

CURRENT HISTORY

The Senate of the United States has passed a resolution requesting President Coolidge to ask for the resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby. This action is a result of the recent oil scandal in which Mr. Denby was seriously involved. President Coolidge refused to ask for the resignation, maintaining that the executive part of the government is entirely in his hand and not to be interfered with by the Senate or anyone else. He declared that as soon as all the facts in the case were made known, he would take action to protect the public, but that the dismissal of a Cabinet officer is a serious affair. It is also entirely in the realm of the President's power and can not be influenced in any way by the Senate except by impeachment; therefore, no official recognition can be given to the resolution. President Coolidge seems to regard the matter as closed.

Mr. Coolidge has selected Siles H. Straven and Atlee Pomerene as lawyers for the investigation of the oil scandal, but there is much Democratic opposition, led by Senator Walsh of Montana, who has done a large amount himself in the conduction of an inquiry. The nominations have been discussed at two sessions of the committee, but no decision has, as yet, been made. Six witnesses were heard at public sessions.

George Creel, once chairman of the committee on public information, stated that he had served Doheny as publicity consultant at a salary of \$10,000 a year, but that, owing to unpleasant relations between him and his employer, he had resigned at the end of three months.

J. Leo Stach, a Denver oil man and associate of Creel, declared his convictions of the fraud concerned in the Teapot Dome lease. Four other witnesses were examined, but no valuable information was gathered.

McAdoo presented an elaborate written denial of the accusations made against him, calling them "gross misrepresentations" and "hideous libels," and that he had had no more to do with the oil scandal "than the planet Mars." He declares that if the party leaders in different states consider his accusation as harmful to the party in the coming election, he will gladly withdraw from the running and serve in a less prominent position. He wishes it to be made clear, however, that this act would be not one of acknowledged guilt, but of innocence, and that he had absolutely no participation in the oil scandal.

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William Joseph Simmons, founder and emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, has sold his title, interest and \$1,000 a month salary for the sum of \$145,500. He has agreed, according to the contract, to cease all opposition to the Klan and to Imperial Wizard Evans, and not to join or form any organization the purpose of which is to destroy the Klan. He is to resign from the organization and also from the Knights Kameli, Inc. Colonel Simmons is allowed to retain Klankrest, a home on Peachtree road and a gift of the Klan.

Colonel Simmons has gone to Jacksonville, Florida, says Mr. Etheridge, there to form a new organization, "Knights of the Flaming Sword," of which he will be the head.

"Did you really call this officer an old fool last night?"

Young Motorist—"The more I look at him the more likely it seems that I did."

CALENDAR

Monday, February 18.—3:45 and 7:00 P.M., Tony Sarg's Marionettes.
 Tuesday, February 19.—4:30 P. M., Hockey practice.
 Wednesday, February 20.—11:00 A. M., at Y. P. M., Miss Addy Mary Weisel, of Baltimore, Md. Subject, "Training School for Christian Service." 4:30 P. M., Hockey practice.
 Thursday, February 21.—3:45 P. M., Music Hour.
 Friday, February 22.—4:30 P.M., Hockey practice; 6:30 P. M., Y. W. C. A. meeting—Advisory Board to have charge.
 Saturday, February 23.—4:00 P. M., Hike; 8:00 P. M., In Memorial Hall, "Cranford Dames" to be presented by 11th Grade of the Academy.

SOCIALS

Misses Hannah Dixon of Greenville and Louise Cooke of Salisbury were the week-end guests of Miss Emily Moye.

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Misses Elizabeth Parker and Esther Efrid spent the past week-end at Greensboro.

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Misses Elsie Harriss and Helen Mitchell spent the week-end at Davidson.

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Miss Elizabeth Transou spent the week-end at her home.

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Miss Mary Sue Farrell of Greensboro College was the guest of Misses Lucile Reid, Bessie Clark, and Margaret Marshall.

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Miss Lucy Pope attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Clara Pope, a former Salem girl, to Mr. Cooper of Dunn.

DR. SCHALLERT WRITES ARTICLE FOR THE TORREYA

Dr. P. O. Schallert has recently had printed in an issue of the *Torreya* an article describing and suggesting a name for a plant discovered by Mr. W. W. Ashe. Mr. Ashe called Dr. Schallert's attention to this unusual form of plant life and immediately aroused his interest, the result of which is the article already mentioned. The lower is a form of the robinia, but it is entirely different from the other species, and, Dr. Schallert states, will probably prove to be of horticultural value. In this article Dr. Schallert proposes the name of Robinia Ashe in honor of its discoverer, Mr. W. W. Ashe of Washington, D. C.

FEBRUARY 19 PAY DAY FOR ANNUALS

Tuesday, February 19, has been set aside as pay day for the Annual. On this day only the books are to be paid for, and a later date will be set for the pictures which go in the Annual. On February 19, Eleanor Shaffner, Business Manager, of the Annual Staff, will be in the Living Room of Alice Clewell Building from 3 until 6 o'clock to receive the money. It is urgently requested that all bills be paid promptly.

City College of New York has a chess team that stands head and shoulders above any other in the country, and outside of the City of New York, Pennsylvania is second to none, as far as skill on the checkered board is concerned. These are the most striking facts brought out by the intercollegiate matches which were played in Brooklyn recently to decide the chess championship of the United States. University of Pennsylvania finished third to the City College and New York University.

THE JELLYFISH

I am the Perfect Jellyfish
 Examine me with a microscope,
 With the X-ray
 With anything you like—
 You will find no backbone.
 Touch me with a finger.
 I move,
 I vacillate,
 I have no will.
 I stay where the waves
 Wash me.
 I have no energy.
 If I had an idea
 Some one would
 Smash it at once.
 There is nothing hard
 About me—
 Not even fingernails
 To scratch with.
 Look carefully,
 You will find no back bone.
 I am the Perfect Jellyfish.

REPORTS OF WORK SOON TO BE SENT HOME

Salem students are now wondering which is worse—the disease itself or the consequences. Examinations are over, to be sure, and peace prevails for the immediate present, but what of the future? Reports are soon to be mailed home, and then the final reckoning comes. For probably the only time during the school year the distance which lies between Salem and home is a thing for which to be grateful. Contrary to the procedure of last year, reports are not sent to the girls, but they are sent home. Most of the grades have, however, been obtained by the girls from their faculty advisors, and as soon as the reports have been inspected by the parents, the first semester of 1923-24 will become a closed chapter.

NEW SCIENCE COURSE FOR SECOND SEMESTER

A new course is offered in Science this semester—Biology S2. This is a brief course giving the main facts and theories of the subject. It is open to all students and gives three points of credit. B. S. students must also take Biology 2 in order to complete the requirements in General Biology.

Biology S2. Two lectures and three hours of laboratory weekly. Second semester (3).

Open to all students. Students working for the A. B. degree must take either course 2 or 7 in order to complete one year of their science requirement.

Students working for the B. S. degree must take course 2 in addition to the above to complete their requirement in General Biology.

Students who have failed General Biology 1 may take this course as an equivalent to the same.

A brief course in the fundamentals of General Biology giving the main facts and theories of the subject.

Hours to be arranged.

The course in Chemistry 1 will be repeated the second semester. Students who failed the course in Chemistry 1 the first semester are required to take the same.

Students who have taken Chemistry in preparatory school may take up this course at this time but will be required to take the laboratory work next year as no laboratory work will be given this year in connection with the course.

Hours to be arranged.

The baseball nine of William and Mary College, together with that of Harvard University, may tour Europe this summer if plans conceived by Ted Sullivan, former American League mentor and widely known baseball figure, materialize.

—Exchange.

Ten Perdue students paid \$219.60 for one Christmas tree, although they sell for one or two dollars at the stores. Desirous of saving that sum, however, they raided a graveyard to procure a tree for their fraternity dance. Fines of \$11.50 were levied on each student, besides \$100 damages and severe reprimand from fraternity heads.

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