

THING NEW GIVEN OUT IN REGARD TO OIL LEASES TODAY

New Sensations Sprung Today and Nothing Else is Expected Until Committee Meets On Monday.

HITNEY HEARD BY COMMITTEE

Results of Conference Not Disclosed—Still Debatable That Daugherty Remained From the Cabinet.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Official and unofficial reports of an anticipated revelation in the oil inquiry and its numerous ramifications found no new news to report for today, but it is expected that the light to force Attorney General Daugherty from the cabinet is being thrown today.

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REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE DEAD AT WASHINGTON

Struck Five Terms in House From New Orleans District.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative Dupre, of Louisiana, died today at his home here. A stroke of the heart struck him ten days ago.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Unseating of a member of the House from the Nineteenth New York district was recommended today by an elections committee which reported charges of fraud in connection with his election.

WHAT SA'S BEAR SAYS



Fair night and Friday; colder in east and central portions tonight rising temperature in extreme west portion Friday

HOUSE IS HURRYING CONSIDERATION OF THE REVENUE BILL

Leaders Are Lining Up Their Forces For Second Show Down in the Income Rate Sections of Bill.

STUBBORN FIGHT SEEN BY ALL

Some Insurgents Who Voted With Democrats at First Expected to Support Bill at Next Meeting.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The House hurried along with consideration of the revenue bill today while leaders lined up their forces for a second show down on the income rate sections when the bill is up for final passage.

Stubborn contest over income rates voted into the bill by democrats and republican insurgents appears certain, with Representative Longworth, republican leader, claiming a defection in the ranks of the 17 republicans who voted for the Garner schedule. Some of them, he said, had made overtures, indicating they would like to vote for a republican measure.

Leaders are studying the parliamentary strategy involved in such a contest, and organization republicans are centering their efforts to obtain a record vote on the compromise suggested Tuesday by Mr. Longworth calling for a maximum surtax rate of 37 1/2 per cent., and the normal income rates recommended by Secretary Mellon. The democratic schedule raised the minimum surtax from the proposed 25 per cent. to 44 per cent., cut normal rates, and increased personal exemptions. A solid majority vote on several parliamentary decisions as well as on the recovery vote will be necessary for displacement of the democratic rates.

Administrative sections of the bill were read today and Chairman Green of the ways and means committee in charge of the discussion, expressed the hope that the estate and excise tax sections might be reached by tomorrow at the latest.

Among other sections yet to be taken up is the provision for a 25 per cent. reduction in 1923 income taxes, payable this year, and democratic leaders have said they would seek to amend this to make the income tax schedule already adopted retroactive as of 1922.

RULING EFFECTS PROFITS IN STOCKS

Washington, Feb. 21.—The House today tightened the provisions of the revenue bill relating to profits on incorporation stocks, with the adoption of an amendment subjecting the earnings to profits in liquidation proceedings, to regular income rates, rather than to the 12 1/2 per cent. capital gain tax.

An amendment proposed by Representative Dickinson, republican of Iowa, proposing to make the farmers' and mutual insurance companies exempt from tax also was adopted by viva voce vote. An amendment exempting benevolent life insurance companies not operated for profit then was adopted 98 to 87.

VANDERLIP ANSWERS TO LIBEL SUIT CHARGES

Says He Welcomes the Suit and is Ready For it to Be Fought Out in Court.

New York, Feb. 21.—Frank A. Vanderlip, in a reply today to the \$600,000 libel suit filed against him yesterday by the owners of the Marion Star, declared he welcomed the suit, and expressed the hope that it would be the fore-runner of "court proceedings that would make public some of the news that are great newsmakers to the public."

"I am prepared to spend quite as much as has been asked for in these court proceedings in an effort to make public this news," the statement says, adding that "there is nothing this country needs so much at the moment as some court proceedings initiated by grand juries and pressed by incorruptible prosecuting attorneys."

With Our Advertisers. Beautiful showing of new hats at the Specialty Hat Shop. Two specials in shoes for \$3.95 at the Parker's Shoe Store for Saturday.

Paris Skirts Are to Be Both Short and Long This Spring. Paris, Feb. 18.—The length of skirts worn by fashionable women this spring will depend somewhat upon personal preference judging from styles exhibited at the opening of the racing season at Longchamps yesterday.

Senator Greene Slightly Improved. Washington, Feb. 21.—"Slight improvement" was shown in the condition of Senator Frank L. Green, of Vermont, at noon today; it was said by his nurses at the emergency hospital. He has taken some nourishment.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is to hold a convention at West Baden, Indiana, next July.

SEEMS TO BE THE WHOLE SHOW



WOMAN PONZI HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE

Claim She Defrauded Society Patrons With Mythical Coal Pool.

New York, Feb. 20.—Described by the police as a girl with the financial wizardry of a Ponzi or a Lindbergh, Miss Helen L. Beckett, a stockbroker, was imprisoned today on complaint of socially prominent patrons of a Fifth Avenue coquet shop that she had defrauded them of \$50,000.

She was charged with forgery. Detectives reported that Miss Beckett, after establishing a partnership with Robert Law and opening offices in the downtown financial district, haunted the coquet shop, inspired its wealthy patrons with faith in her as a financier, and induced them to invest in a mythical "coal" which, she claimed, had inside information about the shares of New York's biggest coal corporation.

One of her first victims was alleged to have been her business partner's aged father. Others were said to have included a society woman now at Atlantic City, whose attorneys report she lost \$25,000; a prominent woman doctor, whose losses were put at \$15,000; a man, identity undisclosed, who invested \$5,000.

The girl, according to police, started as "customers" man for a Wall street stock brokerage firm that failed in 1922. She then became an outer office habitue of a long established firm of brokers, where, police report, she met Law and induced him to form a partnership with her.

The forgery charge is based upon complaint of Law's father that he turned over to her to be sold shares of Standard Oil, Edicoit-Johnson, New York Central and American Telephone and Telegraph stock, representing his life savings; that she sold them, and receiving a check drawn to Law's father, forged his name to it and pocketed the cash.

Under similar circumstances, it is alleged, Miss Beckett sold sugar stocks for Arthur Keinstein, an official of the West Indies Sugar Finance Corporation and forged his name to the check.

England to Build War Ships

London, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The McDonald government, in view of the employment situation, has decided to proceed with the laying down of five cruisers and two destroyers as soon as parliamentary sanction is given. It was announced by Charles Ammon, parliamentary under secretary to the admiralty in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Sisters Die in Fire

Andalusia, Ala., Feb. 21.—Miss Edna Donaldson, 21 years old, and her sister, Miss Maude Donaldson, 25, were suffocated today in a fire that swept the Standard Telephone Exchange in the Knox building here. Miss Edna Donaldson, sacrificed her life in turning in a fire alarm. Her sister, who was her guest, died by her side.

SNICLAIR ARRIVES FROM EUROPE ON THE PRESIDENT HARDING

Posses For Photographers and Cracks Oily Jokes With the Reporters.

New York, Feb. 20.—Harry F. Sinclair arrived on the liner President Harding today, smilingly willing to discuss the weather, international politics and horse races, the gasoline business in Europe, the kingship of Albania—everything but oil and the Teasdale dome.

As his ship, already delayed by blizzard and heavy seas, reached quarantine and lay there for several hours waiting for the rain to lift and the fog to settle, he met reporters and photographers who swarmed aboard with handshakes all around and a prepared statement.

The statement was several hundred words long. It began: "During the year 1924 American petroleum products will be in greater demand in Europe than ever before" and went on to tell what Mr. Sinclair had seen during his three weeks in France, Belgium, Germany and England to justify such a forecast. The statement concluded: "On account of my absence from home for several weeks I am not entirely familiar with what has happened in connection with the Senate investigation of the granting of naval reserve No. 3 to the Mammoth Oil Company. Until such time as I may be able to familiarize myself with what occurred I do not wish to make any comment."

Mr. Sinclair said later: "I have not ready if they want me, I'll have to go if they ask me to." He had been fully discharged after his last appearance before the Senate committee but was quite ready to believe reports reaching him at the docks. He was ready for them he said.

J. M. COX AGAIN IS A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Letter Declares Democrats of Indiana Also Unitedly For the Ohio Man.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—Former Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, tonight told a representative of The Miami Herald that he had authorized the use of his name as a candidate for President on a declaration of candidacy received at the headquarters of the Cuyahoga county democratic party.

Mr. Cox said that a few days ago he received a letter from former Governor James E. Campbell saying that the democrats of Ohio were united in their desire to present his (Cox) name to the convention as their choice for President.

Miss Wan Piroshaw, a Filipino girl who served her educational apprenticeship in American hospitals and training schools, has been placed in charge of the first public health nursing center which has been opened in Bangkok, Siam.

MARION STAR FILES SLANDER SUIT AGAINST VANDERLIP

Claim Financier Has Connected Them With Oil Scandal—They Also Charge Libel.

New York, Feb. 20.—Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, joint owners of The Marion, Ohio, Star, today filed suit in federal court against Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, for \$60,000 damages, alleging slander and libel as the result of the banker's purported statement in an address at Ossining on February 12.

Three separate causes of action asking \$200,000 damages each were cited in the papers served on Mr. Vanderlip. The action was taken, according to the papers, on account of Mr. Vanderlip's alleged statements in which he "implicated the sale of The Marion Star in the oil scandal."

The first cause sets forth that Mr. Vanderlip "wickedly and maliciously charged Brush and Moore with bribing Warren G. Harding, then President of the United States, to fail to perform certain of his official duties as president, and that the bribe consisted in the payment to former President Harding of \$550,000 in the purchase of The Marion Star, which was more than twice its fair value."

The second cause of action was based upon the charge that Mr. Vanderlip caused his speech to be printed in The New York Tribune.

The third cause is based upon the admission of Mr. Vanderlip before the senate investigating committee that he approved the copy of the speech which was presented to him in his office in New York on February 13 by a representative of the Associated Press, and which speech after was delivered to Associated Press members.

THE COTTON MARKET

First Prices 9 to 28 Points Higher After Firm Opening—May Up to 30.47.

New York, Feb. 21.—The cotton market was firm at the opening today on covered and Liverpool buying following reports that the British dockers' strike had been settled, and relatively firm cables from the English market. There were some overnight selling orders which caused rather irregular fluctuations after the call, but the buying continued and the market held generally steady after the early trading. First prices were 9 to 28 points higher. First May contracts sold up to 20.47 or 48 points net higher, while October advanced to 26.45, or 35 points above yesterday's closing.

Cotton futures opened firm: March 29.80; May 30.10 to 30.25; July 29.30 to 29.42; October 26.20; December 25.75.

Col. Springs Purchases Homes For His Employees

Chester, S. C., Feb. 20.—Col. Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., president of the Springstein Cotton mills and Eureka Cotton mills, of Chester, has bought 325 modern homes for his various mills. The contract for the building of these homes has been let to the Minor Homes company, of Greenville, S. C.

COTTON SPINNED IN JANUARY GREATER THAN IN 7 MONTHS

Spinning Activity Greater Last Month Than in Any One Month Since Last May, Report Shows.

INDUSTRY SEEMS ON BETTER BASIS

During Month Spindle Hours Totalled 8,448,247,467.—Average Number of Spindles Operated 36,476,177.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Cotton spinning activity was greater in January than in any month since last May, the Census Bureau's spinning report today indicated. The number of active spindle hours for the month was 8,448,247,467, more than in December.

Active spindles hours for January totaled 8,448,247,467, or an average for 224 hours per spindle in place; compared with 7,139,371,847, or 190 hours per spindle in place in December; and 9,266,290,904 or 249 hours per spindle in place in January last year.

Spinning spindles in place January 31 totaled 37,740,454, of which 33,329,806 were active at some time during the month.

The average number of spindles operated during January was 36,476,177 or at 96.7 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis.

FRANCE REMEMBERS MIRABEAU

To Celebrate 170th Anniversary of This Dramatic Figure.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Paris is preparing for an observance early next month to mark the 170th anniversary of the birth of the Count de Mirabeau, one of the most dramatic figures in the stirring events that immediately precede the French Revolution.

Historians give Mirabeau a place among the greatest orators and statesmen that France has produced. He was perhaps the most conspicuous figure in the brief period between the national protest in France in 1789 against the misrule of the Bourbon power and the outbreak of the revolution in 1792. When the bloody scenes of the revolution were raging Mirabeau had been dead a year.

Mirabeau was only 42 years old when he died. His young manhood had been spent in the wildest excesses, and his life until he was beyond 30 was irregular in the extreme. He was a man of the greatest intensity, and his diversions as well as his labors partook of this characteristic. He seemed always, however, to cherish the loftiest political ideals and to keep unshaken his personal honor and to perform the duties of a statesman with the same firmness and maintained with better to reform the king than to abolish him.

Mirabeau was the son of an ancient, distinguished and once wealthy family, the son of the Marquise de Mirabeau. He was in exile in Holland, England and Switzerland because of the eloquent expression of opinions that displeased the French authorities, and at times he lived very precariously.

He was able to return to Paris a few years before Louis XVI. In 1788 felt constrained to convene the states general to find some way out of the financial difficulty in which France was plunged. Rejected by the nobility of which he was a member, he secured election to the assembly as a member of the third estate. There he immediately sprang into fame as an orator and a statesman. The king sought his aid, and the queen attempted to bribe him, but while he was ready with his advice, he would not forego his privilege of criticism. He drew up for the king a plan for royal policy in which he pointed out that absolutism was outlawed and adherence to it meant only destruction. At the same time he pleaded with the revolutionists against the policy to pull down the throne.

Finally when the crisis for the kingdom seemed rapidly approaching, he gave to the king advice at once so bold and so prudent that had it been followed the revolution might have been stayed. He told the king to go to Lyons, and from there to issue a manifesto embodying practically all the principles of the constitution that the assembly was constructing, then to appeal to the people as the surest and safest reformer, taking the ground from under the revolutionists and making his own position impregnable. But Mirabeau died before this advice could be followed. Louis XVI, then surrendered to counsel less wise, and the revolution came.

\$100,000 For Oil Lease Prosecution

Washington, Feb. 21.—Without discussion or a record vote, the Senate today adopted the House resolution appropriating \$100,000 for prosecution of oil lease cases.

NORMALCY IS ABOUT TO BE RESTORED TO MOST CITIES OF CAROLINA

Normal Conditions Rapidly Being Enjoyed Following the Storm/Tuesday Which Caused Much Damage.

COMMUNICATION IS RESTORED TO CITIES

Winston-Salem Can Talk Again to Outside World as Can High Point—Electrician Killed at Reidsville.

Charlotte, Feb. 21.—Central North Carolina and Southern Virginia today were slowly emerging from isolation caused Tuesday night by the heaviest sleet and ice storm in many years, and which caused at least one death and more or less injuries. Telegraph, telephone and power companies today had repaired their wires to some extent, although communication still is uncertain to some extent.

O. G. Creshaw, of Reidsville, an electrician, was killed yesterday when he came into contact with a high voltage power line.

Winston-Salem, which yesterday was isolated with not a single telephone or telegraph wire in operation, was recovered shortly before midnight last night. High Point, N. C., and Danville, Va., were connected to the outside world by means of uncertain telegraph wires, but with facilities badly crippled. Other points in the area were still cut off.

Public utilities companies and telephone and telegraph companies were the heaviest losers, but no estimate of the damage could be had. It was said, however, the losses run into hundreds of thousands of dollars and probably will exceed \$1,000,000.

Twin City Recovering

Winston-Salem Feb. 21.—Winston-Salem today is recovering from the worst sleet storm in its history, but it will be days before the Southern Public Utilities Company and the Company and the Bell Telephone Company will be able to restore full service. It is estimated that fully one-third of the telephones in the city are out of order, while all the street lights were dark last night, as well as residences in the northern section of the city.

Wires were still down on many of the principal streets and broken trees are to be seen on every hand. Street railway system was able to operate most all of yesterday.

ADVANCE REASONS FOR THE McDONALD MURDERS

Agnosticism, Atheism and Radicalism Caused Boy to Kill His Relatives.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 21.—Agnosticism, atheism and advanced radicalism caused Frank McDowell, confessed murderer of his father, mother and two sisters, to commit the crimes that removed them from his path and to make plans for the removal of another girl, Mary Birdsey, of Forsyth, Ga., a beautiful young college girl, whom he believes stands in his path and defeats his progress toward becoming a world power, according to the police here.

According to the story told by young McDowell in a cell today to the St. Petersburg Independent, he knows that he is abnormal, but firmly believes that the day of the super-man is close to hand, and that if it were not for his birth, he would be the first real super-man.

Deputy Sheriff Berther said today he would ask for a commission of three doctors to investigate the sanity of McDowell. If declared insane McDowell would be sent to a state asylum.

Woman Wrestler

Greensboro, Feb. 21.—Virginia Mercereau, the woman wrestler who is now in the city, is now considering an offer to referee a wrestling bout in Danville, Va., it has been announced. The offer was made to Miss Mercereau by L. C. Moody, athletic promoter of Danville, through her manager.

Miss Mercereau has achieved a reputation within the past 20 months as a wrestler, having grappled with Joe Shinkus, and John Kilonis. She has expressed her willingness to meet any one within her weight which is 160 pounds. She is said to be very powerful. No mention, however, was made of Miss Mercereau's appearance in Danville as a wrestler. So far the arrangements have only been contemplated as being to referee the bout.

Three General Truths to Remember About Cancer

First, cancer usually develops from previous and continued irritation. Second, if the cause of that irritation be removed in time the cancer will be averted. Third, if the development of cancer be determined in the early stages the patient can probably be cured by operation, but not by any other method.