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Judge Woodrough made a wholesale dismissal of liquor cases in federal court yesterday, and scored prohibition enforcement agents for their delay in procuring evidence against alleged violators.

Many cases were dismissed because the search warrants were faulty. There were 15 in all. In some the evidence was held to be insufficient.

With this setback United States Attorney Kinsler opened the bargain counter for violators who wished to plead guilty.

Kinsler Changes Views

Heretofore Mr. Kinsler has viewed opposing counsel in liquor cases with his legal lognette—coolly and distantly—when it came to recommendations for light sentences if opposing counsel's clients pleaded guilty.

"There is nothing doing," was the summary of Mr. Kinsler's declarations.

Things changed yesterday.

Judge Woodrough saddened the prosecutor's world and the world of the prohibition enforcement agents. The judge was impatient. The dockets were filled and overflowing with cases. Defendants were on hand. Opposing counsel was there. But the scene was as desultory as evidence as a schoolyard is on Saturday.

"Sam Turco," called the clerk. Sam responded, but there was no evidence.

"Dismissed," said the judge. Another case, that of Sebastiano Seela, went the same smooth road.

Judge Makes Ruling

"When the evidence is not here, they will be discharged," was the text of the judge's ruling.

Then Kinsler temporized. The bargain counter for pleaders was opened and 15 violators were disposed of, many more followed and within two hours more than 30 cases were finished.

J. S. Kerr, a former policeman, whose home was raided while he still commissioned, "took his medicine" in the form of a \$10 fine.

Al Jackson, once a detective, and whose bid for fame was made when Pat Crowe, alleged kidnapper of Eddie Cudahy, shot him, declined to rush the bargain counter.

Jackson's attorney, Herman Aye, argued to dismiss the case on the grounds that the information had been signed by the assistant United States attorney, George Keyser, instead of by Kinsler.

May Free 100 Others. Should Aye's motion be honored the decision will free more than 100 (Turn to Page Three, Column One.)

Nebraska City "Fires" Police

Former Army Officer Named Chief to Reorganize Department.

The entire police force at Nebraska City, including Chief William Dunn, has been dismissed by the city council there, according to information telephoned from that city by Col. Amos Thomas of Omaha, commander of Nebraska National guard troops sent there recently to preserve order during a strike of packing plant employees.

Colonel Thomas, who recently said that the local authorities at Nebraska City had "fallen down" during disorder that occurred during the strike, announced that Turley Cook, who served as a first lieutenant during the world war, had been appointed police chief and was now engaged in reorganization of the department.

Martial law still is in force at Nebraska City, despite the recent calling off of the strike, three companies out of five remaining on duty. The next company to withdraw will be that from Seward, Colonel Thomas said.

Farmer Found Shot to Death Near Aurora

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Arthur Breneman, 35, was found dead near the barn on his farm from a shotgun wound in the forehead. Discovery of the body was made by Judge R. C. Roper, A. C. Epperson, Theodore Griess and Harry Thomas who drove into the farm yard on their way from Aurora to Harvard.

Breneman apparently had been dead but 20 minutes. His wife first learned of the tragedy when the body was carried into the house by the four men. It has not been determined whether or not the shooting was accidental.

Besides his wife, Breneman is survived by four children.

Nebraska Gets \$185,000

From War Finance Body. Washington, Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The War Finance corporation announced that from February 6 to February 8 it approved advances for agricultural and live stock purposes as follows: \$185,000 in Nebraska, \$427,000 in Iowa, \$329,000 in South Dakota, and \$298,000 in Wyoming.

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"Sol" Is Name Given Thirteenth Month on Proposed Calendar

Washington, Feb. 9.—The conference on calendar reform of the Liberty Center association in America today adopted a resolution urging the United States and other nations to adopt a proposal advanced by M. B. Cotsworth of Vancouver, B. C., for rearrangement of the year in 13 months of 28 days each with New Year's day set aside annually as an independent holiday.

A similar holiday would be set aside every fourth year, under the plan, as "leap year day" and the extra month would be named "Sol," since in that period the solstice would occur in both hemispheres.

Mr. Cotsworth's plan is said to have been endorsed by the Royal society of Canada and the Canadian government, and a number of international chambers of commerce and other organizations.

State Takes Hand in Investigation of Taylor Murder

District Attorney Picking Up Threads of Evidence—Letters of Miss Normand Have Been Found.

By the Associated Press. Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—A new and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, was under way here today, directed by the district attorney.

Yesterday and today the district attorney gathered into his hands the scattered threads of evidence that had been drawn out by the police, the sheriff's office and independent investigators, and tonight he was attempting to weave them into some sort of pattern that would disclose what transpired just before Taylor lost his life.

One item gathered from this prospective fabric of fact and deduction was a packet of letters written by Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, and who disappeared from Taylor's home after his death. These letters were discovered yesterday, concealed among Taylor's effects. Their contents were not disclosed and Miss Normand, who was in seclusion today, declined to comment on the new turn of events.

Witnesses questioned today in the investigation, which it was announced would be complete and would take other inquiries into consideration only so far as facts learned by them might be helpful, included Charles Eytan, general manager of the Famous Players-Lasky, who heard at Taylor's home after his death, which Taylor employed as a director. Mr. Eytan testified at the coroner's inquest that he was the first to suspect that Taylor's death had been caused by other than natural means. He said he had inspected the body for external wounds, and which his insistence, according to his statement at the inquest, that caused the fatal wound to be discovered.

Mr. Eytan had a conference with the district attorney, Thomas Lee Woolwine, and another one in which Mr. C. Doran, assistant district attorney, as well as Mr. Woolwine participated.

Others summoned to the district attorney's office and questioned included Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacLean, whose home adjoining that of Taylor and who had given statements at the inquest and to the police. Henry Peavey, Taylor's houseman, who has done little since the shooting but submit to interrogation about what he knew of it. Howard Feltus, a chauffeur for Taylor, and Harry Feltus, brother of the chauffeur, and an assistant director, were also questioned fully. The district attorney declined to disclose the results of these interviews.

Report Revolver Found. Another development today was a well-defined rumor that some person had found a revolver, possibly the weapon with which Taylor was slain, shortly after the murder became known. This rumor was brought to the attention of the district attorney and the police, both officers disclaiming any direct knowledge of the murder, but both saying that cognizance was being taken of the rumor.

While these local developments keep the officials engaged, word came that the San Diego authorities believe the body of a suicide lying in the morgue there might be that of Edward F. Sands, missing houseman, against whom Taylor swore out warrant for grand larceny and embezzlement and who has been sought by officers, eager to learn what he knew of the murder. Investigation, however, developed that the dead man was not Sands and the San Diego investigation closed about as suddenly as it had started.

It also was announced that the public administrator was searching for a second safe deposit box held by Mr. Taylor. One was found and opened, its contents being negligible. There was no direct evidence that he had another box, but the authorities said many men divided their documents in two or three boxes and it was possible that the search would yield something. Inventory of Taylor's estate so far located has disclosed little except some automobiles, personal effects and a small amount of cash.

Home-seekers' Rates Announced by U. P. Union Pacific officials added yesterday to their list of rate slashes by announcing reduction of home-seekers' fares to the northwest.

The fares from Omaha, Council Bluffs, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City to all points in Idaho, Utah, Montana and eastern Oregon and eastern Washington have been fixed on a basis of one fare plus \$2 and tickets are to be on sale the first and third Tuesday of each month, from March to November, inclusive. The final limit is 21 days from date of sale.

Home-seekers' rates were eliminated last October when other rate reductions were disregarded. The new home-seekers' rates are said to be the lowest allowed by the Union Pacific in many years.

Frank P. Corrick Files as Republican for Auditor. Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Entry today of Frank P. Corrick of Lincoln into the G. O. P. race for state auditor promises to make a war primary campaign centered around that office.

Corrick, as an active leader in Roosevelt forces for years, enjoys an acquaintance in Nebraska almost equal to that gained by George Marsh, present state auditor, in the four successful campaigns he has waged for secretary of state and auditor. He has been elected to office four times by the people of Nebraska and is now asking a third term as auditor.

Corrick has never sought an elective office until this year. He was clerk of the lower house at the last regular session.

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Livingston, Mont., Feb. 8.—A dog that tunneled through a snow slide eight feet deep today saved the lives of the three children of F. J. Lyons, a Mill creek rancher. The children and the dog were playing in a ditch in the path of the slide, which covered them.

Nonie, aged 8, was rescued by throwing her arms about the dog as the animal dug its way through the snow to the surface. She was able to summon other members of the Lyons family, who rescued Jimmy, aged 7, and Austin, aged 5. The two younger children were unconscious when dug from the snow, but physicians said both were unhurt.

Special Taxes Proposed to Pay Soldier Bonus

Field of Possible Revenues Narrowed Down to Eight Sources—May Put License on Autos.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The field of possible soldiers' bonus taxes virtually was narrowed today to eight sources by the subcommittee of the republican members of the house ways and means committee dealing with the tax problem.

These sources were stated as follows: A gasoline consumption tax of possibly 1 cent a gallon; a tax on automobiles of about 25 cents per horse power; a stamp tax on bank checks at about 1 cent for each check; a tax on real estate transfers at the rate of about 5 cents on each \$10 involved, and increased taxes on admissions where the sum paid exceeds 25 cents; cigars, tobacco and documentary stamps.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, acting chairman of the subcommittee, said there was little sentiment for any increase in either the first or second-class postage rates, and that there had been some discussion of an advance in the parcel post rates.

The bonus taxes will be temporary, Mr. Longworth said, extending over three years, and will be designed solely to take care of the cash payments to be made during January 1, 1923. It was explained that the cost of the other four options to be included in the bonus measure would be spread over 20 years and would not begin to be a serious charge against the federal treasury for several years at least.

Members of the subcommittee figured that on the basis of estimates furnished by treasury experts the \$350,000,000 yearly needed for three years for the cash payments could be obtained from the various sources outlined.

The tax on automobiles, which is to remain to be fixed, but the subcommittee expects to have the program completed by Saturday. It then will be passed upon by the majority committee, and the present plan, which was submitted in turn to republican members of the senate finance committee and President Harding.

Graduated increases in the various kinds of documentary stamp taxes in force will be included in the subcommittee's plan with sentiment said to have been in favor of imposing the highest rate in the case of the transfer of capital stocks and bonds. The figure suggested was 1-10 of 1 per cent on all transfers. The present rate is 1-20 of 1 per cent in the case of the original transfer and 1-50 of 1 per cent on each subsequent transfer.

May Double Rates. The suggested increase in taxes on cigars is estimated to yield \$25,000,000, while that on tobacco would yield an additional \$5,000,000. In the case of admissions, the existing rate of 10 per cent may be doubled where the charge exceeds 25 cents.

Representative Longworth said that by spreading the burden would be fairly well distributed.

While Mr. Longworth's committee was dealing with the tax problem, the other subcommittee began work on the bill. It was said that no changes would be made in the five optional plans as written in the original Fordney measure, but that administrative features were planned.

One important change was made today, the committee striking out the provision requiring the Army and Navy departments, before making payments to former service men, to ascertain and deduct any amounts that might be owed the government by the men growing out of their war service.

Waldron Brothers of Omaha Buy State Bank of Elkhorn. H. B. Waldron and his brother, W. T. Waldron, both of Omaha, have bought the Farmers State bank of Elkhorn, a town a few miles northwest of Omaha. The bank was organized in 1915 by Peter Mangold of Bennington, his sons, George and John, and Chris and William Glanti, farmers.

The Waldron brothers have been identified with the banking business of Douglas county for 30 years. H. B. Waldron with Gordon Wankles organized the Citizens State bank of Waterloo in 1902.

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Offer Money Bag as Evidence in Robbery Trial

Sack Said to Have Held Loot of \$1,400 in Strand Steal Is Exhibit Against Churchill.

Trial of Floyd Churchill, arrested in connection with the Strand theater robbery, September 6, 1921, began in Judge Leslie's court yesterday afternoon. Baggage said to have been Churchill's and declared to have contained money and two guns, was introduced as evidence.

Scott Irving, janitor at the Strand theater at the time of the robbery, was the first witness. He said Churchill resembled one of the three bandits who attacked him in the basement of the theater as a preliminary to the robbery.

Charles Brainard, house man at the Farnam hotel, where Churchill is alleged to have stayed, testified that Churchill returned to his room by way of the back stairs at 7:30 the morning following the robbery with a bundle under his arm.

Churchill checked out early that morning, he claims. The defendant answered vaguely to the description of the hotel roomer, according to Brainard.

A money bag, containing a white sock in which were currency and silver amounting to \$1,400, was offered by Chief of Police Dempsey.

P. P. Braslay, flagman of the train on which Churchill is alleged to have ridden to Kansas City, claims the bags introduced as evidence were found on the floor of the chair car, and were turned over to the Kansas City police. Silk shirts and collars with the laundry mark "F. C." are said to have been found in the bags.

The trial will be resumed this morning.

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Bryan Followers Cheered by Word That Farm Bureau Head Will Not Join Opposition's Forces.

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Public announcement of J. N. Norton, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, that he would not be a candidate for governor either on the democratic or third party ticket is looked upon here as making the candidacy of Charles W. Bryan for governor on the democratic ticket a certainty.

Bryan followers feared that in the event Norton listened to the honeyed words of the Hitchcock-Mullen faction to fuse with them and make a "Hitchcock-Norton" slate it would draw sufficient progressive democratic votes from Bryan to defeat him as well as Norton and insure nomination of a reactionary democrat at the primaries.

Bryan followers are believed to have been brought to bear upon Norton recently by third party leaders to have him enter that party as a candidate for governor he would take thousands of democrats into the third party with him and leave reactionary democrats in the majority. In their attempt to get him as a gubernatorial candidate third party leaders went so far as to give Norton definite assurance that if he became a candidate Arlan Anderson would withdraw in his favor, and that if he did not withdraw in his favor most of those things that I would advocate, I am content to serve in a less conspicuous place," Norton said.

Chicago Mayor Creates New Post to Enforce Laws

Minister Given Supreme Powers Over Violators "From Highest Official to Lowest Crook."

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Mayor Thompson today formally created the post of law enforcement commissioner in his cabinet and appointed Rev. John H. Williamson, a Methodist minister, as the first incumbent with supreme powers over law violators.

From the highest city official to the lowest crook on the streets." Mr. Williamson was instructed by the mayor to pay particular attention to reports of dishonesty among some city officials. The appointment was made in response to appeals from ministers and civic organizations and because of the numerous rumors of corruption.

Tonight Mr. Williamson resigned as pastor of his church and formally accepted the new position. In announcing his acceptance, he declared that his office would be conducted "in accordance with the teachings of Christ." He appealed to all Christian organizations to join him in a crime drive.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Mayor Thompson said that "in seeking the causes of crime, we must not close our eyes to the fact that many persons who formerly were in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors and who are not in sympathy with the eighteenth amendment, now drink moonshine or anything in the nature of intoxicating liquor and under the influence of it, become utterly irresponsible." Consequently, one of the first duties of the commissioner must be, the mayor continued, to seek out every place where intoxicating liquor is sold.

"We must also face the fact," he said, "that during the past four or five years