

## WASHINGTON IS DISGUSTED WITH MITCHELL TRIAL

### Court Martials Usually Short and Snappy But This Drags on Indefinite- ly and Gets Nowhere

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Washington, Dec. 2.—This Mitchell case is getting on Wash- ington's nerves. It has been going on for weeks and weeks and has yet there is no end in sight. Every now and then a lull in the proceedings causes the court martial to be all but forgotten. Then comes a flare-up like that precipitated by General King, who blurted out that a cross examination by Colonel Mitchell's counsel was "damned rot and ought to be stopped," and everybody remembers that the incident is not closed—as yet.

No officer of the Army ever served on a court like the one trying Colonel Mitchell. Usually the Army is hard boiled, but in this instance it seems to sense a national political aspect to the case and it may be said that all truth that the generals composing the tribunal are suffering untold agonies in permitting the proceedings to drag along in an indefinite and indeterminate manner. What- ever else may be said about the Army it generally makes its court martial short and snappy. It is usually the reviewing authorities, here in Washington. The military courts themselves usually hew to the line and let the shoulder straps fall where they may.

But with the Mitchell case it has been vastly different. The entire court probably echoes the un- written remark made by General King but it sits stoically by its job, lets down the bars and the trial rapidly is developing into a legal brook which may run on forever.

Unquestionably the court would have made short shift of the Mitchell case if it had not been for the defendant's counsel. This is not only a civilian but a Congressman. The ordinary civilian lawyer might have been not a little awed by the dignity and pomp of this unusual array of generals, but not a Congressman.

If there is anything a Congress- man is contemptuous of, it is a subordinate of some other branch of the great service. The Con- gressman feels that he has the power of life or death over all subordinates, including generals of the Army and admirals of the Navy. The attitude plainly has been shown by Representative Frank Reid of Illinois, counsel for Colonel Mitchell. In fact the Con- gressman has in court at all but as just a sort of committee of officers, whom he calls "You men." Mr. Reid probably would be more or less informal with any court, but with a court martial he is positively rude. It is difficult to say which has derived the greater enjoyment from the trial—the accused colonel or his de- fending counsel. Both appear al- ways to be having the time of their lives.

The ones who are irked are the soldier judges. They are being held here away from their duties and in many cases away from their families. They are here on their own expense. The Govern- ment gives them, travel pay and nothing more. Naturally they have grown a bit peevish and it is surprising that "damned rot" has not interjected itself before this. The remark was decidedly unjudicial but it was Army talk and after all is said and done there has been very little Army talk and very little Army tradi- tion in the trial.

Military courts martial have re- ceived a decided blow. Probably there will be less respect for them in the future. And once more the department wishes the case had been tried some place else instead of in the political atmosphere of the national capital on the eve of a session of Congress. The depart- ment probably also wishes Colonel Mitchell hadn't selected a Con- gressman as attorney.

### STORM OFF COAST

A gale warning was issued this morning by the weather bureau to all points from Beaufort to the Virginia Capes.

A tropical storm, apparently central, a short distance east of Wilmington, was said to be mov- ing northward. Strong, shifting gales today, diminishing tonight, were predicted.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 2.—Cotton fu- tures opened today at the follow- ing levels: December 20.32, Jan- uary 19.68, March 19.64, May 19.52, July 19.58.

New York, Dec. 2.—Spot cot- ton closed quiet, middling 21.19, an advance of 35 points. Fut- ures, closing bid: Dec. 20.58, Jan. 19.82, March 19.81, May 19.48, July 19.19, Oct. 18.52.

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## JUST 19 MORE MANY NEW FACES ARE IN CONGRESS

### Year Has Seen Passing of 92 Members of the House and Senate

Washington, Dec. 2.—Deaths, voluntary retirements and the voters' recall have wrought many changes in the personnel of Con- gress since the last session began a year ago.

The year has seen the passing of 92 members of the House and Senate, and when the gavel falls at noon next Monday there will be 78 new faces in the House and 14 in the Senate.

Death has ended the careers of five members of the Senate, two of them outstanding characters—Robert M. LaFollette of Wiscon- sin, veteran of many historic for- emost battles, and Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana, one of the very few men to refuse a Presidential nomination of a major political party. Other Senators who have died are Medill McCormick of Illinois; Selden P. Spencer of Missouri, and Edwin F. Ladd of North Dakota.

Of the six House members who have answered the last earthly roll call, two were stalwarts, Ju- lian Kern, Republican, California, and Robert Y. Thomas, Democrat, Kentucky. Death also called T. Frank Appleby, of New Jersey; John Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts; Arthur B. Williams of Mich- igan and George B. Churchill of Massachusetts.

The wives of two of the dead members and the sons of two others have been elected to suc- ceed them. Robert M. LaFollette, the youngest man elected to Sen- ate in more than half a century, will take the place so long held by his father, and Stewart Apple- by will succeed his father in the House.

Mrs. Florence Kahn has been elected to her husband's seat as Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers. They with Mary T. Norton, of New Jersey will make up the women membership of the House, with Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. Rogers on the Republican side, and Miss Norton on the Democratic side of the aisle.

Out standing figures in the Sen- ate retired by the will of the voters include Magnus Johnson, Minne- sota Farmer-Laborite; Thomas Sterling of South Dakota, an ar- dent dry leader; A. Owsley Stan- ley of Kentucky, a leader of the wetts, and David L. Walsh of Mas- sachusetts, a leader among the Democrats.

Among the new Senators who come to their offices with far flung reputations are Coleman L. Blease, former Governor of South Carolina; Frederick H. Gillette of Massachusetts, for many years Speaker of the House; Thomas D. Schall, who succeeds Magnus Johnson after years of service in the House, and W. H. McMaster, Republican of South Dakota.

Besides Gillette and Schall, the House has lost other members who had made high places for themselves. They include John C. McKenzie, of Illinois; Everett Sanders, who retired to become President Coolidge's Secretary; Samuel E. Winslow, of Massachu- setts; long a leader of the Farm Bloc; Homer P. Snyder of New York; Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio, and James E. Byrnes, of South Carolina.

### PINNER BUYS SHARE IN HARDWARE FIRM

One-half interest in the hard- ware firm of Sharber & White in this city, has just been purchased by Warren Pinner, manager of the Elizabeth City Milling Com- pany, from L. S. Gordon, financier and former manufacturer of soy bean harvesters. Mr. Gordon in turn had acquired this interest about two weeks before from D. D. Dudley, of this city.

Mr. Pinner states that no change in the business policy of the firm is contemplated as a result of the partial change in own- ership. He made no statement as to the price paid. It is understood from other sources to have been between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

### POSTPONE REPORT ON IRISH BOUNDARY

London, Dec. 2.—The Irish Boundary Commission has agreed to postpone issuance of its report, Premier Baldwin announced today in the House of Commons. He secured this agreement after con- sulting with William T. Cosgrave of the Free State Executive Coun- cil.

## SPEAKS ON GOD'S VALUE OF A MAN

### Dr. DeGafferelly Contin- ues His Messages at Christian Church

The revival at the Christian Church on Parsonage street is growing in interest. Evangelist A. F. DeGafferelly brought a most interesting mes- sage last night on the theme "God's Value of a Man." He con- trasted man's value of man with that of the Divine estimate. His text was Matthew 12:12: "How much is a man better than a sheep?" He discussed man's value of himself from the mathe- matic, biological, commercial, monetary standpoint and from his own.

"How vastly different," said Dr. DeGafferelly, "is God's value of a man. Let us think first of man's value in the light of the truth that he is the image and offspring of God. This puts him at once above the plants and animals. Christ discovered this for man and revealed God to man in a new way. Think of man as capable of holding communion with God. He may dwell among the wine, as did the prodigal son, but he is not one of them. He may bury his head in money making, but man shall not live by bread alone."

"Man is a spiritual being. That which brings admiration today above all else is not brute force, monetary force, mere intellectual force, but spiritual force. The greatest power is heart power. Man was created for two worlds. When the moral and spiritual de- velop there is a desire for eternal life."

"We need an appreciation of God's value of a man for two out- standing reasons; first, to appre- ciate the awfulness and the dam- aging effect of sin. When sin de- stroys man, it attacks the highest work of God's creation. We need God's value of man, secondly, to inspire us to love our fellowmen. God loves man because he knows the marvelous possibilities enfold- ed in man's soul. Christ put the Divine estimate on man when He made the supreme sacrifice and gave Himself for man's redemp- tion. Will you accept that sacrifice tonight?"

Tonight the sermon will be on the subject, "A Stranger at Your Door." "If you fail to hear this evangelist you are missing a pec- uliar privilege," says the pastor. "Dr. DeGafferelly was for seven years the pastor of the large First Christian Church at Danville, Il- linois, and resigned this import- ant pastorate last January to en- ter this larger field of evangelism. His striking personality and earn- est plea for a genuinely sane re- ligious is winning his way to the hearts of the people. I love broth- er DeGafferelly because he leads me to God and doesn't try to force me there. He believes that the message of God through Christ will draw a man to God when he is thinking soberly. That idea ap- peals to me and I doubt if those who are led to God otherwise will stay long."

## FERGUSON ACCUSES MOODY OF "LYING"

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—A state- ment was issued today by James E. Ferguson, husband of Govern- or Miriam A. Ferguson, giving the governor's side of the highway situation in Texas. He accused Attorney General Moody and the newspapers of the state of "lying" in their charge of fraud in this department.

"The statement of Ferguson that the state in the end will lose from \$600,000 judgment gained against the American Road Com- pany is a deliberate attempt to deceive and mislead the public. Attorney General Dan Moody said today:

"The findings of the court show that there is no basis whatever for Ferguson's charge," he said.

## BRIAND CABINET IS READY FOR ITS TASK

Paris, Dec. 2.—The Briand cabinet's declaration presented to the chamber of deputies today ad- mits that the situation is particu- larly grave but says it can not have irreparable consequences provided the government has not lost the confidence of the entire country and the collaboration of both houses of parliament. The declaration asserts that the gov- ernment is ready to assume its immediate responsibilities and to enforce the necessary measures to meet the treasury bonds which fall due December 8. It promises inflation will be limited to the im- mediate needs of the treasury but does not mention the exact amount of the new emission which will be embodied in a special bill.

## STORMS CONTINUE ALONG THE COAST

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Weather Bureau this morning issued warnings of continued stormy weather north of the Virginia Capes to Boston, with winds from the Northeast. Gales from the Northwest will prevail from More- head City to Charleston, South Carolina.

The tropical storm evidently centered a short distance east of Wilmington and is moving slowly northward.

## New Senator and His Son



This is Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, appointed by Gov. Fuller to the senatorial post vacated by the death of the late Senator Ladd. A contest is due in the senate over his appointment. He is shown holding his young son.

## MERCHANTS GIVE MOVIE TICKETS SILVER FOXES REAL TREASURE

### Many Elizabeth City, Con- cerns Extend New Cour- tesy to Patrons

Elizabeth City business con- cerns that enroll as members of the Merchants' Theater Club, be- ing formed here this week, will extend the courtesy of a free ticket to the Alkrama theater with each one dollar purchase during the period of eight weeks begin- ning Friday of this week. The tickets are good on any Friday in the period.

This unique theater proposition is endorsed by the Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Com- merce, and had been taken on by 26 local merchants up to early Wednesday afternoon. Many others were expected to join the club. Distribution of the tickets is under way already.

Merchant members of the club will display a card to that effect during the period in which it will operate here. Customers will be given a ticket for each dollar they spend in member stores. For in- stance, ten tickets will be given with a \$10 purchase. The tickets are good on Fridays only, and may be used by anybody. They are valid throughout the eight- week period.

Shelby Burgess, manager of the Alkrama, is highly enthusiastic over the proposition. He had learned of its success in other cities, he says, and got in touch with Jack Bernard, of the Mer- chants' Theater Club, who is put- ting it across here.

The plan has been used in Tar-boro, Williamston, Rocky Mount, Henderson and many other North Carolina towns and cities.

## RAILWAY SELLS LAND

Spokane, Dec. 2.—The North- ern Pacific Railway has sold 14,591 acres of land in the Upper Priest Lake region to the Diamond Match Company. The considera- tion was more than \$500,000.

## Telegraph Pole Saves Auto



Automobiles and telegraph poles aren't good friends, ordinarily. But this time they got very chummy. This auto went through a bridge railing in San Francisco and would have plunged to destruction if it had not hit the telegraph pole, which prevented its fall.

## MANY RECEIVING HOLIDAY CHECKS IN XMAS CLUBS

### More Than \$100,000 Mailed Out by Elizabeth City Banks to Thrifty Users of Savings Method

### GAIN OF TEN PER CENT Total Substantially Larger Than Last Year's; New Clubs Will be Opened Here Thursday Morning

A veritable torrent of dollars will pour into the pockets of thrifty Elizabeth City folks Thurs- day through the mailing out of the annual Christmas Savings checks. The total this year will be just a little over \$100,000, mailed to approximately 2,400 in- dividual depositors. It is expect- ed to provide a decidedly strong impetus to early holiday shopping, although, as a matter of fact, bankers declare, a substantial share of the total goes directly back into Savings accounts.

The bulk of the total is repre- sented in deposits of the three member banks of the Elizabeth City Clearing House Association. These are the First & Citizens National Bank, the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, al- though a substantial sum will be paid out by the Albemarle Bank, a colored institution.

The members of the Clearing House Association have arranged to mail out all the checks simulta- neously, in order that they may be in the hands of all depositors at about the same time. The clubs run for 56 weeks, and range from clubs which pay \$5 on the basis of a dime a week to those on which the depositor's return is \$250 at the rate of \$5 a week.

Individuals may take out as many clubs as they wish. There are said to be several business men here who pay in as much as \$100 a week, receiving checks in the neighborhood of \$5,000 at the close of the year.

With the mailing out of the checks, next year's Christmas Sav- ings Clubs begin. Depositors may take out their first cards at once, thereby getting a running start on next year's Yuletide expenses, or on the savings account they hope to set aside.

The club idea is especially a boon to the individual of limited means to whom Christmas dealt a mere or less heavy financial blow. It means that, by systemat- ically saving a small amount, he may meet his Christmas expenses without misgivings which the busi- ness of paying up later might bring.

The first Christmas Savings Club in this section was inaugurated by the Savings Bank & Trust Company in 1912. The idea rap- idly gained public favor, until to- day it is an established institution in this city as well as in practically every other in the country.

This year's total in Elizabeth City, both as to depositors and the aggregate of their checks, is about ten per cent above last year's pointing to a steady, substantial growth in the popularity of this convenient method of saving money.

## GERALD CHAPMAN ON "THE WITNESS STAND"

State Prison, Wethersfield, Conn., Dec. 2.—Gerald Chapman took the witness stand today and testified that he had no warning of his transfer from Atlanta pris- on nor of the state's action in ac- cusing him of the murder of his Fed- eral sentence.

## REBELS ADVANCE TO ATTACK DAMASCUS

London, Dec. 2.—The Evening News' Cairo correspondent says that an unconfirmed report is pub- lished there saying that rebel Druse tribesmen in Syria are ad- vancing to attack Damascus and that a big battle is imminent.

## WARNED THAT MUST PROTECT WITNESSES

Washington, Dec. 2.—Warning was given today to Major General Robert L. Howe, president of the Mitchell court martial, that the de- fense must better protect all witnesses from "threats, insult, and improper questions" and from "harsh or insulting treat- ment."

## NO DAMAGE REPORTED FROM HEAVY WINDS

Wilmington, Dec. 2.—No dam- age is reported so far from the heavy winds which swept this sec- tion last night and early today.

### NINE PERSONS KILLED IN JAIL MUTINY

Rainoon, Ind., Dec. 2.—Nine persons were killed and 24 in- jured in a jail mutiny at Pyspan, lower Burma, today.

## BUYING MORE CATTLE

Fort Worth, Dec. 2.—Winter grass on the ranges is so fine at present that cattlemen are buy- ing heavily for restocking pur- poses.

## Contested



Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota senator, has been appointed to the U. S. Senate by Governor Noyes to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sen- ator Edwin F. Ladd. Now leading senators claim Nye is not empow- ered to appoint him, and a contest over his right to enter the Senate is in prospect.

## Penitentiary Opens Invitingly, But Once In Vain

R. H. Lamb, alias James McIntyre, colored, charged with burglary of the home of Minnie Sutton, also colored, assault with deadly weapons specified as a pistol and a knife, carrying concealed weapons, and the larceny of a purple hat and other articles valued at less than \$20, ap- peared loaded straight for the penitentiary when his case came up in recorder's court Wednesday morning.

As matters turned out, however, Lamb got out light- ly indeed. He paid the court costs on charges of simple as- sault and larceny, the court finding no probable cause on the burglary count, and dis- missing the charges involving the alleged use of deadly weapons.

The Sutton woman, prin- cipal witness for the State, told a colorful story of having been assailed by Lamb when she refused his demand that she leave home with him, and charged him with having broken into her home to car- ry away a general assortment of her clothing and other ar- ticles.

Lamb and witnesses for the defense, on the other hand, offered testimony to the ef- fect that he had been spend- ing money freely on the woman for an extended period, and that, as a matter of fact, he had paid for every article he was accused of taking from the home. He admitted having slapped her. In the light of this, the court took the attitude that, from Lamb's standpoint, he was more or less justified in his acts. He was represented by Attorney C. E. Bailey.

Robert Kirby was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of par- ticipating in an affray, the evidence tending to show that a friendly tussle between him and Jennings Davenport had developed into a minor fight, in the course of which Kirby had struck Davenport with a pop bottle.

## COUNCIL CHURCHES MEETS NEXT WEEK

Washington, Dec. 2.—The World Court, Japanese exclusion and the service of chaplains in the Army and Navy will be dis- cussed by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Church- es when it meets in annual ses- sion at Detroit December 5, to consider the problem of a war convention, it was announced to- day.

## CABINET CRISIS IS IMMINENT IN SPAIN

Hendaye, Dec. 2.—Franco- Spanish frontier information reaching here from Madrid says "a complete ministerial crisis is imminent."

## BUSINESS IS GOOD

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Local re- tail trade is breaking all records. One Department store recorded the largest day's business in its history last week. One of the many five and ten stores took in \$26,000 last Saturday.

## ENTIRE TOWN IS FIGHTING FLAMES

North Bay, Ontario, Dec. 2.—Fire which started early to- day and wiped out half the town of Mattawa this forenoon still was raging. The town's entire population of 1,500 is fighting the flames.

## URGES PRAYER FOR SALVATION HOPELESS ONES

### Members Christian Federa- tion Urged by Dr. Fuller Not Give Up Any Soul in Community as Lost

### A SAVIOR FOR ALL

### Says No Enemy of Christ To be Regarded as Be- yond Power of Cross to Save While Life Lasts

"I don't want to judge anybody and I don't mean to be peevish, but there are surely some enemies of God in this community," Dr. Ellis A. Fuller told the members of the Men's Christian Federation of Elizabeth City who braved the storm Wednesday morning to at- tend the federation's morning prayer meeting.

"I thought about you men of this federation last night after my sermon," Dr. Fuller continued, "and I wondered if you had come to regard some of these lost souls as being so hardened and hopeless as to be hardly worth praying for. I urge you this morning not to give them up, but to focus your prayer on the very ones whom you believe the hardest to reach and see if God will not do a mighty work through you before this meeting closes. While there is life and the cross there is hope for the hardest or the most com- plicated heart. Pray for these seemingly hopeless ones and let them know how your heart goes out to them and yearns that they may come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Despite threatening weather that settled during the service in- to a blustery drizzle, the auditor- ium of the First Baptist Church was well filled Tuesday night when Dr. Fuller began his second week of preaching here, spoke on the Cross of Christ, using as his text Galatians 6:14: "Far be it from me to glory save in the Cross of our Lord Je- sus Christ, through which the world has been crucified unto me and I unto the world."

"The world has seen many great days," said Dr. Fuller. "There was the day when God called the universe into existence and spun the planets from his fingers like tops into space, each held in its orbit by the invisible bands of gravitation.

"There was the day when God moved down the heart of Noah to build the ark and save the race and all life from destruction. "There was the day when God sent the plagues upon Egypt to break down the stubborn will of Pharaoh and compel him to let Israel go.

"There were the days when the Children of Israel were fed on manna from heaven, when quails were sent to give them meat and when a fountain of water gushed forth for them out of the dry and flinty rock.

"There was the day when God electrified Sinai to protect it from the touch of unhalloved feet and carved with his own hands the decalogue upon tablets of stone, giving them to Moses as the foundation for all law and all time.

"There were the days when God spoke through his prophets to unroll the years and reveal plainly the events of the future.

"But the day of days in all the records of time was the Day when God's Only Begotten Son was lifted upon a splintered Cross of Cal- vary and when that emblem of ig- nominy and shame was made the emblem of the only true and abso- lute religion the world will ever know. On that day the Old Testa- ment cracked like a nut and the kernel of revelation was laid bare in one divine event toward which from the beginning of the world had moved the human race.

"No glory in self. "Oh, if a man understands the Cross he can sing from his heart those words that you sang with the choir here a few moments ago: "In the Cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story Clusters round that Head Divine.

"There are not enough demons in or out of hell to shake the faith of one who has felt the re- deeming touch of the Cross. I wish I could lift that Cross as high tonight that the vilest sin- ner that you can name might see it and live.

"The Jew wanted above all things else that he might end his days in honor and that he might have a respectable death. Even God's Son, the reddest-headed and blackest hearted old rappa- bate who ever sat on a throne, and who condemned 12 of his own family to death, was so anx- ious that, when he embarked from out this bourne of time and space there should be sorrow and weep- ing and mourning, he gave orders that at his death there should be a number of executions through- out the realm in order that mor- row might sit on every hearth- stone as his funeral train went by. The death of the Cross was the most ignominious death the Jew

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