

AUTOMOBILE SEIZURE IN LIQUOR HANDLING IS HELD TO BE LEGAL

United States Supreme Court Hands Down Opinion Declaring That Such Seizure Is Authorized Whether or Not the Owner Has Been Found Innocent.

DECISION WAS MADE ON GEORGIA CASE

Chief Justice White Was Again Too Ill to Be Present on "Decision Day" in the Court, Being Detained at Home on Advice of Physician.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Seizure of automobiles or other conveyances in which liquor is transported illegally is authorized whether or not the owner of the conveyance has been found innocent of contravening the law, the supreme court held today in deciding a case from Georgia.

U. S. Railroad Administration Not Impugned.

The supreme court refused today to review a judgment of the supreme court of California, holding that the United States railroad administration was not immune from damage suits arising from the operation of a common carrier in that state.

Chief Justice White Still Ill.

Chief Justice White was absent again today when the supreme court convened for its regular weekly "decision day." It was said that he had fully recovered from his recent illness but remained at home by advice of his physician.

"THE BREAKING" AUTHOR DIED OF HER BURNS

Miss Margaret Steele Anderson's Dress Caught Fire As She Was Seated Before Open Grate.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.—Miss Margaret Steele Anderson, for 21 years literary critic for the Louisville Evening Post and author of a number of poems, died at her home here last night of burns suffered January 2 when her dress caught fire before an open grate.

Her poem, "The Breaking," was widely read to American soldiers in France and in army camps at home in answer to the men's queries for justification of American participation in the world war.

DEATH OF BENEFACTRESS.

Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick Died at Chicago After Brief Illness.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, wife of the chairman of directors of the International Harvester company, died at a hospital this morning, after a brief illness.

SLIGHT ENTHUSIASM FOR BRIAND CABINET

Paris Newspapers Are Inclined to Be Sarcastic—New Ministry to Present Itself This Week.

Paris, Jan. 17.—Little enthusiasm was today evidenced by newspapers over the new Briand cabinet. The Journal says: "It contains every element except Simon pure royalists and communists."

STORM MOVING EASTWARD

Warning of It Covers Coast As Far South as Cape Henry, Va.

New York, Jan. 17.—The weather bureau today issued the following warning of a northwest storm from Cape Henry, Va. to Eastport, Maine: "Storm central over the Gulf of St. Lawrence moving eastward will be attended by west and northwest gales this afternoon and to-night."

UNITED STATES SENDS PROTEST TO JAPAN

Against Continued Occupation of Siberia by Japanese Troops. Langdon Shooting Furnishes Opportunity.

Tokio, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Government officials have not as yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of naval Lieutenant W. H. Langdon by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok. Publicists, however, express the belief that Washington has not only asked reparation, with guarantees removing a probability of similar incidents in the future, but also has again pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing if not withdrawing altogether, her troops from the country where she possesses no sovereign rights, but the littoral of which is dominated by her military power.

This would open the only thorny question, which Japan herself has been finding difficulty in settling. A division of opinion exists in government circles as to the Siberian problem. It is reported here, however, that the military party insist Japanese troops should remain in Siberia, while the peace party is seeking ways and means to abandon an adventure which, it is claimed, is ruinously expensive and without hope of compensation.

The Harra cabinet appears to retain its full strength, and it is believed it will survive the impending session of the diet, at which relations between this country and America will be discussed.

The correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just returned to Tokio from a visit to many of the larger cities of the far east, found some opinion prevailing upon the relations between Japan and the United States. In well-informed circles these misgivings appeared to be based more upon what was described as "Japan's resentment to any American policy calculated to curb Japanese expansion in Asia" than upon the California question. The latter problem which touching Japan's national prestige and the interests of Japanese in America, is apparently not regarded with the same seriousness as the question of Japan's vital interests near Nippon.

In diplomatic circles here the opinion prevails that the situation does not justify the pessimism noticeable outside the borders of the Japanese empire. On the contrary, it takes the view that the attitude of both the Tokio and Washington governments is based on confidence that a solution for the Japanese problem of satisfying popular protests against California legislation appear to have been followed by an attitude of patience and restraint, cognizance being taken of the fact that America has encountered genuine difficulties in finding a solution for the problem of satisfying popular opinion on the Pacific slope, serving America's national interests and meeting Japan's desires.

Efforts of the American state department, through Ambassador Roland S. Morris, have profoundly impressed the Japanese with the firmness of the United States. For this reason the killing of Lieutenant Langdon is genuinely regretted here because it is believed it will have the effect of reopening the entire question of Japanese military occupation of Siberia, concerning which America has in the past sent several protests to Tokio.

DOESN'T BELIEVE STORY

That Langdon's Wife Killed Herself.

Boston, Jan. 17.—William C. Langdon, father of Lieutenant Warren H. Langdon, U. S. N., who was killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok recently, ended her life upon learning of his death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok.

LIUT. LANGDON'S WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE

When She Learned of Her Husband's Death at the Hands of Japanese Sentry.

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FOOD AND FUEL LAW REMAINS

But Resolution Now Approved Repeals Most Special War-time Laws

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ACTED

Resolution Amended to Continue Operation of Food and Fuel Act

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The House resolution proposing repeal of most special war-time laws was approved today by the Senate judiciary committee. Under a committee amendment, the operation of the food and fuel contract act would be continued.

BURELY TOBACCO IS AGAIN ON SALE

After Delay of 13 Days Due to Efforts of Growers to Force Prices to Higher Level.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 17.—Selling of the 1920 crop of burley or cigarette tobacco in central Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio was resumed today after a delay of 13 days, due to efforts of growers to force prices to a higher level. Promises that they will do all in their power to make a satisfactory market have been made by manufacturers who purchase most of the crop.

NEW YORK TO FIGHT FEDERAL CONTROL

Of Waterpower Rights on Boundary Streams—Validity of Each Law May Be Tested.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Attorney General Newton today took action designed to protect the state's waterpower rights. Challenging the jurisdiction of the federal power commission, he filed objections to the application made by 12 New York corporations to leave to utilize the waters of the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers for power purposes.

ESCORT ARRESTED FOR JEWELRY THEFT

Miss Katherine L. Gibbons Had Been Warned by John Burke of the Danger of Footpads.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Katherine L. Gibbons of Cleveland, before going to the theatre last night, left her diamond rings at the home of friends, when her escort, John Burke, warned her of the danger of footpads. When she returned the rings were gone.

FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY SILENTLY OBSERVED

By Thousands of Philadelphians Who Stopped to Glance at the Grave in Christ Church Burial Ground.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Thousands of Philadelphians, who daily pass the iron gates that protect the entrance to Christ church burial grounds in the wholesale business district of Philadelphia without glancing inside, today paused to have a look and pay tribute to Benjamin Franklin, whose grave and that of his wife are just within the gates.

TO SETTLE CLAIMS

Shipping Board to Act on Cancellation of Contracts.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Decision to take jurisdiction over claims arising out of cancellation of contracts for the construction of wooden ships was announced today by the shipping board.

GREEKS RETREATING

According to the Report of Turkish Nationalists.

Constantinople, Jan. 17 (By the Associated Press).—The defeat of the Greek forces by the Turkish nationalists in a pitched battle near Eskisehir, the junction of the Baghdad line with the railroad to Angora, is claimed by the nationalist press at Angora, the nationalist capital.

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CONGRESS WILL MEET APRIL 4

Special Session Will Be Called By Incoming President

REP. FORDNEY SAYS AFTER CONFERENCE

Gave Information to the House Ways and Means Committee

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new Congress on April 4, members of the ways and means committee were informed today by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion, O.

WHITMAN EXPECTS TO GET DETECTIVES

After Today's Session of Grand Jury at Which Hyland and Enright Were Subpoenaed to Testify.

New York, Jan. 17.—Mayor Hyland and Police Commissioner Enright were summoned to appear today before a grand jury, which is investigating the city administration.

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So Track Team Will Not Go Below the Mason and Dixon Line.

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Title Winning Schooner Offered Along with Others.

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500 ATTENDED OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

Which Was Held at St. Johnsbury Beginning Friday and Concluding Last Night.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 17.—More than 500 boys have been in attendance at the Older Boys' Conference, which opened Friday night. The officers of the conference are: President, Ralph B. Dwinell, Montpelier seminary; vice-president, Harold E. Swasey, St. Johnsbury; secretary, Derwood L. Smith, Troy conference academy; assistant secretary, Warren H. Adams, Burr and Burton.

The Rev. G. W. Hinckley, founder of the Good Will farm at Hinckley, Me., Edgar R. Brown, president of the St. Johnsbury Commercial club, the Rev. Francis R. Poole, pastor of the South Congregational church, St. Johnsbury, Prof. Theodore H. Wilson of St. Johnsbury academy, Orrie B. Jenks, St. Johnsbury, Ralph B. Dwinell, Montpelier seminary, Arthur J. Holden, chairman of the State Y. M. C. A. committee, were among the speakers.

At the meeting Saturday morning of the Rev. Arthur Hewitt of Plainfield, Prof. F. B. Jenks of the University of Vermont, and Prof. E. W. Weaver, lecturer on vocational guidance at the teachers' college, Columbia university, and director of the occupational readjustment service of the International Y. M. C. A., were the speakers.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Rankin of Newport, and a song service was led by Frank H. Brooks.

In the afternoon there were visits to the Athenaeum, the Fairbanks Museum of Natural Science, and the Fairbanks scale works. In the evening an address was given by Clarence E. Shedd at the North Congregational church. A song service was led by Frank H. Brooks, the St. Johnsbury academy orchestra played and the double male quartet from the Vermont state school of agriculture sang.

Sunday morning the delegates attended church services, special programs being arranged. Last evening the Rev. G. W. Hinckley gave an address on "Spasmodic Running." The devotional service last evening was held by St. Y. M. C. A. Secretary Byron N. Clark.

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STRIKE EXTENDS TO FIVE CITIES

McElwain Shoe Plants Severs All Relations With United Shoe Workers

UNION PROMISES A HARD CONTEST

Plans to Put Out Pickets in Front of Company's Factories

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 17.—The strike declared Saturday night by the United States Shoe Workers of America against the W. H. McElwain plants in this city, Keene, Newport, Merrimack and Boston, Mass., started this morning. The company has permanently severed all relations with the United Shoe Workers, declaring its factories open to employees who wish to deal directly with the manufacturers through committees and accept a wage reduction, while the union, through John Flaherty, secretary of the joint council of the local branch, announces its intention of giving the McElwain company a hard contest "if it is looking for one."

The United Shoe Workers plan to have pickets patrol in front of the McElwain factories and warn away employees.

TEXTILE MILLS SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENT

Several in Pawtucket are Re-Opening or Adding Hours to Their Schedules.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 17.—Textile manufacturers report improvement in business which is restricted by several arranging an extended time schedule for their mills. The Jenks Spinning company, employing 2,500, after being closed last week, resumed today with several departments on a four- and five-day schedule. Lorrain Manufacturing company employing 2,000 changes from a three days a week to a five-day schedule. The Weybosset company employing 1,000 begins a five-and-a-half day schedule after operating some departments three and others four days a week.

The Smith Webbing company employing 150 goes on practically full time. The Potter and Johnston Machine company began a 7 1/2-hour day today, but took back 200 men suspended two weeks ago.

STRIKE OR LOCKOUT? ANYWAY PLANT CLOSED

Municipal Printing Plant in Boston Idle Because of Differ-

ences.

Boston, Jan. 17.—The municipal printing plant stopped work today as a result of labor troubles. Superintendent Charles S. Lawler said a strike was in effect. Union officials asserted it was a lockout. Their members had withdrawn from the plant, they said, because its refusal to pay the prevailing wage scale automatically constituted a lockout. About 100 persons are involved, of whom only a few went to work today.

The controversy has to do with a wage increase of \$4 a week paid by private plants since October. Demands that the municipal plant pay a similar scale were refused and the union statement said that Mayor Peters would neither agree to conform to the wage list paid by every other plant nor to negotiate a separate schedule. Superintendent Lawler said the mayor announced that it would be impossible to grant the demands until April, but that the increased wage had been included in the city budget. The Boston typographers are now considering cancellation of the increase in their plants, Mr. Lawler said.

AFTER TWO YEARS OF LIBERTY.

Peter Gordon was Found in the Woods of Maine.

Burlington, Jan. 17.—Peter Gordon, who two years ago made a getaway from the police officers while being taken to the house of correction at Rutland to serve a sentence of four and a half to five years for assault, has been found through the efforts of Sheriff James H. Allen of this city and is now in Windsor, where he has begun to serve his belated sentence.

Sheriff Allen and Chief of Police Patrick J. Russell on Friday went to Skowhegan, Me., where they apprehended Gordon at a lumber camp about 12 miles from Skowhegan. Gordon was known at the lumber camp under the name of Johnny Marto.

Gordon two years ago last April beat up Martin Belaski, a watchman in the lumber yards, and was arrested on the charge of assault and sentenced to the house of correction to serve the term mentioned above by Judge J. P. Ladd in city court. At Rutland Gordon made a getaway from the police officer taking him to serve his term and traversed were immediately sent off either by the sheriff, which resulted in his apprehension at Skowhegan last week. Sheriff Allen and Chief Russell returned last evening after leaving the man in Windsor.

To correct a misunderstanding, the telephone has not been disconnected or removed from the Melcher home at 29 Park street. It is now in the name of C. S. Andrews, number 47 X.

BOY SLID UNDER AUTO AND WAS BADLY HURT

Maurice Keough, 10, of Grantville Was So Badly Injured About the Head He May Not Live.

Hovering between life and death, and still unconscious, lies little Maurice Keough of upper Grantville, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Keough, at the Barre City hospital. The little lad was all but killed Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock, when he and his fleeting sled crashed into the standing automobile of Fred Letourneau on the Grantville road.

The car was stalled by Mr. Letourneau at the extreme right of the road just above the Boutwell station in Grantville, where three little lads came dashing down the hill on sleds. He turned his car, a new Studebaker, to the extreme right of the road, fearing that some one of them would become bewildered and run into him. The first three steered by safely but little Keough evidently lost control of his sled when it started down the steep pitch near this point and, when he flew under the car, his head struck a grease cup and broke it off completely.

His skull was punctured on the right side and a piece of bone as large as a quarter destroyed some brain tissue, deep cuts ran the length of his face on the left side, all the teeth on the lower left side of his jaw, except one, were knocked out; his lower jaw was fractured, and his left thigh was broken.

The lad went under the car at terrific speed and, when Mr. Letourneau and Miss Beatrice Duquette, his cousin, riding with him, endeavored to get the lad out he had to be taken out between the front and rear wheels. Mr. Letourneau rushed him to the home of Dr. E. H. Bailey, nearby, in his car, and the doctor, after administering first aid, brought the boy in the same car to the Barre City hospital and there performed the operation required to remove the skull bone from the brain, as well as other operations.

No blame is attached to Mr. Letourneau, driver of the car, who resides in upper Grantville and who is employed on the quarries as an engineer.

SPAULDING STUDENTS RAISED \$584.77

As Contribution to the Suffering Children of Europe—Most of It By "Tag Day."

The efforts of Spaulding boys and girls last Friday and Saturday saved 59 lives of starving European children for a month, at least, and probably some other boys and girls in Montpelier raised enough to save that same 59 for another month. By that time some other high school children will have responded to the call of "help the boys and girls in unnumbered millions of starving people in Europe and the far east, and food and provisions enough to give them strength will be supplied during this great winter of famine.

There are 483 children in Spaulding high school. Some of them couldn't give more than 10 cents themselves, but they knew others who could and they went after them. This morning returns had reached \$584.77, and still a few of the students had not turned in the money. Of this amount \$487.52 was raised by solicitation, \$106.25 donated by the boys and girls themselves Friday morning, and the remainder by people of Barre, who were tagged. Saturday evening "stunt night" raised another \$106.25 sum for the Near East relief fund. The \$487.52 will be turned over as part of the Vermont share of the Hoover fund for European relief work.

The stunts that the four high school classes did were worth \$106.25 of anyone's money. The freshman class presented three lachlor girls and their girl guest engaged to the same young man, he having proposed to the bashful when she had just proposed to the other over the telephone in the presence of the bachelor three.

A "Vermont operation" was the plot of the second stunt, given by the sophomore class. Drs. Winifred McHugo and F. Abbatti couldn't agree upon the ailments of their patient, a large wooden barrel, covered with a white sheet. They saved into "him" and brought forth articles lost about the school, rubbers, hats, etc. The question was, "was it a cancer or tumor that they operated for?" Dr. McHugo discovered within a cancer and removed that ailment, and the barrel the car. Dr. Abbatti proved that a tumor existed also and after some deliberation and much laughter removed two more in cans.

A burlesque of the American soldier in France making love to a French girl, when neither understood the other's language, was the foundation of the junior stunt. And then followed the senior stunt, four senior boys, dispirited in Moxie, suffer the horrors of delirium tremens of 1921.

A dance with a four-piece orchestra gave merriment for a large number of school children and alumni until 11 o'clock.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss J. P. Nourse went to Boston Saturday night to make a short business visit in the interests of the Adams Co. store.

The condition of Miss Gwendolyn Pitkin, assistant superintendent of the City hospital, who has been quite ill at her home at 17 French street, is somewhat improved.

James Lewis, who has been ill at 11 Hill street, was able to resume his duties at the Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co. this morning.

Miss Bertha Petric resumed her duties at the Homer Pitts store after being detained at her home for the past few days on account of illness.

Mrs. Ella Joslyn of South Main street has gone to Hinsdale, N. H., to visit before going to Brooklyn, N. Y., where she plans to remain through the winter.

BEST CALMLY ADMITS MURDER

Pleaded Guilty to Slaying His Wife at Milford, N. H., in December

WHEN ARRAIGNED AT MANCHESTER

Best Was Then Sentenced to Imprisonment for

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 17.—William J. Best of Milford pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in superior court here this morning when arraigned on the charge of killing his young wife, Dora Belle Best, at their home in Milford early in December. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Best heard the sentence calmly.

MRS. QUINT FREED IN HOMICIDE CASE

Enfield, Me., Woman Was Charged with Shooting Percy Campbell in Her Dooryard.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 17.—A verdict of acquittal was returned in the superior court here in the manslaughter case of Mrs. Michael Quint of Enfield, charged with killing Percy Campbell in her dooryard on Sept. 11, shortly after Campbell and his brother had returned in their automobile with Mrs. Quint's two daughters, who they had taken on an afternoon's ride to Lincoln against their mother's wishes. The defense claimed that the shooting was accidental. The jury was out 15 minutes.

FEW CHANGES LIKELY IN APPOINTMENTS

Gov. Hartness Inclines Toward Keeping Officials in Office, So It Is Said.

The Vermont Senate will convene this evening, but the House will not commence work again until Tuesday morning. There are a couple of bills to be introduced in each house and there may be more before evening, but it does not look that way now.

It is expected that Governor Hartness will make some of his appointments the latter part of the week and complete the list next week, although something may take place upon this plan. There is but little change likely, it is understood, for Governor Hartness is more inclined towards experience and efficiency. Some of the commissioners seem to feel a little uneasy about their appointments. It is understood the most of the appointments will be made before February 1st.

The junket, which apparently was planned for this week, was upset by being referred to a committee, which delays the proposition, so that it does not look as though the trip would be taken this week to the state institutions.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Many homes in this city, dependent upon the McFarland springs for their water supply, found their faucets unresponsive to demands late yesterday afternoon and last evening, and many were without water until this morning. The suction pump connected with the springs failed to function properly yesterday, and as the result, the water supply was not up to normal. However, the trouble was discovered early this morning and repaired early enough to enable wastulists to become as useful as ever.

Twenty friends of Antonio Bianchi gathered at the home of John B. Kelly on Liberty street Saturday evening to enjoy a social evening and bid farewell party in honor of Mr. Bianchi, who last night went to New York City preparatory to sailing to Italy. Mr. Bianchi was presented by Mr. Kelly, in behalf of his friends, a handsome black leather traveling bag, which he later assured his friends, would be of great usefulness in his two months' stay in Italy, and also would be a cherished article.

George N. Tilden of the Tilden Shoe store and L. P. Clough of the Rogers Walk-Over Boot shop have returned from