor. Dr. George Bart of Milwaukee is chairman.

6,000 Russian Troops
Are Typhoid Victims

Stockholm, Jan. 24.—Six thousand Russian troops are dead in the typhoid epidemic according to a special dispatch from Reval. The situation in that territory is grave owing to the lack of medical supplies.

MUNSEY MERGES
SUN AND HERALD
INTO ONE PAPER

New Daily Morning Journal Will Combine Names of Both New York Newspapers.

New York, Jan. 24.—Frank A. Munsey, owner of the New York Sun and the Evening Sun, who recently bought the New York Herald and Evening Telegram from the estate of the late James Gordon Bennett, announced that the Sun and the Herald would be amalgamated February 1 under the name of the Sun and New York Herald.

The plan of the Sun is to be used for the publication of the Sun and New York Herald, Mr. Munsey explained, because the ground lease upon which the Herald building now rests expires in a few months and it will have to be abandoned.

Couldn't Preserve Herald.

Mr. Munsey added that it had been his wish to preserve the Herald, as an "independent entity" but this could not be done as it would "have been in opposition to all the laws of economics; all the laws of sound business."

The Herald printing plant "is archaic and worn to the breaking point," he said, adding that new equipment could not be installed under a year and a half and then it would have cost "a million dollars or more."

"Reasonable Liberalism"
In Education Request
Of College President

Beloit, Wis., Jan. 24.—A "reasonable liberalism" in the educational policy of Beloit college is the one demand of Dr. M. A. Brannon, president of the institution, according to the student publication. He has tendered his resignation, but students urge his retention.

Dr. Brannon was quoted as saying that unless the men on the faculty were permitted to express their conscientious ideas, although liberal, he considers the college ceases to function efficiently.

Prohibition Closes Doors of
Another Famous Hostel

New York, Jan. 24.—Prohibition closed the doors of another famous hostelry, the Eastern hotel at the Battery, which was first opened as an inn, shortly after the war of 1812. Solid mahogany beams imported here from the African coast, form the frame work of the structure, one of the oldest on the island of Manhattan.

Many prominent persons made their headquarters at the hotel when the Battery was the center of the social life of the city. These included Robert Fulton, steamboat inventor; Daniel Webster, Commodore Vanderbilt, Jenny Lind, P. T. Barnum and General Grant.

G. E. N. PERSHING
BRINGS CHEER TO
WOUNDED YANKS

Commander-in-Chief of A. E. F. Visits General Hospital at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—General Pershing, inspecting Letterman general hospital at the Presidio here today, brought smiles to wan faces of wounded soldiers with appreciative words and kindly comments. Barely five minutes' walk from the hospital is Officers' row, where, in 1915, the wife and three children of the general were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their quarters.

The inspection was the brightest period of the day for the general. Remembering former days, when he was stationed here, in command of the Eighth brigade, San Francisco turned out royally to welcome the general. However, no portion of the program caused him to show the interest that his face indicated while he chatted with the wounded men.

The general was welcomed officially at Oakland by high army and navy officers on duty in this section. A parade up Market street, where thousands cheered him, a brief address at the Civic auditorium and a dinner given by a local club were the principal items of his program this afternoon and tonight.

Vicious Methods Used
To Uncover Vice in
Navy, Pastor Charges

Creel for Vice President.

Renewing later his discussion of Mr. Hoover's candidacy, Senator Reed suggested that George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information, who he termed an "intellectual red," be nominated as the vice presidential candidate.

"If that was done you'd have two masters of publicity," the senator said. "Both are progressive and forward-looking gentlemen."

"Mr. Creel's opinions," Senator Reed continued, "have been embodied in the Congressional Record and show him to be abreast of the times."

Czechs and Austrians to
Combine Against Hungary

Budapest, Jan. 24.—Czech-Slovakia and the Austrian republic have formed an alliance against Hungary, according to a news agency report published here. It is said the agreement reached by Chancellor Renner at Prague provides that Austria shall undertake to measure looking for an increase in her military establishment without submitting them to Czech-Slovakia, and Hungary. Austria shall supply munitions and material up to the former.

In addition, it is said, Czech-Slovakia has agreed to furnish troops to aid Austria in securing German sections of western Hungary.

SAYS HOUSE
USED HIM AS
GO-BETWEEN

Attended to Negotiations Between Wilson's Adviser and Britain Prior to American Entry Into War, Senator Says.

"SEMI-PROMOTED BOOM
FOR PRESIDENT" FLAYED

Hoover "Never Cast a Vote in United States Unless He Had Voted Since This War to Qualify," Missourian Asserts.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Charging that Herbert Hoover was "one of the go-betweens between Colonel House and members high in the British government during the negotiations preceding the entry of the United States into the war," Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, launched a vigorous attack today in the senate against what he characterized as Mr. Hoover's "semi-promoted boom for president."

Senator Reed said Mr. Hoover was so close to the British government that "he constituted a convenient connecting link" and challenged any member of the senate who doubted his statement to introduce a resolution of investigation.

Served a Tutelage.

Declaring that Mr. Hoover "served a tutelage all of his adult life" in the British service, Senator Reed said, "Hoover never cast a vote in the United States, unless he had voted since this war to qualify himself."

"When he was asked as to what party he belonged to," Senator Reed thought he was "liberal," said Senator Reed. "Apparently he hasn't been in the United States long enough to know the names of the political parties in this country and has to designate himself as a 'liberal,' a British political organization."

"It is this kind of nomination would put the finishing touch to the league of nations and that the league would surrender the sovereignty of the world to the British empire," the senator continued.

"In addition to its own votes, Great Britain would control the votes of Portugal, Greece, France and Belgium in the league," Senator Reed said, adding that Belgium "was in no condition to resist Great Britain's imperial will," and that France, according to high French officials, had admitted that it was dependent on the British army and navy for protection against German attack.

"Why Not Mr. Hoover?"

Senator Reed said that if a British controlled league of nations were to be established, this country ought to have as nearly a British subject as possible to represent it "so why not Mr. Hoover?"

Referring to reports that Mr. Hoover made \$10,000,000 before he was 30 years old, Senator Reed said he was a "get-rich quick" and turning to Senator Lodge, the republican leader, declared that if Mr. Hoover were nominated for the presidency the only thing that could save the republican party from defeat was for it to nominate J. Rufus Wallingford.

"Then we'll have two horses bred alike," he added.

Declaring that he understood that "the gentleman from London" recently had bought two newspapers, the Missouri senator said he did not know for what purpose unless "it was to keep the people from nominating Mr. Hoover."

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