

# WILSON'S AID IS INDICTED FOR WAR FRAUD

## ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME WILL GREET NEW YEAR

OTTAWA TO BE AT ALERT  
FOR ARRIVAL OF  
MR. 1923  
SAFE-SANE JAN. 1ST

WATCH PARTIES WILL BE CELEBRATION FEATURES TO COMMEMORATE 1922'S BECOMING PART OF HISTORY.

NO RAISING LID TO BE ALLOWED.

There will be no tilting of the lid in La Salle county over the New Year's Sheriff E. J. Welter announced today. Since the sheriff started making raids soon after he took over the oath of office, residents of the county have been wondering if he would become lax around New Year's holidays, and give them an opportunity to celebrate a little.

Today when the sheriff was interviewed on the subject he intimated that he had no tilting whatever would be allowed on New Year's, and that the lid, which he clamped on tight several weeks ago, would stay put down.

People who cheat a little on the prohibition laws at their New Year's celebration will have to be sure that they are out of range of Sheriff Welter's watchful eyes.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Old 1922 will soon be gone, and in its place, a bright and young year, 1923 will be ushered in. On the whole 1922 has been a pretty good old year, and many will wish that the next will serve them as well.

Today ends the last work-a-day of the year, the closing day of 1922 falling on Sunday. Business in Ottawa will cease tonight, and will remain at a standstill until Tuesday morning, in accordance with the New Year custom established long ago.

Resolutions in great numbers will be made tomorrow, only to be broken next Wednesday or Thursday or perhaps in April or even July.

### Watch Parties Held.

The old year will be watched out, with all the customs which have been in vogue for generations back, and the ushering in of 1923, will be marked with much gaiety. Many private New Year's Eve parties will be held in Ottawa. These will for the most part be rather quiet affairs until after twelve o'clock, as New Year's Eve falls on Sunday. After that time the fun will start in full force, and will continue until well towards morning.

There will also be several religious watch services in Ottawa.

The Epworth League has planned a Watch Night meeting at the First Methodist church. The exercises will begin with a song service led by the full choir under the direction of Mr. W. S. Fyland and will be followed by a New Year sermon by Rev. H. E. Lawler. This service will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

At 9:00 with Mr. Geo. O. Grover presiding ten speakers, most of whom are younger members of the church, will participate in a forum of discussion of five live topics such as stewardship, amusements, missions, personal work, prayer. All speeches will be limited to five minutes.

The 10:00 o'clock hour will be for recreation and is under the chairmanship of Merten Jerstad. It will include a trip through the Holy Land, a Bible Book contest, and possibly a little play.

The refreshments committee will serve some appropriate New Year refreshments at 11:00 and the consecration service under the leadership of the pastor will lead up to the midnight hour.

At the stroke of 12:00 New Year best wishes will be exchanged. Members of other churches who may not have a similar meeting in their churches are invited to spend the evening with the Methodists after they have attended their church services.

A number of organizations will entertain with New Year parties on Monday. There will be matinee dances at the Elks and the Root Clubs. The Starved Rock Council Knights of Columbus will keep an open house, and a dance will be held on New Year's night at the Masonic Temple.

Combined with the numerous private parties planned for Monday, the day will be unusually full of social activities.

A summing up of the years business in Ottawa shows that the city has been unusually prosperous during the past year. It has also been extremely healthy, the death rate smaller than usual, and the amount of sickness less than the average for a year.

The following special watch service program will be given by the Luther League at the Trinity church, South side, New Year's eve.

## 100 PER CENT STOCK DIVIDEND DECLARED BY NATIONAL CITY

OTTAWA FINANCIAL INSTITUTION  
CUTS FAT MELON FOR BENEFIT  
OF SHAREHOLDERS—INCREASE  
CAPITAL FROM \$100,000 TO \$200,000.

The National City bank at a special stockholders' meeting held on Dec. 26 decided on a very nice New Year present for the stockholders of that institution, when it was decided to declare a 100 per cent stock dividend. This increases the capital stock of the bank from \$100,000 to \$200,000, making the capital of this bank the largest in this county. The receipt of the formal approval of this action from the comptroller of the currency permits the bank to announce the increase today.

The National City bank's large surplus of \$250,000 made this change desirable and warranted the transfer of \$100,000 from that account to capital stock. The new capital will, therefore, be \$200,000, leaving still the very strong surplus of \$150,000. While this dividend has many advantages to the bank it is also to the advantage of depositors, as it also automatically increases the stockholders' liability to depositors 100 per cent.

The National City has recently qualified under the national banking act authorizing the opening of a complete trust department. That department is fully organized and is prepared to act in all fiduciary capacities. James P. Catlin, vice president of the bank, is the designated trust officer, with Alfred H. Taylor as assistant trust officer. Mr. Taylor has for some time past been with some of the leading trust and investment companies of Chicago, obtaining special experience and training in this work, and the National City is now able to offer its services to the public in all lines covered by trust companies, such as trustee, executor or administrator of estates, guardianships, etc.

Another new department has also been added to the bank's service to the public in the organization of an investment department, announcement of which is being made today.

By the organization of this department the bank is prepared to take care of the requirements of all those seeking conservative investments of the highest grade, and will give to its customers the advantage of its long experience in the handling of high grade securities, as well as its extensive facilities for investing the merits of all kinds of bonds and securities on the market. A limited number of these securities are now offered by the bank to those desiring the highest grade investments, and its officers will give gladly to the public any advice or information desired along these lines.

The primary object in adding these departments has been to keep thorough pace with the times by furnishing to the people of this community every possible service consistent with progressive and conservative banking, and to render the greatest possible service at all times in any matter along financial lines or that may come within the province of a thoroughly reliable trust and investment company.

Scripture Reading and Prayer. . . Dr. A. Mortvedt.  
1st Sub-Topic. . . . . Alma Thorson.  
2nd Sub-Topic. . . . . Nelson Pruland.  
Vocal Duet. . . . . Ruth and Ruby Norem.  
Summary of Topic. . . . . T. O. Berge.  
Reading. . . . . Freda Varland.  
Vocal Solo. . . . . Bertha Sundal.  
Remarks. . . . . Lewis Chally.  
Announcements and Remarks by Pastor. . . . . Dr. A. O. Mortvedt.

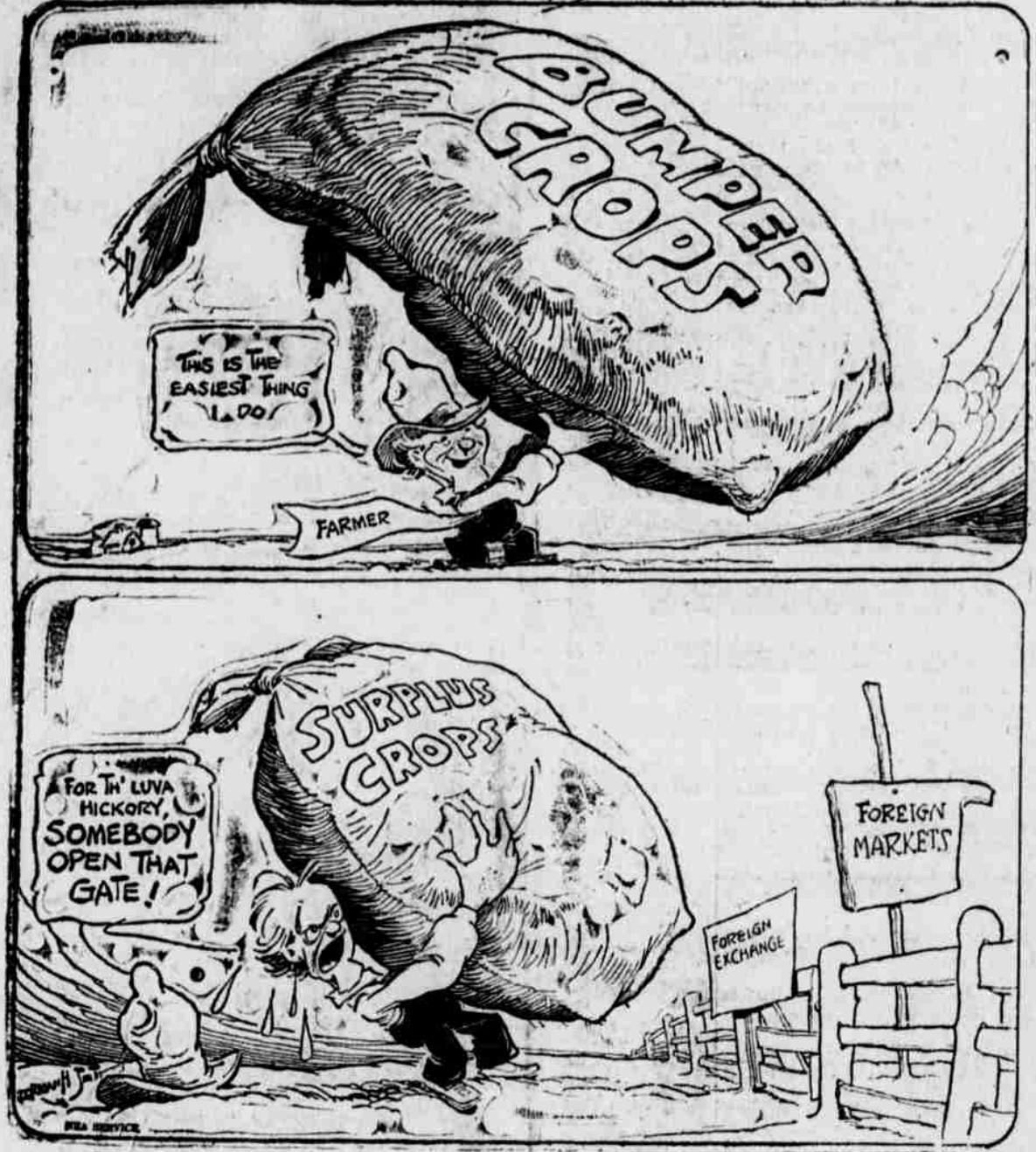
## 2 PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM BUREAU CO. JAIL

Removing not only the screws which held the locks on their cell doors, but taking out enough bricks to make a good sized hole in the Bureau county jail wall, two prisoners made an escape from the bastille about 4 o'clock this morning, and succeeded in getting away.

Both men were being held on grand larceny charges. One was Joseph Bronka, aged 30, and the other was Peter Seltz, aged 25 of Wisconsin.

Two men were taken in custody here as suspects of the fugitives this afternoon, but were released when it was found they did not answer the description of the Princeton prisoners.

## THE HORN OF PLENTY—OF TROUBLE



## CHECK CONFESSION MADE BY LAD WHO STOLE DODGE COUPE

GEORGE CLARK, ARRESTED WITH  
PILFERED AUTO IN HIS POSSESSION  
TAKES AUTHORITIES  
OVER ROUTE OF FLIGHT.

A check on the alleged confession of George H. Clark, confessed thief of the Dodge coupe of Dr. H. E. Black, of La Salle, showed that he did travel west through Spring Valley and on to Princeton after stealing the machine on the night of the Esmond murder. The simultaneous discovery of Esmond's dead body, on the road at the top of Dimmick Hill, led the authorities to think for a time that the man who stole the machine might know of Esmond's tragic death.

Yesterday afternoon Clark was taken over the route he claimed he traveled after stealing the auto. He led the authorities to a farm house near Spring Valley where he claimed to have stopped and piloted to a Spring Valley garage for gas. Both the garage men and the people at the farm house were able to identify him.

From Spring Valley, Clark claims he went to Princeton and visited his mother for a few minutes, after which he went to Kewanee.

He also visited Morrison, before running into the arm of the law. While a state wide search was being conducted for the stolen car of Dr. Black, Clark was on the public highways with the machine much of the time.

He is said to be a former inmate of the Pontiac reformatory, and to have been released from there one year ago.

This morning Clark was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Koenig. He waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury.

Clark's alibi of traveling west, has eliminated him from all connection with the Esmond case.

## ADMITS DRIVING CAR WHILE INTOXICATED

Alfred Larson, who resides near Mareilles, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated before Judge Reck in the Court-Court late yesterday afternoon, and was fined \$100 and costs. Larson paid his fine in open court.

He and Walter Walking figured in an auto collision a few days ago. Larson was arrested on Thursday, and placed in the county jail, on a warrant secured by Mr. Walking which charged him with driving a machine while intoxicated.

Marriage Licenses.  
La Verne Noon, Streator, 21; Blanche Ingalecki, Streator, 22.  
Willis H. Law, Ottawa, legit; Ethel

## BOOZE THEFT CHARGED TO IOWA SHERIFF

Des Moines, Dec. 30.—Warrants were issued early today for the arrest of Winfred B. Robb, Polk county sheriff until Jan. 1, and his brother, Deputy Sheriff George Robb, in connection with the theft of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the Polk county jail booze room last Wednesday night. Robb brothers are in custody.

## LAW-MORGAN TROTH TO BE PLIGHTED AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS P. M.

OTTAWA OPTICIAN TO CLAIM  
MAYWOOD GIRL AS BRIDE—  
CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED  
AT M. E. PARSONAGE.

The marriage of Dr. W. H. Law, local optician and proprietor of the Law Jewelry store, and Miss Ethel Morgan of Maywood, will be solemnized this afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock at the First Methodist church parsonage in Center Ottawa. Rev. Hiram F. Lawler will officiate.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ninteen, the latter a sister of the bride will be the attendants.

Miss Morgan will wear a grey canton crepe frock and a silver tissue hat.

Dr. Law has made his home in Ottawa for several years, and has a very wide circle of friends here. Miss Morgan has been employed in the office of the Schenck Works of the American Can Factory for several years.

Dr. Law and his bride will leave on an evening train for Chicago for a short honeymoon. They will return to Ottawa to make their future home, and will reside in South Ottawa.

Knutton-Ball.  
The marriage of Miss Edna Mae Knutton, daughter of Mrs. Emma Knutton, 1013 Canal street, and Farold Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ball, 603 Christie street, will be solemnized tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist church. Rev. G. C. Fetter will officiate.

Miss Knutton will wear a brown crepe gown and a brown hat. There will be no attendants.

Mr. Ball and his bride will leave on an evening train for Chicago where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will go to housekeeping in South Ottawa, and Mr. Ball will be employed at the Twin Buffs plant of the National Fireproofing Co.

## HOWARD MORLEY IS NAMED CAPTAIN OF LOCAL GUARD UNIT

FORMER COMPANY "C" MEMBER  
WILL ORGANIZE MILITARY  
OUTFIT TO OCCUPY OTTAWA'S \$100,000 ARMORY.

It was officially decided yesterday noon at the meeting of the committee which is trying to reorganize a National Guard unit here that Ottawa should have Company C. Steps were immediately taken to form the company with Howard Morley as captain.

Fourteen members of the committee attended the meeting which was held at the American Restaurant. Besides the committee members, Col. C. S. Stacie were in attendance. After a dinner at 12 o'clock Col. Meyers made a talk explaining many topics associated with a national guard.

In his talk the army officer stated that all guard units are placed under federal control; as soon as they reach a certain standard of efficiency. With 120,000 members and it is necessary that a strong national guard be built up to protect the country in perilous times.

At the close of the officer's talk a committee composed of Leo Carroll, Fred Sage, Guy Karr and Col. Meyers was appointed to wait on Morley and asked him if he would accept the appointment, which he did.

Howard Morley is considered a very good man for the post being a veteran of both the Mexican and World wars and a former member of Company C.

The committee will hold another meeting Tuesday evening, January 2, 1923 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at eight o'clock at which time the appointment of the other commissioned officers will be discussed.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. JOHANNA MOONEY

Mrs. Johanna Mooney, widow of the late Thomas Mooney, who passed away on Jan. 12, 1922, died this morning about 12:15 at her home in Rutland Township, following a short illness. Her death was attributed to a complication of diseases.

The deceased, who was 73 years of age, was born in Ireland in 1849, coming to Ottawa with her husband fifty years ago. All of her life in this country has been spent in and about Ottawa.

To mourn her passing besides her many friends, she leaves five children, two sons and three daughters. They are Mrs. Anna Teller, of Ottawa, and Thomas, Josie and Sadie all at home.

The funeral services will be held at St. Columba church at 10 o'clock Monday morning and the interment will be made in St. Columba cemetery.

## SIX "\$1" YEAR MEN ARE ACCUSED BY U. S. GRAND JURY

Washington, Dec. 30.—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under President Wilson, and six "\$1.00-a-year" men, associated with the council of national defense were indicted here today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of cantonments and army camps.

## AUTO SHOW TO BE HELD AT ARMORY JANUARY 15, 16, 17

EXPOSITION TO BE HELD UNDER  
AUSPICES OF CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE ACCORDING TO AN-  
NOUNCEMENTS MADE TODAY.

Announcement was made today that the Chamber of Commerce will conduct an auto show at the Armory, February 15-16-17, and they promise one of the most interesting exhibitions since the creation of the automobile industry.

Last year the show was a week later than planned for 1923 but follows closely on the dates of the Chicago event which always makes it possible for local dealers to secure handsome models for display and there was one of the finest sets of motor cars on the floor of the Armory a year ago, due to this arrangement.

The dealers are very enthusiastic and anxious to line up the 1923 models, for while there has not been many changes in the standard makes, the sport cars, coaches, special motors, lights, accessories and other features are adding beauty and service to the cars.

In addition to the display of motor cars, there will be a big exhibit of electrical appliances, car and house furnishings, and the hundred and one things that always interest and amaze the sight seer.

Instead of making it a free show the committee has decided to add to the entertainment features and charge a small admission, for it has been found that an advent of this kind is rather expensive if special attractions are secured and that the public prefer to pay their way to look over the field of cars and not be under obligations to the exhibitors.

All of the arrangements are to be handled by L. C. Carroll, secretary of the Chamber, and he reports that nearly all of the different lines of cars handled in this district will be on display at the show.

Pol Members On Police.  
Following the request of the special committee on the proposed State Police Bill, the chamber of commerce is today preparing a referendum to be sent to members asking their opinion on the proposition.

Letters will also be forwarded to all the business and civic organizations requesting them to take this question before their associates and secure an expression of opinion. Every avenue of pressure will be brought into play by the committee in charge of this work to bring forcibly before the General Assembly, that will convene in January, the urgent demand of the people for adequate methods for law enforcement and protection of life and property which can only be effected by the use of a disinterested police force operating all over the state and not controlled by any group, municipality or political party.

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Upward trend of trade.  
A tone of greater confidence.  
Improved conditions of agriculture.  
Increased business activity, generally.

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NO PAPER MONDAY.  
In conformity with a long established custom to observe New Year's Day as a holiday there will be no issue Monday of the Free Trader-Journal.

## STILL AT FULL TILT FOUND BY SHERIFF IN STREATOR RRAID

A still in full operation was taken by Sheriff E. J. Welter and Deputies Rasmus Benson and Harry Ward, when they raided the home of Lorenzo Maniglia, at 808 N. Edward st., in Streator last night. The booze making apparatus was bubbling merrily away when the trio of officers arrived.

In addition to the still, the officers found a barrel of mash, and a gallon of the moonshine.

They informed Maniglia that he would be prosecuted for a violation of the search and seizure laws.

After making the Streator raid the party of officers swept down on Seneca, where they raided five soft drink parlors. The places of business visited were owned by Louis Balla, Mike Williams, Louis Scordia, Charles Smith and Edward Mason.

## PROSPERITY FACES COUNTRY CHICAGO FINANCIERS SAY

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## BOY IS MANGLED UNDER AUTO TRUCK

Penn. December 30.—(Special)—Louis Kosciewicz, aged 14, is in grave condition at the People's Hospital with his left leg badly mangled, as a result of injuries he received this morning when he fell under a baggage truck on the Rock Island depot platform here. They say he is said to have been hammering a ride on the truck, when he slipped and fell beneath the wheels, mangling his limb. He may lose his life as a result of the injuries.