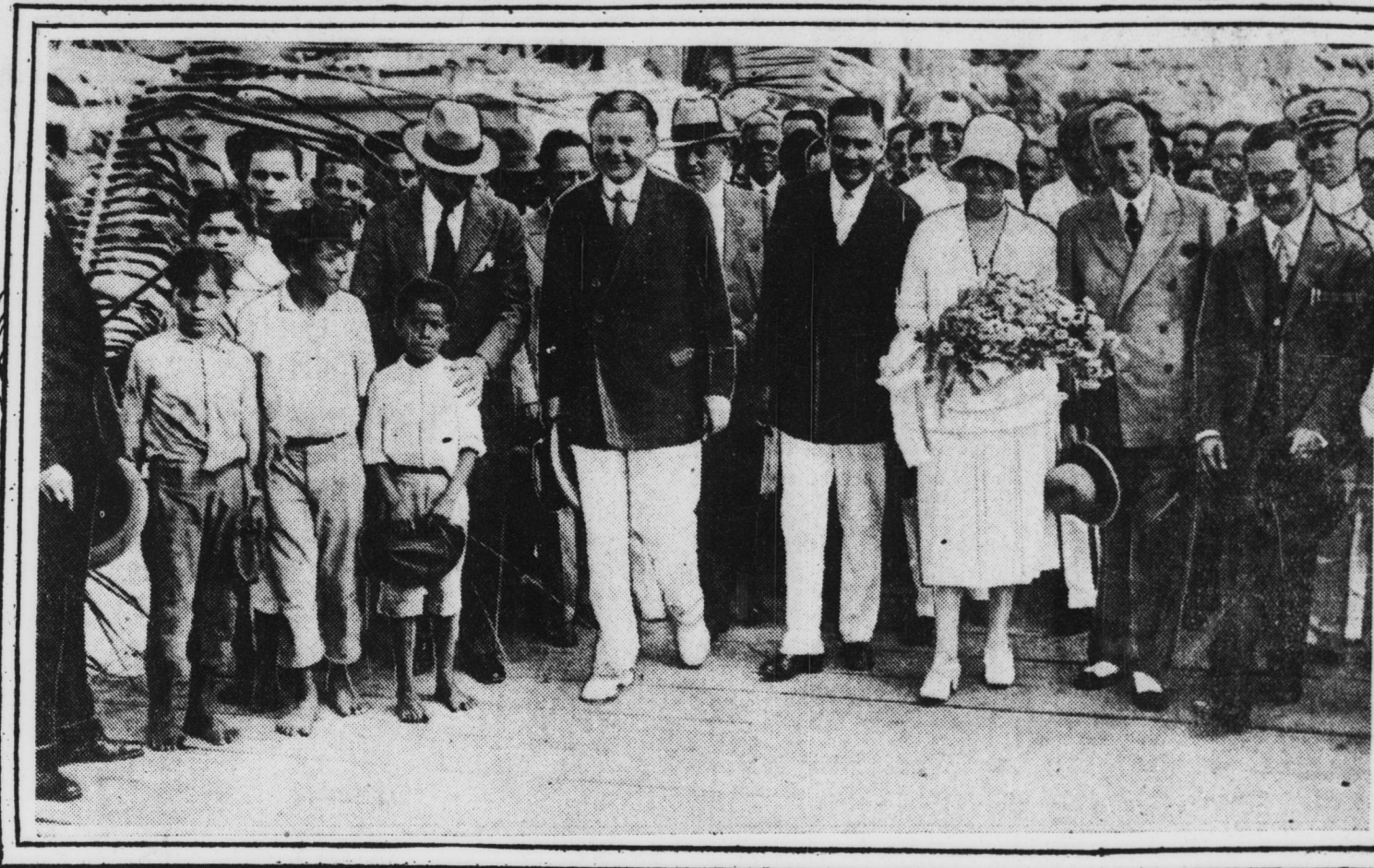


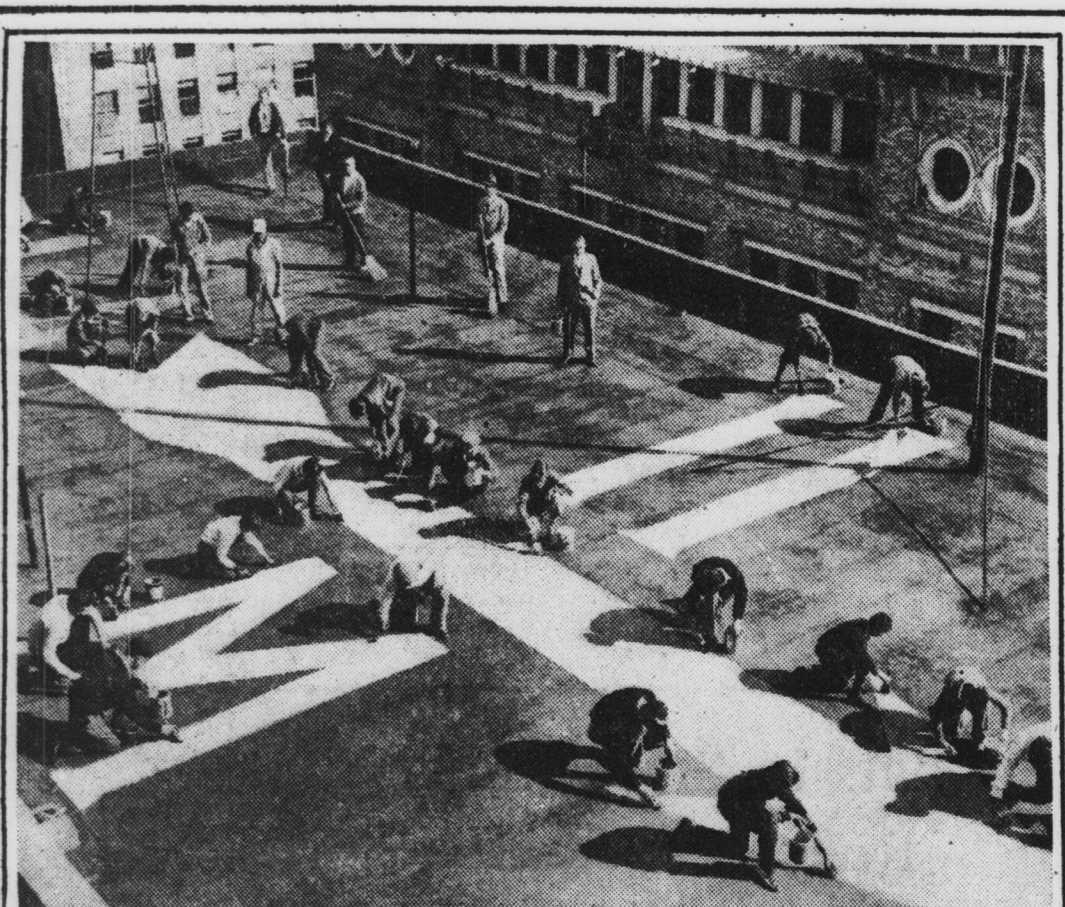
President-elect Hoover arriving at Corinto, Nicaragua, on his Latin American good-will tour. He is shaking hands with Maj. Gen. Feland, commander of the United States Marines in Nicaragua, with Charles C. Eberhardt, United States Minister to Nicaragua, waiting at right to greet the President-elect. Mrs. Hoover is seen at left shaking hands with others at the pier.

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President-elect Hoover and his party on the pier at Amapala with officials of the Honduras government just before their departure. Mrs. Hoover carries a bouquet of flowers. At right of Mrs. Hoover is Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, who is making the tour with the President-elect.

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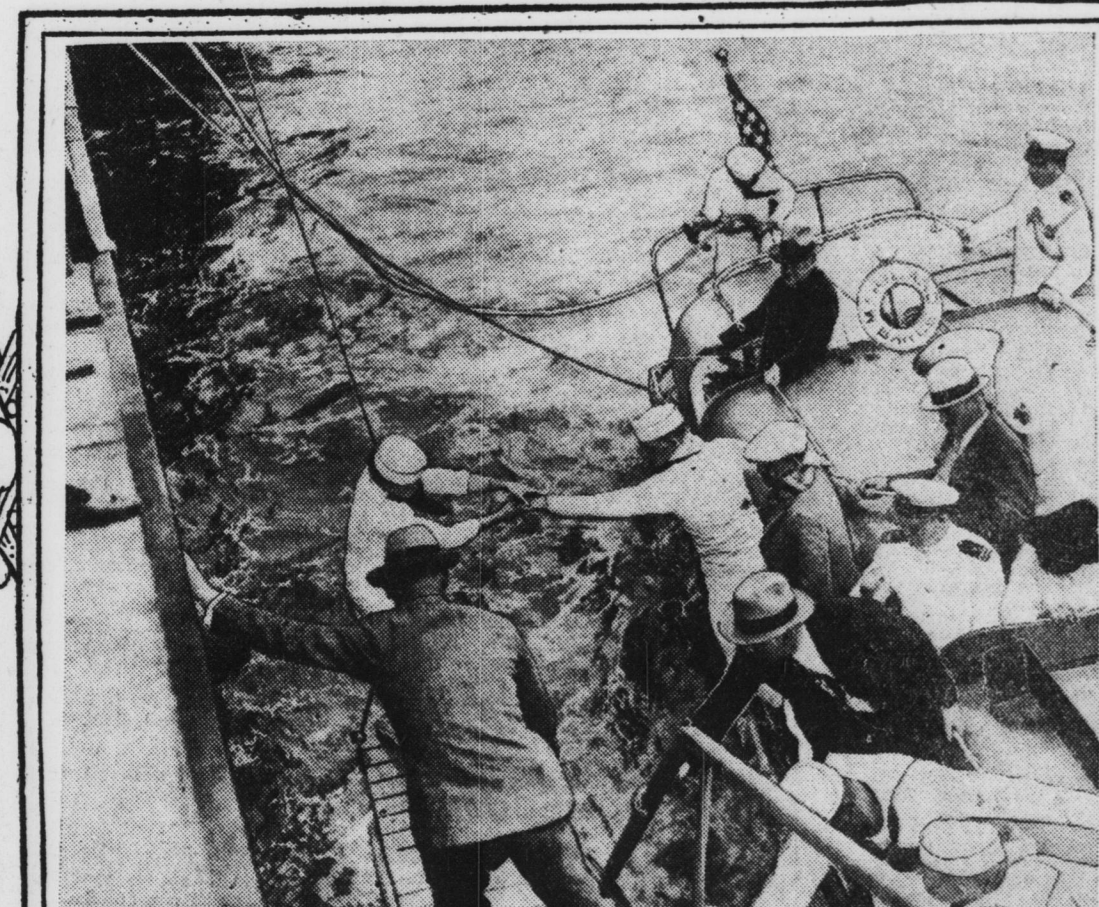
Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. youngsters help the flyers. About fifty were enlisted for this job of painting a huge 'signpost' for airman on a rooftop. A directional arrow points to the Los Angeles airport, telling that it is 11 miles distant. The sign is plainly read from a height of 1,000 feet.

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Signs of winter in balmy Florida. John D. Rockefeller, octogenarian oil king, gets out for his first round of golf on his private course at Ormond Beach, Fla. He arrived the other day to spend the winter.

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President-elect Hoover has had to demonstrate a good deal of sure-footedness in some of the landings he has made from the battleship Maryland on his good-will tour. A choppy sea is tossing the Maryland's barge here as sailors reach for a grip on the pier at L'Union, Salvador. Mr. Hoover is waiting in the stern to climb up the pier steps.

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DISTRICT OFFERED SITE FOR AIRPORT

Aerial League President Tells Dougherty of Plans for "Air Junction."

Proposed plans for the development of a \$2,000,000 "air junction" on a 2,000-acre tract about 3 miles southwest of Alexandria, Va., were outlined today to Commissioner Proctor L. Dougherty by Henry Woodhouse, president of the Aerial League of America. Woodhouse offered the District a portion of the site for a municipal airport free of charge and an option to purchase it at cost if it desired to do so.

The large tract, said to embrace the ancestral homelands of George Washington and George Mason, already has been acquired, Woodhouse said, by a "public-spirited" group of capitalists, who are represented in Washington by Edward Stafford, son of Justice Wendell P. Stafford of the District Supreme Court. According to Woodhouse, the site has a frontage of more than 2 miles on the Washington-Richmond highway, is within sight of the Potomac River and has an ideal terrain for an airfield.

Steps will be taken immediately, Woodhouse declared, to develop by private capital, the tract into a great center of aeronautic and scientific activities, to be known as the Washington Air Junction. Plans already have been made for the development of the site, which will be a landing field for smaller planes operating a form of "shuttle service" between the central transfer point and Washington.

Woodhouse explained that if the District accepted his offer to use the air junction for a municipal airport, it should in no way interfere with development of the proposed municipal airport at Gravelly Point on the Potomac. The latter, he pointed out, will not be adequate in size to accommodate the great air liners of the future which would land at the air junction, and that the Gravelly Point air port could be used as a landing field for smaller planes operating a form of "shuttle service" between the central transfer point and Washington.

Woodhouse said that the Commissioner Dougherty a set of maps and plans of the proposed development, together with a letter outlining the project in more detail.

"The City of Washington," the letter said, will have the world's best airport and scientific center without cost. The same policy will be applied in the case of the District of Columbia. We shall make available the facilities without expectation that the District will purchase any of the land, but if it is desirous of owning its own municipal airport, then we shall gladly make the land available at purchase price, as we do not desire to make any profit, but only to aid in supplying the Nation's Capital with a suitable airport."

RAIL WRECK CLEARED.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., December 10.—Three hundred miners returned to work this morning after having been idle four days, the suspension being the result of a wreck on the Western Maryland Railway, which cost the company \$50,000 and prevented delivery of cars until it could be cleared away.

An engine and five cars were derailed at Pinehill Bridge, wrecking the bridge.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

TODAY.

Piney Branch Citizens' Association will meet, 8 o'clock, at Hamline M. E. Church.

Lincoln W. R. C. will meet at G. A. R. Hall, 8 o'clock.

National Capital Post, No. 127, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet, 8 o'clock, at Pythian Temple. Election of officers.

Writers' Club will meet, 8 o'clock, at Thomson School.

Stanton Park Citizens' Association will meet, 8 o'clock, at address by Dr. George Havenner, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, and by Mr. Harris, municipal architect. Play by school children. Music; refreshments.

Takoma Park Citizens' Association will meet, 7:30 o'clock, in Takoma Park Public Library.

Congress Heights Citizens' Association will meet, 8 o'clock, in portable building, Congress Heights Baptist Church.

Northeast Washington Citizens' Association will meet, 8 p.m., in assembly room of the Cosmos Club. Papers will be given by members of the Farm Waste Division, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils—P. H. Croggins, Max Phillips and Orville E. May.

The Business Women's Council will meet tomorrow in lecture room of the Church of the Covenant. Mrs. Mortimer Lane will conduct the Bible class from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., and there will be a concert by the Lovette Choral Club, Eva Whitford Lovette, director.

Miss Marjorie F. Warner, of the staff of the United States Department of Agriculture Library will speak on "Life Histories of Gardening Books" before the American Horticultural Society, tomorrow, 8 p.m., in the lecture room of the new National Museum. Public invited.

Concert by the United States Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., at Chestnut Farms Auditorium. Twenty-sixth and Pennsylvania avenue.

H. W. Gibson of Boston, lecturer at Boston University and Bowdoin College, will deliver an address at a luncheon of the Lions Club in the Maryland Hotel Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

The American Gold Star Mothers will hold a special meeting tomorrow, 8 p.m., in lobby of P. Q. Building, Government Hotel, opposite Union Station.

Northeast Boundary Citizens' Association will meet tomorrow, 8:30 p.m., at Burrville School. Election of officers.

A special meeting of the District Retail Druggists' Association will be held tomorrow, 8 p.m., at Raleigh Hotel. Lee Williamson will deliver an address on "Co-operative Buying, Selling and Advertising," by the Independent Retail Druggists' Buffet luncheon. Paul Pearson will preside.

The Reservoir School Parent-Teacher Association will meet tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. "Stories of Iceland" will be told by

HOWARD J. BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Substantive Law to Obviate Annual Difficulty Over Appropriation.

With the present session of Congress only a week old, legislative action on one District of Columbia measure was completed today when the Senate passed the bill, approved by the House last Spring, providing substantive law for the annual appropriation for Howard University.

Congress has been appropriating funds for the university many years, but since establishment of the budget system, items for the work have been subject to a point of order in the House. Each year the Senate has restored to the annual supply bill. The measure, which was passed by the House last Spring, provided for the annual appropriation for Howard University.

The bill to establish a new farmers' market on the river front in the Southwest section was reached on the call of the calendar in the Senate today, but action once more was postponed at the request of Senator Bruce, Democrat, of Maryland. This measure passed the House at the last session, but there is a controversy among members of the Senate over the question of location, and, although the bill has been before the Senate a number of times, has never reached a vote.

Another local bill remaining on the Senate calendar since the last session, to increase salaries of the District Commissioners, was objected to this afternoon by Senator King, Democrat of Utah, who pointed out that he opposed the bill at the last session. Senator King Beckone, student nurse of Harrisonburg, Va., by an operation, may reach the jury late this afternoon. Arguments are being heard this morning.

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Mrs. Mekkin Sveinsson Perkins, vocal music by Miss Mildred Shier, John C. Howard and Roy Crouse, Christmas carols. Refreshments.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce will give a visualized sermon of "A Christian," Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church. It will be followed by a photoplay, "Ben Hur," by Gen. Lew Wallace, illustrating the sermon. Church supper, 8 p.m., in the Sunday school room of the church.

FISHER CASE NEAR END.

Jury May Retire This Afternoon to Decide Fate of Doctor.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

KEYSER, W. Va., December 10.—The case of Dr. Otto Fisher, charged with having caused the death of Miss Lonnie Muriel Beckone, student nurse of Harrisonburg, Va., by an operation, may reach the jury late this afternoon. Arguments are being heard this morning.

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1928 TOBACCO TAX REACHES NEW PEAK

Revenue Tops Receipts From All Sources for Any Year Before 1915.

The American people have taken to the cigarette, whose popularity has enjoyed an amazing growth, but the old "plug, twist, fine-cut and smoking tobacco" are much less in demand.

Tobacco now pays more taxes than the Government formerly received from all sources of internal revenue.

This was indicated today by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair, who declared in his annual report that the World War was largely responsible for a change in the tobacco habits of the country. While the commissioner did not mention the increased smoking habits of American women in his report, it is acknowledged by officials that this new group of customers, which he thinks is rapidly growing, also has had much to do with the increased consumption of cigarettes.

Taxes Show Big Increase.

While the total tobacco taxes for the year 1928 showed a big increase over 1927, he said, reached a new high mark, amounting to \$396,450,041.03, an increase of \$20,279,835.99 compared with the previous year. These total collections on tobacco alone in 1928, the commissioner said, "exceeded total internal revenue receipts from all sources for any year prior to 1915."

"Contributing to the total," said the report, "was the record collection of \$301,752,888.34 in taxes on small cigarettes, an increase of \$22,824,026.53 compared with the previous year, and comprising 76.11 per cent of the total tobacco taxes collected. Another record was established by the collection of \$1,461,954.90 in taxes on snuff, an increase of \$553,690.26 compared with the previous year. The collection of tax from this source during 1928 was greater than for any preceding year. The steady increase in the tax payments and consequent consumption of snuff is an unaccountable, unless it has to some extent supplanted chewing tobacco."

Decrease Distributed.

"Receipts from taxes on chewing and smoking tobacco during the year amounted to \$82,774,542.43, a decrease of \$2,295,652.83 compared with 1927. "A total of \$355,436,797.15, or 89.65 per cent of the total tobacco tax receipts, was collected in the following States: North Carolina, \$204,473,504.55; Virginia, \$61,482,169.10; New York, \$32,916,253.29; Pennsylvania, \$16,134,581.79; New Jersey, \$16,021,290.10; Ohio, \$12,369,107.52; California, \$12,045,890.80."

Discussing administration of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Commissioner Blair said that as a result of changes and of a closer administrative attention to personnel matters, the person-

Drugs Are Traced To Dead Letter Office Package

Federal narcotic inspectors followed a clue to the dead letter office of the Post Office Department, inspectors E. K. Rabbit and John W. McDonald obtained a search warrant from United States Commissioner Turnage.

They reported about 50 grains of drugs in one package and obtained the name of the addressee.

DALE BILL ACTION CONFERENCE TOPIC

Date of House Vote Will Be Considered at Committee Meeting Tomorrow.

Headed by Robert H. Alcorn, a committee composed of officers of national organizations representative of more than 300,000 Government employees, had a conference with House leaders in the Speaker's office today. As a result of this conference, the question of when the Dale bill to liberalize the civil service retirement law will be allowed to come up for a vote in the House will be considered as a special order of business by the House steering committee at its meeting tomorrow.

The House leaders attending the conference today were Speaker Longworth, House Leader Tilton, Chairman Snell of the rules committee, and Chairman Lehigh of the civil service committee.

The Dale bill already has passed the Senate and a special rule was reported in the closing days of the last session of Congress by the House rules committee, to give it privileged status in the House. The majority House members are pledged to vote for this bill which is expected to pass even over the President's veto, any time it is allowed to come up for a vote.

Fall Injures Trainman.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

FREDERICK, Md., December 10.—Charles Montgomery, freight conductor of the Hagerstown & Frederick Railroad, is at the local hospital in a serious condition, suffering from a fractured skull and concussion of the brain, sustained when he fell from a moving train near Middletown, Md.

Reduction of Employees.

Between July 1, 1927, and April 30, 1928, the commissioner said there was a reduction of 294 employees in the Washington force and a decrease in the pay roll amounting to \$712,020.

"In the field service," he said, "efforts were made to secure highly trained technical and clerical personnel in order that the basic audit of income tax returns might proceed at the most rapid rate possible. This occasioned an increase of 196 employees in the field service during this period and a pay roll increase of \$501,920."

"A total decrease of 98 in personnel, with a consequent saving in annual pay roll expenditure of \$210,100, was therefore effected from July 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928."

DEAL TO DROP GAS APPEAL PROPOSED

Concessions Are Asked of Board to Wind Up Valuation Case.

Representatives of the Washington Gas Light Co. today called upon the Public Utilities Commission to discuss with its members what concessions the commission would be willing to grant in return for the company's agreeing to a dismissal of its appeal in the District Supreme Court from the commission's valuation findings of 1917.

President Ord Preston of the company was accompanied by Swager, George P. Hoover and Benjamin S. Minor, his lawyers. People's counsel Ralph B. Fleaharty, Corporation Counsel William W. Bridge and Assistant Corporation Counsel Robert E. Lynch, also attended the session.

Overture Without Results.

As far as could be learned from those attending the session, there were no tangible results from this overture. Last Wednesday the commission ruled that it would proceed no further with the company's present valuation case until the appeal from the previous valuation had been settled.

It was understood that the attitude of the company officials today was one of seeking to learn what advantages in the present case would accrue to them in the dismissal, but that the commission was unwilling to agree on any definite concessions.

Board to Consider Proposal.

After the company officials left, the session remained in executive session for more than an hour. At the end of this Chairman John W. Childers announced that each member had agreed to think the case over individually and that another executive meeting of the commission would be called either tomorrow or Wednesday to decide on its attitude.

The hearings on the present valuation case will be resumed at 10 a.m. Thursday, and the commission must reach a decision before that time.

LADY HEATH WILL FLY HERE FOR RECEPTION

Aviatix Will Be Honor Guest of National Woman's Party Tomorrow Evening.

Lady Heath, famous woman aviatix of Great Britain, will be the honor guest at a reception tomorrow evening of the National Woman's Party at its headquarters, Lady Heath will arrive here by airplane tomorrow from Rockford, Ill., to attend the sessions of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference. The reception will start at 9 o'clock.

She will speak briefly at the reception about her experiences in the air. Receiving with Lady Heath will be Mrs. Florence Kahn, Mrs. Katherine Langley and Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, women members of Congress, and Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley. Miss Maud Younger and Miss Doris Stevens of the National Woman's Party.

Gridiron Club Head

ROY A. ROBERTS.

Kansas City Star Correspondent Elected—C. S. Groves New Vice President.

Members of the executive committee chosen were Richard V. Oulahan of the New York Times, Mark L. Goodwin of the Dallas News and J. Fred Essary of the Baltimore Sun.

George Rothwell Brown of the Washington Post was elected to active membership in the club. Charles H. Tittmann was elected a limited member.

Wild Life League Meets.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 10.—The State convention of the West Virginia Wild Life League opened here today and will continue tomorrow. Mayor W. E. Stout delivered the address of welcome, to which President W. E. Byrnes of Charleston responded. About 150 are in attendance. This morning was given to the reports of officers.

Winchester Child Burned.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WINCHESTER, Va., December 10.—Margaret Price, daughter of Mrs. Delano Price, sustained burns yesterday when her clothing ignited at a coal oil stove at the home of her grandfather, Frank Plank. She ran screaming to an upper floor, enveloped in flames. An electrician working in the house seized a blanket and smothered the fire.

DORAN OFFERS AID ON D. C. DRY LAW

Commissioner Preparing Report to Committee Framing Enforcement Act.

With a view to assisting the Gibson subcommittee of the House District committee in its intention of drafting a prohibition law for the District, Dr. James M. Doran, prohibition commissioner, today said attorneys of his office had started work on a special report which would be submitted to the committee probably early this week.

The drafts of several of the most successful State prohibition laws will be studied and will be included in text form in the report, Dr. Doran indicated.

The present situation under which the local police work as commissioned prohibition agents, with dual authority, and then must be reimbursed by the Federal Government prosecuting liquor laws, was declared by Dr. Doran to be unfair.

Should a District dry law be enacted by Congress, Dr. Doran said, the chief of police would have a more workable force.

Dr. Doran has accumulated a mass of material about enforcement in the District, which he plans to lay before the Gibson committee.

Chairman Gibson of the special committee making a study of the municipal administration expects to be able to lay before the committee tomorrow the draft of the bill.

Hearing in Prospect.

If it is convenient for the members of the Gibson subcommittee and witnesses, a hearing will be had tomorrow which Mr. Gibson hopes will be the final hearing prior to the introduction of this measure. If the hearing can be held tomorrow it will be held Wednesday.

Mr. Gibson will also invite as a witness Maj. Hesse, asking him to bring with him a statement regarding the number of arrests under the present law. Mr. Gibson has been informed that there has been a tremendously large number of arrests and a relatively small number of convictions.

GENERAL'S WIDOW DIES.

Mrs. Cornelia Marie Mason to Be Buried in Arlington.

Mrs. Cornelia Marie Mason, 94 years old, widow of Brig. Gen. John Sanford Mason, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McWaters, New York City, Saturday.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Mason leaves two grandchildren, Maj. Emmale Wagman and Floyd T. Wagman, both of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Almus R. Speare Co. chapel, 1623 Connecticut avenue, tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery.