

Oil Committee Opens Another Surprise Bag During Hearing Today

Bankers and Secretary Slemph Are Asked for Facts About Loan McLean Made to Former Secretary Fall.

SLEMP TRIED TO GET ALL FACTS

Declared He Asked Fall to Tell All and That Fall Refused to Make Public.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate oil committee today opened another bag of surprises when it resumed hearings on the McLean case.

Through his committee sought to determine whether administration officials had any communication with Albert B. Fall and other involved in the scandal.

The President's secretary said Mr. McLean and Fall were at Palm Beach and he was there in December and January, but that he had conversations with them, but they were not "private or confidential" talks.

Slemph told the committee he met Fall at lunch and dinner, "some three or four times" before Senator Walsh, of Montana, arrived at Palm Beach, to examine Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post.

"I want the committee to know," he said, "that I was not down there on any mission for anybody, but for my health and recreation."

Slemph testified that the oil matter was not discussed generally at his meetings with Fall and McLean, but he did discuss the former Interior Secretary what he knew.

"Young man, read the record," Slemph said to Fall as he replied, "I have said I have to say on the subject."

Slemph said that after Senator Walsh arrived at Palm Beach he advised Fall to tell the committee "all."

The witness said he would have to be "as confidential" any reports he made to the White House on McLean's activities at Palm Beach.

Slemph asserted also that he had not talked to any member of the oil committee about this case.

He said he never had met Harry F. Doherty or E. L. Doherty, and never had any communication, directly or indirectly, with either of them.

DOCK WORKERS STRIKE ENDED London, Feb. 25 (By the Associated Press).—The conference of the dock workers today called off the dock men's strike which has been in progress since February 16. Work will be resumed at all ports tomorrow morning.

THE COTTON MARKET Opening Was Steady at a Decline of 5 Points to an Advance of 16 Points. New York, Feb. 25.—Conflicting influences were indirectly at work in the cotton market during today's early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 29.70; May 30.13; July 29.52; Oct. 26.60; Dec. 26.20.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF FALL RIVER CURTAILMENT

Mayor Wants Trade Commission to Probe Decrease in Cotton Manufacturing. Fall River, Mass., Feb. 24.—An investigation of the "continued curtailment" of the Fall River cotton mills to be conducted by the federal trade commission is requested by Mayor Edward P. Talbot, in a telegram which he sent to the chairman of the commission.

He asked that the board determine if there had been any waste, mismanagement, or gross neglect by the manufacturers whose mills have suspended indefinitely.

MORE CHARGES MADE AGAINST GOV. McCRAE

Governor of Indiana New Charged With Use of Mails in Scheme to Defraud. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—Financial difficulties of Warren T. McCray, Governor of Indiana, have been further augmented by his indictment by a Federal grand jury on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud and violation of the national banking laws.

The letter also suggested that Attorney General Daugherty be asked to give a written opinion on the legality of the policy, but said there might be objections to such a step.

"The oil company attorneys asked the Attorney General be asked to give an opinion," Mr. Bain said. "My understanding was that the Department of the Interior considered the leasing legal and this was the opinion of the Navy Department's solicitor, the judge advocate general."

Secretary Fall had told him, Director Bain said, that Attorney General Daugherty had raised no objection to the plan of leasing.

"My impression was that the general policy of leasing had been discussed either at cabinet meetings or afterward," Director Bain continued, "and that the Attorney General had approved informally. This was two and one-half years ago, and I can't remember details as to the conversation."

"But you believed that the Attorney General had approved the legality of the contracts?" Senator Walsh asked.

"In general terms, yes," the committee after hearing Director Bain adjourned at noon until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Walsh Denounces Republican Bureau. Washington, Feb. 25.—The news bureau of the Republican National Committee was charged today in the Senate by Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, with "a deliberate and malicious misrepresentation of the facts in the statement it issued yesterday that the naval oil leases were made under an act sponsored by him."

Considering Dixon as Denby's Successor. Washington, Feb. 25.—Jes. M. Dixon, Governor of Montana, and at one time a leader in the Roosevelt progressive party movement, is being seriously considered for Secretary of the navy to succeed Edward Denby.

OUR OWN HYDRA-HEADED MONSTER



PISTOLS AS COMMON AS LEAD PENCILS IN UNITED STATES

Drastic Bill to Prohibit the Importation of Revolvers. Chicago, Feb. 25.—A drastic bill to prohibit the importation of revolvers and placing an excise tax of \$100 each on those manufactured in the United States except for export, introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, has been endorsed by the Michigan Audubon Society, Mrs. Edith Munger, of Hart, Mich., the president, has announced.

The bill, largely written by Chief Magistrate William McAdoo of New York City, was recommended to the Michigan society by its crime prevention committee chairman, Joe Beatty Brett.

In acknowledging the society action, Magistrate McAdoo declared that the bill has been endorsed by two international police conventions and approved by the American Bar Association, as well as New York judges and the mayor.

Those opposing it, he said, are advancing "an illusion very common, that a law-abiding citizen armed with a pistol meets an outlaw, highwayman or burglar on terms of equality. This is absolutely not so," he declared.

"Pistols are as common in the United States as lead pencils. There are more people in the United States carrying pistols or possessing them, outside the armed forces, than in all the rest of the world. There are more shootings and killings with revolvers in the United States than in all the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa."

"After we have taxed the pistol out of existence as far as possible in the United States, we will then be in a position to deal with crooks."

"From my experience as former police commissioner and eleven years as chief city magistrate of the city of New York, my advice to law-abiding citizens, if they have revolvers, is to go down to the river and throw them in."

TWO MEN WOUNDED IN SHOOTING SCRAPE

Davidson County Farmer and His Father Now in High Point Hospital. High Point, Feb. 24.—Butler Myers, Davidson county farmer, wounded in a gun battle in which his cousin, William Ward, was shot to death near Thomasville Saturday afternoon, is still in a critical condition tonight at the High Point hospital, where he was brought immediately following the homicide.

Myers' father, Albert Myers, 60 years old is also at the hospital here with a bullet wound in his chest. Physicians say that of the two the elder Myers has the better chance to recover. Hospital attendants said tonight that the condition of young Myers is barely the same, he was shot in the abdomen and it is not thought he will live. Surgeons performed an operation and removed the bullet.

The tragedy occurred six miles south of Thomasville and is said to have resulted from a quarrel between the two cousins over a still which officers captured on young Myers farm last Wednesday.

Four Big Dollar Days at the Parks-Bell Company. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday will be four big dollar days at the Parks-Bell Co.'s. The buyers for this big store have just returned from the markets where they purchased goods for this sale. You will find substantial reductions in every department. Read every word of the two page ads. in this paper.

THREE MEN HELD FOR ALLEGED TRAIN ROBBERY

Men Are Charged With Holding Train Crew at Bay While They Robbed the Train. Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Three men, charged with holding the crew of a freight train at bay on Saturday night while they robbed it, are held here today. One of the trio is in a hospital, one foot having been cut off by the train, and the others are in jail.

The trio: Tom Bailey, Ed. Pickler, and Amos Fox, of Washington, trainmen allege, boarded the southbound Southern Railway freight train at Thomasville and defied trainmen with threats of shooting. When about ten miles north of Spencer the robbers began unloading freight from a merchandise car. When near Spencer, Fox, it is said, fell off the train and one foot was cut off. The men were arrested at Spencer.

COX FORMALLY ENTERS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Files With Secretary of State of Ohio Official Authorization of Candidacy. (By the Associated Press.) Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Former Governor James M. Cox, of Dayton, the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1920, today filed with Secretary of State Brown, official authorization for candidates for delegates to the Democratic national convention to use his name as their first choice for President. At the same time former Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio, filed authorization for candidates to name him as their second choice for the Presidency, which is to conform to the Ohio law.

BUTLER MYERS DIES IN HIGH POINT HOSPITAL

Death Caused by Wounds Received in Gun Battle With Cousin. High Point, Feb. 25.—Butler Myers, 25 years old, wounded in a gun battle in which his cousin, Wm. Ward, aged 27, was shot to death near Thomasville Saturday, died at a local hospital today.

Myers' father, Albert Myers, 60 years old, also wounded in the contest at the hospital here. He is expected to recover, physicians said today.

The tragedy is said by the police to have resulted from a quarrel between the two cousins over a liquor distillery captured on the Myers farm last Wednesday.

E. D. Latta Sells His Stock in New Hotel at Charlotte.

Charlotte, Feb. 25.—E. D. Latta, Sr., one of the founders of the Citizens Hotel Company, one of the promoters of the campaign for stock by popular subscription to build the hotel and the first defendant in the series of suits which have been brought to compel delinquent stock holders to pay up their subscription, has sold his stock in the hotel at par value of \$100 the share. He owned 500 shares. Mr. Latta sold his \$50,000 hotel stock to Sois Sessler, of Charlotte, and gave in addition two valuable business lots in Charlotte in exchange for the Plaza Hotel at Hendersonville.

Walton Hearing Set For April 7th.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Supreme Court hearings on the appeal of former Governor Walton, of Oklahoma, from a decision of Federal courts in that state in connection with his impeachment was advanced today to April 7th.

Prohibition Agents Active in Wilkes.

Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Prohibition officers captured and destroyed nine stills in Wilkes county last Friday and Saturday, according to reports reaching prohibition headquarters here today.

Horse racing was introduced into France from England during the reign of Louis XIV. Nowadays, and for many years past, the most important of the French races are those held in the Spring and Autumn at Cantilly and the Bois de Boulogne.

TO PRESENT THE NAME OF JOSEPHUS DANIELS

State Executive Committee Will Be Asked to Offer Him to Country. Windsor, Feb. 24.—The Democratic State executive committee will be asked to formally present the name of Josephus Daniels to the Democracy of the country as a suitable man for the presidential nomination according to a statement by Judge Francis D. Winston here today.

Judge Winston's statement follows: "On my return from Raleigh I find quite a number of letters bearing upon the subject of the North Carolina Democracy presenting the name of Hon. Josephus Daniels for the Presidency. After giving the interview to the News and Observer and arranging a meeting of those interested in that plan I saw that Chairman Dawson had called a meeting of the State Executive Committee for the night of the 26th. Upon consultation the matter has been deferred until that meeting. The State executive committee will be asked in view of all the circumstances and of the frequent mention of Mr. Daniels' name by papers and persons outside of the State to formally present to the Democracy the name of Mr. Daniels as a suitable candidate of the Democratic party for the nomination. There will be no binding resolution or instructions or anything of that character. In view of the country and of matters daily transpiring in Washington, it is easily seen that his name, of necessity, is assuming large proportions in the minds of the thoughtful and independent people of the country. It is therefore, seems entirely appropriate to me, and I am quite sure it so appears to the entire Democracy of the State, that our response to these favorable suggestions of his name should be a hearty endorsement of his high personal and political character and official acts, and the formal presentation of his name for the great office of President. In doing this I am quite certain that the friends of our very able and prominent candidate will agree that it was in nowise a criticism of other candidates and that such action under all circumstances will meet with their approval."

State-Wide Spelling Contest.

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Final plans for the state-wide contest for spelling honors among the school children are now being rapidly brought to a close, according to information given out at the office of Julius Warren, secretary of the State Teachers' Association. The contest will be held in the high school building here during the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association on Thursday, March 13th. Three prizes will be given. They will be sold by lot of different designs and inscriptions to indicate first, second and third honors. A banner will also be given to the schools the winners represent. The preliminary contests have all been held in the various districts throughout the state, according to Mr. Warren and the representatives for the schools from each district has been named. Much interest was manifested in the contest throughout the state it was said, and the promoters of the contest claim that it has already done much in the way of interesting the children in the work and striving for later honors in the schools. Many of those who heretofore were not especially good in spelling have become among the first pupils in the schools in this study, it was said. It is hoped by the authorities that the interest can be maintained throughout the year and that the scope of the contest can be increased next year.

Arrested in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 25.—Orlando Horton and Morris Curtis, and their wives, wanted in Chicago, in connection with the murder of John Duffy and his wife, were arrested here today.

Searching



Authorities are looking for Mave Cookson (above) of Needham, Mass., alleged white slave victim of Dr. Edwin C. Ruth, former federal narcotic agent, who also has disappeared.

WOODROW WILSON'S WILL FILED TODAY LEAVING WIFE ALL

Except for \$2,500 to Be Paid Yearly to Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Wilson Gets the Entire Estate.

ESTATE'S VALUE NOT MENTIONED

After Death of Mrs. Wilson the Estate is to Be Divided Among the Children—Will Opened February 13th.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The will of Woodrow Wilson, filed for probate today, leaves the estate to his widow, Edith Bolling Wilson with the exception that his daughter, Margaret Wilson, shall receive \$2,500 annual income as long as she remains unmarried.

A request in the will calls upon Mrs. Wilson to distribute among Mr. Wilson's daughters such articles of clothing, jewelry, personal mementoes and art works that may have belonged to their mother, his first wife.

Under the will, Mrs. Wilson is to retain the estate during her life, and the unexpended portion at her death is to be distributed among Mr. Wilson's daughters.

The will was opened February 13, according to notation on envelope, in the presence of Mrs. Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, W. G. McAdoo and E. W. White, the attorney who filed it.

FRANK McDOWELL NOW SAYS HE'S IN A 'PICKLE'

Slayer of Parents and Sisters Claims to Be Getting Back to Himself. Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 24.—Frank McDowell, young murderer of his two sisters and his parents, appeared bright and cheerful this afternoon when visited by newspaper men in the Pinellas county jail.

"You know I am getting back to myself and I am beginning to realize what a pickle I am in," McDowell remarked to his visitors.

McDowell had covered four sheets of note paper with scraps of writing and said he has been trying to find ways to give them together to make sense, but had been unable to do so. His theme is still that he has tried to lead a perfect life, but has found it impossible owing to obstacles which must be washed away "in the blood of the Lamb."

"I knew this is all very foolish," McDowell declared, "but it is important that I get it connected up so people can understand that I did not premeditated the killings I have done."

COTTON EXPORTS

546,853 Bales of Raw Cotton Were Exported From Country During January. Washington, Feb. 25.—Raw cotton exports from the United States totaled 546,853 bales in January, an increase of approximately 75,000 bales over January a year ago, the Department of Commerce announced today. The value of raw cotton exported in January was given at \$94,688,556, as compared with \$65,256,426 for January, 1923.

During the last month the exports of cotton manufactures were valued at \$9,354,780 while the value of cotton manufactures exported in January, 1923, was \$10,499,999.

With Our Advertisers.

Smart new spring hats from \$3.95 up at Fishie's. All the newest shapes and colors.

Corno and Red Hen search feeds and Corno Laying Mash at Cline & Moore's. New spring arrivals in ladies low shoes at Parker's Shoe Store.

The Yorke & Wadsworth Co. is again offering the old reliable Fister fertilizer to its customers. Cline & Moore has just received a big shipment of Red Rust Proof seed oats. The first big shipment of Lespedeza is almost gone. See new ad about this and other seeds.

To Allow Skating on Certain Streets.

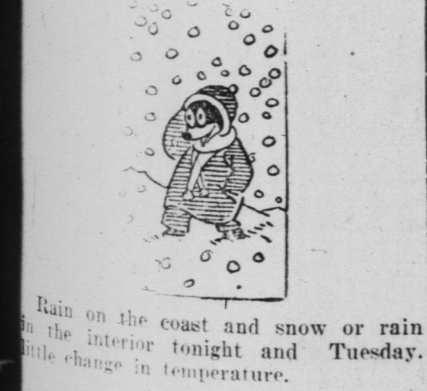
Wilmington, Feb. 23.—This city has resorted to the novel plan of zoning the streets for the skaters of the populace. Each Friday night certain streets for a distance of several blocks will be roped off and reserved exclusively for skaters until 10 o'clock. The city authorities have stated that they would not tolerate any encroachment on this ruling by autoists or pedestrians and neither would it allow the skaters to go beyond their allotted territory. It is thought by the traffic authorities of the city that this plan will greatly reduce accidents and violation of the law and at the same time give the young people an opportunity to enjoy the privilege of skating.

W. B. Burton Passes Away at His Home in Spencer.

Spencer, Feb. 22.—W. B. Burton, age 48, died at the Salisbury Hospital following a serious illness during which both legs were amputated, the last limb being removed this week. His condition had been critical several weeks. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, two sons, two brothers and three sisters all well known. The funeral takes place in Spencer Sunday.

Walters Hagen, who won the British open golf championship in 1922, is to compete again this year.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Rain on the coast and snow or rain in the interior tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.