

EVIDENCE TENDS TO PROVE GOVERNMENT IS BIG TAX LOSER

Couzens Committee Says Amortization Allowances to Certain Companies Cost Government Much Money

EXPERTS FINISH THEIR INQUIRY

United States Steel Company, the Aluminum Co. of America and Hundreds of Others Named in Report.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 9.—Evidence designed to show that the federal government has lost millions of dollars in taxes through the war amortization allowances to the U. S. Steel Company, the Aluminum Company of America, and hundreds of other companies, is contained in official transcripts of hearings filed with the senate by the Couzens investigating committee today.

JOHN W. BLACKWELDER, OF CATAWBA, IS DEAD

Former Sheriff and Farmer Mayor of Hickory—Paralysis Was Cause of His Death. Hickory, March 7.—Ex-Sheriff John W. Blackwelder, aged 70, died this evening shortly after 9 o'clock, after an illness of about a week, following a stroke of paralysis. The funeral will be held from the residence Tuesday afternoon and interment will follow at Catawba at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Blackwelder was a great friend and admirer of the late Charles B. Aycock and as a candidate for sheriff when Mr. Aycock then candidate for governor, spoke in Newton. He was elected sheriff of Catawba county first in 1898, leading his ticket in this election. He was again nominated and elected in 1900 and 1902. Although the Democratic party in Catawba county was pledged to two-year term for officers, the convention lacked only one-half of a vote of nominating him for a third term. He was elected mayor of Hickory in the spring of 1908 and served for one term, declining renomination.

After his term of sheriff in 1908, Mr. Blackwelder moved to Hickory and became cashier of the Hickory Banking and Trust Company, now the Consolidated Trust Company. He retired in 1908 on account of his health.

Resides his wife, who was Miss Mary J. Long, Mr. Blackwelder is survived by two sons and two daughters, Bascomb B. Blackwelder, George B. Blackwelder, Mrs. J. B. Gibbs, and Mrs. Claude A. Jordan, all of Hickory.

James Sprunt Leaves \$450,000 to His Church. Wilmington, March 8.—A legacy of approximately \$450,000 left to the First Presbyterian church of this city by the late Dr. James Sprunt, was announced at the morning service of that church today by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. D. P. Gilmore.

The bequest is divided into two divisions, payable in \$10,000 installments over a period of 20 years. One is to be used for such benevolent purposes as the officials of the church may approve, while the second is to go for the support of the Kiangyin mission station in China.

The First Presbyterian church, of which the late Dr. Sprunt was a member, is the oldest and largest of that denomination in the city. It is the church at which the Rev. Dr. Joseph Wilson, father of the late president, was placed on the late Lord Northcliffe, Maurice Long, late governor of Indo-China, and Andre Tuneson, prominent journalist, by a Buddhist priest when they committed the sacrilege of entering a forbidden temple, has claimed its last victim.

This revelation is made by the president of the French Press of Indo-China, who says that Tuneson, on his deathbed, declared:

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The Los Angeles Pacific Coast league club is to have one of the largest and costliest baseball plants in the country.

SIX MEN HELD AFTER CLASHES ON STREETS

Rumored Fight Was Between Klan and Anti-Klan Forces, But Report Is Denied. (By the Associated Press)

Niles, Ohio, March 9.—Six men are under arrest today and three more are held in Warren city jail on charges of fighting, carrying concealed weapons, and suspicious as a result of two clashes at street corners here late last night. Reports that the fighting was between Ku Klux Klanmen and anti-klanmen were denied by Police Chief L. J. Round.

The first trouble occurred when two men engaged in a fist fight and a crowd gathered. The police arrested one man on a charge of fighting, and three others on charges of suspicion.

Later the police were called to another street corner where Harry Williams reported a man rushed into his house. Joe Davis was arrested on a charge of suspicion. Davis said he ran into the house to escape several men who were chasing him.

WANT FEINSTEIN AS ROAD COMMISSIONER

Friends in Catawba Urge Appointment of Well-Known Newton Lawyer.

Newton, March 8.—For some time the friends of Hon. W. C. Feinstein have been urging his name for the post of district highway commissioner, to succeed W. C. Wilkinson, asserting that he is eminently qualified by both business and professional experience to fill this position. Mr. Feinstein has taken an active interest in public affairs, both in this county and state for a number of years, and is generally regarded as one of the ablest men in western North Carolina.

Mr. Feinstein has received good and substantial endorsement from eleven counties in the district, most of this support coming without solicitation on his part. His friends claim that if the matter were left to the people of the sixth district, Mr. Feinstein would undoubtedly be chosen.

JUDGE HORTON RESIGNS FROM SUPERIOR COURT

Poor Pay, Absence From Family and Desire to Return to Private Practice Given as Reasons.

(By the Associated Press) Wilmington, N. C., March 9.—Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of Farmville, today resigned as judge of the Superior Court. Judge Horton announced his resignation shortly after noon today and made public the following telegram which he had sent to Governor McLean:

"I hereby tender my resignation as judge of the Superior Court of the 5th judicial district, to take effect March 15. Poor pay, a desire to re-enter the private practice of law, and objection to spending a greater part of his time away from his family were assigned by Judge Horton as among the reasons for his decision to quit the bench.

BILL TO RETIRE LACY AGAIN KILLED IN HOUSE

"Clinger" Put to Bill Preventing Consideration of It at Present Session. (By the Associated Press)

Raleigh, March 9.—The measure to retire State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, up as a special order today after the House and voted for reconsideration Saturday night, failed on second reading, 35 to 33. Representative Falk, of Cleveland, put the motion, which put the "clinger" to the bill, preventing consideration during the 1925 legislature.

The house concurred in the senate amendment to the revenue bill exempting courts of jurisdiction lower than Superior Courts from a tax on judgments, and the bill was ordered enrolled for ratification.

AGREE ON MARCH 29 AS DAY OF ELECTION

On That Day Governors Will Vote For Selection of New President.

Berlin, March 9 (By the Associated Press).—The government's proposal designating March 29 as presidential election day and April 20th for a second ballot if one were necessary for the election of a successor to the late President Ebert, was adopted by the reichstag today without debate.

The bill appointing Dr. Walter Simons acting president had its second reading in the reichstag today, and the opposition of the nationalists, socialists and communists, cursed by Buddhist, Temple Violators Die.

Paris, March 9.—A "death curse" placed on the late Lord Northcliffe, Maurice Long, late governor of Indo-China, and Andre Tuneson, prominent journalist, by a Buddhist priest when they committed the sacrilege of entering a forbidden temple, has claimed its last victim.

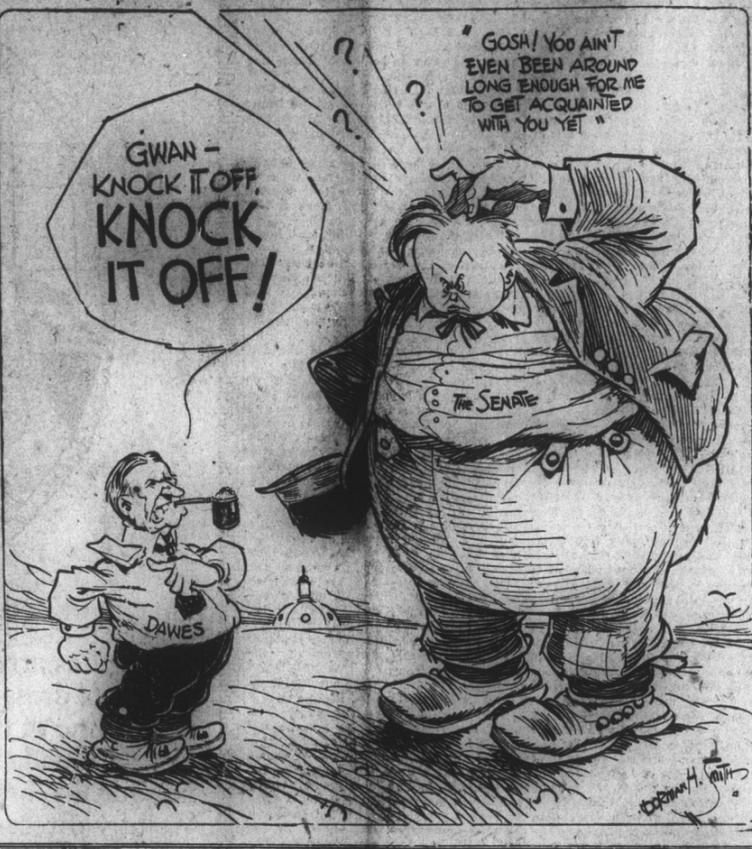
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HELL 'n' MARIA! THE NEW KID'S TOUGH



THE COTTON MARKET

First Prices Were 19 to 27 Points Higher, With July Into New High Ground For Movement.

(By the Associated Press) New York, March 9.—Failure of early weather news to show anticipated rains in the southwest combine with relatively firm Liverpool cables led to a good deal of covering and rebuying at the opening of the cotton market today.

The first prices were 19 to 27 points higher, with July selling up to 26.38, or into new high ground for the movement, while May advanced to 26.10 and October to 25.66. These quotations attracted considerable realizing, however, while the weather map was regarded as pointing to probable showers in Texas. Prices eased off several points from the best, but still showed net gains of 15 to 20 points at the end of the first hour.

Private cables reported a steady under-tone in Liverpool on Texas weather news and a brisk spot demand. The opening prices were: March 25.90; May 26.10; July 26.35; Oct. 25.58; Dec. 25.60.

POLICE CALLED TO QUIET MARSHAL NEILAN, ACTOR

Neilan Said to Have Fought Man Who Danced With His Wife, Blanche Sweet.

(By the Associated Press) Culver City, Cal., March 9.—Police early today were called to a Boulevard cafe here today to quell a disturbance said by witnesses to have started between Marshal Neilan, motion picture director, and an unidentified man who was dancing with Blanche Sweet, film actress, and Neilan's wife.

Witnesses said the fight began when the stranger struck Neilan after the director had objected to the manner in which he accompanied Miss Sweet over the dance floor. The excitement spread and the police were called.

Want Storage Plant to Lift Egg Prices

Monroe, March 8.—Monroe has simply got to have a cold storage arrangement for keeping eggs, Tom Brown, county agent, says, that the poultry producers of the county are clamoring for it. And no wonder they are, for they will lose this summer something like \$100,000 for lack of it. There are between five and eight thousand eggs being laid daily by Union county hens and this will go through the entire winter season. These eggs sold on the market now bring twenty to twenty-two cents. Placed on cold storage for six months they would bring forty to sixty cents, depending upon the market. The difference is being lost for the mere lack of storage. The storage for six months should cost only about two cents a dozen. The eggs surplus is now being bought up by cold storage houses which will reap the profit. Poultry growers want such a storage house in Monroe to take care of the egg surplus of the county. If it were here eggs could be stored the day after laying and would come out six months far superior to the average cold storage eggs because the commercial houses do not get them on storage till two and three weeks after they are laid.

Steamship Anisum Safe After Collision

(By the Associated Press) Boston, March 9.—The Holland steamship Anisum, damaged in a collision with the U. S. Shipping Board steamer Danedakie 25 miles south of Nantucket last night, reported today that she was quite safe, according to a message to the Danedakie intercepted by the Tropical Radio Corporation here today.

Miss France Jarrett, of Salem College, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jarrett.

Mrs. H. G. Gibson is confined at her home on West Depot Street with influenza.

TWO BILLIONS IS THE ESTIMATED NEGRO WEALTH

Rapid Progress of Race Revealed in Sociological Survey. (Special to the Tribune.)

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Two billion dollars is the present estimated wealth of Negroes in the United States, according to a recent survey made for the Research Section of the American Sociological Society by Prof. Monroe N. Work of Tuskegee Institute. The wealth of the group in 1912 was estimated at seven millions.

The survey reveals great progress also in the matter of Negro education, the amount expended for this purpose by all agencies having been about \$40,000,000 in 1924, as against \$13,576,981 in 1912. Up to 1912 five thousand Negroes had completed college courses. Since that time, the number has doubled. The demand for educated Negroes has been rapidly increasing in all lines, according to Dr. Work.

The race has made decided gains also in the matter of health. The death rate, which was 22.9 per thousand in 1912, had fallen to 15.7 in 1922, or a decrease of 31 per cent. A study of mortality among 1,800,000 Negro policyholders of the Metropolitan Insurance Company shows that their life expectancy increased from 41.3 years in 1912 to 46.9 years in 1922. For the whole colored group, the life span has increased in the same period from 35 years to 40 years.

The survey calls attention to the recent heavy movement of Negroes from rural communities to the city and from the South to the North. As a result, there are now almost a million more Negroes living in cities than there were thirteen years ago, and over half a million more living in the North than at that time. This shift has been accompanied by a large-scale entrance of the Negro into industry, the 1920 census reporting 332,244 Negroes engaged in skilled and semi-skilled work.

The survey points out a decided growth of independence in politics on the part of Negroes and an increasing tendency in many localities to vote the Democratic ticket. It calls attention also to the growing tendency, particularly in the South, to deal with the problems of race adjustment on the basis of understanding and co-operation. This policy, according to the survey, has been found "of mutual benefit to both groups and to the whole community."

Asks Reappointment For W. C. Wilkinson

Charlotte, March 7.—Keen interest has been aroused by the fact there is some doubt whether W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, a member of the state highway commission of the Sixth district, will be reappointed by Governor McLean to succeed himself when his term expires in the near future.

Telegrams have been forwarded to the governor by the chamber of commerce, the automotive merchants' association, the Charlotte Merchants' association, the Civitan, Lions and Kiwanis clubs, urging and insisting that Mr. Wilkinson be appointed to succeed himself. The telegram forwarded by several of the organizations read as follows:

"We earnestly urge and insist that W. C. Wilkinson be appointed by you to succeed himself on the state highway commission of the sixth district."

Prince Frederick Wilhelm Dead

Dresden, Germany, March 9 (By the Associated Press).—Prince Frederick Wilhelm, of Prussia, second cousin of the former Kaiser, died in a sanitarium at Weismersbach today aged 45. He was the youngest son of Prince Albrecht, regent of Brunswick.

Mrs. L. O. Stephens, of Charlotte, and her daughter, Nell Alice, are spending the week at the home of Mrs. Stephens' mother, Mrs. W. D. Harry.

BOY THOUGHT DEAD IS RECOVERING RAPIDLY NOW

Heard Funeral Plans Made But Paralysis Prevented Him From Telling People He Lived.

(By the Associated Press) Madisonville, Ky., March 9.—Roscoe Qualls, 9 years old, lying helpless in his bed unable to move, heard his parents give him up for dead, and plan the funeral arrangements.

Today he is recovering after hours of near-distracted thought of being buried alive. Roscoe fell while skating. Paralysis developed and physicians found the youth had suffered a concussion of the brain. He lost his speech and was kept alive several days with liquid food. This failed to bring improvement, and the boy apparently died shortly after the doctors left.

Parents and relatives moaned and began planning the funeral. Roscoe said he heard it all. A physician was called for final examination and found the boy still breathing.

PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN TACNA-ARICA CASE

Decides in Favor of Chilean Viewpoint, But Final Decision Rests With Voters There.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 9.—President Coolidge handed down his award in the Tacna and Arica arbitration case today determining the major contention between Chile and Peru in favor of the Chilean viewpoint, that the question of permanent sovereignty to the two territories must be finally determined by popular vote.

The arbitrator lays down, however, specific conditions as to the ultimate precise which covers the question of determination of the qualification of voters and also that of supervision of the precincts by a special commission set up for the purpose consisting of three members, one to be appointed by Chile, one by Peru, and one by the United States.

With Our Advertisers

In a few days the opening of the new Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store will be announced. The Parks-Bell Co. has a wonderful line of dress lines, cotton and silk mixtures and cotton goods for Spring dresses. The Standard Buick Co. has a number of used cars for sale. See list in today's ad.

The smartest styles in new Spring Coats you will find at J. C. Penney Co.'s. Priced at \$29.75. The York & Wadsworth Co. has just received a big shipment of flower pots and flower boxes.

Get automobile insurance from John K. Patterson & Co., covering fire, theft, collision, liability and property damage. The Cabarrus Savings Bank is always on the lookout to be helpful to its customers. Let it render service to you. New spring millinery, all shapes, colors and prices, for the ladies and the children too, at Elfrid's.

Ulster Government Will Be Dissolved

Belfast, March 9 (By the Associated Press).—Dissolution of the present Ulster government will occur during the week, and elections will follow during the next three weeks, according to the best informed political circles here today.

The proceedings of the boundary commission have occasioned considerable anxiety recently and this, it is thought, will be the main issue at the general elections. Asheville, N. C., has two 18-hole golf courses in operation and four more under construction or projected. The first baseball player to use a glove for the left hand was Douglas Allison, of the Cincinnati Reds, in 1880.

TEAPOT DOME LEASE SUIT NOW UNDERWAY

Suit Will Be Heard Before Judge T. Blake Kennedy, in Cheyenne, Wyo. (By the Associated Press).

United family check and happiness. Mammoth Oil Co., one of the largest Sinclair group, opened a suit here today before Judge T. Blake Kennedy at 10:32 o'clock this morning. Atlee Pomerene, associated with Owen J. Roberts as special counsel for the government, opened the trial in a statement which reviewed briefly the transactions which led up to the granting of the lease to the Mammoth Oil Company.

Mr. Pomerene declared that the government would seek revocation of the lease on two grounds; first that it was without authority of law because it was let to the Mammoth Oil Company without competitive bidding and without having been advertised.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLES HAVE HEALTH BENEFIT

Chicago Department Says They Are Aiding in Better Health and Happiness. (By the Associated Press)

Chicago, March 8.—The Chicago Department of Health weekly health bulletin, issued today, emphasizes the benefit of crossword puzzles to general health and happiness. It was discussed under the title of "Crossword Puzzles." The cause and effects of "the savage little cross-word puzzle microbe," the bulletin said, "may be largely explained by the fact that part of our lives and much energy must be put into amusement, to satisfy the play instinct within us. Therefore, any play or game that has a mental 'kick' in it is quickly accepted and eagerly pursued.

United family check and happiness to convalescents and chronic invalids were listed in the report as among the good purposes served by the cross-word puzzles."

MARQUIS CURZON HAS SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Operation Was Severe One, But Attending Physicians Are Very Hopeful Now. (By the Associated Press)

London, March 9.—Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, lord president of the council, this morning underwent an operation which was described as quite successful. An official bulletin issued after the operation says: "Marquis Curzon underwent a severe operation this morning. The patient is as well as can be expected at this early stage, but his condition must cause great anxiety for a few days."

While there is still nothing official announced regarding the character of Lord Curzon's illness, the Daily Express says he is suffering from kidney trouble.

CONFERENCE WITH BORGLUM IS 'OUT OF THE QUESTION'

So Hollins N. Randolph Advises Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem. (By the Associated Press)

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Hollins N. Randolph, president of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, today told Robert M. Hanes, president of the Winston-Salem, N. C. chamber of commerce that a conference "on neutral ground" looking to a reconciliation between officers of the Association and Gutzon Borglum, depositor sculptor of the memorial is "out of the question."

Mr. Randolph wrote Mr. Hanes in response to a telegram from the North Carolina man in which it was suggested that a conference at Winston-Salem might compose existing differences.

MACHINERY ACT IS DISCUSSED IN SENATE

That Body Gives Attention During Day to Appropriations Bill. (By the Associated Press)

Raleigh, March 9.—The senate took up today the machinery act for the revenue bill and after this was disposed of, turned its attention to the appropriations bill. The measure to tax admissions to theatres and motion picture houses, so as to increase the pensions of Confederate veterans was set as a special order after the appropriations bill. In anticipation of the debate on this bill more than a score of uniformed Confederate veterans were in the galleries and a large number of women also were in attendance.

Thirty-Five Injured, One Dying, in Collapse of Church

Winsted, Conn., March 7.—Thirty-five persons were injured, one probably mortally, in the collapse of a frame tabernacle in Mason Street, Torrington, this afternoon. Sixteen of the injured, who sustained fractures, are in Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Recovery of Leon Moore, whose back is badly injured and legs broken, is regarded as doubtful. Frank Kramer and Frank Craig also were taken from the debris with legs fractured.

The tabernacle was being built by eighty volunteer workmen, under the supervision of Contractor Nicholas Gelesta, for the evangelistic campaign under the auspices of all Torrington's Protestant churches. The committee in charge called for volunteer workmen today, and about ninety men responded. The majority were working on the roof of a wing forty feet high when the collapse occurred and an army of onlookers removed the injured from the wreckage.

Scott Divorce Hearing Postponed

(By the Associated Press) Alpena, Mich., March 9.—A formal order postponing the divorce hearing of Congressman Frank D. Scott against Edna Jane Scott, set for tomorrow, was issued by the clerk of circuit court upon instructions from Judge Frank Emerick, who is ill.

The hearing will be set for a later date to be decided upon after consultation with attorneys.

Mrs. Patterson Wins Rifle Shooting Contest

(By the Associated Press) Pinehurst, N. C., March 9.—Mrs. Louie Patterson, of Plainfield, N. J., today won the weekly rifle shooting contest for women with a score of 120 points out of a possible 150.

ANOTHER APARTMENT IN NEW YORK SCENE OF DARING ROBBERY

Jewels Valued at More Than \$50,000 Taken From the Home of Mrs. Fay Perkins by Robbers.

MRS. PERKINS WAS BEATEN ON HEAD

Her Escort Was Gagged With a Pillow and Bound to the Bed While Rooms Were Closely Searched.

(By the Associated Press) New York, March 9.—Three masked men broke into the studio apartment of Mrs. Fay Perkins in West 58th street early today and escaped with jewelry valued at \$50,000 after beating Mrs. Perkins and binding and gagging her escort, Milton Abbott, wealthy cotton broker.

The robbers chopped down the door of the apartment in making their entrance. They are believed by the police to have been members of the same gang that robbed the apartments of several well known persons on Broadway, including Louise Lawson and Dorothy Keenan, who were murdered.

After choking Mrs. Perkins and biting rings from her fingers, and taking bracelets and necklaces from her, the robbers beat her with revolver butts until she revealed the location of the rest of her jewelry.

Mrs. Perkins was a frequenter of Broadway cabarets, as were the victims in the other apartment robberies. She is separated from her husband, Benjamin Perkins, who is a wealthy proprietor of a cafe.

Mrs. Perkins and her companion had just returned to her apartment after dining in one of Broadway's fashionable supper clubs and making the round of other night resorts.

A crowbar and other tools found at the scene were used in breaking into the apartment. Abbott was seized by the robbers, gagged with a pillow, and bound to a bed with ripped up lengths of sheets. The robbers then attacked Mrs. Perkins and stripped her jewelry from her. The three men wore silk handkerchiefs across their faces, the victims told the police.

COOLIDGE INVITED TO CHARLOTTE MAY 20TH

Overman and Bulwinkle Extend Invitation and Hope For Acceptance. (By the Associated Press)

Washington, March 7.—President Coolidge has under consideration the matter of a visit to North Carolina, with Charlotte as his destination, the occasion to be the celebration of the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence, May 20th. The invitation was extended the President this morning when Senator Overman and Congressman Bulwinkle called on him by appointment to confer with him concerning the selection he is to make of three members of the committee of eleven authorized by Congress to deal with the matter of the United States participating in the celebration under the Act of Congress.

Senator Overman says that President Coolidge appeared pleased at the invitation to visit Charlotte at the meeting of the Mecklenburg declaration celebration, and said that while he could at this time make no positive promise to go to Charlotte for the celebration, that he would take the matter under consideration, and give an answer later. Senator Overman called to his attention the fact that Presidents Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson had attended such celebrations in Charlotte, and urged upon the President that he take this opportunity to visit North Carolina, that there would be a most hearty welcome given him.

Calls God a Scoundrel, Draws 200 Francs Fine

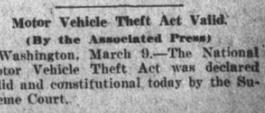
Berne, Switzerland, March 7.—M. Canova, a member of the national council, was convicted as a blasphemer today for describing God as a scoundrel in his socialist newspaper, Volkswacht. He said in his defense that as there is no God there is no offense. He was fined 200 francs, with jail as an alternative, and announced he would enter an appeal.

The sentence aroused a demonstration by Canova's friends in the court room at Cire, capital of the Department of Gironde, where the trial was held. He was showered with flowers as he left the room.

Motor Vehicle Theft Act Valid

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 9.—The National Motor Vehicle Theft Act was declared valid and constitutional today by the Supreme Court.

WHAT SMITTT'S CAT SAYS



Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, warmer in west portion.