

THOUSANDS HOMELESS, EARTHQUAKE

Arrests Follow Indictments of Federal Grand Jury

HIGHER-UPS IN LIQUOR TRAFFIC INDICTED, CLAIM

Many Arrests Are Made Following Indictments Seattle Federal Jury.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Verification of all forecasts of recent indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury indicate higher-ups have been caught.

Bootleggers are reported to have made affidavits that Shattuck is involved in many cases.

Sixty of about 160 indicted last Wednesday by the Grand Jury had been arrested up to Christmas Eve.

Extradition Proof

W. E. Crow, former Captain of Police at Everett; Rex Hall, former proprietor of a hotel in Everett, have been indicted but they are in Vancouver, B. C.

It is indicated that in the past two years, Federal grand juries have indicted many who have not been cited.

May Tell Truth

Of the indicted men arrested, Lew Fairfield, of Everett, paroled convict and reputed hijacker and fixer of the Snohomish County rum ring, declared when indicted, that County officials had brought him to trial, and he was to tell a "story of graft that will startle the Northwest. My memory has fully returned."

Indicted Cops Suspended

Nine of the 10 indicted Seattle patrolmen have been suspended for 30 days. Chief of Police Searing said Lt. Comstock, who has not been suspended, was relieved of his duties for 30 days last Spring when he was indicted in the liquor conspiracy cases.

THORNTON TO RETURN

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Dec. 27.—Friends of Roy Thornton announce he will return to Seattle to face indictment. It is reported he has nothing to fear. He operates a road house and radio broadcasting station and nearby a dance hall. He was in Seattle during the Brown mayoralty.

UNDERWORLD GRAFT

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—The Post-Intelligencer said this morning that "investigations have solved private banking intricacies through which it is believed City and County officials

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Ask a "Light" And then Tip Hats, in Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A fine point in etiquette is exciting a hot discussion among German cigar and cigarette smokers.

"Please give me a light," is one of the common requests of passenger to passenger in the numerous compartments of railway and street cars where smoking is permitted.

So far the eyes seem to have it. Observation on the public conveyances shows the hat-lifting process, carried out with all due Teutonic solemnity, still quite commonly observed.

Chicago Spends Millions for Christmas Liquor

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—City Health Commissioner Mendesen estimates that \$10,000,000 was spent for Chicago Christmas liquor.

"Men and women, who would not swallow pure well water without an investigation of the bucket, tilted bottles, with pretty labels upside down, over their lips without any hesitation whatever," said Mendesen.

F. C. JOHNSTONE, SALMON PACKER, DIES, SEATTLE

Prominent Man Connected with Ketchikan Industry, Passes Away Today.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Frederick Charles Johnstone, salmon packer, died at his home here today.

Mr. Johnstone converted the old 1869, into the first floating cannery, in 1911. He erected the Tongass Bldg. in Ketchikan and was President of the Ketchikan and was President of the Tongass Trading Company, Tongas Investment Company and Alaska Fish Company, and Vice President of the Pacific Fisheries Association.

Mr. Johnstone was born in Detroit in 1868. He was a Thirty-Second degree Mason and Past President of the Arctic Club, Seattle.

Mr. Johnstone was years ago, associated with the Seattle Hardware Company. He is survived by his widow.

LANDING OF U. S. MARINES IS RESENTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The State Department announces that American Marines and sailors landed "without incident" at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua to protect American and other foreigners' lives and also property.

Dr. T. S. Vaca, representative of President Saca, of Nicaragua, charges the movement as armed intervention undertaken during the American Congressional recess to avoid investigation.

Forces Are Notified

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Rear Admiral Latimer, who landed the marines in Nicaragua, proclaimed a neutral zone and advised the State Department that he has notified the Nicaraguan Government forces, defeated by the Liberal troops, that they will be disarmed if forced into the neutral zone.

Hartford Proposes a City Firelane Plan

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.—Firelanes in city residential districts, counterparts of the "dead lines" or fire lanes in forests as barriers against the sweep of a conflagration, have been advocated by a municipal committee which is revising the building code of Hartford, known among its sister municipalities as "The Insurance City."

The idea underlying the plan is that rows of fire proof buildings on main thoroughfares through sections closely settled with homes would make "fire walls" against a jump of flames from one block into another and give fire-ground against a conflagration in a particular block. The proposed changes provide an inner fire zone wherein all buildings should be fireproof; a belt around this inner zone which would be bisected by the six firelanes, and outside of all the residential section in which frame construction would be unhampered.

Policy of Alaska College Work to Date, Explained by Its President, C. E. Bunnell

By Dr. C. E. BUNNELL, President Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines

In the first place, what are the physical assets of the "Farthest North" College? In the second place, what has it to offer? These are the natural questions to be asked by one who has not had an opportunity to see its buildings and equipment and

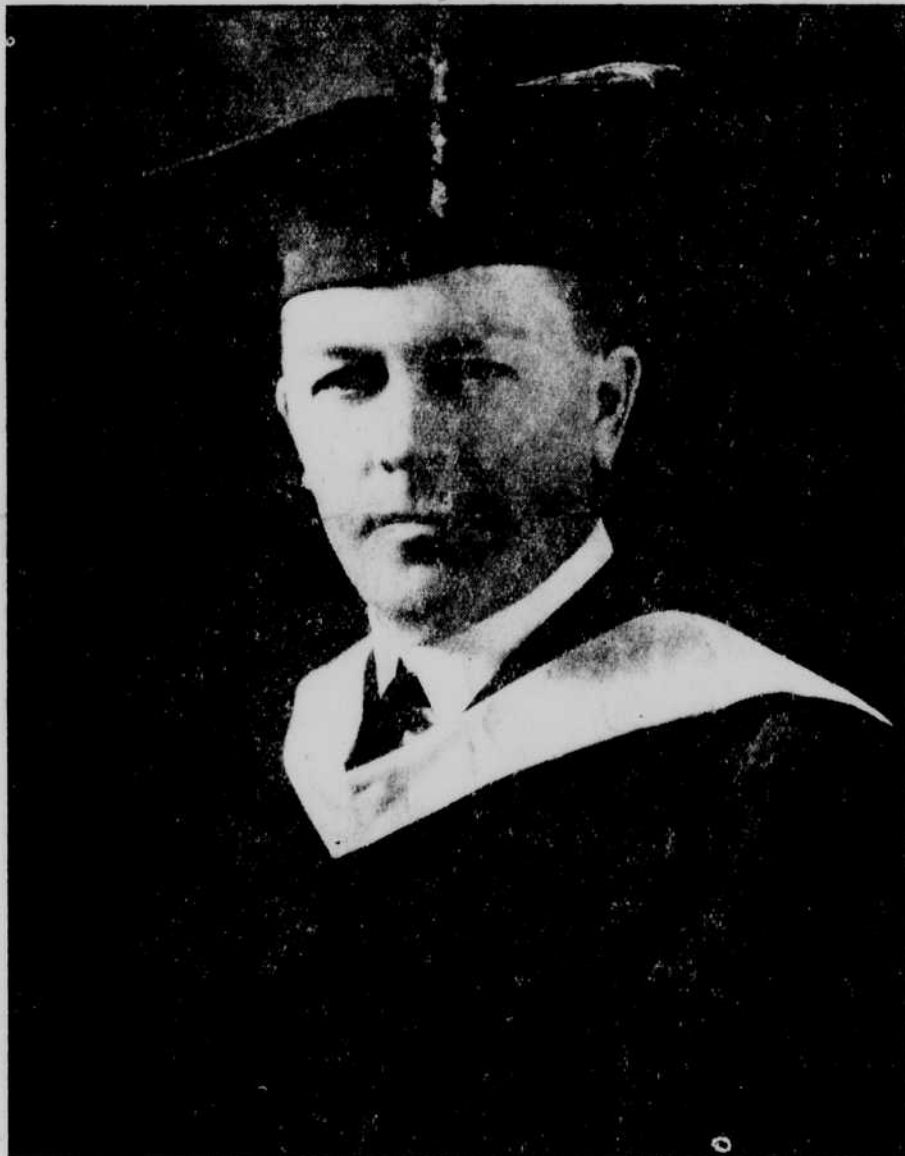
who does not have time to read the statement of the courses in its annual catalogue.

To date the Territorial Legislature has appropriated a total of \$360,369 for this college. The first appropriation of \$89,000 was made in 1917, but funds sufficient for the institution to be opened were not provided until 1921 and the college did not open until 1922. In the meantime it

has received \$50,000 each year for a period of five years from the Federal Government in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress endowing a land grant college in every state and territory.

Plant Is Described

The total cost of all of its buildings is approximately \$180,000. Each of the three units of its main building is 59 feet by 83 feet with three



DR. C. E. BUNNELL, PRESIDENT OF THE ALASKA COLLEGE

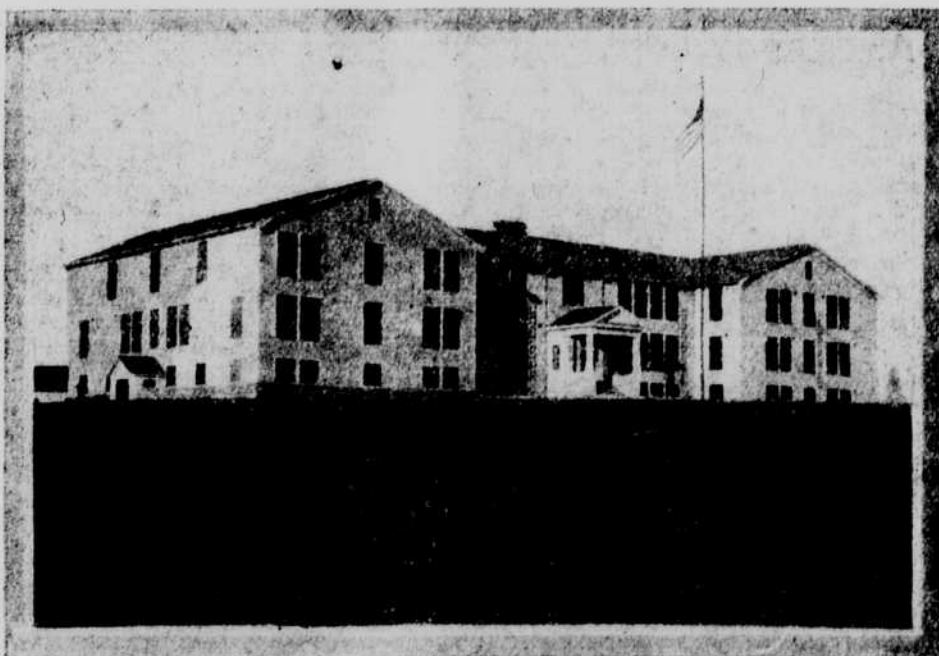
floors. The men's dormitory is 22 feet by 82 feet with three floors. It has a power plant 36 feet by 36 feet and a single story motors building 36 feet by 60 feet with addition 18 feet by 36 feet. There are also three dwellings on the campus, two store buildings, an agricultural shop building and a mine shop building, the main part of which is 32 feet

by 40 feet. These buildings are equipped with furniture and fixtures and machinery of the estimated value of \$15,000.

It was the plan when the college opened to keep the faculty few in number and use the balance of the Federal Endowment Fund, after paying the salaries of the professors, to purchase scientific equipment.

This policy has made it possible to provide the college with splendid scientific equipment to the value of approximately \$65,000 entitling it to be called one of the best equipped small colleges in the United States.

The estimated value of its library which now contains more than 7,500 volumes is \$18,000. It is thus seen that the actual cost to the Territory



THE ALASKA COLLEGE AND SCHOOL OF MINES, AT FAIRBANKS

for the maintenance of an institution within its borders for higher learning has been in round numbers only about \$10,000 per year.

Apparatus Is Modern To appreciate the value of its scientific equipment one must visit its laboratories. No out-of-date ap-

paratus is to be found therein. In the agricultural laboratory is to be found the latest soil testing units; the civil engineering department contains the best transits and levels to the value of several thousand dollars; a Riehle testing machine with a capacity of 50,000 pounds. This ma-

chine has been of great service to the Fairbanks Exploration Co. in testing concrete blocks. The Home Economics laboratory is fully equipped with electric range, hot plates, loom, electric and tread sewing machines, in fact all that is needed for

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Filipinos Show Indifference to Thompson's Report

MANILA, Dec. 27.—Reaction on Carmi Thompson's report to President Coolidge, regarding the Philippines, one a whole, is one of indifference. The Filipino leaders disapproved the recommendation postponing independence.

Seaver Sergio Ormona, referring to the section of the report on friction between Gov. Gen. Wood and the Filipino leaders, said: "It is the most significant statement in the entire report."

MOUNTAIN ZONE IN ALBANIA IS BADLY SHAKEN

Premier Mussolini Orders Relief Sent—Water in Lake Is Boiling.

ROME, Dec. 27.—It is reported an earthquake has destroyed houses and left thousands homeless at Durazzo, Albania. Premier Mussolini has ordered relief sent.

SHOCKS ARE VIOLENT

TIRANIA, Albania, Dec. 27.—Violent shocks have persisted for several days in the mountain zone near Durazzo. A new crater has been formed which is in constant eruption. Water in a nearby lake is boiling. The inhabitants have fled.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SHAKES

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 27.—A quake shook the San Joaquin Valley at 1:20 o'clock this morning. Dishes rattled at Turlock.

SMITH - VARE WILL NOT BE SEATED, CLAIM

Poll Among Senators Show Only Small Number Favor Senators-Elect.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—W. W. Jerome, Associated Editor of the Seattle Daily Times, in a dispatch to the Times from Washington, D. C., says that "Senator Watson polled the Senate as to whether Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, should be seated for the remainder of the present session, to succeed deceased Senator McKinley. Only 22 Senators favored that procedure.

"Another poll was taken on seating Senators-elect Smith and William S. Vare, the latter, from Pennsylvania, on the beginning of the new Congress and then proceeding to investigate their cases, relative to campaign funds. This poll showed only 16 senators for Smith and 12 Senators for Vare.

"Senators friendly to Vare made this poll. "It is thus evident that neither Smith nor Vare will be permitted to take their seats, in which a decision of the Senate will overturn a long line of so-called precedents.

"In cases of Smith and Vare, the Senate possesses the transcripts of evidence taken in Illinois and Pennsylvania by Senator Reed's committee.

"When the Senate reconvenes after the holidays, the committee will submit recommendations, which, to say the least, will not favor seating either Senators-elect. In previous cases which might be considered precedents, no evidence was before the Senate or other body, thus Lorimer and Newberry were seated, one from Illinois and the other from Michigan."

SNOW AND ICE COVER STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Snow and ice covered the Northwestern States after mild Christmas temperatures.

New York streets are glazed from an inch of sleet, followed by a slight snow fall. Many accidents are reported. Two persons were killed in falls.

Admits Slaying Wife And Eight Step-children

FAREWELL, N. Dak., Dec. 27.—George J. Haskell bared his breast today and asserted that he was ready to be shot for slaying his wife and eight stepchildren which was a "poor way to serve the Lord." He said he killed his wife first and was then forced to shoot the boys.

Capt. Wilkins Coming North During February

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—Capt. George H. Wilkins plans to leave Seattle for Fairbanks on February 5 to continue exploration in the Arctic. He plans to place wings on the De-troit, at Fairbanks, and fly to Point Barrow.

CIGARS ARE ACKNOWLEDGED

The Empire Staff, with pleasure, acknowledges Christmas receipt of cigars from the B. M. Behrends Bank and Butler Mauro Drug Co.

CONFESSES TO SLAYING MEN FOR \$237.50

Wife Grows Tired of Husband—Hires Man to Kill Him—Crime Revealed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Pren Patrick, arrested yesterday, has confessed he was hired for \$237.50 to kill Fred Lindstrom so Mrs. Lillian Fraser Lindstrom, common law wife, could collect life insurance and return to her husband.

Lindstrom was found December 7 with a fractured skull.

Mrs. Lindstrom said she hired Patrick to do the killing. She had Lindstrom insured for \$1,000. She said she wished to return to her husband as she had grown tired of Lindstrom. She stipulated the killing must appear as accidental.

Patrick said he entered Lindstrom's house, posing as a farmer, looking for furniture. Mrs. Lindstrom handed him a lead pipe. As Lindstrom preceded Patrick into a bedroom, Patrick struck Lindstrom as he bent over a bureau.

Mrs. Lindstrom and Patrick took the body to another part of the town and laid it on an icy street. They expected death would be attributed to an automobile accident. The police noticed the soles of the shoes were dry and the pavement was wet. This started the investigation.

Prospectors to Be Rushed To Goldfields by Airplane

SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario, Dec. 27.—Plans for transporting prospectors to the goldfields are being rushed after Capt. H. A. Oaks arrived from the Tetterboro Airport, New Jersey. He started December 16 but was delayed by blizzards and cold, generally below zero. Capt. Oaks made the entire 1,700 miles without mishap although forced down and to take lay-overs owing to the blizzards.

Laden with Christmas Gifts, Woman Is Killed

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 27.—Miss Peggie Hawes, aged 32 years, secretary to an oil company official, driving Christmas Eve to Napa, carrying three other young women, stooped to brush the dust obscuring her speedometer. The car left the road, overturned and pinned her beneath four feet of water. The other women in the car escaped. The body of Miss Hawes and also many Christmas presents, were floated when the car was lifted, about two hours after the accident.