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AFTER HOURS.



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Vini is great and pop is splendid, and, so getting fine, by jings! but when workday hours are ended let us think of other things. Jasee Joop is gaining riches selling houses, lots and farms, and he never, never switches from that theme, repeats with charm. Oftentimes I see him walking to my cottage in the dell; there he sits and goes on talking of the things he has to sell; of the homes with painted gables, of the ranches in the west, of the barns and sheds and stables, villa sites and all the rest. I would talk of birds and sages, and of music fit for gods, but the voice of Jasee rages, telling of his growing wads. He is telling of a shanty he has sold to some poor fish, while to speak of deathless Dante is my earnest, heart-felt wish. On some subjects finer, prouder, I attempt a little wheeze, but his voice is nine times louder, and he roars me down with ease. It is good to hump and bustle in the keen, ro-getting way, but the wise forget life's bustle at the closing of the day. They abjure the problems of the office or the store, reading books which are delightful, playing marbles on the floor; capering with Spitz, the doodle, making happy children laugh, playing tunes like "Yankee Doodle" on the priceless phonograph. They will not be scourged or fished by the scribes their trade supplies; talking shop is all forbidden in the mansions of the wise.

Fads and Fashions

No form of the fad is so beguiling as the circular one. A hat of metal brocade enriches the plain dark costume. Two tones of green are a favorite choice for the ensemble. The frock of fashion is marked by an uneven hem line. We notice some double-breasted effects in tailored clothes. Straight lines and inserted flares make the mode interesting.

Col. Mitchell is Found Guilty and Gets Suspension

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (U.S.N.)—Colonel Wm. Mitchell must pay for his unprecedented criticism of the War and Navy Departments with forfeiture of all rank, command, duty and pay for five years.

This sentence was passed upon the outspoken air officer by the most distinguished court of generals ever convened, at the end of a Court Martial extending over a period of seven and a half weeks.

Colonel Mitchell will be permitted to wear the army uniform and live in army barracks, but he will be virtually out of the army for the period of the sentence.

The decision was reached Thursday night by the court of generals after it had been out two hours and 25 minutes.

In reaching its sentence, the court took into consideration the "brilliant war record of the accused," according to Major-General Robert L. Howze, president of the court martial.

The former assistant chief of the army air service received the sentence with a smile. As soon as the court had adjourned he advanced to shake the hands of those who found him guilty and passed the sentence which will suspend him from all rank, command and duty.

It appeared that the prosecution's fears that army discipline was endangered had proved well founded during the long wait for the court of generals to determine upon a sentence.

High army officers mingled with spectators and newspapermen. The air of the too small courtroom became hazy with cigar and cigarette smoke. Sporadic attempts were made to hurry the decision by rhythmic hand-clapping.

To Review Board.

Colonel Mitchell was one of the gayest. He laughingly accused the newspapermen of failing in their duty because they had not placed a dictaphone in the closed room.

The court's verdict goes at once to a permanent board of review in the office of the Judge Advocate General's office for technical review, then to the Judge Advocate General for general review, and finally to President Coolidge for the final examination. Pending this final decision, Mitchell will remain under technical arrest in Washington.

The trial closed in the dramatic fashion that marked its beginning. The transcript of testimony, completed, made a stack of paper three feet high. When the moment for closing arguments came, Colonel Mitchell ascended the courtroom by taking the floor himself.

"To proceed further with this case would serve no useful purpose," he told the court. "My trial is the culmination of the efforts of the general staff of the army and the general board of the navy to deprecate the value of air power and keep it in an auxiliary position which absolutely compromises our whole system of national defence."

The War Department asked dismissal from the army as the penalty, the maximum permitted under the law.

Ask Dismissal.

"We ask the dismissal of the accused," said Colonel Allen Gullion, of the prosecution in his closing, "for the sake of the army whose discipline he has endangered and whose fair name he has attempted to discredit."

"We ask his dismissal for the sake of those young officers of the army air service whose ideals he has shadowed and whose loyalty he has corrupted."

"We ask his dismissal in the name of truth, under whose aegis he has sought protection, but whose face he does not know."

"Finally we ask it in the name of the American people whose fears he has played upon, whose hysteria he has fomented, whose confidence he has beguiled and whose faith he has betrayed."

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The Mitchell trial began October 28 as a result of a press statement made by the Colonel at San Antonio, Texas, attacking the management of the army and navy following the Shenandoah disaster and the temporary disappearance of the Hawaiian flyers. Previously he had incurred displeasure in the general staff by his attack on the army air policy before the House aircraft investigating committee last spring.



Storms in Portugal

Lighthouse at Oporto Unable to Operate Owing to Tremendous Waves—Four Ton Craft Hurled 200 Yards Away.

LISBON, Dec. 25.—The President of the Republic has gone to the village of Espinho, a popular sea bathing resort near Oporto, which was partly destroyed by the recent great storm. More than four hundred persons are homeless and many were gravely injured in the terrific gale which with cyclonic fury, almost levelled the place in a few minutes. So great was the force of the wind a vessel of four tons was lifted to an incredible height and hurled more than two hundred yards onto a house which it wrecked.

The gales and continued high seas prevent steamers at Lisbon from crossing to the opposite side of the Tagus and hundreds of persons are stranded here.

This is the third tornado that the fashionable bathing resort of Espinho has experienced in forty years. Storms have swept over the whole of Portugal and navigation is suspended at Oporto, where the light is unable to operate because of the tremendous waves beating against it. There have been innumerable accidents at sea, probably with casualties.

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COUGHING!

Take half a teaspoon of Minard's Internally in molasses. Eases the throat, stops the cough.



Three Children Burned

To Death in Ottawa While Mother Had Gone to Grocery Store.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Three children were burned to death in a fire which broke out at 9 Morton Street here this morning. Those who lost their lives were: Florence St. Germain, 4 years; Norman, 3 and Mark, 6 months.

Mrs. St. Germain is still unconscious from the shock of the tragedy, and is also suffering from burns around the head. Leo, five years, escaped through the back of the house after trying to pull the other children to safety. Emmanuel St. Germain, the father of the children, was at work when the fire broke out.

Mrs. St. Germain had stoked the small heater in the front room, which had been burning all night with the drafts shut off before going to a grocery store, a block away, leaving Florence and Norman in bed upstairs, while Mark and Leo were playing in the kitchen. The stove became overheated, the surrounding wood-work catching fire and quickly spreading throughout the house. Returning from the store, the frantic mother observed flames bursting out of the windows and at once gave the alarm. Before help could reach the children, however, their lives had been taken. Mrs. St. Germain made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to rescue the children through the front door, but had only opened it when she fell into a faint.

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Fought His Last Fight

Mountaineer Who Has Had Many Brushes With the Law.

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22.—Willie Fleming, Kentucky mountain bad man and crack shot, has probably fought his last fight. The descendant of a line of Kentucky mountaineers in which violent deaths have been the rule for male members, to-day Fleming is fighting a battle with death, having been critically wounded yesterday at his mother's home in the mountains in a battle with Sheriff M. Johnston and a posse of ten from Pike County.

Fleming has had many brushes with the law, and had won until yesterday, when in the grey light of dawn the posse after an all night search surrounded him at his mother's home. A battle followed when Fleming refused to accede to the Sheriff's demand for surrender, and at its end Fleming was found wounded, while the posse escaped unscathed.

On an improvised stretcher the posse bore him to the home of his mother, John Fleming, situated on the picturesque long fork of Shelby Creek.

Willie Fleming was sought by the posse to answer to a charge of murder and several liquor charges pending against him in the courts here.

Attending physicians hold no hope for the recovery of the wounded mountaineer.

The shoe worth while—"K" at F. SMALLWOOD'S.—dec17,11

New Law of Property Act

On December 31st the Law of Property Act, 1925, comes into force. In cases where property passes as the result of two or more persons being killed in the same shipwreck or motor car or railway accident, Section 184 provides that where two or more persons have died in circumstances rendering it uncertain which of them survived the other or others, such deaths shall (subject to any order of the Court), for all purposes affecting the title to property, be presumed to have occurred in order of seniority, and accordingly the younger shall be deemed to have survived the elder.

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To Restore the Apprentice System

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—The indentured apprentice system, practiced with success in the British Isles for many years, will be given a thorough tryout in the building trades of British Columbia.

The Vancouver Board of Trade and the Trades and Labor Council have thrown their support behind the project and a committee of labor and contractors' representatives has been appointed to act as an apprenticeship

council. The first work of the council will be the undertaking of a survey to secure the interest of contractors in the apprenticeship principle and to ascertain the requirements of apprentices. This survey is being made immediately, so that by January the plans will be placed in operation. The apprenticeship plan has aroused much interest among the youth of the city and many inquiries have been made. It is expected to be an important benefit to contractors who, under present conditions, complain that it is difficult to encourage boys and young men to continue at a specific trade long enough to acquire skill. The plan

is expected to lead to a general stimulation of industrial efficiency.

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