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E CONFERS WITH LAWYERS

Deputy Sheriffs Had e Called to Court m to Handle the Big wd.

O., Dec. 13. (AP)—As a ck on the state's claim R. Mellett, Canton publish- murdered in a plot hatched bootlegger's conspiracy, the Patrick Eugene McDermott, alleged slayers, declared in r today that, the prosecu- was a party to a conspiracy. g arguments and first testi- the trial of McDermott drew rowd today that nine special heriffs were called in to re- der. mott entered the court room d.

g counsel, Prosecutor C. B. k, and his assistants, Harry and James W. Aungst, for and E. L. Mills, Homer d James Elmsley, for the nt into the judge's cham- consultation as soon as alled to order.

rence Mellett, of Indian- w of the slain publisher, nd immediately upon con- the afternoon session. itness stand with her was r old daughter, Jane.

Stampeded Corridors.

O., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A crowd his stampeded the corridor house here this afternoon, evening of the afternoon the trial of Patrick Eu- mott. Deputy sheriffs to charge into the crowd ersing of the court room

WIFE TO EEK DIVORCE NEXT

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eles, Dec. 12.—Lita Gr y estranged young wife of aplin, film comedian, will e divorce and custody of babies immediately, it was here in a statement is- behalf by her attorney. in said this action is the ilure to negotiate a set- of court.

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tiations had resulted in a dequate proposal on his Chaplin still would not to part with her babies, it to be seen wether or not his cerning about the custody the babies was merely for

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ts Self in Capitol Rotunda.

gton, Dec. 13.—(AP)—An un- man shot and probably fa- ded himself in the rotunda pitol early today. The name Caldwell was written in the lining of the man's hat. ell along in years, and wore R. button in the lapel of his

a New Year custom of the to send their friends holly to wish them luck during g year.

ld and Damp

ly rain tonight and Tuesday; peratures in the central and portions, colder in extreme on tonight, colder Tuesday. th and southwest winds.

With the Birds

John D. Rockefeller was photographed as he took a train in New York for Florida, where he will spend the Winter. Reporters were shooed away by members of his party, who said he was too weak to talk.

(International Newsreel)

"PUSSYFOOT" FINDS EUROPE STILL WET

Nations Too Busy With Other Issues to Think of Prohibition, He Reports.

New York World.

Prohibition is not making much progress in England, France or Greece, William E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson said upon his arrival here yesterday on the United States liner President Harding.

His campaigning trip through Europe, which began last July, has led him to believe that those countries "have no time to think about Prohibition, as they are confronted with other great national issues. They'll soon be able to think about it and then they'll come around all right."

New York's four to one wet vote in the recent referendum and the wet majorities piled up in other States Johnson regards as a victory for Prohibition. "We still have Congress with us," he added. "We have 311 votes of 435 in the House of Representatives and the Senate is overwhelmingly with us.

"The majority of men in this country do not drink," he said. "The poor man doesn't. He can't afford to pay 75 cents a drink. Why all this fuss? It is mostly the agitation of the idle rich."

New Rocket to Moon Ready in Few Months, Vienna Scientists Say.

(By International News Service)

Vienna, Dec. 13.—The theory of Goddard, the American engineer, that the moon can be reached by a mechanical rocket shot from the earth is to be given a trial by the newly formed "Mundane Space Investigation Society" of Vienna which includes the leading scientists of the capital.

The society will begin with a complete investigation of Goddard's theory, which has been elaborated and modernized by a Hungarian scientist, Prof. Laslo Oberth with Franz Hoeff, a Viennese astrologer, will build a rocket which will enclose for the first trip, one and a half kilograms of explosive magnesium, instead of the human being suggested by Jules Verne and others. The rocket will be shot so that it will start with a velocity of 11.2 kilometers (about seven miles) a second. At this speed it should reach the moon, a distance of 400,000 kilometers, in about 97 hours.

The rocket will weigh about 5,000 kilograms and will cost about 2,000 gold marks. It would be ready to begin its journey moonward in about eight months.

Not Certain Southern Will Move.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Reports that the operating headquarters of the Southern Railway might move away from Washington today brought from Fairfax Harrison, President of the road, the following statement:

"No decision has been reached as to where our operating headquarters are to be in the future. Such a decision cannot be made until we know certainly that we must move from the location where we have been established for 40 years."

Says He Was Held Up, Shot and Robbed.

Tryon, Dec. 11.—Entering Tryon hospital here late Friday night with a bullet wound in the left breast, J. L. McAllister, 45-year old employe of a Spartanburg, S. C., laundry reported he had been held up, shot nd robbed of nearly $100 by three negro highwaymen, on a mountain road near Melrose. Hospital attendants today stated McAllister's wound is not grave and that he will probably be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

HAVE YOUR PURCHASED YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS?

All over the United States, in almost every town, village or hamlet, no matter how distant from the big cities, Christmas seals are on sale to be pasted on Christmas gifts for friends and relatives. Every single seal you buy helps the fight against tuberculsis. They are on sale here.

Have you purchased yours?

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to an Advance of Five Points.

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of five points in response to steady Liverpool cables and improved somewhat in early trading.

Very little of Southern selling was reported here, while there was some trade and local buying, the latter being attributed chiefly to the profit taking by recent sellers. Expectations of large domestic consumption figures for November, and of an improved export demand toward the end of te month probably contributed to the advance which carried the prices up to 11:97 for January, and 12:44 for May, or about 12 points net higher.

Private cables said Bombay buying had absorbed the hedge selling in Liverpool, and also reported improved demand for cotton cloths from India.

Cotton futures opened stead: Dec. 12.22; Jan. 11.87; March 12.09; May 12.34; July 12.54.

SAYS LOW COTTON MAY BE BLESSING

Prof. Newman Sees Better Balance Farming As a Probable Outcome.

Goldsboro, Dec. 11.—That a better balanced system of farming will result from the present cotton situation, proving a final blesssing was predicted in an address by Prof. C. L. Newman, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer before the Community Club held at Rosewood Friday evening. Mr. Newman warned of the danger of a too great acreage in tobacco next year.

Prof. Newman stated that letters are received at his office daily from farms saying that they intend to plant more tobacco next year. He predicted that unless the acreage is cut down the same condition will then exist with reference to tobacco that exists now with cotton.

The club under the leadership of their president, A. H. Veazey, took action for the organization of evening classes for the study of poultry raising and agriculture in general.

JUDGE FINLEY TELLS OF BIG DEVELOPMENT

Approximately 12,000 Acres, Containing Radium Springs, Is Sold to Corporation.

Charlotte, Dec. 9.—Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, announced here last night that approximately 12,000 acres of land, about forty miles from North Wilkesboro, containing what is said to be the only radium spring in North America, has been sold to a developing corporation.

Plans have already been made, he said, to apply for a state charter. The company, he announced, will be capitalized at $1,000,000 or more.

The corporation will initiate plans at once, it was stated, to construct a hotel, baths and other equipment on the tract of land.

PREPARING TO START TESTIMONY IN TRIAL

Of Pat McDermott at Canton, O.—Recess in Case Today.

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Both prosecution and defense in the trial of Patrick Eugene McDermott, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, were preparing for the start of testimony on Monday. The jury was completed yesterday. There was a recess today.

Most of Monday, says Prosecutor C. B. McClintock, is to be used in presenting to the jury the story of how Mellett, crusader against the underworld, was slain at his garage door shortly after midnight on July 16th.

With Our Advertisers.

A beautiful set of China will make the wife happy. Get it at the Ritchie Hardware Co. In sets and broken stock. See the lady in charge to show you. See ad.

The Owen Hill farm of 800 acres on the Cape Fear river is for sale. See ad.

To Invite Senator Frazer Back to the Table.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Republican committe on committees today agreed to invite Senator Frazier, Republican insurgent of North Dakota, to resume his place in the Republican party's council and on committees as a straightuot Republican.

Impeachment Charges Against English Abandoned.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Abandonment of impeachment charges against Federal Judge George W. English, of Illinois, was approved today by the House, on a standing vote.

During the reign of Edward IV. gambling was permitted in England during the twelve days of Christmas.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER

A Whole Year FREE to Every Subscriber of The Concord Times Who Pays a Full Year in Advance.

JUDGE HARDING IN HIGHWAY QUESTION RULES WITH BOARD

Plans of State Highway Commission for Route 10 Entering Newton Upheld in Judge's Decision.

ANOTHER REQUEST IS NOT GRANTED

Judge Declines to Issue Restraining Order to Prevent Plaintiffs From Intituting Further Suits.

Charlotte, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The plans of the State Highway Commission for that section of Highway No. 10 running into the town of Newton today was upheld by Judge Harding in an opinion made public here.

Judge Harding also denied a motion made by the attorneys for the highway commission asking a restraining order to prevent the plaintiff in this case instituting any further suits.

The town of Newton recently secured a temporary injunction against the award of a contract for construction of the link in the highway system between Statesville and Newton.

It was claimed that the plans did not comply with the edict of the Supreme Court in a previous litigation regarding the case.

Judge Harding refused to issue a writ of mandamus requiring the construction of the highway along the proposed southern route, and dissolved the temporary restraining order which prevented the Highway Commission from awarding contracts for construction of road between Newton and Statesville along the proposed "new" route.

The judgment of the court was a sequel to the hearing of the judge held in chambers in Lenoir on December 2. The temporary order and issue was by Judge McElroy.

The judgment was made public by Judge Harding as follows:

"Upon the foregoing finding of fact it is ordered adjudged and directed that the restraining order heretofore issued be and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the plaintiff's motion for a writ of mandamus to issue compelling the defendant to proceed to let the contract to build said highway along the southern route be and the same is overruled; and that the defendant's motion that the plaintiff be enjoined and restrained from instituting other and further suits against the defendant in its honest attempt to exercise the powers, duties and discretion imposed upon it by the State Highway Act aforesaid, is overruled and denied."

Ty Cobb to Make Home in France With Family.

Atlanta, Dec. 11.—The Atlanta Journal says that Ty Cobb who recently announced his retirement from baseball will sail for Europe with his family about May 1, establish a residence in France and settle down there to remain "until his mind changes."

His desire for a quiet home life with his family after 23 hectic years of major league baseball was the only reason assigned for his contemplated residence abroad.

"I plan to go to France and establish a home and get a tutor for the children and remain there until my mind changes," the former Detroit player-manager was quoted "I want some life before my whiskers are white. Since I've had a family I've averaged six and one half months a year in baseball and five and one half months with my family. I never did like that proportion."

English Charges Dismissed.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The impeachment charges against former Federal Judge English, of Illinois, were dismissed today by the Senate.

The Minnesota Country Clubs of Minneapolis expects to land the 1927 national amateur championship tournament

DEMOCRATS WOULD PUT OUT PETITION TO GET REDUCTION

Plan to Circulate Petition in Effort to Bring Tax Reduction Bill to Floor of the House.

ONLY WAY TO GET MATTER PRESENTED

Muscle Shoals Question Comes Up in Senate and Long Fight is Expected Now.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Democratic leaders are planning to circulate a petition among House members in an effort to bring the $335,000,000 democratic tax reduction bill to the House floor.

They decided on this resort today as the only method of bringing their bill out of the ways and means committee, whose republican majority voted Saturday to pigeon-hole it.

The decision was reached at a consultation between Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the minority leader, and Representative Garner, of Texas ranging Democrat on the ways and means commtitee.

Under the rules the bill would come before the House for consideration regardless of the committee if the petition in its favor receives the signature of majority of total House membership, or 218 members. This is about 30 more signatures than the Democrats can muster from their own party.

Muscle Shoals in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Muscle Shoals fight opened in the Senate today with Senator Deneen, Republican, Illinois, chairman of the special Muscle Shoals joint congressional committee, arguing for passage of the bill authorizing a fifty-year lease of the property to the Alabama Power Company and affiliated southern power companies.

As soon as the debate got underway, Chairman McNary, of the Senate agriculture committee, served notice that he would move to re-commit the whole Muscle Shoals subject back to the committee. He objected to a motion by Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, to make Muscle Shoals the order of business.

BANDITS GET JEWELS, DIAMONDS AND CASH

Robbed Three Philadelphia Jewelers Who Were En Route to Lancaster.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Six masked bandits with sawed-off shot guns held up and robbed three wholesale jewelers of $39,280 in cash, diamonds and jewelry early today.

Israel Zeiger, his son, Simon, and Jacob J. Cohen, the men robbed, were on their way to Lancaster with a consignment of gems for a store there. They had started under cover of darkness believing it would be safer.

Back to Forsaken Catholic Church For Mrs. Chaplin.

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—The Times says Lita Grey Chaplin, estranged wife of Charles Chaplin, has announced her intention of returning to the Roman Catholic church, which faith, she says, she renounced when she married the film comedian. She would have her two children baptised by the Catholic church so that "they might enjoy the consolation" she says she "threw away."

She is quoted as follows:

"Now that my marriage has turned out to be a failure I can return to my church. My mother and my grandparents were raised and grew up as devout members of the Roman Catholic church.

All ladies are given an invitation to visit the Cabarrus Candy Co., on 31 South Church street on Thursday, December 16th from 2 to 9 p. m. to see how candy is made.

Billiards can boast of having more actual participants than any other sport in America.

West City, Ill., Mayor Killed By Gangsters in Front Door of Home

Benton, Ill., Dec. 12.—Gang vengeance flared forth late today and took the life of Maor Joe Adams, of West City, near here. Adams was shot and fatally injured by two unidentified gunmen who called him to the front door of his home on the pretense of delivering a letter to him.

Adams was shot as he stood in the front door. Three bullets took effect in his body and he died 40 minutes later in his home. One bullet struck him in the stomach, one near the heart, and the third pierced him in the back as he reeled and fell.

While one or more companions waited in an automobile about a block from the Adams home, two gunmen went to the Adams hme and knocked on the front door. Mrs. Adams answered their knock and was informed, "We have a letter for Joe."

Shot As He Went to Door.

The mayor came to the door and as he reached for the letter, each of the men fired twice, one of the shots went wild and struck a table in the dining room down a hallway.

As the gunsmen ran down from the porch they fired one shot into the air, jumped into their automobile and were driven away in the direction of Du Quin, a neighboring town. Several witnesses who were standing on the sidewalk about a half block from the Adams home said that they could not tell whether there were one or two men in the machine.

Adams was conscious a few minutes after he was shot. He was able to whisper that he was not able to recognize either of the men, who were described as being youthful. Mrs. Adams also said that she did not recognize them.

In addition to Mrs. Adams, the two children, a boy and a girl, were at home.

Home Formerly Dynamited.

The mayor, who had been accused by Charles Birger, leader of one of the southern Illinois gangs, of being friendly to the Shelton brothers rival faction, recently had been the target of other attacks upon his life. About a month ago his home was dynamited early in the morning, but none of the family was injured. Deputy sheriffs were assigned for a time to guard the home, but they were withdrawn about ten days ago, when it was believed all danger was past.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

The Times, beginning tomorrow, will print letters from the children to Santa Claus.

Children, it is high time you decide what you want for Christmas. Drop Santa a line and send it to us and we will see that he gets it.

Address your letters to Santa Claus, care The Times, Concord, N. C.

WET ONTARIO IS CHRISTMAS BOON TO BOOTLEGGERS

Santa Claus Came Early for Border Rum Runners in Dry Election.

(By International News Service)

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Bootleggers throughout northern New York are wearing broad, genial smiles, as Santa Claus came early for them.

And all due to the fact that the province of Ontario—just across the border lines—has gone "wet" by a huge majority.

G. Howard Ferguson, leader of the conservatives in the recent provincial elections, made his campaign on a platform calling for the sale of liquor under a government commission, as opposed to the present temperance act. Out of the 109 members of the Ontario Legislature 89 who had pledged themselves to support Mr. Ferguson have been elected.

Hence the rejoicing among the bootleg fraternity in northern New York.

No Sorrow Apparent

Investigation will also reveal there is nothing like sorrow and depression among the owners of summer resorts along the Canadian border and in various other points in northern New York.

The decision of the Ontarion voters brings Rochester, Watertown, Clayton, Oswego, Syracuse and scores of other communities miles and miles nearer the source of supply than before. It opens up a hugh virgin field for the activities of the rum runners in that it shortens the route by many miles, falicitates the transportation of wet goods across the lake as well as the St. Lawrence River.

The Thousand Islands with its hundreds of summer hotels and pleasure resorts is but a step away from what is now moist territory and which in the past has been more or less arid.

Advantage to Rum Runners

This, of course, will not cause a decline in the number of visitors who will flock to this section next summer. For years called "The Playgrounds of America," the Thousand Island section will undoubtedly more than ever richly deserve this title in the near future.

But the real advantage of the bootleggers in the change of policies in the Ontario province is due to the fact that it shortens the route, either by water or earth, over which the bootleg liquor has to travel before it reaches American hip pockets. Shortening of the distance means decreasing danger of detection to the bootleggers as compared with the long dash through Rouse Point or other far distant northern New York points.

ARGUMENTS ARE BEGUN IN FALL-DOHENY CASE

Case Will Go to Jury Late Tomorrow or Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The jury which will say whether Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny are guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in the naval oil lease negotiations listened to closing argument of attorneys today with prospects that it would be able to retire to consider a verdict tomorrow or Wednesday.

Facing the twelve men then will be the question whether the $100,000 sent by Doheny to Fall during the time arrangements for the lease of the Elk Hills, California, reserve were in progress was in fact a loan to the secretary of interior as claimed by the defense, or whether it was a part of the gigantic conspiracy to wrongfully acquire the property, as charged by the government.

Before the arguments were begun Justice Hoeuling, before whom the case is being tried, denied the customary defense motion that the jury be instructed to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The court also began consideration of tender to both sides on instructions for the jury. The government presented suggested instructions on 28 points of law and evidence, and the defense 45.

STATE BOTTLERS ARE MEETING IN DURHAM

Between 250 and 270 Members of the Association Gather for Convention

Durham, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Between 250 and 275 bottlers of soft drinks were here today from all parts of North Carolina for the opening of the annual convention of the North Carolina Bottlers Association.

The convention will last through Tuesday.

More Pay for Federal Juries.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—President Coolidge today signed the bill raising the salaries of federal judges approved last week by Congress.

Memorandum Books Now Ready For 1927

Our Vest Pocket Memorandum Books for 1927 are now ready. We want every subscriber of The Tribune and Times to have one. Come in and get it please.

Found at Last

State Library

Here is the first picture of Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator and missing defendant in the Aimee Semple McPherson conspiracy case in Los Angeles. This picture was taken in Chicago, where he was brought after having been found at Harrisburg, Pa.

(International Newsreel.)

WANNAMAKER SPEAKS

Says There is a Somewhat Exaggerated Impression About Duke University Funds.

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—Dr. Wannamaker brought word to the alumni at the meeting tonight directly from Durham, the seat of the institution. He gave a general outline of the problems and conditions to be met by the university officials in carrying out the tremendous organization program made possible by the university's endowment and building funds. The work is being carried forward carefully, he said, and the university officials are diligent in seeking out and securing the best thought in the country.

While Duke University has large funds at hand for expansion, Dr. Wannamaker said, there is somewhat an exaggerated opinion about the whole matter. The program pictured by some people is quite out of proportion, he said. The funds will have to be expended carefully if all the departments of Duke University are to attain to the ideals set forth by those in charge of the institution.

Dr. Wannamaker did not plead pauperism. The dean of students simply does not want alumni and other interested parties to get exicted over the realms of publicity devoted to the Methodist university.

West Point Cadet Breaks His Neck.

Pynuk, Mass., Dec. 13.—A West Point cadet who broke his neck while trying to meet the Academy's standards of erect posture is recuperating at his home here. He hopes to rejoin his classmates next June.

Adrian J. Van Leeuwen, a first year man, contracted measles soon after entering the Academy in July and when he reported again for instruction an upper clasman noticed he was not standing straight at drill.

As was customary, the Senior ordered him to report to another upper classman for instruction and while he was trying to brace himself "to get the small of his back and neck on a straight line so that no light would shine on the back of his neck," it was noticed he was in pain.

An examination revealed a bone in the neck had been broken and an investigating board found an "anatomical peculiarity" responsible for the injury.

State's Cotton Crop Larger But Worth 26 Per Cent. Less.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—North Carolina's cotton crop is 16 per cent. larger than last year but worth 26 per cent less.

The federal department of agriculture today, characterizing the situation as grave, suggested a "tremendous cut next year as the only salvation." Several million bales should be held off the market, the statement added.

"With a prospective crop of 1,250,000 bales, of which 1,000,361 bales have been ginned to December 1, we have the largest probable crop in the state's history," Frank Parker, agricultural statistician for the state, declared.

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COLD WAVE HEADED FOR MIDDLE WEST; BLIZZARD STRIKES

Snow Flurries Carried to Middle West and Southwest by Blizzards Coming From Canada.

SIX DEATHS ARE KNOWN SO FAR

Coldest Weather of Season is Predicted Soon for Certain Sections of the Country.

Kansas City, Mos., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Cold worthwest winds today brought snow flurries to many parts of the middle west and southwest, sending thermometers tumbling with the prospect that this section would experience the coldest weather of the season following a blizzard which yesterday struck the mountain states.

Driven by brisk winds, the storm swept southwestward from Canada Saturday night and yesterday, enveloped the Rocky Mountain region and part of the Pacific northwest states. The blizzard continued today in the territory east of the continental divide, while Albert and Saskatchewan were digging out of the worst tieup in ten years.

Two deaths were reported in the Canadian province, and traffic and wire communications were cut off as a 40-mile wind whipped snow into banks from 10 to 20 feet high. One story buildings in northern Saskatchewan were buried, but Manitoba escaped with a lighter snowfall.

Sweeping through Montana into Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, the blizzard yesterday held up air mail planes, halted automobile traffic, threatened train movements, and caused stockmen concern. Four deaths were reported in the Northwest, and George McNamara, aged civil war veteran, was believed lost in the blizzard near Sheridan, Wyo. National Guardsmen and Boy Scouts were aiding in the search.

Sub-zero temperatures were general in the wake of the storm. Montana held the record for cold with an official mark of 31 below zero at Wilder, while the mercury ranged from 5 to 15 below at Helena, Butte, Billings and Lewiston. The Dakotas and part of Nebraska also law under a heavy snow blanket today with the mercury well below zero. Omaha reported 8 below at midnight. Snow also started in Minnesota and Iowa last night.

Northwest in Winter's Grip.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Pacific northwest and western Canada today were in the clutches of winter, with six deaths arributed to snow and blizzards which swept down from Alaska. The first snow of the season fell in Washington and Oregon yesterday, and the mercury dropped below the freezing point.

Two persons were killed near Tacoma when their automobile skidded on newly fallen snow, and a man and his wife were crushed to death by a tree which crashed through the top of their automobile. A woman and her daughter perished on their farm near Hanna, Alberta, where they were seeking another child.

Christmas Remains Christmas.

London, Dec. 13.—Christmas would not be the same by any other name, and it is difficult to believe that any one should ever have wanted to alter a title so rich in associations.

Within living memory, however, such a proposal was actually made in Parliament. Mr. Massey-Massey introduced a bill to alter what he called the "Popish" titles of Christmas and Michaelmas to Christ-tide and Michaeltide.

No one appeared to take the suggestion seriously, however, and it was killed by laughter when an Irish member remarked that Mr. Massey-Massey should begin his work of reform at home by altering his own "sadly popish" surname to Tidey-Tidey.

Jester is Given 5-Year Sentence in Murder Case.

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—Robert Jester, High Point, automobile salesman, was late today sentenced by Judge T. C. Bowie, presiding over a special term of Guilford criminal court, to serve a term of five years in the state prison, after he had been convicted of manslaughter for the slaying in High Point on Sunday, May 9, 1926, of Nathan Lankford, middle aged white man, following a dispute over their children.

JACK DEMPSEY

HAS HUNG UP HIS SOCK

11 DAYS LEFT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!