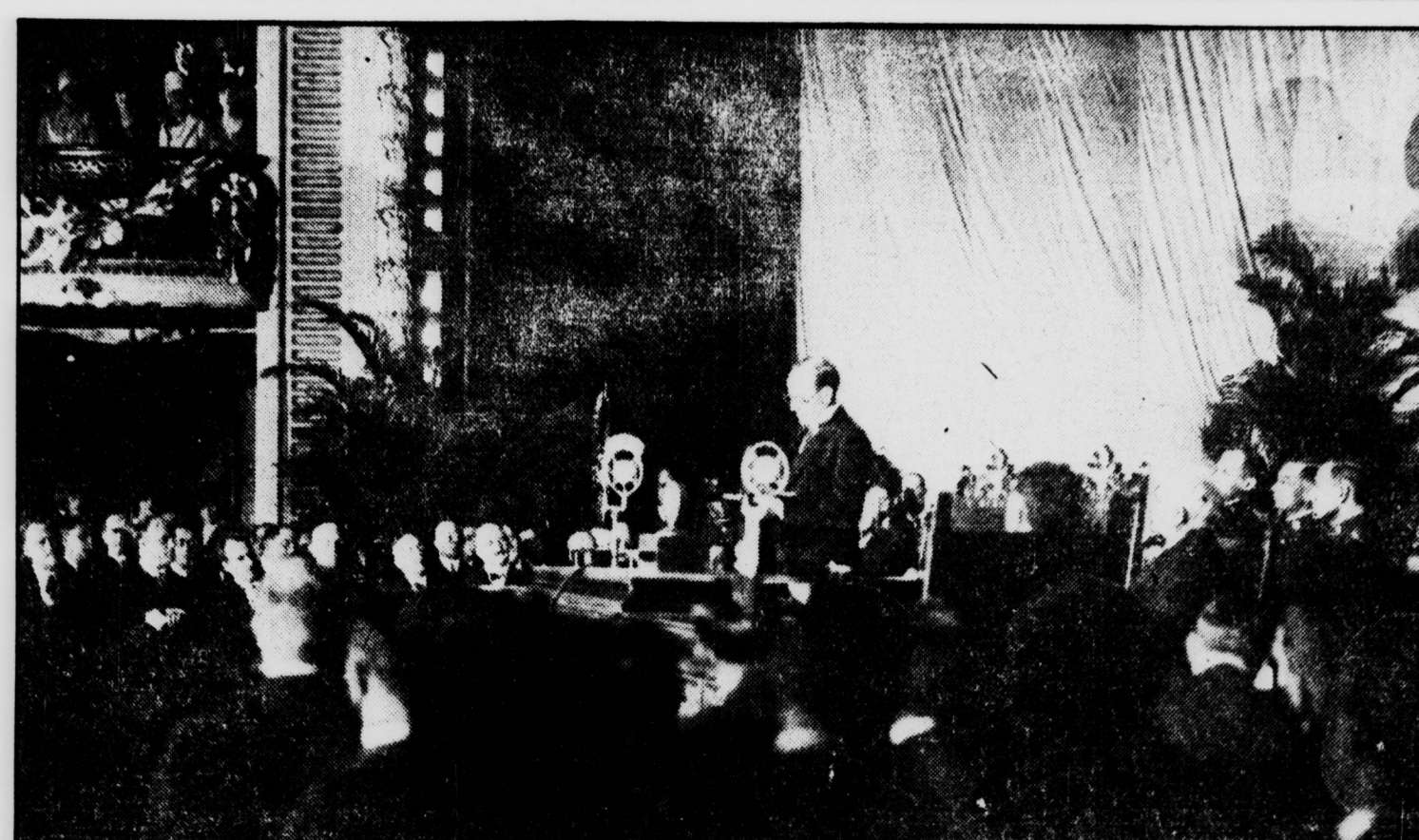




TWO PRESIDENTS OPEN HAVANA CONFERENCE. President Coolidge and President Machado of Cuba riding together from the presidential palace to the National Theater to address the delegates assembled for the opening of the Pan-American Conference. Wide World Photos.



DELEGATES OF 21 NATIONS HEAR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE. President Coolidge delivering his message to the nations of the Western Hemisphere as represented at the Sixth Pan-American Conference. Addressing the great gathering of delegates and Latin American notables in the National Theater at Havana, the President won applause as he defined his conception of the ideals toward which the nations should strive in their relationships. Copyright by P. & A. Photos.



THE FIRST LADIES OF TWO LANDS. Mrs. Coolidge and Senora Machado, wife of the Cuban President, ready to leave the presidential palace in a car together for the National Theater to hear their husbands address the delegates to the Pan-American Conference. Paramount News Photo.



FLAGS FLUTTER FROM IMPOSING STRUCTURE AS CONFERENCE ASSEMBLES. Scene in front of the National Theater at Havana, with a mounted presidential guard fronting the building as President Coolidge and President Machado arrive to address the Pan-American Conference. The flags of 21 nations drape the walls of the handsome marble building in which the conference sessions are being held. Copyright by P. & A. Photos.



DELIVERING THE MORNING MAIL ON SKATES. With its numerous lakes and streams frozen hard by the severe winter, natives of the Sprengel Forest region of southeast Germany are doing most of their traveling on ice. Even the postman is making his morning round here on ice skates. Copyright by P. & A. Photos.



WRC BROADCASTS FROM NEW STUDIOS IN PRESS CLUB BUILDING. A view of the largest of the two studios in the new headquarters of the local broadcasting station in the National Press Club Building. This studio will be used for broadcasting band, orchestra and choral music. The new headquarters occupy 21 rooms and are equipped with the latest type of broadcasting devices. Copyright by Underwood & Underwood.

THREE SENTENCED FOR HOLD-UP HERE

Ex-Soldiers Get Total of 37 Years—"Flim Flamers" Imprisoned.

Describing the "flim-flam" as only a little less despicable than one who steals a penny off a dead man's eye, Chief Justice Walter I. McCoy, in Criminal Division 1, today sent Mack McCuller and Charles Norris, both colored, to the penitentiary for seven years each.

They worked the "pocketbook game" on a colored woman October 21. One of the men called the attention of the woman to the other, who was picking up a pocketbook from the street and, engaging the finder in conversation, learned that the purse was supposed to contain \$2,000. They offered to divide with the woman, but required some assurance of her financial standing. They obtained \$20 in cash and a watch and chain, which later were recovered and the money paid back. The restitution failed to mitigate the severity of the sentence.

Ex-Soldiers Sentenced.

Three former soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital were sent to the penitentiary for a total of 37 years for highway robbery. The court remarked that they were fortunate not to be in Texas, where the jury has the privilege of imposing the death sentence for such offenses. Thomas A. Richards, 23, will serve 13 years. Frank E. McKay, 21, will serve a similar term, and Kenneth B. Metcalf, 22, who was found less culpable by the court, will serve 11 years. Armed with a gun and blackjack, the three men set out at night, October 20, to get some easy money. They met Edgar H. Reid, 1215 Gersum street, near his home, and covering him with a pistol, went through his pockets, finding only 50 cents. They then took his overcoat and hat and were caught near the gates of the hospital.

Four colored men will divide a total of 26 years imprisonment, following charges of housebreaking and grand larceny. May 20, 30, James Holman, 23, and Ernest Jordan, 26, were each sentenced to serve 10 years. The fourth man, Alfred C. Ellis, 27, who had served several sentences in the Army, was let off with six years in the penitentiary. August 4 they broke into a tailor shop at 2411 Commercial, stole a quantity of clothing. August 23 they took two suit cases out of a parked automobile.

Burglar Gets 10 Years.

Page Recker, colored, was sent to the penitentiary for 10 years. He broke into the home of Warren Myers Brown, 3 and stole a watch and chain, two rings and other jewelry. Terms of five years each in the penitentiary were imposed on Andrew Lewis, white, and Lewis Johnson, colored. Both were convicted of stealing automobiles and stripping them. James E. Fox, colored, drew a sentence of five years for stealing three overcoats from a department store. His companion, Elmer W. Johnson, colored, will serve three years for the same offense.

Doctors Want Immunity.

To provide that certain constitutional provisions between medical practitioners and their patients shall be privileged from disclosure in evidence in a court of law, a bill is to be introduced into the House of Commons at London, by Dr. Graham Little of the London University. It is expected to arouse a spirited discussion.

Red Cross to Buy Ambulance Plane For Lapland Work

By the Associated Press. STOCKHOLM, January 19.—The Swedish Red Cross has decided to purchase for \$21,440 a new ambulance plane for use in northern Lapland. The machine will be of the Junker type, but built in Sweden. It will be so constructed as to assure warmth and comfort to the patient even under the most trying winter weather.

Swedish flyers often are called on to rush sick people from districts north of the Arctic Circle to hospitals.

WOULD HAVE U. S. PAY FLOOD COSTS

Denison Holds Congress, Not Army, Should Devise Finance Program.

By the Associated Press. Congress alone has the right to formulate the method for financing the Mississippi Valley flood control program, and not the Army Engineers, in the opinion of Representative Denison, Republican Illinois. Expressing his views today before the House flood control committee, the Illinoisan declared that he favored the engineering features of the control plan, but was opposed to the recommendation for participation of the Valley States in the cost.

The establishment of national forests on the watersheds of the Mississippi tributaries was urged by E. A. Rhorman, associate United States forester. He said that the "bad lands" of North and South Dakota and the semi-arid prairies of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas could be planted with trees, and that these forests would retard much of the flood water from flowing into the tributaries.

Dr. Raphael Zon of St. Paul, Minn., director of the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, described the effects of timber growth on keeping rainfall out of the rivers.

TRIAL BOARD CONVENES.

21 Police Cases to Be Heard in Three-Day Session.

With 21 cases on its docket, the Police Trial Board opened a three-day session this morning with an initial list of nine cases, most of them charging officers with minor offenses relative to departmental discipline.

The only case scheduled for today involving civilians opened early this afternoon, when Detective A. T. Fitch of No. 9 precinct faced the board charged with conduct prejudicial to the good order, reputation and discipline of the police force, in connection with a raid last August 27 on the premises at 1418 G street northeast, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hampton and their three children.

Mr. Hampton, a former policeman, who instituted the charges, did not do so until December 12, the testimony indicated. He accused the officer of unnecessary roughness in searching his house, and his wife testified also to the occurrences on the night of August 27.



NAVAL ACADEMY OARSMEN GET EARLY START IN OUTDOOR WORKOUTS. Candidates for the Piche crew at Annapolis take advantage of the springlike weather to try their oars on the Severn River. It is believed to be the earliest "spring" workout an academy crew has ever taken on the river. Copyright by P. & A. Photos.

A. A. A. CHALLENGED ON HIGHWAY STAND

Tilson Hits Intimation of Secret in Resolution for Auto Express Roads.

The American Automobile Association was challenged yesterday by Representative Tilson, Republican House leader, to bring forth the "dark secret" which he says the association intimated was concealed in the Furrow resolution to establish a commission to consider automobile express highways.

The association has probably made no investigation, and certainly has no information whatever concerning the motives and wisdom of the force behind the resolution, he said. The Furrow resolution, he said, is not now and probably will not be appropriated for the building of super-highways. Why should not a plan to build such highways with private funds, to be repaid by those who choose to use them, be studied?

Mr. Tilson endorsed the resolution of Representative Furrow, Republican Minnesota, proposing creation of the commission, but the plan has been attacked by the association on the ground that it would foment a system of toll highways on American automobiles.

TALKS ON AFRICA.

Mrs. Charles Wood Gives First of Series at Y. W. C. A.

A travel talk on South Africa illustrated with colored slides said to have been made by leading slide artists in the country and shown for the first time was made by Mrs. Charles Wood in the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium last night.

The talk was the first of a series of four travelogues to be given by Mrs. Wood on alternate Wednesday evenings for the benefit of the League of the Covenant. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, and will deal with Spain and the Adriatic.

Students of Railway Operation Offered Theoretical and Practical Instruction

By the Associated Press. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., January 19.—Establishment of a co-operative course in railroad operation, combining scientific education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with fundamental training in modern transportation practice on the Boston & Maine Railroad, was announced last night by Dr. Samuel W. Stratton, president of the Institute.

The course will consist of four years of undergraduate work at the institute, followed by a summer at the civil engineering field school in Maine, a year of post-graduate work and a special summer term. The work on the railroad will amount to a year and a half, beginning at the end of the second year of undergraduate instruction and alternating with study at the institute.

Instruction will be given in passenger and freight traffic, steam locomotive practice, auxiliary methods of transportation and traffic problems. The course will also include civil and electrical engineering, construction, and bridge building, electrical equipment, including signals and communication systems as well as terminal and trunk line electrification.

APARTMENT BUILDING PLANS SUBMITTED

Structure to Cost \$600,000 to Be Erected on Connecticut Avenue.

Plans for the construction of a five-story apartment house of modern design, to be erected at 4615 Connecticut avenue, have been filed with the building inspector, Col. John W. Oehlmann, by David L. Stern, owner, architect and builder of the projected development. The estimated construction cost of the building was given as \$600,000.

The apartment building, according to specifications filed with the building office, will have a frontage of 143 feet on Connecticut avenue and a depth of 210 feet and will contain 200 rooms, divided into 49 apartment units. The structure will have a facade of brick and will be generally of brick and concrete construction.

Another new apartment building, to cost \$300,000, is provided for in plans approved today by the building inspector. This building, to be located at 1423 Rhode Island avenue, will be owned by Goldsmith & Keller, and has been designed by William Harris, local architect, son of Municipal Architect A. L. Harris. The building will be eight stories high and contain 71 apartments of one and two rooms, kitchen, bath, dining alcove and dressing room. The building will be of brick and limestone construction.

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Needed to Relieve Traffic Congestion and Save Cost of Widening Streets, Expert Says.

Prohibition of automobile parking on many of the congested downtown streets was urged as a means of relieving traffic congestion and avoiding the heavy cost of street widening by Charles Eliot, 3d, an expert of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Eliot spoke before the streets and avenues committee of the Board of Trade.

In urging adoption of an "intelligent" parking regulation, Mr. Eliot pointed to the high cost of widening downtown streets and declared that the effect of the widening was largely counteracted by parking.

Regarding programs for street beautification, Mr. Eliot said there were three important problems now up for consideration. Proper treatment of complicated street intersections, including circles, an adequate tree planting program, and beautification of the parks.

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Senate Cheers Veteran Reciting Lee's Farewell

Special Dispatch to The Star.

RICHMOND, Va., January 19.—During the session of the Senate today Col. D. M. Pattie of Madison County, the sole Confederate soldier in the upper branch of the legislature, by request of the Senate, recited the famous song "Swell Jackson's Way." At the conclusion he was greeted with thunderous applause. The galleries were crowded with visitors, and Col. Pattie is 83 years old and remarkably active.

CLUB TO BE TRIED IN CLOSING DRIVE

January 25 Set for Test Case Involving Saturday Night Law.

Pursuing the course of action determined upon at a conference yesterday afternoon between Corporation Counsel W. W. Bridge and his assistants, Ringgold Hart and Elwood H. Seal, relative to the Saturday night closing of the night clubs, the case against the Club Lido was selected as a test case and a date of trial was set for January 25, Mr. Seal, who has charge of the prosecution of such cases, announced today.

The defendants in the case are Maurice Kafka, James H. Simon and Emory Daugherty, joint managers of the club.

This case is one of the 20 alleged to have violated article 16, section 18 of the police regulations New Year eve. At the conference between the corporation counsel's office yesterday, it was decided not to appeal the recent case against Le Paradis Cafe, as the information was faulty and the real issue could not be decided. In the case against the Club Lido the two issues in question, namely, that of whether patrons dining in a cafe is a public exhibition and whether an exhibition dance purely for the purpose of attracting patronage come within the meaning of the law, are proper.

Mr. Seal stated that as Judge McMahon, before whom the case previously was tried, already has indicated that he holds the negative side of each of these questions, the information may be quashed again without the issues being definitely decided. In such a contingency the government could be allowed an appeal and the case could be decided in a higher court.

JURY BILL INTRODUCED.

Norris Measure Asks Change in Number of Challenges.

A bill to amend the District Code in relation to the number of challenges to be allowed counsel in the selection of juries was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Chairman Norris of the judiciary committee.

In trials for capital offenses, the government and the defense each would be entitled to five peremptory challenges, and in all other cases, criminal or civil, each side would be allowed three peremptory challenges.

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LIFE INSURANCE VALUE IS STRESSED

Thrift Week Soakers Point Out Importance of Guarding One's Future.

The value of life insurance as an aid to success and happiness is being stressed today by the Thrift Committee of the District in observance of life insurance day of Thrift week.

In accordance with a program arranged by the life insurance committee, students of Central High School in the school auditorium, and early this afternoon spoke at the weekly forum of the City Club.

Other speakers this morning were Miss Elsie Pierce, at the Adams School; Ringgold Hart and Elwood H. Seal, relative to the Saturday night closing of the night clubs, the case against the Club Lido was selected as a test case and a date of trial was set for January 25, Mr. Seal, who has charge of the prosecution of such cases, announced today.

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