

GASOLINE PRICE WILL BE PROBED

GOVERNMENT SIGNIFIES INTENTION OF DELVING INTO MATTER.

Washington.—The government's intention to go to the bottom of the whole gasoline price situation, probably through the courts, was indicated by Attorney General Stone.

Inquiries instituted by the federal trade commission and the department of justice are to form the basis of the proceedings which it was stated, will be started by the federal government. Results of the commission's study of the price question, made at the request of President Coolidge, are in the hands of the department of justice and Mr. Stone announced he had directed members of his staff to collate data gathered by department investigators with that obtained by the trade commission.

As the next step Mr. Stone will hold conference early in July with attorneys general of certain states whose identity is withheld for the present. After that conference, which Mr. Stone said would provide a comparative survey of the whole situation, the department of justice will make known the character of proceedings it intends to employ.

Whether the department has uncovered some semblance of price maintenance arrangements was not stated. Mention was made by Mr. Stone in a formal statement, however, that part of the department's inquiry had been directed toward determining whether the several standard oil companies had obeyed the federal court dissolution decree of 1911.

The attorney general is understood to have been informed by some of his subordinates that in part, at least, the decree has not been fully obeyed, but there is not entire agreement among the lawyers who have studied this phase of the price problem and further information may be required.

When the department completes its preparatory study of the gasoline question, it expects to be able to lay before the public a complete picture of the oil inquiry in this country from production through refining and distribution. Part of this information has been gathered by the federal trade commission, but the contents of the commission's report will not be made known until after the July conference with state attorneys general.

Ten Are Charged With Holdup.

Chicago.—Ten persons were named by the federal grand jury in an indictment charging them with participation in the hold-up June 12 near Chicago of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul mail train by bandits who secured more than \$2,000,000 in cash and securities. All were indicted on nine counts, based on robbing with a gun, robbing the mails and conspiracy to rob the mails. Those named are James Murray, Chicago politician; Walter McComb, in whose flat several of the suspects were arrested; Carlo and Ernest Fontana, Chicago gangsters; Max Greenberg, St. Louis, a member of "Egan's rats"; a St. Louis gang; Willis, Joe and William Newton, brothers, and Sam Grant and Blackie Wilcox, both escaped from a Texas prison.

Two Die in Effort to Scale Mount.

London.—Sir Francis Younghusband, secretary of the Royal Geographical society, informed The News that a telegram had been received by the Mount Everest expedition committee in London in an attempt to scale Mount Everest had ended in disaster involving the death of two members, George Leigh Mallory and A. C. Irvine.

Interviewed at Westminster, Sir Francis said it was not known how the disaster occurred, but that it probably happened a fortnight ago. The expedition, according to Sir Francis, was within a short distance of the summit at a greater height than ever had been reached before. It had experienced great difficulties in fighting its way through the blizzards which lasted for some weeks.

Rev. H. R. Freeman, of Hickory, Killed

Hickory, N. C.—Rev. H. R. Freeman, pastor of the West/Hickory Baptist church, was instantly killed between Troy and Baden when the car in which he was riding turned turtle three times over a steep embankment. Other occupants of the car received serious injuries, but all are expected to recover.

Mr. Freeman, Boyce Bellinger, Mrs. Jennie Justice and Miss Leahy Abernathy were returning home after having attended the state convention of the Baptist Young Peoples union, held in Wilmington the first of the week.

Americans Killed in Canton Bombing.

Hongkong.—P. Demarets, Canton manager for the General Silk Importing Company, of New York, and Mrs. Demarets are listed among the killed in a revised list of victims of the bomb attack on Governor General Meritt, of French Indo-China, received here from Canton. This list also gives, in place of "M. Pelletier," B. Rouzeau, chief of correspondence of the Banque de l'Indo-China, at Canton, as third member of the party slain by the bomb.

DEAD HAND FIRED SHOT ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

San Pedro, Calif.—Evidence given the naval court pointed at lack of air pressure in the gun mechanism as the cause, or at least one of the causes, of the explosion aboard the United States ship Mississippi Thursday when 43 men were killed.

Walter Ebel, turret captain of turret number three of the Mississippi, corroborated the evidence Saturday of Frances Majewski, plugman in turret number two, when the blast occurred, that the air pressure to clean out the gun barrels between shots and to close the gun breeches was weak.

The result of this, according to gunnery experts, might have been to leave flaming particles in the gun barrels, which would ignite the new charges of T. N. T. as they were rammed home.

BAPTIST YOUTH IN CONVENTION FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION GETS INTO SWING AT WILMINGTON.

Wilmington.—With the auditorium of the First Baptist church, seating more than 1,300, filled to overflowing, and hundreds turned away from the doors, the Baptist Young People's union convened here in its fifteenth annual session. All day long the Baptist young people have been pouring into the city from every section of the state. At present it seems that the registration will go beyond that of last year at High Point, 1,500.

President Bryce Little, Wilson, presided. After song services led by Bill B. Muse, Jackson, Tenn., and a devotional service conducted by Pastor D. H. Wilcox, Wilmington, W. A. McGirt, highway commissioner, in behalf of Mayor James H. Cowan, extended a warm welcome to the young visitors, as did Rev. John F. Warren in behalf of the Baptist of the city. Charles R. Daniel, Weldon, responded. Secretary Perry Morgan, Raleigh, who is responsible for the splendid program, while felicitating the young people on the hearty welcome extended, warned them that the many social features must not overshadow the main features of the program.

A message of sympathy was ordered sent to Vice President L. W. Holland, Monroe, whose wife has just died.

Rev. E. N. Gardner, Pendleton, just three years out of the seminary, preached the annual sermon, sounding the keynote of the convention, in which he emphasized the heroism of faith.

Trial of Gaston Means

New York.—Tale of an alleged conspiracy to sell whiskey in bond to raise an election fund for the republican party was told by Charles W. Johnson, first witness for the state, at the opening of the trial of Gaston B. Means, former special agent for the department of justice, and his secretary, Emil W. Jarnecks, under indictment for prohibition law violations.

Johnson also testified that Means claimed he had been selected to crush the Ford presidential boom. The witness asserted Means had told him he had received orders to "get something" on Ford and his publicity representative, William Scalse.

Builders Hear Morrison.

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Morrison provided the feature address at the opening session of the 21st annual convention of the State Building and Loan league, with a clear cut representation of North Carolina's taxing policy.

"Taxes are not high in North Carolina in comparison with those of other states," the governor told the "home builders," who, perhaps, are more interested in the subject than any other class of business men. "They are high only in comparison with those of a mistaken and weak past, when North Carolina had just about the sorriest and most unprogressive government in the world. It took the eloquence of Aycock, McIver and Alderman to awaken the state to its duty, and this year 8,000 boys and girls were graduated from our high schools, while four years ago there were only sixteen hundred."

Charged With Slaying Father.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Clarence Blacklock, of Boiling Springs, was indicted on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of the young man's father, John Blacklock, several weeks ago. The two men had an altercation and young Blacklock almost beat his father's head to a pulp with a stone. He claimed that he struck his father in self-defense after he had insulted his (the young Blacklock's) wife.

To Try to Fly Across Continent.

Minneapolis, N. Y.—Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan's attempt to cross the continent between dawn and dusk will be made Thursday, if atmospheric conditions are favorable, according to the latest announcement made.

By starting at 3:22 a. m. eastern standard time, and flying at the rate of 150 miles an hour, Maughan hopes to reach the Pacific by dusk, or in approximately 17 hours. He attempted to make the same flight twice before but was forced down each time without completing the trip.

EXCLUSION NOT TO BE MODIFIED

IMMIGRATION LAW CLOSED INCIDENT, AMERICAN REPLY INDICATES.

Washington.—The American reply to the Japanese protest against the exclusion provision of the immigration act was made public here by the state department simultaneously with its publication through the foreign office in Tokyo. It is cordial and friendly in tone, but at the same time makes clear that the exclusion provision in no way trespasses, upon any written or implied obligation on the part of the United States.

Secretary Hughes points out that congress was wholly within its rights in the enactment of the provision and that the action taken "is mandatory upon the executive branch of the government and allows no latitude for the exercise of executive discretion as to the carrying out of the legislative will expressed in the statute."

The construction generally placed upon the American note is that it conclusively demonstrates the view of the Washington government that the exclusion law is a closed incident and that no attempt to modify or alter its terms is to be expected.

Secretary Hughes, in the note which he prepared with utmost care expresses pleasure over the "friendliness and candor" of the protest communication delivered to him by Ambassador Hamihara, May 31.

"You may be assured of the readiness of this government to consider in the same spirit the views you have set forth," Mr. Hughes added.

The note then analyzes the exclusion provision applicable to all aliens ineligible for citizenship as it is modified by the exceptions contained in the act and points out:

"It will be observed that, taking these exceptions into account, the provision in question does not differ greatly in its practical operation, or in the policy which it reflects, from the understanding embodied in the gentlemen's agreement under which the Japanese government has co-operated with the government of the United States in preventing the emigration of Japanese laborers to this country."

Says Means Got Money Falsely.

New York.—Protection against government interference and permits for the withdrawal of liquor were sought from Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, being tried for liquor law violations, because he had asserted that he had the "department of justice and the White House in his pocket," Isadore Padorr, of Chicago, testified.

Padorr said he had paid \$8,000 to Emil Jarnecks, co-defendant with Means, for whiskey for the Valdona DrDuDgD company, a patent medicine firm of Chicago, which was to be taken from the Thompson Distillery warehouse, at Brownsville, Pa. He never saw the whiskey and the money was not returned, he said.

The witness added that Means had taken him to the office of former Judge T. T. Ansberry, at one time representative in Congress from Ohio, and enlisted his aid to obtain the withdrawals. He said he had brought the secretary of the United Brewers to see Means and had heard Means ask him to whom he was paying money for protection, but could not remember the reply.

Hardware Men Elect Officers.

Wilmington.—The Hardware Association of the Carolinas closed a most successful convention, and surf bathing was the pastime of the few hours that remained.

After a lapse of several years since Wrightville last entertained the hardware men, they were anxious to get back to the coast, and from three to four hundred were in attendance.

The following officers were elected: President, D. F. F. Canood, Lexington; first vice president, R. K. Wilder, Sumter, S. C.; second vice president, J. N. Hrst, Greenville, N. C.; third vice president, L. J. Waitford, Pageland, S. C.; secretary-treasurer, Arthur R. Craig, Charlotte; executive committee, above officers with Jas. T. Griffith, Monroe, and J. R. Harrell, Cheraw, S. C.; national councillor, Chamber of Commerce, U. S. A., W. W. Wait, Charlotte.

Johnson to Head Kiwanians.

Denver, Colo.—With the election of Victor M. Johnson, of Rockford, Ill., as its international president and the selection of St. Paul, Minn., for the 1925 convention city, the eighth annual convention of Kiwanis International adjourned here. Johnson defeated John H. Moss, of Milwaukee, in the race for the presidency by a vote of 351 to 345.

Heat Wave Kills Two.

Cleveland, O.—Two persons are dead and another in a serious condition the result of the heat wave which struck Cleveland. Louis Gedson, 23, mill worker, was the first heat victim, collapsing while at work.

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U. S. POPULATION GOES UP 1,245,000 IN YEAR.

New York.—The population of the United States increased 1,245,000 during 1923, according to estimates announced by the national bureau of economic research. On January 1, 1924, the total population was 112,826,000, the bureau's figures show.

In the latter half of 1923 a net increase of 1,125,900 was recorded. This was the greatest growth for a six months' period in the nation's history, the bureau's report states.

The unusual increase is attributed to the heavy excess of immigration over emigration and the lowest death rate which ever prevailed during a similar period in this country.

THREE DEAD IN AUTO CRASH

TWO RALEIGH MEN ARE INCLUDED AMONG DEAD AFTER WRECK.

Petersburg, Va.—Three persons were killed and two others injured when the automobile in which they were traveling from Richmond to Raleigh N. C., left the road and struck a telephone pole at the foot of a 10 foot embankment on the Richmond-Petersburg turnpike.

The dead are: Mrs. Amelia Heller, of Richmond and Carson Heller and Morris Rosenthal, of Raleigh, Miss Beaulah Hutslar, of Richmond, and Stanley Kahn, of Raleigh, were injured.

Neither Miss Hutslar nor Kahn is thought to have been seriously injured, although it was stated at the Petersburg hospital that Kahn probably will be kept at the institution for several days. He was severely cut about the head. Miss Hutslar left the hospital after being treated for slight bruises and cuts. The dead are thought to have been killed almost instantly. The cause of the accident has not been definitely determined.

The party left Richmond for Raleigh and just as the machine reached the brink of a hill near Dutch Gap, midway on the turnpike, witness declared it suddenly skidded, swerved to the right and plunged over the embankment. The impact with the telephone pole at the foot of the embankment almost completely wrecked the car, which turned over and pinned its occupants beneath. Mrs. Heller and Carson Heller and Rosenthal were dead when extricated from the wreckage. The injured were rushed to the hospital here.

One witness to the accident ventured the opinion that the brakes of the automobile locked when its driver attempted to slacken its speed as it passed a wagon going in the opposite direction, causing the machine to become unmanageable.

Will Place Boys to Handle Ships.

Washington.—The first step in plans to give the United States an American manned merchant marine has been taken by the shipping board under a decision to place boys between the ages of 18 and 23 years on commercial ships' crews. The boys will be able to work their way to officers' berths through an arrangement by the industrial relations division of the shipping board working in conjunction with its sea service bureau.

Under the plan, detailed instructions of which have been sent to fleet corporation district directors on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, two deck boys will replace an ordinary seaman on all of the government's merchant vessels and will receive a thorough training and be given examinations for higher ratings.

Stars and Stripes to Top Philippines.

Paris.—The Stars and Stripes will float above the flag of the Philippine Islands on the staff which the standard bearer of the Far East islands carries in the procession of the athletes of the 42 nations entered for the Olympic games as they file past the official tribune and salute President Doumergue July 5 in the Colombes stadium.

Should the Filipino athletes through a victory in the Olympic games win the right for the flag of their country to be run up the Olympic mast it will be immediately surmounted by the American flag. This decision, which is final, was reached by the French Olympic committee, ending a controversy which at one time threatened the non-participation of the athletes of the Philippine Islands in the Olympic game. The decision has been communicated to the Philippine Athletic Federation by cable and also orally to Fortunato Catalon and David Nepomuceno, two Filipino sprinters who already have arrived in Paris and are training.

Falling Lineman Killed.

Asheville.—John Watkins, aged 35, resident of Jupiter, was accidentally electrocuted near the plant of the North Carolina Electric Power company at CREEP.

Watkins was working on a pole, changing a current from one wire to another. His foot spoke gave way and in order to save himself a fall of 30 feet to the ground, he seized the live wire carrying 4,500 volts. It was necessary to cut the high tension wire in order to lower the body to the ground.

GIRL 14 ADMITS STARTING FIRE

STUDENT WANTED TO SEE PLAYA DELRAY GIRLS GO HOME HAPPY

Los Angeles, Calif.—Because she wanted the girl inmates of the Hope Development School at Playa Delray, near here, to be free "so they could have a good time like other girls," one of the inmates, 14 years old, set fire to the building May 31 which resulted in the loss of 24 lives.

This announcement was made by District Attorney Asa Keyes. The girl was a former inmate of the home, a school for sub-normal children, and came to his office voluntarily with the announcement that she "had something to say," Keyes said. Her name is Josephine Bertholme and she now is an inmate of the juvenile hall here, Keyes said.

The girl said she touched a match to a pile of kindling wood in the basement, Keyes announced. "I didn't like the school, and I decided to burn it down so all the girls could go home," the girl's statement read, it was announced.

"I didn't mean to kill anybody. I just wanted all the girls to be free so they could have a good time like other girls."

The statement related how she went to bed on the night of the fire and after she heard the matrons go to their rooms, she slipped on a kimono and went to the kitchen in search of a match.

"I couldn't find the match," the statement said, "so I went back to my room. I remembered I had a broken match hidden in one of my boxes and I found it and again went downstairs."

Her statement told how she pulled out a sack of kindling wood, placed it under the rafters and set fire to it. She returned to her room, got in bed and was thinking of her plan to free the other girls when she heard the matron scream:

"The building's on fire; come children; come with me."

Due to its isolated position, several miles from the nearest fire station, it was impossible to save the structure.

Ship Cotton to Germany.

Raleigh, N. C.—Two hundred and fifty cars of North Carolina cotton are being rushed from concentration warehouses of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association at Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Dunn, Fayetteville and Goldsboro, to Wilmington and Norfolk for shipment to Bremen, Germany. The association sold 10,000 bales to German cotton buyers.

The steamship Mediterranean is loading at Wilmington and will carry 7,500 bales, the capacity of the ship; the remainder, 2,500 bales, goes from Norfolk. A solid train running special and on a fast schedule left Charlotte, and the railway officials are co-operating in the determination to put the staple into the ports in time for the steamers, scheduled to sail Saturday.

General Manager Blalock, of the association, went to Wilmington to see to the shipment there.

This sale of 10,000 bales in Germany, in addition to 1,500 bales sold to Russian buyers and sent to Norfolk for shipment, is the biggest sale of cotton to European buyers made by the association.

Cotton Crops Growing Well.

Washington.—Crops and weather conditions in Southern States during the week were summarized by the Department of Agriculture as follows: The weevil-rotted cotton in Texas made excellent growth, but the later planted in the Northwestern portion of the state was injured by the hot dry weather; weevils were less active, though there was considerable local damage by grasshoppers. The warm, dry weather favored rapid growth in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana, though it remained too wet in some northern portions of Arkansas, and there is much small cotton in the state, with stands irregular in Oklahoma and plants generally small in Louisiana.

Progress and condition were fair to very good in Tennessee and growth was satisfactory in Mississippi by reason of warmth and abundant sunshine. The temperature was favorable in Alabama, but cultivation was interrupted considerably by rather frequent showers, with slight improvement reported in the general condition. The plants made rapid growth in Georgia, though the condition of the crop remains very irregular; much cultivation was accomplished, but many fields are still grassy.

Theft of Ford Gems.

Detroit.—Police have obtained finger prints of all employees in the house and about the grounds of the residence of Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, in connection with the robbery of \$100,000 worth of jewelry. Announcement of the robbery was made by police. Clear finger prints were left by the thief according to police.

The jewels, in a silver case, included a pearl necklace of 108 graded pearls with a platinum clasp.

Not Well Since Three Years Old

Catarrh of the Ear Neighbor Recommended PE-RU-NA



The experience of Mrs. J. C. Dacus, 1621 Booker St., Little Rock, Ark., was not an unusual one. It was in fact a repetition of what has happened in thousands upon thousands of instances. She had a running condition of the ear from the time she was three years old.

In spite of treatment it persisted and became very offensive. One day a neighbor recommended Pe-ru-na and La-cu-pia which had relieved his wife of the same trouble.

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Keeping Him In

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"Good thing for me, and meebly you, that you mentioned that fact before I fished you out," replied Gabe Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "I'll just let you stay in there till you don't."

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