

# INDICT SIX FOR WAR GRAF

## Rum Fleet Floods New York

### 60 THOUSAND CASES BOOZE ARE SLIPPED PAST LINES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—With the sub-chaser Hansen, "Federal Dry Navy" of the port of New York, tied up at the Battery with engines disabled, the Narrows was left unguarded tonight long enough for fifteen rum runners to slip into port with nearly \$7,000,000 worth of liquor for New Year's, the police department was advised.

The fifteen little vessels are believed by prohibition officials to have aboard at least 60,000 cases of liquor. They represent only a part of the fleet of rum-laden craft which since a few days before Christmas had been laying outside the three-mile limit awaiting opportunity to run the gauntlet into the city.

Federal prohibition zone chief Appleby was amazed when he learned that the Hansen, flagship of his "dry fleet," was tied up at her pier.

"I thought she was out patrolling the narrows," he explained.

### She Got "Doc" to Prescribe



But not what you think. Her baby had measles, and the restless house was cold and dark, so Mrs. Albert Chapman of Dorchester, Mass., had the doctor prescribe a load of coal. The local dealer fled it, and announced that doctor's prescriptions would be given precedence in the future. Looks as if there might be more "take" ailments for the doctors to treat.

### U. S. IS NOT READY TO BE SUED ON PRO LAW RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Challenging the jurisdiction of the Supreme court to consider the appeals brought by foreign steamship companies from the prohibition ruling of Judge Hand at New York and insisting that the authority of Congress extends to control over intoxicating liquors on American ships on the high seas, the Federal Government today filed with the court two briefs which will be used as the basis for its oral arguments next week when the appeals are reached.

With regard to the proceedings instituted by the foreign lines the government declared it had not consented to be sued and that suit against it could not be sustained without its consent. It also questioned the right of the foreign companies to bring appeals, insisting that they had other remedies at law open to them and had not presented a cause for action.

### Mer Rouge



This is believed to be a true photo of an existence of Thomas E. Crowell, the young automobile mechanic who, it is charged, was kidnaped, beaten and slain by the masked nightstrokes of Mer Rouge, Richard's body, with that of Watt Daniel, was discovered in La Poudre.

## FORMER ASSISTANT WAR SECRETARY AND OTHER BIG OFFICIALS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Benedict Crowell, former assistant Secretary of War, and six other wartime officials of the War Department were charged today in an indictment returned by a special Federal grand jury here with conspiracy to defraud the government and with delaying and defeating the administration of law.

The seven defendants were said by the jury to have participated unlawfully in the award of contracts let by the government during the war and after the armistice, involving expenditures totalling hundreds of millions of dollars and in which some of their number had a pecuniary interest.

Those named as conspirators with Mr. Crowell were:

William A. Starrett, of New York, chairman and architect, said to have been a member of the firms of Starrett and Van Vleet, and Thompson-Starrett Company, Inc., and later associated with the George A. Fuller Company, general contractors. He was chairman of the War Department's committee on emergency construction, connected with the Council of National Defense.

Morton C. Tuttle, of Boston, Mass., said to be general manager of the Aberthaw Construction Company and formerly a member of the emergency construction committee.

Clara W. Landorf, of Cleveland, Ohio, said to be vice-president and general manager of the Crowell-Landorf-Little Company and General Manager of the Cleveland Construction Company. He also was a member of the emergency construction committee. He also was a member of the emergency construction committee.

John H. Merrihew, of Baltimore and Chicago, said to have represented a building company issuing bonds for contractors and associated during the war with the construction committee.

James A. Moore, of Boston and Springfield, Mass., former general manager of Fred T. Lee and Company, Inc., general contractors, in whose first contract for construction of a national emergency construction was awarded. He was secretary of the construction committee in the war department during the war.

## CONTRACT LET FOR FIVE WELLS IS REPORT HERE

Sensational developments are looked for in the Panhandle oil field within 60 days, and sooner if the prevailing warm weather continues, local oil men in close touch with conditions declare.

Reports reached Amarillo yesterday from Pampa that one of the big contractors operating here had let contract with a drilling company for five wells. Another report told of another company having secured a contract for 10 derricks with the Panhandle Lumber Company, delivery to be prompt.

These and numerous other similar reports indicate the extensive scale on which operations will go forward in the immediate future, local operators point out.

Probably the most startling bit of information reported verified by some sources here was the rumor yesterday that the Texas Company's well in Garret county had on one day during the past week, gotten from the control of those in charge and had shot a stream of oil high into the air for several hours before it could be again shut down. The rumor came from authentic sources and caused no little bit of excitement in local oil circles.

## WORLD APPEAL FOR RECOGNITION MADE BY RUSSIA

### GREATEST DESIRE IS DISARMAMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER DECLARES

LAUSANNE, Dec. 30.—M. Tchitcherin, the Russian Soviet Foreign Minister, made an appeal for recognition of the Soviet Federation today in a statement to the Associated Press.

"The Soviet Republic," he said, "earnestly hopes that the beginning of the New Year will bring us into closer co-operation with the American people for productive work and for the opening of our natural resources to mankind.

"Our most earnest desire is universal naval disarmament, as well as a discontinuance of arm races and production work. The Soviet Republic is strong enough to resist aggression, but we must react to the schemes which have prevailed at Lausanne will count us to arm and to build our own navy and will divert us from our fundamental aim—disarmament."

Deliver Sermon

The entire Soviet delegation declined a New Year's reception to the powers, taking as a text "Russians' sympathy for oppressed peoples." M. Tchitcherin distributed to all the delegations at Lausanne a memorandum declaring that a solution of the Near East problem is possible only by abandonment of the policy of conquest and intervention toward Turkey.

The memorandum warmly takes sides with Turkey in the struggle for sovereign freedom and insists that imperialistic nations must cease to consider Moslems as inferiors. In behalf of the Moscow government M. Tchitcherin recommends the calling of a special conference to examine into the status of the Minorities of all countries and declares that the only way to establish peace in the Balkans and in the Near East is the formation of a confederation by the people of those regions, each state retaining its autonomy.

No Changes Seen

Today's developments brought no appreciable change in the delicate position of the Lausanne conference. Optimists found hope in the fact that the Turks have agreed to meet the British experts and discuss the Mosul frontier, and in the announcement that further progress had been made in the solution of the straits problem. But it is generally admitted that to change for the better or the worse may come until next Pasha has heard from Ankara and until the trend of the Paris reparations conference can be noted.

Frenchman Beats Moran

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Marcel Niles, the French pugilist, defeated Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, tonight on points for the heavyweight championship of France.

## FRIDAY WILL OPEN STATE'S HEARING IN KIDNAPING CASE, KLAN CHIEFTAINS ON SCENE

BASTROP, La., Dec. 30.—Morehouse settled down tonight to await the coming of Friday when the state would lay its cards on the table in the Morehouse kidnaping and murder cases.

The failure of the state to set in motion its dragnet during the passing week has given the impression that additional arrests promised will not be made before the day of the open hearing.

In the meantime investigations are being extended. There were reports that Department of Justice agents will delve into the activities of unidentified secret organizations who have conducted raids against the lawless along the Louisiana-Arkansas border.

The Ku Klux Klan of the Realm of Louisiana also had agents in the field. It was reported, in fact, that members of these organizations were responsible for the outrage on the Bastrop-Mer Rouge highway on the night of August 25 when five men were kidnaped, two of whom were murdered.

If the Morehouse Klan as a whole is guilty its character will be revealed if individual members were implicated they will be left in their fellow klansmen to the fate they deserve. This was the chief of "Christians" who gathered in New Orleans yesterday.

Federal investigators who have been active here since September returned today after conferences with state officials at New Orleans.

Friends of Dr. R. M. McKoin, former Mayor of Mer Rouge, who is under murder charges at Bastrop, were a bit startled over the news that the night of the kidnaping had contracted in fact had developed into fratricide.

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Former Judge W. C. Barnett of Shreveport La., announced today he would be retained as counsel for T. J. Barnett, former deputy sheriff, also under arrest on a murder charge in connection with the crime. He said in the event McKoin was extradited he would represent him also.

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## JUDGE MURRAY JONES CONCEDES DEFEAT TO PRESIDENT MAYOR

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## SENATE PASSES NAVAL BILL AND TAKES A RECESS

### MEASURE CARRIES APPROPRIATION OF \$325,000,000 FOR NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—After the passing of the naval bill and a half day spent through withdrawal by Senator Borah, (Iowa), of his amendment proposing a World War memorial, the Senate today passed the \$325,000,000 naval appropriation bill and adjourned over New Year's day.

Debate on the Borah amendment was not resumed today and the bill also was passed without a vote on the House resolution requiring the President to negotiate with the great naval powers for further armament limitations. This provision is contained in the bill will go to the President and will not come before the Senate and House conference.

It requests the President to negotiate with Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy with a view to agreement limiting armaments to 10,000 tons and air force tonnage.

Peking Cabinet Resigns

PEKING, Dec. 30.—The Cabinet of which General Chong Shao-Ting was premier resigned today.

Only yesterday the Senate voted approval of General Chang, who was appointed premier December 15, with the consent of parliament.

## KLAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR AT HOUSTON LOSES

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## Brother of Man Killed by McKoin Seeks Indictment

HOUSTON, Dec. 30.—Efforts to secure an indictment for the murder of Dr. R. M. McKoin, former Mayor of Mer Rouge, La., in 1919, to which the aid of Governor Barnes of Louisiana in securing an indictment returned against him in connection with the killing.

Mr. Thum said tonight he would file a petition with the grand jury to secure an indictment against McKoin, the brother of the man who was killed.

## Dies of Heart Failure While at Grid Battle

STADIUM MANAGER, UNDER SIFTY GOLF, Dec. 30.—Charles H. Bentley, vice president of the CMA Sports Building Corporation, and prominent member of the CMA Building Club, died of a heart attack while playing golf at the CMA Building Club, between Memphis and Pittsburgh.

## Woman Seriously Burned As Clothing Ignites from Stove

HOUSTON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. E. H. Thompson was seriously burned last night when her nightgown caught fire from a gas stove. She is not expected to live. She had gotten up at midnight to attend to her baby.

## WOMAN KILLED AND HUSBAND'S ARM BLOWN OFF BY BOMB SENT THROUGH MAIL AS HOLIDAY GIFT

WINNEBAGO RAPIDS, Dec. 30.—James Magnusson, a farmer living about six miles from Marshfield, Wisconsin, was arraigned before Edward N. Pommerville, justice of the peace tonight, charged with the murder of Mrs. James A. Chapman, wife of a Marshfield county commissioner.

Mrs. Thompson was killed and her husband's left arm blown off while they were opening a dynamite bomb, sent them through the mail disguised as a Christmas package.

Magnusson refused to plead, declined to employ a lawyer, asserted his innocence, and was returned to jail until January 1, when the hearing will be continued.

During the examination which lasted but twenty minutes, the farmer denied he had ever had trouble with Chapman.

Magnusson's son, Edward, sixteen years old, is being held in jail as a material witness tonight, while the district attorney and postal inspectors search their farm in an effort to find clues by which the sending of the bomb can be traced.

## SPECIAL NAVAL SUM IS ASKED BY PRESIDENT

### SIX MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION REQUESTED BY HARDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—In order to keep the pace one of the American Navy on a par with the sea forces of the other great powers, President Harding asked Congress today for a special appropriation of \$5,000,000 as a beginning on a shipbuilding modernization program.

The plan would request a mark a change of shipbuilding directly from the Washington naval conference and was described by Secretary Denby in a letter accompanying the President's request as a "step" and vital importance in the national defense. Before the conference could begin the practice to build new ships rather than modernize old ones, which no longer can be followed because of the construction limitations imposed by the naval limitations treaty.

Secretary Denby reported that a detailed study of the problem had been made by naval officers, and that the \$5,000,000 would be used to make it possible to begin work on thirteen vessels. Ultimately, the program would cost a total of \$20,000,000.

It is known that in general the tactical plans for the equipment of all of the fourteen main gun ships of the fleet will depend on the construction of the fleet and that the fleet's protection against torpedo attack and modernization of the main batteries to give them a range now usable with aircraft spotting.

Last Office Employee Dies

ALBERTA, Dec. 29.—J. M. Calloway, 70 years of age, who has been an employee of the state land office for fifty years and seven months, died here tonight. Mr. Calloway was granted a vacation by special act of the Legislature recently on the completion of a half century of service in the state land office.

## PREACHER-SHERIFF OF WIDE FAME SELLS CIDER PRESSES HE SEIZED IN HOOTCH RAIDS

DEER MOONSHINE, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Sheriff Edith Polk County's preacher, who gained nationwide prominence last fall for effecting the hanging of two murderers at Fort Madison penitentiary, was placed under arrest here this morning, charged with the unlawful disposing of intoxicating liquors as the result of his father, William Murray, whose own name had been arrested by the sheriff for complicity in the theft of \$20,000 worth of bonded whiskey from the county jail Wednesday.

The sheriff's bond was fixed at \$1,000 which he furnished and the date for the hearing was set as January 3.

George Polk, brother of the sheriff and himself a minister, who has been acting as a deputy for his brother, was also placed under arrest, charged with having, on information given out by Edith Polk, sold whiskey to the sheriff.

Later additional charges were filed against Sheriff Edith by McMurran, which alleged that the sheriff had illegally sold cider presses and other paraphernalia used in making liquor, which had been seized in county booze raids.

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## ONLY HALF OF AUTO OWNERS PAY TAXES WITHIN ALLOTTED TIME; OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

Automobiles will be seized on the streets of Amarillo tomorrow if only half of the cars of Potter County have the new 1922 license plates and drivers of the 2,300 that failed to secure plates before County Tax Collector Ben Godding closed his office last night will be subject to a fine if they get the "old box" out on the streets.

The office of County Collector Godding was a busy place Saturday. One thousand automobile owners hurried to his office in a last-minute opportunity to pay the 1922 taxes and secure the new license, bringing the total up to 1,400 out of a possible five thousand.

The tax collector's office will not be open Monday. New Year's Day, making it impossible for delinquents to pay taxes before Tuesday.

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## Chair Leg Breaks—Woman Is Injured

A chair leg broke Saturday night Mrs. A. R. Blackwood, 301 Fillmore Street, was standing on a chair doing some housework and she fell sideways to the floor, sustaining painful cuts about the face. Six stitches were taken to close up the wounds.