

SENATE ASKS FOR RESIGNATION OF DENBY PRESIDENT TAKES NO OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE RESOLUTION

No Official Action President Declares on Senate Demand DENBY RESOLUTION RECITES CHARGE OF FRAUD MADE IN THE WALSH RESOLUTION

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Denby resignation resolution adopted by the Senate yesterday follows: "Whereas the United States Senate did, on January 31, 1924, by an unanimous vote adopt Senate joint resolution No. 54 to procure the annulment of certain leases in the naval oil reserves of the United States:

"And whereas the said resolution among other things, declared as follows:

"Whereas, it appears from evidence taken by the committee on public lands and surveys of the United States Senate that certain leases of naval reserve No. 3, in the State of Wyoming, bearing date April 7, 1922, made in form by the government of the United States, through Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior, and Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy as lessor, to the Mammoth Oil company, as lessee and that certain contract between the government of the United States and the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company, dated April 25, 1922, signed by Edward C. Finney, acting secretary of the interior, and Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, relating among other things to the construction of oil tanks at Pearl harbor (territory of Hawaii, and that certain lease of naval reserve No. 1, in the State of California, bearing date December 11, 1922, made in form by the government of the United States through Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior and Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, as lessor to the Pan-American Petroleum company as lessee, were executed under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption; and

"Whereas the said leases and contracts were entered into without authority on the part of the officers purporting to act in the execution of the same for the United States and in violation of the laws of Congress, and

"Whereas such leases and contracts were made in defiance of the settled policy of the government, adhered to through three successive administrations, to maintain in the ground a great supply of oil adequate to the needs of the navy in any emergency threatening the national security;

"Therefore, Be it resolved that it is the sense of the United States Senate that the President of the United States immediately request the resignation of Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy."

This measure was a substitute for the original resolution offered by Democratic Leader Robinson before the Senate adopted the Walsh resolution for annulment of the oil leases.

RAILWAY TRAVEL STILL IN STATE OF CONFUSION IN OCCUPIED RUHR

(By Associated Press.) Mayence, Feb. 12.—Progress toward normal functioning of the railway system of the occupied Ruhr territory is indicated by official statistics, but is barely visible to the naked eye of the passenger who must travel over the tributary lines. The official figures show that the freight-carrying efficiency of the roads has now increased to about 30 per cent of normal, and the through passenger trains on the main line run with fair regularity; but travelling over branch lines is still considerably a matter of luck, mostly bad, owing to the unfamiliarity of the newly employed personnel and the constant changing of schedules.

ALICE BUYS ELEPHANTS

(By Wickes Wamboldt.) Alice adores elephants. She has always wanted one and I have always been afraid some enemy of mine would give her one. The reincarnationists would probably declare that in a previous existence she was a maharajah, an Indian princess, a mahout, a howdah, or something or other that had to do with elephants. No matter where she meets one of the great beasts, or to whom it belongs, it is hers.

Once in Baltimore we were held up by a circus parade. Suddenly there glided into the street a string of elephants hanging on to each other's tails. Alice dashed her hands to her breast and fied out ecstatically. "Mama's babies!" People on either side looked at her suspiciously, but she was blivious to everything except those achyderms and watched them doltily until they shambled out of sight with their skins fitting them like a fat man's pants.

A small circus went broke in our own yard. They had one elephant. Alice looked at him wistfully. "Isn't he cute?" "Isn't he sweet?" she ghed, "I wish I had him." He didn't lok cute or sweet to me. He looked twenty feet high and twice as dangerous.

"Where would we keep him? Our yard is not tall enough," I said un- easily—for Alice has wanted many strange things in her life—including me—and got 'em.

"We could keep him in the garage," said Alice confidentially. "We could put it on stilts, or something. And he could have the scraps from the table, couldn't he?" "Oh, I don't know about that," I replied. "One has to be careful how one feeds elephants. They don't like seasoned food. I heard of a little boy who gave one a peanut with red pepper on it and a hundred and fifty years later the elephant saw the little boy and remembered him and roared at him and squirted water on him."

"Maybe," said Alice, as she reached thoughtfully over and touched my thumb with the pink tip of a tapering little finger. "Maybe ivory elephants would be cuter."

I knew it. Right from the first I had suspected that this conversation was heading to the purchase of a flock of little ivory elephants that she had assured me could be bought cheap from a curio dealer who was going out of the animal business. As compare to acquiring title to a mountain of flesh with an appetite like Coney's Army (I would feel it a relief to purchase a small group of ivory counterparts that ate nothing at all and would not squirt water on you a 150 year after you had med them doctored peanuts.

So Alice got her little ivory elephants. She herds them on the mantle in her bed-room. She shifts them around into different formations every morning so they will not get tired of standing in the same place. Each has a name and mine is the proud distinction of having the most dangerous looking one named after me.

WORKMEN PURCHASE MANY OF CHICAGO'S NEW HOMES

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 12.—Seventyfive per cent of the residences built in Chicago during the past year are owned by "overall" people, according to John M. Glenn, secretary of the Illinois Manufacturers Association. "There were 7,852 residences built in Chicago in 1923," said Mr. Glenn. "Of these, 5,889, all costing under \$20,000, are owned by working people, families in which the heads of the house wear overalls and work in factories and other industrial plants. "The average wearer of overalls can not afford to pay \$50 a month for rent when he has a family to support. When we know that the average working man has foresight enough to be thrifty and save in order to purchase his home, we need have no fear for his civic and social attitude."

Mrs. Candler Is Prepared to Fight Charges

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 12.—The case against Mrs. Asa G. Candler Sr., wife of Atlanta millionaire soft drink manufacturer; W. J. Stoddard and G. W. Keeling, charged with violating the city code, was continued in police court on account of the illness of police chief, James Beavers, who with Police Captain A. J. Holcombe made the arrests. Mrs. Candler and other defendants represented by counsel were present when the cas was called and the lawyers indicated they were prepared to fight the charges. When the trio were arrested in an apartment, a bottle of liquor was found on a table where they were sitting. The raid was made on a tip.

A Tale of a Bridge (Series, No. 3)

WHEN the Spray-Draper asphalt road was constructed the County Commissioners borrowed \$300,000 from a Wilmington bank for that project.

There are some strange reports about this loan that can only be told after verification. That more than the legal rate of interest was paid, is not improbable. At any rate this matter has been taken care of by the present Board by an issue of bonds at a much lower rate of interest. It was a former Board that made the Wilmington loan on which \$15,000 was paid as interest. So it must be remembered that while the present Board issued bonds to take care of this loan, the debt was contracted before their term of office.

It would be unjust to say that the Draper road was built just to benefit big business, although there are those who say it was built to benefit the Mebane interest. One would be nearer the truth to say it was built to benefit the Marshall Field interest, if their immense investment at Draper is taken into consideration. As a matter of fact it has benefitted the Marshall Field interests and the Mebane interest, simple because it has benefitted the township and Rockingham County. Both these big interests wanted the road, and are paying for it; while furnishing employment to hundreds of working people. Had it not been for these two big interest in our three towns, instead of the asphalt road we have today, we would have nothing but the old cow paths so common not many years ago.

Before the day of big business, much farm land hereabouts had been sold for taxes, much more for five, six, seven up to twelve and fifteen dollars an acre. In fact land around here was the dearest thing on the market. The average man did not care to own much of it. Some few, however, who could see ahead did do considerable buying and are rich today as a result of their foresight.

It is a strange notion some people have of "knocking" big business while at the same time, had it not been for the enterprising spirit of men who had some money and the grit to invest it, Leaksville township would be very near poverty stricken today.

Another interesting story of local road paving is that stretch of asphalt from the railroad at Spray on up to North Spray. There was a meeting held up near Hubbard & Jones store, at which plans were made to appear before the Commissioners and ask for this project. In the afternoon, a large delegation went to Wentworth and secured an order for the work after property holders along the way agreed to stand a share of the cost. To have opposed this project because the proposition would benefit Marshall Field's interest, would have been contemptible, and yet it was of direct benefit to them, but of still greater benefit to the township and to the county.

It was stated at a meeting of the County Commissioners recently, that there is something like \$26,000 still uncollected on this Spray project and that steps will be taken soon to collect all unpaid pledges of abutting property holders regardless of who they may be. Chairman T. R. Pratt stated that it was his intention to apply this \$26,000 on the Fishing Creek bridge as both projects were Leaksville township projects.

And since the North Spray road was paved the need for a new bridge across Smith River becomes more and more apparent. In fact the present bridge is not considered safe and a new bridge should be built there this coming summer. When the old bridge was built there were very few people on the Draper side of the river, and now there are several thousand with a school and church and a mighty fine community of folks.

FRENCH PROPOSAL TO MULCT FOREIGNERS QUICKLY KILLED

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 12.—A boycott on all goods imported from countries with high exchange, which means principally American and English merchandise, is being pushed vigorously by the Matin in order to assist in saving the falling franc. However, other newspapers and public men are not joining very loudly in the chorus, for the French realize that tourists from high exchange countries are in fact what has helped to keep up exchange.

Several attempts to tax foreigners for living in France and suggestions that high exchange visitors be charged different prices to residents have been stifled. M. Loucheur in the Chamber recently caused the prompt withdrawal of a bill to charge foreigners 240 francs a year as residence tax, with the announcement that foreign money brought by tourists alone more than balanced France's commercial deficit, running between one and two billion francs. Government spokesmen immediately confirmed this statement.

Peace Restored As Between Klansmen Simmons and Evans

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 12.—Settlement of differences between William Simmons and J. Edgar Hoover, founder of the Ku-Klux Klan, and John W. Evans, founder of the United Klans of America, for a consideration of \$146,000, reported by close friends of the parties involved, is expected to be settled in a matter of days. The story says terms of the compromise are substantially as follows: Simmons sold his contract with the Klan for \$90,000 constituting eight years at the rate of \$1,000 a month, and also, received \$50,000 for his rights in the Knights of Kamela.

Prison Laundry Fire At West Penna. Pen

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—Fire alarms and riot calls were sent out from the Western penitentiary when fire started in the prison laundry. Warden J. M. Egan said there was no disorder and that the blaze of undetermined origin caused only slight damage. County detectives and city police were called to guard against a renewal of yesterday's fighting, when two guards were killed, the warden said.

SEISMOLOGISTS SAY QUAKES MAY BECOME MORE VIOLENT

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 12.—The earth is in a continual state of unrest, internally as well as on the surface, says Professor H. H. Turner of the London Training College. In a recent lecture he declared that almost every day an earthquake occurred somewhere, and often three or four took place. These quakes seemed to be getting more frequent, and it is still a question with experts whether the worst had been passed or is still to come.

LOCALS

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 3 o'clock at Leaksville graded school.

Miss Susie B. ... yesterday for Baltimore, Md. and Richmond, Va., to buy her spring millinery goods. She will also visit her parents while in Virginia.

Miss Florence ... entertained a number of her friends at a Valentine dinner, Saturday evening.

Messrs. Claude B. ... and D. G. Huggins went to Charlotte today on a business trip.

Misses Elizabeth ... and Margaret Lee Miller ... were guests of Misses Mary Marshall and Florence Hobbs last night.

Miss Gracie Hable, who has been sick for a few days, is feeling much better today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stocks, of Reidsville, were visiting Mr. Stock's mother, Mrs. W. D. Stocks Sr., at the Colonnade Hotel last evening.

MRS. MOIR ENTERTAINS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of the Leaksville Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Moir on Washington Street.

There was a good attendance and an interesting program. Mrs. H. P. Poard, the president, was leader for the afternoon. The collection was \$15.15.

After the business meeting Mrs. Moir served delicious refreshments. Those present were Madames P. H. Gwynn, Sue Baughn, N. H. McCallum, P. V. Godfrey, Paul Price, E. D. McCull, T. L. Smith, W. M. Miller, M. E. Murray, H. F. Poard and Miss Catherine Gilley.

NO ONE WILL PURCHASE LARGE SIZE PAINTINGS

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 11.—Large canvases painted by old masters to hang upon the spacious walls of the rich man's mansion are hard to sell in these days of apartments and small houses. Bond Street dealers for small pictures, so that prices frequently are in inverse ratio to size.

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At Noon on Rotary Day (To be sung to "Maryland, My Maryland") By Daisy King Barker I yield myself thy votary Rotary, my Rotary! On Tuesday when thy day rolls round, And my cook can not be found, 'Tis with relief I know hubby's dined A treat of food and fun combined. And I can live on any scrap, 'Cept a scrap with that dear chap. I yield myself thy votary, Rotary, my Rotary! Then I'll not have to get that dinner, I declare I feel a winner. Oh! now I've got the proper lunch, I'll give the children all their lunch— Then I'll have time to take those stitches, Sew the buttons on his old breeches.

M. E. Murray