

# HOUSE TO TAKE UP BRUNK CASE NEXT TUESDAY

## Is Made Special Order of Business By Vote This Morning.

### REPUBLICAN ATTACK IS BRUSHED ASIDE

#### Rep. Freeland Is Against Postponement of the Survey Bills.

The House of the Missouri legislature today voted to make the report of the Brunk investigating committee a special order of business for consideration Tuesday morning of next week. Republican minority leaders sought to have the report rejected on the contention it was not in order under the rules of the House because the investigation was exparte hearing but failed in their efforts.

Representatives W. E. Freeland of Taney County and O. B. Whitaker of Hickory County, Republicans, as Freeland said, led the attack on the report, but their efforts were delayed until next Tuesday when the report will be taken up, since the motion today merely provided it be made a special order of business then.

Freeland Asks Postponement Rep. Freeland urged action on the report and appointment of House managers to assist at the impeachment trial by the Senate, if impeachment is ordered, be postponed on the ground that if the Brunk matter was taken up in the Senate it would push the legislation for the state survey program aside.

"We know every effort is being brought to delay the legislation to bring relief to tangible property," Freeland declared. "We should appoint no impeachment managers until the legislation and legislative program is acted upon."

Majority Floorleader James T. Blair, Democrat, Jefferson City, took exception to Freeland's remarks and asked what was the

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**MISSOURI GIRL STUDENTS ADVISED NOT TO SMOKE**

YPSILANTI, Mich., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Co-eds at the Michigan State Normal College are advised not to smoke because, if they do, it will not be easy for them to get jobs as teachers after graduation.

This policy was stated today by President Charles McKenny of the college in amplification of recent statements at the college regarding smoking.

The policy can be summed up as follows: One item of advice and one rule, he said. "The college strongly advises its women students not to smoke at all for the reason that many school boards will not employ women teachers whom they know to be smokers. The records of our placement office show that in only one instance has a superintendent engaged a woman candidate whom he knew to be a smoker. The rule is that women students shall not smoke upon the campus nor in public places in Ypsilanti."

It was explained at the college that a recent statement that women smokers will not be graduated from the institution was incorrect and came from an unofficial source.

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# \$100,000 SUIT FILED AGAINST DOCTOR TO REACH JURY TODAY

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hearing of testimony was completed today in the \$100,000 damages suit brought against Dr. Harvey C. Mudd, St. Louis surgeon, by Mrs. Annalee Hoxsey of Mexico, Mo., and arguments were expected to begin this afternoon. The case may go to the jury late today.

Mrs. Hoxsey charges that a piece of surgeon's gauze or "sponge" was left in her, following an operation performed by Dr. Mudd here June 3, 1929. Her suit avers negligence on the part of the doctor in not seeing that a foreign article was removed before the wound was closed.

Dr. Mudd was the last witness to testify. He described the practice in operating rooms of counting the sponges as they are brought in and taken out. The sponges, he said, are taken into the operating room in bundles of 20. As they are used they are placed on hooks and counted by the nurses. Before an operating wound is closed, he said, the nurses are asked if the "sponge count" is correct. Dr. Mudd said no sponges were used for packing in Mrs. Hoxsey's case, but some were used to remove blood from the wound.

# BRUNK READY TO MEET ALL CHARGES

State Treasurer Larry Brunk, whose impeachment by the Missouri legislature was recommended by a special house investigating committee, today issued a statement, saying he would meet every charge against him if given time to prepare a written statement.

Brunk said he could answer all charges "not even knowing what they are at this time."

The treasurer said he also would like the privilege of "briefly analyzing the charges" and give to the house considerable information that could not possibly be before the house because of the "method of conducting the investigation."

"I received notice January 31 from the chairman of the committee that I would appear and make a statement in my behalf not later than Wednesday, February 4," said Brunk. "I do not believe members of the committee will accuse me of goading in view of the fact two members advised my attorney, John C. Madden of Kansas City, that the committee had already made its decision, and my appearance would have no bearing on the case."

# AGENTS ATTEMPT TO COLLECT TWO MILLION UNPAID INCOME TAXES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Internal revenue agents moved today to seize all available property of G. E. Yar Pitts and his wife, Mrs. Gladys T. Pitts, in an effort to collect more than \$2,000,000 in alleged unpaid income taxes.

Holding the government entitled to taxes for the years 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 from the two, the agents went to the courts to file liens on all property owned by the couple in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Wisconsin, New York, Delaware and Florida.

While Pitts, convicted of a conspiracy to embezzle funds of the F. H. Smith Company while serving as chairman of its board, sat in the District of Columbia jail, Florida agents filed a lien on all Lado Del Mar, his \$500,000 estate at Palm Beach. It was this "cost" home which the department of justice charged had been purchased in part with money embezzled from the Smith Company.

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**COURT HALTS SALE OF PYTHIAN BUILDING**  
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—An injunction against the foreclosure sale of the \$1,000,000 Pythian Building, advertised for tomorrow, was granted by Federal Judge Farris today, in order to protect 1500 members of the Knights of Pythian Lodge who have invested \$250,000 in the structure and are unsecured creditors of the Pythian Company.

The injunction will run for 20 days. Judge Farris ruled, "until after election of a trustee in bankruptcy, who will administer the claims of all creditors equally."

An official of the company explained the financial difficulties of his firm were due to failure of members of the order to pay about \$250,000 in pledged subscriptions to the building fund.

# NEW ORLEANS TURNED INTO CITY OF PLAY

## King Rex and His Queen Rule the Mardi Gras Festivities.

### ZULU COMMANDS HIS DUSKY TRIBES

#### Mystic Druids and Fair Maidens Add Beauty To Carnival.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Under an azure sky, care and toil were banished in New Orleans today as Rex, high monarch of carnival, turned the city into a playground with his "story of the Ironma," a glittering sunlight spectacle of ancient art in twenty floats.

Rex, in the person of Edward E. Soule, and his lovely queen, Miss Gladys Gelpi, brought a mandate of joy supreme to hundreds of thousands within the borders of his kingdom and his revelers masked in unrestrained gaiety.

Trailing Rex's was the procession of King Caratus and his Mystic Band of Druids and Royal Knights and court, drawing a dozen beautiful floats depicting the mythological legends of the ancient Norsemen. Caratus was impersonated by Charles Sintus and Miss Mae Gullen as his queen.

Zulu, the negro carnival ruler, sailed up the navigation canal under a coconut shower and amidst lusty cheers from his followers. His warriors and courtiers dressed like Zulu in jungle fashion, amused thousands.

Conus, the last ruler of the carnival, tonight brings in the final jubilee of the season with his diamond tableaux celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Mistick Krewe of Conus.

# HAS BRAND NEW PLAN OF SETTLING LIQUOR QUESTION IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Asserting the Wickersham report was "the beginning of the end" of prohibition, Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, today proposed a plan for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, calculated to prevent return of the saloon.

The New Yorker, in a carefully prepared speech to the Senate, advocated repeal of the prohibition amendment with concurrent action by non-prohibition states "to insure the conservation of the one achievement of national prohibition—abolition of the saloon."

He said his plan, a brand new proposal for solution of the liquor problem, would meet every ultimate requirement laid down by the Wickersham commission and would remove the law enforcement group's single objection to outright repeal.

Wagner's speech, coming on the heels of a warm debate on prohibition among Democratic senators, emphasized the conflicting views within the party which may come to a head when it attempts to adopt a platform for next year's presidential races.

"Repeat is the order of the day," Wagner said. "It is too late for revision. Public opinion has already passed that post. It is now headed straight for repeal."

# WOULD SAVE FLOOD WATERS FOR IRRIGATION

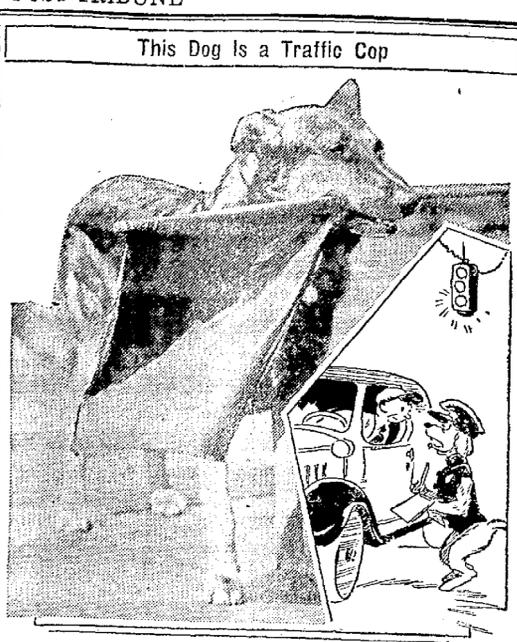
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Sears Reservoir Flood Control Bill was urged before the House Agricultural Committee today as a means of controlling floods and increasing navigability of streams.

It provides for a commission with headquarters at St. Louis and authorizes expenditure of \$750,000,000 for building reservoirs on the western tributaries of the Mississippi.

Representative Sears, Republican, Nebraska, the author of the bill, told the committee "The only way to prevent drought is by raising the water line of building reservoirs."

"The country this year lost between eight and ten billions of dollars by drought," he said, "and this can be prevented from recurring only by raising the water line instead of rushing flood waters through the lower country as fast as possible."

**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP**  
LAXATIVE-TONIC for CHILDREN



The best known resident in the vicinity of O'Farrell and Jones Streets, San Francisco, is Roger, shown above, who trots out with a red flag in his mouth and halts auto traffic whenever a cable car clangs for the crossing. And the picture seems to indicate that Roger takes his business seriously.

The Nose Club of London admits only those whose noses are so enormous as to attract attention. People of almost every nation originally used the human foot as a unit of linear measurement.

# FORMER MILLIONAIRE IS HELD AS EMBEZZLER

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Adolph F. Linden, one-time millionaire who lost his fortune when the American Broadcasting Company collapsed 18 months ago, was held in \$25,000 bond today as a fugitive from justice in Seattle, where he is accused of embezzling nearly \$250,000 from the Puget Sound Savings and Loan Company.

The Puget Sound Savings and Loan Company was merged, officials here were told, with the Mutual Savings and Loan Company at about the time of the broadcasting company's failure.

Linden was held for a hearing Tuesday. Tall and heavily built, he made light of the charge in court and said he would willingly return to Seattle to face it if officials of the loan company would advance fare for himself, his wife and their 15-year-old son. Linden pleaded not guilty to the embezzlement charge.

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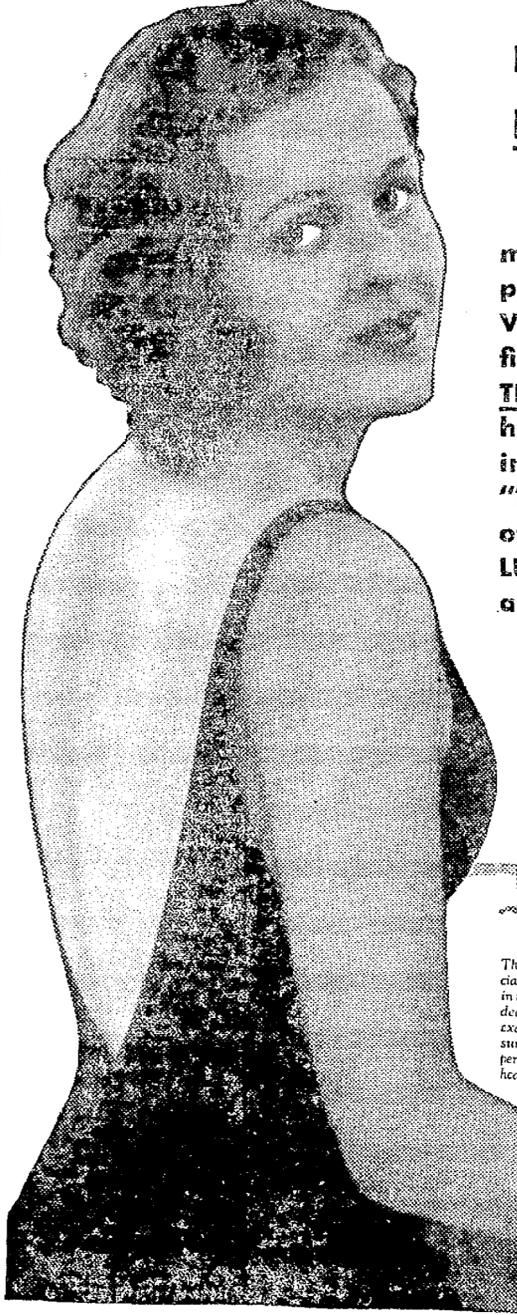
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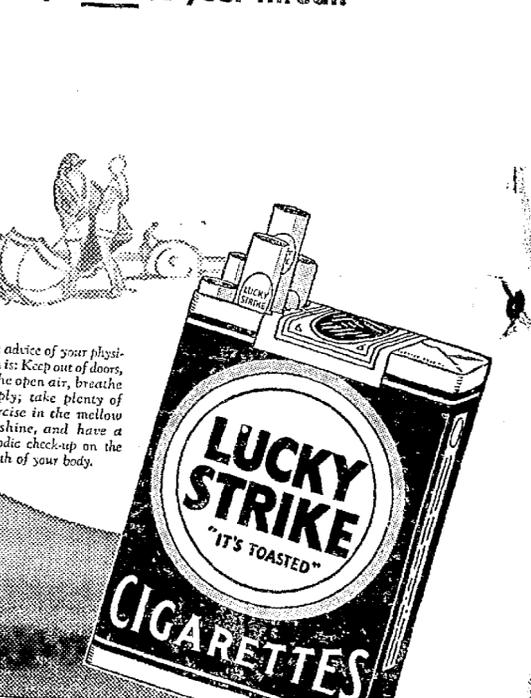
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