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## SAW MILL WILL OPEN TUESDAY ON DAY SHIFT

Sawing Operations Will Begin  
at 7 O'Clock Next Tuesday,  
Officials Announce

ABOUT 200 MEN WILL  
BE EMPLOYED AGAIN

Opening of Mills Adds About  
\$15,000 to Monthly Pay  
Roll of Company

The welcome whistles of the big  
Crookston Lumber company mill will  
be heard for the first time for several  
months next Tuesday morning, when  
a full day shift will begin its duties of  
turning logs into fine lumber.

According to C. L. Isted, the mill  
will begin operating Tuesday morning  
instead of Monday as at first planned.  
This change is being made, because it  
will be necessary to blow steam into  
the lake and if operations start on  
Monday, it would be necessary to  
keep steam up to full capacity all day  
Sunday. By changing it to Tuesday  
the extra day will not be required.

About 200 men will be employed on  
the regular day shift beginning at  
7:00 o'clock. Weather is always a factor  
in the opening of the mill, when  
operations begin so early in the spring  
and if nothing unforeseen happens  
the whistles will sound the glad tid-  
ings at 7:00 Tuesday morning.

The Crookston Lumber Company  
will continue its logging operations  
at Nebish until May first, according  
to present plans, where about 75 men  
are employed.

With the opening of the mill at  
Plant Number 1 approximately \$15,  
000 will be added to the monthly pay  
roll, which money will be felt among  
the business men of the city during  
the coming summer months.

Shipments of lumber are being  
made by the local mill daily and in-  
dications are that business will prob-  
ably increase in this commodity, all  
of which will materially add to the pro-  
sperity of Northern Minnesota.

**RIO WORKERS STILL ACTIVE  
FOR SACCO AND VANZETTI**

(By United Press)

Rio De Janeiro, March 18.—The cru-  
sade of Rio workmen in behalf of  
Sacco and Vanzetti has not yet ter-  
minated, according to an announce-  
ment from the Federation of Work-  
ingmen of Rio De Janeiro.

The views of some of the labor  
organizations of Rio regarding the  
Sacco-Vanzetti affair have been  
stated intermittently ever since the  
time it was first known here that two  
men had been pronounced guilty of  
murder and sentenced to death. On  
one occasion a small group called  
on editors of newspapers and de-  
manded that the case be given wider  
publicity in Brazil and that the  
editors take the part of the two con-  
demned men.

**BLAME EDUCATION DEPT.  
FOR EXODUS OF MENNONITES**

(By United Press)

Winnipeg, March 18.—Much feel-  
ing is prevalent against the provin-  
cial department of education because  
of the exodus of the Mennonites.  
Merchants who have business in the  
district are already feeling a loss  
in trade although the exodus has  
hardly begun. They feel that if the  
officials of the department of edu-  
cation had been more tactful in  
their treatment of the mennonites  
the exodus would not have occurred.

**DIRECTORS OF "BIG TEN"  
HOLD SECRET SESSION**

(By United Press)

Chicago, March 18.—Following a  
secret session of three days and two  
nights, directors of the "Big Ten"  
have refused to make public any ac-  
tion which was taken in the fight of  
collegiate authorities against pro-  
fessionalism.

The golf tournament for the "Big  
Ten" will be held in Chicago June 19,  
and the tennis tournament starting  
May 25.

**SEES NO RELATION BETWEEN  
HIGH SKIRTS AND LOW MORALS**

(By United Press)

Grand Forks, March 18.—It is no  
more immoral for a girl to dress in  
the prevailing fashion than for a  
bather to wear a bathing suit, in the  
opinion of Dr. Carl Stolz, instructor  
in Wesley Methodist College here.  
Dr. Stolz sees no relation between  
short skirts and low morals.

## TELEGRAPH AND POWER SERVICE IS CRIPPLED

Rain and Sleet Cripple Wire  
Service in Eighty-Mile  
Radius of St. Paul

(By United Press)

St. Paul, March 18.—Hundreds of  
telephone, telegraph and power line  
poles went down under the weight  
of ice today. The damage is esti-  
mated at hundreds of thousands of  
dollars by owning companies.

Only 20 out of 82 toll lines con-  
trolled by the Tri-State telephone  
company were working. Wire service  
in all directions is crippled and many  
cities and towns were without light  
and power.

Rain mixed with sleet froze as it  
and covered the wires one inch  
or more with ice. Telephone  
and telegraph companies said most  
trouble was within a radius of  
80 miles of the Twin Cities.

Power lines were out-  
letted into Fargo, and  
only one outlet, heavily laden with  
wires near a fair grounds leading  
to the north, fell early today. Du-  
luth also was affected. At Fargo, a  
heavy snow fell, which today filled  
the streets and roads with mud and  
slush.

## CASINO WANTS MONOPOLY ON ALL HOTEL PROPERTY

(By United Press)

Monte Carlo, March 18.—Interests  
representing the Casino are negoti-  
ating, according to a recent report,  
to buy the Hotel Metropole, well  
known to tourists. Acquisition of  
this property would, it is understood,  
give the Casino virtual monopoly of  
all hotel properties accessible to it.

## VISCOUNT PEEL NAMED SECRETARY FOR INDIA

(By United Press)

London, March 18.—Viscount Peel  
was today appointed Secretary of  
State for India, succeeding Edwin  
Montague. Viscount Peel, who is a  
Liberal, recently succeeded Sir Eric  
Geddes in the coalition government  
as minister of transportation.

## W. B. A. OF MACCABEES TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Wom-  
an's Beneficent Association of Mac-  
cabees will be held Monday night at 8  
o'clock at the K. C. hall. All mem-  
bers of the guard team are urged to  
be present promptly for practice. After  
the business meeting lunch will be  
served and dancing enjoyed, to  
which the members and their friends  
are invited.

## LUMBER MARKET REPORT INDICATES BETTERMENT

Taking everything into considera-  
tion, the lumber market shows bet-  
terment. Not only volume of inquiry but  
total sales have increased, according  
to the American Lumberman. In some  
sections slight confusion has arisen  
over announced decreases in freight  
rates on southern pine. These reduc-  
tions apply only to lumber sawed  
by mills located east of the Missis-  
sippi River, and only to certain territory.  
At most they will amount to not more  
than \$1 a thousand feet, so their in-  
fluence upon prices will be slight. Coun-  
try trade is showing more activity and  
the belief is that its volume will be  
greater than was expected six weeks  
or two months ago. A steady improve-  
ment in industrial demand is also  
noted. The increase in business is em-  
phasized that certain grades and work-  
ings of softwoods are particularly  
scarce. For example, No. 3 common  
southern pine boards are difficult to  
obtain, as well as No. 2 dimension.  
Production is increasing but not as  
fast as volume of orders. Prices on the  
whole have not changed particularly,  
tho the market has a stronger tone,  
so that it is not as easy to obtain con-  
cessions as it was two weeks ago.

## NAVAL MILITIA PUTS ON VERY ENJOYABLE DANCE

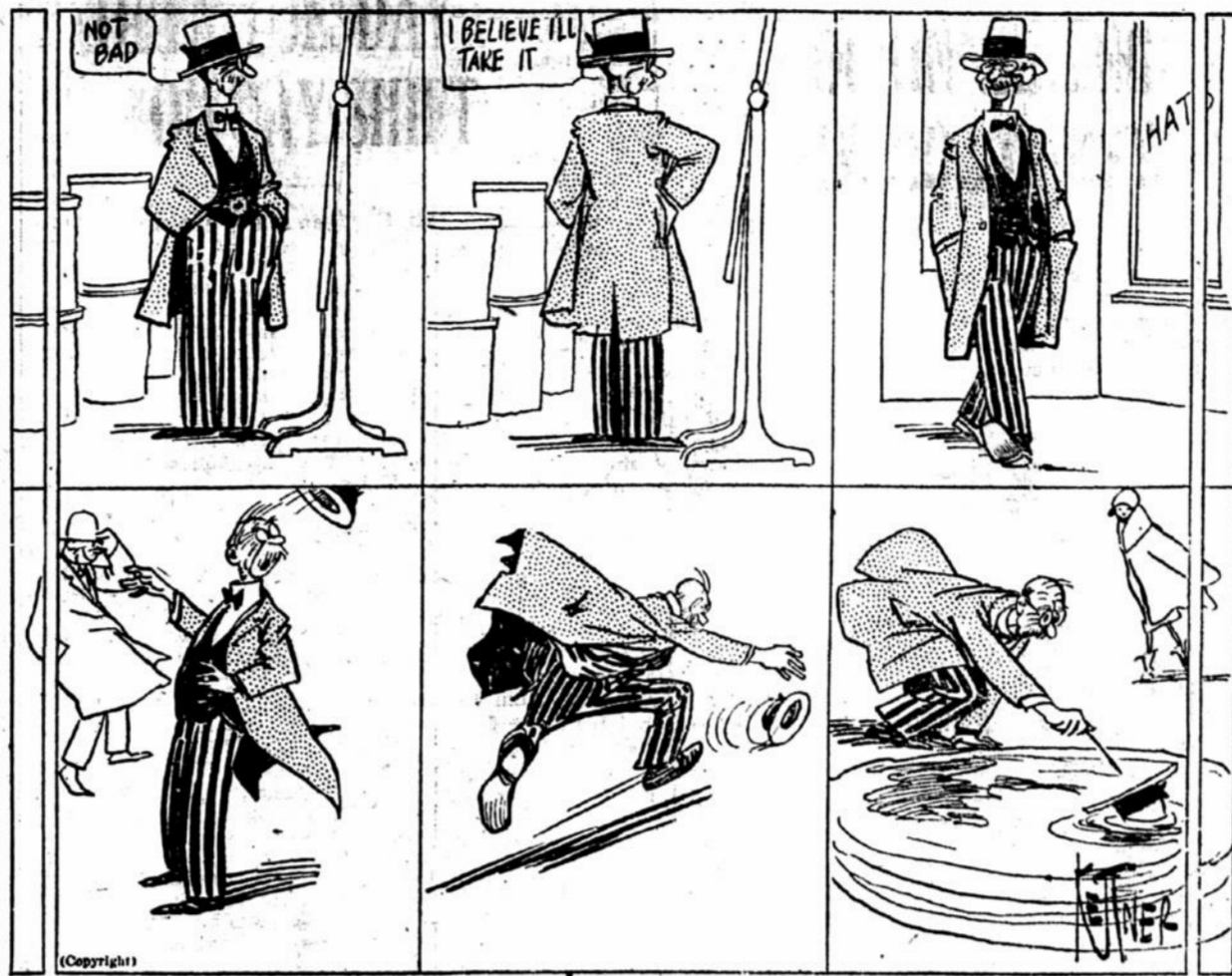
A very enjoyable dance with an  
exceptionally large attendance was  
staged by the Bemidji Naval Militia  
unit at the new armory Friday evening.  
The armory was especially  
decorated for the occasion, St. Pat-  
rick's Day. Music was furnished  
by the Riggs five-piece orchestra.

## FORMER CANADIAN OFFICER HELD IN TAYLOR MYSTERY

(By United Press)

Los Angeles, March 18.—A former  
officer in the Canadian army, ar-  
rested last night in Mexico in con-  
nection with the William Desmond  
Taylor murder, arrived here this  
morning. He was arrested on infor-  
mation supplied from the American  
side of the line.

## The End of a Perfect Day



## CURTIS WILL WRESTLE HEAVYWEIGHT SUNDAY

Lawrence Johnson of St. Cloud  
Promises to Give Bemidji  
Wrestler Hard Match

Wrestling fans of the community  
are promised a first class match here  
Sunday afternoon when L. C. Curtis  
takes on Lawrence Johnson of St.  
Cloud at the new Moose hall at 4  
o'clock. Two preliminary matches  
are to be staged and a complete en-  
tertainment is assured by those ar-  
ranging the meeting.

Johnson has been a very persistent  
challenger of Curtis for the past sev-  
eral months and, although he weighs  
around 190 pounds, Curtis has decid-  
ed to take him on and do the best  
he can with him. Fans who know  
what Curtis did with John Albrecht,  
the Minneapolis fireman, some time  
ago, know that Curtis is capable of  
meeting and defeating men who out-  
weigh him by a wide margin. Con-  
sequently, if Curtis puts up the best  
he has, he is favored to win. Never-  
theless, Johnson is no slouch in the  
wrestling game and his weight will  
be a big factor in determining the  
outcome of the match. Curtis  
weighs in around 156 pounds, 34  
pounds less than Johnson.

Altogether, a first-class card is as-  
sured and indications are that the match  
will be well attended. Curtis  
assures the fans that Johnson will be  
on hand in plenty of time for the  
match, so that there will be no dis-  
appointment through his non-appear-  
ance.

Popular prices are to be charged  
and ladies as well as men are as-  
sured a clean affair, one which they  
will never be sorry they attended, Curtis  
declares.

The St. Cloud wrestler arrived in  
Bemidji this morning and is anxious  
for the match. Curtis announces  
that he will soon go to Minneapolis  
to meet Johnny Meyers, claimant of  
the middleweight championship, and  
that much depends upon this match  
tomorrow.

## ST. CLOUD AND NEARBY TOWNS WITHOUT POWER

(By United Press)

St. Cloud, March 18.—St. Cloud  
and 45 nearby villages and towns  
were without power and light today  
when the St. Cloud Public Service  
company's power lines went down  
under heavy sleet. Wires just out  
of the power house near the lower Mis-  
sissippi bridge snapped under the  
weight of ice.

There was little hope of restoring  
power service before noon. The  
wires to other towns are down in  
many places, and it will be some time  
before service is restored. Tele-  
graph and telephone communications  
were in a similar plight.

## RED WING HIGH CAPTURES BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Northfield, March 18.—The Red  
Wing high school today held the  
state high school basketball cham-  
pionship. The husky Red Wing five  
downed Madison in the final game  
37 to 24.

## WIEDFIELD MAY BECOME GERMANY'S AMBASSADOR

(By United Press)

Berlin, Germany, March 18.—The  
German government has requested  
the American government to consent  
to the appointment of Arthur Wied-  
field, former manager and director of  
the Krupp, German ambassador to  
Washington.

Wiedfield resigned from his posi-  
tion as head of the famous munition  
works yesterday indicating that he  
would accept the Wirth government's  
offer of the position.

## DISSENSION INTERFERES IN PACIFIC PACT FIGHT

(By United Press)

Washington, March 18.—Dissen-  
sion among the four-power treaty  
foes in the senate is interfering with  
their efforts to win over enough sen-  
ators to defeat the pact.

The Democrats charged the four-  
power Republican bitter-enders are  
unable to increase their strength and  
have begun to take the position that  
they, rather than the Republicans,  
should decide the tactics of opposi-  
tion. Among the Democrats them-  
selves there is some bickering over  
strategy.

## LEGION TO ENTERTAIN LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT

Legionnaires, members of the Le-  
gion Auxiliary and their escorts are  
assured a very enjoyable time  
Tuesday evening when the Ralph  
Gracie Post of the American Legion  
entertain the Auxiliary and their  
escorts at the rooms of the Civic &  
Commerce association.

An excellent program has been  
prepared by the committee in  
charge and this will be followed by  
dancing and card playing. Lunch  
will be served later in the evening.  
All members of the American Le-  
gion, whether members of the local  
post or not, and all members of the  
Auxiliary and their escorts are ur-  
ged to be present. The entertain-  
ment will begin at 8 o'clock.

## TWO BURNED TO DEATH IN AUGUSTA THEATRE FIRE

(By United Press)

Augusta, Ga., March 18.—Two  
persons were burned to death when  
fire destroyed the Grand Opera the-  
atre early today, causing a property  
loss estimated at \$30,000.

## O'BENCHAIN JURY STILL UNDECIDED ON VERDICT

(By United Press)

Los Angeles, March 18.—The  
O'benchain jury stood 9 to 2 for con-  
viction early today, according to an  
unofficial report. One juror, a prom-  
inent oil man, was known to be un-  
decided and might join the minority.

The mixed jury, which is trying  
Madalynne O'benchain for the mur-  
der of J. Belton Kennedy, was to be  
summoned to resume deliberations at  
9 o'clock this morning, having been  
locked up all night.

## HEARING ON WOOD RATE WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

Public Hearing of Complaint  
Against Present Rates on  
Fuel Wood Tuesday

To hear arguments for and against  
a lower freight rate on fuel wood, the  
State Railroad and Warehouse Com-  
mission will have a representative  
in Bemidji next Tuesday to conduct a  
public hearing, as the result of a for-  
mal complaint entered several weeks  
ago from this community and filed  
by Charles S. Carter of Iimes. The  
hearing was originally scheduled for  
last Thursday, March 16, but due  
to the illness of Chairman O. P. B. Jacob-  
son of the commission it was neces-  
sary that the hearing be postponed.

The date has now been set for  
March 21, and the hearing will be  
called to order at the Markham hotel  
at 10 a. m. Tuesday. The session will  
then adjourn to the rooms of the  
Civic and Commerce association.  
There is every indication that  
this hearing in view of the fact that  
the entire Northwest is interested in  
a lower rate on fuel wood. Delega-  
tions are expected from all nearby  
towns and villages and it is appar-  
ent that many interesting facts will  
be presented for the information of the  
commission.

Those who have facts which will aid  
the commission in arriving at a fair  
decision are urged to attend and pre-  
sent their views. The need for a low  
freight rate on fuel wood has been  
very apparent this past winter and it  
is expected that the commission will  
arrive at a decision soon after this  
hearing in order that shippers may  
have the benefit of a lower rate at  
once if such action is decided upon.

## INDIA LEADER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON

(By United Press)

London, March 18.—M. K. Gandhi,  
non-co-operative India leader, has  
been tried and sentenced to six years  
imprisonment, according to dispatches  
received today.

## CHICAGO CONCERN HIT BY HEAVY FIRE LOSS

(By United Press)

Eau Claire, Wis., March 18.—The  
Chicago Machine Shop, warehouse  
stockroom and office building of the  
Northwestern Steel & Iron Works of  
this city was completely destroyed by  
fire this morning.

## BENSFIELD ADMITS PART IN ROBBERY AT CHICAGO

(By United Press)

Milwaukee, Wis., March 18.—  
George Bensfield, arrested with Jim-  
my LaPorte, Tommy O'Connor's pal  
—at Racine Thursday, confessed that  
he, LaPorte and James Larson robbed  
a building and loan association office  
at Chicago on Wednesday night of  
last week and obtained \$2,000, ac-  
cording to police.

## COUNTY REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION HERE TODAY

Delegates to Be Selected to  
District and State Meets  
March 30 and 31

Delegates elected last Tuesday to  
represent their various precincts at  
the Beltrami County Republican con-  
vention met in Bemidji at the court  
house this afternoon to elect delegates  
to the district convention March 30  
and to the state convention March 31.  
The convention was called to order  
at one o'clock by Chairman T. S. Er-  
vin, and a permanent organization  
was started.

A new chairman was to be elected  
as well as other officers. Eight dele-  
gates were to be elected to represent  
the county at the congressional dis-  
trict convention at St. Cloud March  
30 and eleven were to be named to  
attend the state convention at St.  
Paul the following day.

It was expected that the delegates  
chosen would be instructed as to the  
views of the county convention, al-  
though this was not certain when the  
meeting was called to order. It was  
evident that the convention would be  
strongly in favor of Preus for gov-  
ernor and possibly Kellogg for re-elec-  
tion as U. S. senator, and other state  
office-holders as they now stand, with  
the exception of the clerk of the state  
supreme court, for which office it was  
expected the convention would favor  
Miss Eloise L. Calihan.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

The Parent-Teacher association of  
the Bemidji State Teachers college  
held a very interesting meeting from  
3 to 5 o'clock yesterday at the col-  
lege. The program opened with mus-  
ic from two groups of children, two  
songs being sung by nine children  
from the 1st and 2nd grades, and  
two songs by eight children from the  
5th and 6th grades. W. L. Brooks  
then gave a very interesting and in-  
structive talk on "Thrifty" after  
which a "thrifty campaign" was sug-  
gested and a committee was appoint-  
ed to work out the details. The pro-  
gram closed with a pleasing solo by  
Miss Myrtle Wickham, and afternoon  
tea was served.

## LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE TO INSTALL NEXT TUESDAY

The Loyal Order of Moose will  
hold installation next Tuesday eve-  
ning at 7:30 o'clock. The Women  
of the Mooseheart Legion and the  
members of the Junior Order of  
Moose have been invited to partici-  
pate in the exercises.

After the regular session, lunch  
will be served and a general get-to-  
gether gathering will be the pro-  
gram of the evening, with a view of  
more firmly cementing the good fel-  
lowship between the order proper  
and its auxiliaries.

## BOX FACTORY SAW MILL TO OPEN ABOUT APRIL 1

The new saw mill of the Kenilworth  
Lamoureux company, which will be  
one of the most modern and up-to-date  
in the country, is rapidly nearing com-  
pletion and indications are that it will  
begin operations about April 1st.

A night shift will be added to the  
box company force numbering about  
75 men, to which force another 30  
men will be added as soon as the wood  
sawed is dry enough to handle at the  
factory.

The opening of Crookston mill  
will also help speed up the box fac-  
tory operations, in as much as they  
have been using the four-foot trimmings  
from the mill.

The box company is behind in filling  
orders for shipment, and is anxious to  
get started with both day and night  
crews, in order to satisfy customers  
for their products.

## SAINTS' DAY RESTORED IN CHURCHES OF ITALY

(By United Press)

Rome, March 18.—In conformity  
with the papal decree of Pope Bene-  
dict replacing the feast day of St.  
Joseph as one of the official feast  
days of the church, special services  
will be held tomorrow in a goodly  
number of the churches throughout  
Italy. In 1911 Pope Pius Xth  
struck off the day from the official  
list of feasts as established by the  
Church, but the decree met with so  
little popular favor that Pope Bene-  
dict restored the celebration.

## COAL STRIKE SITUATION NOW UP TO EIGHT MEN

(By United Press)

New York City, March 18.—Eight  
men today held the power to decide  
whether the anthracite coal fields  
shall be tied up April 1. Four speak-  
ers and four officers of the United  
Mine Workers will begin the task of  
settling the problem at 2 p. m. next  
Tuesday, and will continue in session  
until some agreement is reached.

## BOOZE RUNNERS WORKING ALONG FLORIDA COAST

Prohibition Agents Find It  
Impossible to Cope With  
Florida Rum Runners

BAND IS SAID TO BE  
LARGELY OF FISHERMEN

Situation in Cuba Is Said to  
Make Smuggling a Pleasure  
and Not a Risk

(By Paul R. Mallon  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 18 (United  
Press)—A thousand prohibition  
agents concentrated on the Florida  
coast could not break up the rum  
running navy whose miniature fleets  
bear liquor to American shores, high  
government officials admitted to the  
United Press.

The same situation confronts them  
that confronted the old English and  
Spanish governments generations ago  
when the freebooters concentrated  
along the coast of Scotland and South  
Spain and refused to obey customs  
and laws.

The vast horde of smugglers now en-  
gaged in shipping liquor from Cuba  
and the Bahamas into isolated areas  
along the southern coast line is made  
up largely of simple fishermen, ac-  
cording to the word of investigators  
which has been transmitted to offi-  
cials here.

These fishermen look on the prohi-  
bition law in the same manner in which  
the fisher-folk of Valencia and the  
Dogger Bank of Scotland looked on  
the laws which prohibited them from  
getting good tobacco and certain  
clothings. They have organized a  
little industry bringing booze from  
nearby foreign possessions. They re-  
fuse to see their industry as a viola-  
tion of the law.

These men know the Florida coast  
line as no revenue agent's know it.  
They know every nook and crevice in  
the coastline. They go out apparently  
to fish and when night falls they make  
their way to the booze port.

Most of them go to Cuba. The situ-  
ation there makes smuggling a pleas-  
ure, not a risk. Government officials  
there realize big revenue from huge  
liquor exportations. They are not like  
ly to curb the traffic. Then again can-  
net officers here can find no way of  
appealing to Cuban authorities on a  
common ground to help stop the traf-  
fic.

The Cuban government has no prohi-  
bition law and there is no reason  
why she should be asked by the  
American State Department to en-  
force an American law. The British  
Government—ruling the Bahamas—is  
in a similar position. Because of  
these conditions, the state depart-  
ment has refrained from asking co-  
operation of these governments in  
stiffing the trade.

On the return trip, of course, the  
fishermen find things a bit harder—  
but not much. If a patrol boat  
—there are half a dozen of them—a  
patrol the 1,000 miles of Florida  
coast line—should by some chance  
run across the smuggler, he is not  
likely to be caught.

The smuggler can drop his booze to  
the bottom of the ocean with the  
small surface marker and when the  
patrol boat comes up and searches the  
fishing smack—there is no evidence.  
As soon as the patrol boat goes away  
the liquor can be drawn up from the  
bottom of the sea and brought ashore.

## SPEAKER OF HOUSE STILL AGAINST INTRODUCING BILL

(By United Press)

Washington, March 18.—House  
leaders today found Speaker Gillett  
in an "unreceptive" mood about  
"gagging" the house Monday so the  
bonus bill could be forced through.  
Back from his Florida vacation, the  
Massachusetts representative let it  
be known that he still cherished the  
hope that the bonus should not be  
brought up under the "gag" plan sus-  
pension of rules.

## HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD CUT DOWN NAVY

(By United Press)

Washington, March 18.—The  
house sub-committee on naval appro-  
priations today reported that it had  
decided on reductions in the navy  
which will save taxpayers at least  
\$175,000,000 in the next fiscal year.  
Of this saving, \$90,000,000 will be  
directly traceable to the recent arms  
conference agreement, this being the  
sum that ordinarily would be allow-  
ed the navy for new construction  
work.

### Crookston Mill No. 1

Tuesday morning will see the  
Crookston Lumber Co. mill No. 1  
in operation again for a full sea-  
son's sawing. The mill has been  
put in shape during the past few  
weeks and the mill pond freed of  
ice. Seven o'clock Tuesday morn-  
ing will see a large number of men  
set to work. Only the day shift  
will be employed.

