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## New York Attempts to Lam Inward Flow of Poison Liquor

# PLAINS GOES TO HIGHER COURT

### DECEMBER DEATH TOLL FROM DRINK HAS REACHED 26

Detectives and Patrolmen are Stationed at All Ferry Approaches.

### 67 ARE IN HOSPITAL

Dozen are Expected to Die, and Others Will Lose Sight.

By Canadian Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With 10 deaths here from poison liquor in the last three days, bringing the total for December to 26, police headquarters last night ordered detectives and patrolmen stationed at all the principal ferry slips in the city to stem the flow of the annual Christmas tide of poison rum.

Besides the 26 dead, 67 persons are now confined in Bellevue Hospital from drinking poison liquor. Of these 12 are expected to die and others will lose their sight. Of the dead, two were women, as are 11 of the hospital cases. Police believe that most of the holiday bootleg product is being brought here from New Jersey by ferry, concealed as various kinds of merchandise.

Non-Refillable Bottle.  
Government officials announced that the latest use of the Christmas bootlegger was the use of a non-refillable bottle to dupe his victims into believing that he was purchasing liquor bottled at the time of the date on the label. The bottles are new, however, it was said, as are the labels, which are cleverly made to simulate the labels of well-known foreign brands of pre-prohibition United States stuff.

Even the liquor being sold from Run Row, it was said, is largely synthetic material, manufactured in Bermuda or Europe of imperfectly distilled alcohol.

### SAMUEL GOMPERS' BODY IN NEW YORK

Veteran Labor Leader Will be Buried Tomorrow Morning at Tarrytown.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The body of Samuel Gompers, late president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here this morning from Washington, accompanied by his widow, members of the family and a large delegation of union officials.

The body of Mr. Gompers was conveyed to the Elks Club where it will lie in state until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. State members of the Elks, the Masons and other fraternal orders will serve as guards of honor.

### MADE HEROIC FIGHT

Ontario Trapper Crawled Three Miles and Then Died in Hospital.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 17.—George Henry, trapper, aged 46 years, died in hospital from an infected gunshot wound in his foot occasioned while on the trap line in the Jellison district east of Port Arthur and five miles from medical attention. He traveled three miles after the accident happened.

Unable to drag himself further, he fashioned a pair of crutches from the limbs of a tree and hobbled into Home Payne, where he was given medical aid.

Henry was taken to hospital, but the infection spread to such an extent that he died.

### MIS-LABELS DOSES; MUST PAY DAMAGE

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Putting on the outside medicine that was meant for the inside, and on the inside that which was meant for the outside, or skin-side, cost Martha Bisany her half.

But it wasn't Martha's fault, a jury decided. It was the Liggett Drug Company's fault for employing in its Yorkers store a clerk who mislabeled an awful mixture of mustard, camphor and turpentine, as for internal use and a harmless glycerine mixture for external use.

This error because of the subsequent custody of Miss Bisany's head costs the Liggett Company \$2,000.

"It's a fair verdict," declared Supreme Court Justice Taylor, as he smiled the remainder of what went on the inside but should have gone on the outside or skin-side.

### THREE FIRMS NAMED IN POTATO PROBE

P. J. Hughes, K. C. Will Not Act as Counsel in N. B. Combine Investigation.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—P. J. Hughes, K. C., has not been appointed a commissioner, but only a counsel to assist in the investigation, according to Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, today, when referred to a despatch from Frederick, N. B., to the effect that Mr. Hughes had been appointed to investigate complaints by potato growers that there was a combine among wholesale shippers in New Brunswick.

The investigation will be carried on under the act, with the legal assistance of Mr. Hughes. It is the result of an application alleging that a combine of shippers, including Guy G. Porter Co., Ltd., H. H. Hatfield, Ltd., and G. H. Gallagher Co., prominent New Brunswick potato shippers, limiting the competition in the purchase, transportation and sale of that commodity.

### Gives Advanced Age As Retirement Cause

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—The attitude of Magistrate George F. Jeffs of Hamilton to the Ontario Temperance Act had nothing whatever to do with the demand of the Attorney General of Ontario for his resignation from the police court bench. Diminishing capacity, because of advanced age, is the reason given by Hon. W. F. Mackenzie for the removal of the veteran magistrate. Magistrate Jeffs is 72 years of age.

### RECOVER TREASURES

Scotland Yard Get Articles Stolen From Lady Ludlow's London Home.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Inability of the thieves to dispose of the art treasures stolen from Bath House, London, by the late Lady Ludlow last June, has resulted in their recovery. The articles now are intact at Scotland Yard, to which they were mysteriously surrendered.

The value of the stolen goods was greatly exaggerated. They actually are not worth more than £20,000, as compared with the previously mentioned figure of £100,000.

### Says Wife Talked Thirty-Three Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. James Lane of Yorkers, had her 87-year-old husband, to whom she had been married 33 years, arrested and arraigned in Yorkers City Court because of domestic troubles.

### 21st Anniversary First Plane Flight

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The coming-of-age of the airplane today, the 21st anniversary of Orville Wright's first flight in a power-driven heavier-than-air machine at Kittyhawk, N. C., is made a conspicuous feature in the London newspapers, which give much space to this first accomplishment, along with pictures of the Wright Brothers and their machine.

### MILLERAND OPENS ATTACK AGAINST PREMIER HERRIOT

Blames Ministry for High Food Prices and Decline in Franc.

### URGES NEW PARTY

Asks Republicans to Help Him Gain Control of Parliament.

Canadian Press Cable.  
PARIS, Dec. 17.—Millerand has opened his campaign against the Herriot government in earnest. At a banquet of 1,200 covers, attended by members of the National Republican League last evening, the former President and Premier delivered a lengthy fighting speech which was cheered to the echo, in which he outlined his plans, and invited all Republicans to join him in forming a centre bloc with the object of controlling the French parliament.

M. Millerand defended the policies which had been pursued under his administration, maintaining that, until the advent of Premier Herriot, food had been cheaper, the franc was worth more, taxes were lighter, and the policy toward Germany, though costly, was about to bear fruit.

The present government he handled without gloves, declaring it "threatens the order, finances and security of the country." It was disapproved by the revolutionary Socialist party, which had declined to assume an appearance of power, but which possessed the substance.

The government, he continued, had been confronted with the choice either of laying down its arms before Bolshevism, or disappearing. Then, in the face of the strong public feeling aroused by the Communist danger, had been conjured up the clerical bogey.

"Let us take off our hats, gentlemen, to this ghost," Millerand declaimed satirically. "It makes me feel 20 years younger."

### TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Former British Premier Will Leave Monday on South American Trip.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Former Premier Ramsay MacDonald plans to start his actual itinerary, which is expected to take him to the U. S., but West Indian and Central American ports.

Leaving Avonmouth aboard the Steamer Camito, he is due to arrive at Kingston, Jamaica, on January 6. After visiting Costa Rica and Panama he will return by way of Kingston, expecting to arrive at Avonmouth on February 9.

### DENIES BAD CHECK

Discoverer of White Indians Released on Bail by Washington Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Richard O. Marsh, who claims to have discovered several members of a tribe of white-skinned Indians in Panama, pleaded not guilty in police court yesterday to a charge of having violated the bad check law, and was released under \$800 bond pending a jury trial.

### 'INFORMATION' COPS

Berlin Has New System to Relieve Harried Traffic Policemen.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Traffic policemen in the German capital have been relieved of the burden of replying to multitudinous questions for information. Designated officers wearing white arm bands marked "information" are posted to care for confused pedestrians and strangers seeking their way. Thus the traffic police are able to concentrate on the American system of traffic regulation which has been introduced here.

### Stresemann Asked To Form Ministry

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—President Ebert today asked Dr. Gustav Stresemann, foreign minister in the Marx cabinet and leader of the German people's party, to form a cabinet in succession to the Marx ministry, which resigned this week as the result of the recent Reichstag elections. Dr. Stresemann asked to be given until tonight to consider his decision.

### KAISER WILL HAVE A THIN CHRISTMAS

United Press Cable.  
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm is entering upon a thin Christmas. His Imperial Majesty will not be able to send any Christmas presents this year, according to his associates.

The Imperial Erchequer is low. Prussia pays Wilhelm only \$12,500 a month, it was explained, and Wilhelm's family, official and otherwise, numbers 40 persons. The monthly pension barely suffices to meet the demands of necessities.

Even the birthday of Princess Herminie, the Kaiser's second wife, which falls on the day before Christmas will be observed with only modest expenditure.

Princess Herminie's children, of which there are several, are wondering whether the Imperial poverty renders stocking hanging a useless bother. They hope not.

### MOSCOW IS BLAMED FOR REVAL REVOLT

Soviet is Charged With Supplying Arms to the Revolutionists.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Documentary evidence proving Moscow's responsibility for the recent Communist revolt at Reval will be presented to the League of Nations, according to an ambassador by the new Estonian Foreign Minister, M. Pista, as outlined in a special dispatch.

The foreign minister, according to the message, charges that the Soviet government supplied the insurrectionists with arms and munitions, and placed 10,000,000 Estonian marks at the disposal of the revolutionists.

The Communist uprising in Reval on December 1 was suppressed by the Estonian Government after sharp fighting in which about 90 persons were killed. Some of the leaders were executed.

### TWO ARE ARRESTED

Suspects Held in Connection With Shooting of Miners Going to Work.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Two men were arrested last night in connection with the killing of W. S. Fraker, a miner, and the wounding of four others while they were on their way to work yesterday 90 persons were taken into custody when bloodhounds followed a suspect from the scene to a cabin four miles away.

### WIRELESS AS CURE

British Hospitals Use Radios For Nerve and Insomnia Cases.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Radio is recognized by British medical authorities as a treatment for nerve cases and insomnia and a number of institutions are installing wireless equipment almost as a matter of routine. Doctors declare the radio programmes are found to relieve patients not only in their direct effects but as antidotes for the unpleasant everyday street noises.

### Only Few More Days to Give To Empty Stocking Fund

THE Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund this morning passed the \$700 mark and there is every prospect now that the objective of \$1,000 will be contributed, provided the donations for the rest of the week are as generous as those already received. The fund now is as follows:—

Tuesday's total	\$591.09
N. B. D.	5.00
H. L.	10.00
F. C. B.	5.00
Mrs. F. Shaw	1.00
Miss Iddolls	1.00
Mrs. H. Roy Gregory	5.00
Beryl Harding	2.00
W. A. Stepler	5.00
E. Smith	3.00
Henry Penna	2.00
George West	2.00
Several Friends	10.00
C. H. Clark	5.00
A. W. B.	1.00
Total	700.09

A donation of \$20, acknowledged last evening as from "Commercial Travelers," was the personal contribution of one commercial man.

SEND LISTS IN PLEASE  
The fund committee has requested that forms which were sent out asking for the names of kiddies eligible for stockings, be returned to this office as soon as possible, so that the necessary clerical work in connection therewith can be completed in good time.

In a note accompanying a list from the Fairville Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Rice says:—  
"This Empty Stocking Fund has been a source of great comfort and cheer to many children in the past, and I am sure it will be so again this year. I wish you every success."

### TEN DIE AS RESULT OF BLIZZARDS IN WESTERN STATES

Snow and Zero Temperatures Prevail All Along Pacific Coast.

### CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Eight Killed in Motor Fatalities; Two Children Burn to Death.

By Canadian Press.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Lower temperatures today heralded the movement eastward and southward of a cold wave that cost 10 lives in the Rocky Mountain states and brought sub-zero blasts of ice and snow to the northwest. The far west and the regions of the Rockies were hardest hit.

Snow and low temperature prevailed along the Pacific coast from the Canadian border to the normally warm sections of California. Snow was falling on the Mojave Desert in Southern California. Drifted snow blocked trains in the northern Rockies, where the mercury dropped as far as 39 below zero at Great Falls, Mont.

### Pushes Broom By Day—Brush By Night

Street sweeper by day, and an artist at night, is the dual role played by Casimir von Glinznsky, Jr., of Schenectady, N. Y. The photo shows the young Pole with some of his paintings, many of which he has sold.

### Kreisler, Noted Violinist, Threatened With Death By "Starving" Vienna Officials

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Just as he began to step on the platform to be met by a violin recital, Fritz Kreisler, Austrian virtuoso, received a letter threatening him with death, according to a special despatch from Vienna.

The letter purported to come from three discharged officials with starving families, and said there would be an "accidental" shooting unless \$700 was forthcoming. It was at first thought that the letter was merely an attempt to spoil the recital, but the police are satisfied that the threat was genuine. No arrests have been made as yet.

### 44-WORD MISSIVE IN EYE OF NEEDLE

Canadian Press Despatch.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—A forty-four word letter replying in the eye of a needle, has been received at the Smithsonian Institution. The microscopic missive, which was sent to the institution for display before the annual meeting of the board of regents is so small it has to be magnified 25 times before it can be read. It measures one 1/125th of an inch.

### RECORD HIGH NOTE

Radio Fans Will Hear Exceptional Voice on Day After Christmas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The highest note ever recorded by the human voice will be heard on the radio fans of America the day after Christmas. Edna LaVerne Friebe, lyric soprano, who holds the world's record of having sung the highest note, will sing in a musical programme broadcast by station WLS here. She is able without any effort to record and sustain B flat above high C, the world's record in altissimo for the natural voice. WLS has made successful tests with Miss Friebe's voice in preparation for the programme.

### CAPTAIN IS SLAIN

Officer in TsaoKun's Bodyguard is Murdered at Peking Temple.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Peking says Li Yen-Ching, captain of former President Tsao Kun's bodyguard, was murdered yesterday on the steps of the Temple of Heaven, and that Tsao Jun, a brother of Tsao Kun, who recently was turned out into the streets naked, died from exposure.

Both incidents, the despatch adds, are ascribed to agents of Feng Yu-Hsiang, the "Christian General," who recently captured Peking.

### Carried 41,000 In St. Lawrence Season

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—In a total of 98 sailings to and from the St. Lawrence during the last season, Cunard and Anchor-Donaldson steamers have carried more than 41,000 passengers, which represents a 15 per cent. increase over last year's caribonic and west-bound passenger carryings. It was said on Monday by F. J. McClure, passenger manager of the Root, Bedford Company here.

### TESTIMONY IN MURDER TRIAL IS COMPLETED

Magistrate Commits Prisoner for Death of Little Foster Girls.

### ACCUSED IS SILENT

Stolidly Declines to Speak in Defence or to Call Witnesses.

Special to The Times-Star.  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 17.—Harry D. Williams was committed for trial at the next session of the circuit court which sits here on the third Tuesday of January, 1925, charged with the murder of Neica and Cynthia Foster, by Magistrate Walter Limerick at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing shortly after noon today.

The prisoner said "No" in answer to the magistrate's questions as to whether he had anything to say and if he wished to call any witnesses. Williams' eyes were fixed on the magistrate, as he uttered the words committing him for trial. He was unmoved by anything that was said, maintaining the stolid exterior he had shown all during the hearing.

### ST. JOHN LAWYER ADMITS OFFENSE

J. F. H. Teed Pleads Guilty to Possession of Calf Moose Carcass.

Special to The Times-Star.  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 17.—J. F. H. Teed, barrister of St. John, pleaded guilty, through counsel, C. R. Hawkins, in the police court here this morning, to a charge of having in his possession the carcass of a calf moose contrary to statutes, between Oct. 1 and Oct. 29 of this year. The information had been laid by J. A. Gagnon, chief game warden. Mr. Hawkins asked that the minimum penalty be struck.

### Others Will Contend

Two others of the party, Norman Clark, of St. John, and F. L. Boone, of Devon, against whom the same charge was brought, did not appear, but announced, through counsel, that they intended to enter a defence.

The magistrate said that he did not entertain the idea of a minimum penalty when a barrister had broken the law. He would not fix the penalty and adjourned the case until Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock.

### URGES NEW LAW

U. S. Senator Would Have President Elected by Plurality, Not Majority.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for election of a president by a plurality of electors, rather than a majority, has been introduced by Senator Johnson, Republican, California, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in the last pre-convention campaign.

### Weather Report

Synopsis—The temperature has risen somewhat to the east of the Great Lakes, while over the north-west states and Western Canada the pressure continues high and the weather very cold.

Forecasts:  
Snow or Rain.  
Maritime—Moderate winds; cloudy with some light snow or rain. Thursday northwest winds becoming colder again; snow or flurries.

Northern New England—Unsettled and colder tonight. Thursday probably rain, changing to sleet or snow; fresh shifting winds, becoming northerly.

### Confession Confirmed

The evidence adduced yesterday, to the effect that Williams had confessed to the crime, was confirmed by Enoch Peck, a cousin of Claude Peck, who first gave evidence of the confession.

"I killed the two girls, and I expect to pay the supreme penalty," were some of the words which Enoch Peck swore were uttered by Williams. He also said that Williams admitted to him that he had taken strychnine in the hope of ending his life, but that he feared he had taken too much, as he had vomited considerably during the night.

The evidence of the seven witnesses examined this morning was brief and for the most part of a corroborative nature.

The court house was again crowded to the limits of its accommodation. Just previous to the hearing opening this morning several of the Foster folk visited Williams and gave him some candy.

### Evidence Heard Today

Mrs. Rachel Wood, of Posterville, the first witness at this morning's session knew the children well. She had been one of the women who went to the camp to dress the bodies of the children.

Mrs. Wood stated that she had seen the wounds in the girls' heads, and described their clothing. She had seen no bruises on the bodies with the exception of the marks of the cords on the wrists. The arms were discolored. She had not burned any of the clothes.

Mrs. Leora Boone also gave evidence of having assisted in dressing the wounds. She had not burned any of the clothes. She could not add anything to what the former witnesses had said.

### Neighbor Testifies

Westley Buckingham, of Posterville, who lived on the farm adjoining that of Ward Foster, was the next witness. He had often seen the Foster children with Williams, and had seen the latter on the day of the murder walking in the direction of the Foster barn. He had a black and white dog with him. It was about noon, as he was on his way to dinner when he had seen Williams, who was then some 10 rods from the Foster barn. He had gone to Williams' camp the morning following the murder, and described the scene there. He had also seen the glasses on the floor. They were to the left as one entered the door.

The left was not the hinge side of the door. He, with others, had gone in search of Williams, but failed to find him.

Buckingham had been one of the men who had gone with Dr. Turner to the camp when the doctor had made his examination, and he repeated his observations while in the camp. He had gone to the cabin the next day, and looking on the shelf found two pieces of cord similar to that which bound the arms and legs of the smaller girl. There was fat-hook on the end of these cords, which were about six feet or longer. He had put the cords back on the shelf.

Mr. Buckingham also described the scene in the cabin when Dr. Turner had made his examination. He, with Sidelces Foster, had taken

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