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## OIL SCANDAL DISCLOSURES CAUSE DENBY TO RESIGN

### Secretary of Navy Quits Under Fire of U. S. Senate

#### OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS MAY SUBMIT TO AXE

#### DAUGHERTY TO GO NEXT IS WISH OF REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Washington, Feb. 18.—The resignation of Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy to be effective March 10 was received and accepted by President Coolidge today.

Tendered voluntarily by the secretary for fear his remaining might "increase the embarrassments" of the President and as an outgrowth of the senate inquiry into the leasing of naval oil lands, the resignation marks the first break in the cabinet which Mr. Coolidge took over intact upon the death of President Harding.

Expressing regret in accepting the resignation President Coolidge declared in a letter to the naval secretary that "you will go with the knowledge that your honesty and integrity have not been impugned."

Mr. Denby on the other hand informed the chief executive that "it will always be a gratifying thought to me that neither your nor any one else at any time advised me to resign."

Although the action of the naval secretary at once started a flood of rumors concerning the probability of other resignations, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt whose name has been linked with that of Mr. Denby in the oil leasing cases declared that he had not resigned.

Upon learning of his chief's action Mr. Roosevelt made an engagement at the White House and conferred with the President. After the conference he authorized the announcement in the following statement:

"I have just been to see the President and I am not resigning."

**Hasn't Picked Successor**

As for the question of a successor to Mr. Denby it was stated authoritatively that this had received little consideration by the President. So far as known there is no plan in administration circles to promote Mr. Roosevelt to the post. The names of Charles E. Warren of Detroit, who has at least tentatively accepted the President's request appointment as ambassador to Mexico, and of former Representative Patrick H. Kelly, also of Michigan, former chairman of the naval subcommittee of the house appropriation committee, are prominently mentioned for the post. There has been nothing to indicate, however, that these are the only names before Mr. Coolidge and his advisers.

In a statement made public late today Secretary Denby discussed his resignation and pointed out that he deferred date of his retirement left plenty of time for any impeachment proceedings against him.

"Therefore," he added, "anyone who says that I am resigning for fear of impeachment simply lies."

Referring to the President's recent action in rejecting publicly the advice contained in a senate resolution requesting him to call immediately for Mr. Denby's resignation, the naval secretary said in the statement:

"The President has stood up manfully for right and justice. The sportsmanlike thing for me to do is to relieve him of the further embarrassment of continued political maneuvering and partisan political trickery."

He challenged investigation of his acts in connection with the leasing of naval oil reserve lands "before any unprejudiced tribunal" and declared his conviction that it could not be proven "that my action was not beneficial both to the government and the navy."

#### DEMAND DAUGHERTY'S RESIGNATION

Washington, Feb. 18.—Renewed demands for the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty are receiving

serious consideration among officials high in the administration.

The attorney general himself is not now inclined to leave the cabinet unless he is requested to do so directly by President Coolidge.

The attitude of the President has not yet been made entirely clear. It was indicated tonight that some development might follow tomorrow's cabinet meeting.

During the past 24 hours increasing pressure has been brought to bear to convince Mr. Coolidge that he should entirely clear his administration of those who have come under attack in the oil inquiry. It has been pointed out to him that with Secretary Denby out, many of the critics of the discredited Fall leasing policies may center their attacks on Mr. Daugherty and that a resolution already pending in the senate will give opportunity for a comprehensive assault on the whole record of the present department of justice.

One of those who have become most active in pressing for the attorney general's resignation is Senator Borah of Idaho, representing a wing of the Republican senate strength that has not heretofore joined with the LaFollette group in most of its assaults on the administration. Last night at the White House Senator Borah confronted both the President and Mr. Daugherty with a demand that the latter step out of the cabinet because the country had lost confidence in him.

On the Democratic side the attack has been led by Senator Wheeler, Democrat Montana, who has told his colleagues that he is prepared to present information of an entirely new and sensational character if the proposed inquiry into the administration of Attorney General Daugherty is followed through.

#### Sunday Gets \$26,000.

For preaching to the Christians and sinners in Charlotte for the past six weeks Billy Sunday was presented with a purse totaling almost \$26,000, at the close of the meeting in that city Sunday night. For building the tabernacle, where the meeting was held, and other incidental expenses a fund of \$21,000 was raised. These amounts together with individual gifts to different members of the Sunday party will doubtless aggregate all told the sum of \$50,000. It is not given out what the number of converts were but the Charlotte papers say that 2,000 people claimed to be converted at the four services held Sunday and that the record for one service exceeded 1,300. Many of those doubtless who gave their hand to the preacher had done the same thing many times before. Some people have to get a dose of new religion every time there is a "big" meeting in their midst. The actual results will be seen when the number of additions to the several churches of Charlotte is reported.

While Sunday had the crowds and doubtless great good was done reports state that the revival did not grip Charlotte as it should have and at a business man's meeting just a few days ago Fred Rapp, business manager of the organization, stated that "while there had been wonderful crowds at all the services there was little feeling of conviction manifest." This might have been overcome on the last days of the meeting. Mr. Rapp further said in his talk that "the crowds are coming to be entertained and are making more of a chautauque than a revival out of the meetings."

Only the future will reveal whether the meeting was a success or a failure in a spiritual way. There are many who do not believe in these evangelistic meetings like those conducted by Billy Sunday, Cyclone Mack Gypsy Smith, Mel Trotter and others, while on the other hand they have just as staunch supporters, some of them so narrow minded that they get mad if one says anything about these "roving" evangelists. Union Republican.

#### A Moravian Church for Mount Airy

Work for a Moravian church in Mount Airy started in dead earnest Tuesday night of last week. A large company of men met at the home of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Crouch, to consider the proper location and organization of the work in Mount Airy.

As soon as a lot can be secured a temporary place of worship will be established and a church building erected early next year. There are more than half a hundred people of this denomination in town and two churches north of Mount Airy one of them just being finished at a cost of \$10,000 making it one of the most modern and up-to-date country churches to be found anywhere. The first meeting held in regard to the movement in town was a very enthusiastic one, every man present agreeing to try to do whatever was placed upon him. Committees have been appointed and the work will go steadily forward. For the present all committee meetings etc., will be held in the home of the pastor No. 129 West Elm street.

#### WHITE BABY WITH NEGROES

Kinston, Feb. 18.—Search is being made for a clue to persons who left a white infant at a negro farm hand's home near here. The negro family has been caring for the infant. The welfare department seeks a home for it.

## World News Briefly Told

**KLAN FOUNDER, KOPS KALE**—William Joseph Simmons founder of the Ku Klux Klan, has sold his rights and privileges as chief of the organization to Imperial Wizard Hiram Wesley Evans. For a long time Kluckdom has been split over the management of the order and it was thought best to buy off its chief founder and get him out of the way. He received as head of the Klan \$1000 a month, and was paid \$145,000 to step down and out.

**WILL THIS WOMAN HANG?**—Will the state of Georgia hang Mrs. Ida Hughes for the murder of her mother in law? By a sentence passed upon her January 24 she will hang unless the governor intervenes. If she does receive the death penalty, she will be the first woman to hang in Georgia since the Civil War, prior to which time two women were given the extreme penalty.

**CONGRESS MUST O. K. FLIGHT TO POLE**—President Coolidge has ordered the Navy department to hold up preparations for the proposed flight of the mammoth dirigible Shenandoah over the North pole the coming summer pending action by Congress. He wants that body to assume responsibility for any mishap that might take place. The oil scandal which originated in a former administration and has splashed over into the present one, is doubtless giving the chief executive worry enough without shouldering the responsibility of a naval wild goose chase over the polar regions.

**DOHENY'S SALARY SOME DOUGH**—E. L. Doheny, whose shady oil leases have upset political Washington, pays himself a yearly salary of one million dollars as president of the company. He is said to be the highest paid employee in the world. Sinclair, as head of the Sinclair companies, draws only \$75,000 a year.

**107 YEAR-OLD BOY MISSES FIRE**—Chaim Weiss, 107-year old inmate of a New York home for the aged, was considerably peeved the other evening when out for a stroll he happened to miss seeing a fire that came near destroying the institution. When he returned and found that he had missed the excitement he exclaimed: "Just my luck. I was never in a big fire in my life, but I will live long enough yet to be in on a good one maybe."

**JAPAN FLOATS BONDS HERE**—Japan is selling in this country thru J. P. Morgan & Co. \$150,000,000 in bonds. The money will in a large measure be spent here in the purchase of copper, lumber, cotton and oil.

#### Thirsty Elkin Watch Boose Waste

Elkin, Feb. 17.—If moonshine whiskey can be classed as a disinfectant, surely no deadly germs lurk around the streets adjacent to the public square of this town, since the flushing of the main thoroughfare last Friday night when Prohibition Officer Bob Lovelace inaugurated a real spring cleaning with 60 gallons of the fiery liquid. To some of the eye-witnesses who now and then indulge in a morning appetizer "for their stomach's sake," it was a sad spectacle to behold for the liquid flowed too swiftly down the steep incline of South Bridge street for even a small dose to be scooped up. It was out on the Boone Trail in the vicinity of Clingman, Wilkes county, that Officer Lovelace and his assistants overtook the Studebaker car with the precious cargo, but the quick-witted, fleet-footed driver had vanished like a mist before the sun. The officers were driving along the highway, in the section of country mentioned when the Studebaker with its heavy cargo of 12 five gallon containers of whiskey shot by at an estimated speed of 60 miles an hour. The officers gave chase in a mad race of 15 miles, when the engine of the liquor laden car became so hot the driver had to slow down, so he snatched the license number from his machine and disappeared, as if by magic before Lovelace and his men arrived. This was the biggest haul they have brought in this season and the odor of whiskey still pervades the atmosphere of South Bridge street, which Officer Lovelace flushed so freely with his cargo of "fire water."

## 48 STATES DEMAND

WM. G. McADOO

### Conference of Leaders Proclaim Him as Democratic Candidate

#### WHY THE BONUS SHOULD BE GIVEN

Congressman Howard, of the state of Nebraska made a speech in congress last week in favor of the bonus and closed his remarks with these eloquent words that give a good and sufficient reason why the bonus should be granted.

And now, Mr. Spaker and gentlemen of the House let me suggest a simple plan to enable every American gentleman to find a correct solution of this problem of adjusted compensation for the ex-service men. The problem is so simple that it calls not for the pencil of a statistician, for the approval of a Secretary of the Treasury, nor for the weight of a presidential endorsement. But it calls, and the call is almost holy voiced, that each one of us shall remember the sacred pledge we gave to our soldier boys when they were departing for the war. How vividly those departing scenes come back to me. In every village, town, and city in all the land multitudes assembled at the railroad station to say good-by to the boys who were leaving peaceful homes for the zone of war. Again my heart is beating responsive to the pulsing of the hearts of sweethearts in lingering last embrace. Again is my soul in agony at witness of the sorrow tears and sorrow lines upon the faces of mothers who were giving their own flesh and blood a willing offering upon the altar of their country. Again I hear the trembling voices of the aged speaking a farewell blessing upon the loved boys of their own lineage. A warning whistle blast is heard. It is the signal that in five minutes the train must move. The mayor of the village or city raises his hand for silence. He either personally speaks or introduces some prominent citizen to speak, in the name of all the people, a final municipal farewell to the departing boys. My sympathy flows freely toward the big, strong man who is trying so hard to be outwardly cheerful as he is inwardly sorrowful. At times his words are in choking accent, but he struggles bravely, and in the final moment before departure of the train he calls upon the multitude of citizens to witness and approve the promise and the pledge he is about to make to the boys. In the name and on the behalf of my own home folks I spoke that same pledge to the boys, and it is reasonable to presume that each Member of this House, because of his prominence in his own home city or town, voiced a like pledge to the magnificent lads, his community was giving to their country. Do you not remember the pledge we gave to the boys on such occasions? These were the words: "Good-by, boys, and God bless you! Our prayers will be with you, and when you shall come home again nothing that the home folks can do will be too good for you." May a righteous God burn the words of that pledge upon all our hearts. For my part, that pledge was given in good faith, and may God help me to be faithful to my pledge! (Applause.)

#### FRENCH CARE FOR GERMAN CHILDREN

When the world war ended the hatred between the French and the German people was beyond conception. The acts of cruelty and wanton destruction had so inflamed the minds of both nations that they were like madmen. Five years have now gone by and signs are showing that this hatred is to some degree subsiding. It is a known fact the world over that the German people sulked after the war, and as the years have gone by they have made their lot even worse from year to year. Now in their cities winter is on them and millions of people are suffering from the necessities of life. These facts are known to the French people, and recently societies of French women have been formed to aid German children. The homes of French citizens will be thrown open to care for German children until their parents can care for them. This act on the part of French citizens is one of the most hopeful signs of the day. It points unmistakably to the dawn of a better day in that country and may be the entering wedge that will lead to a better understanding between the two nations.

#### Driver and Truck Blown to Pieces

Coffeyville, Kans., Feb. 2.—Not a trace of Harry Percival or of his truck could be found today following an explosion of nitroglycerine which he was hauling for the American Supply company, of which he was an employe. The explosion occurred near Altova and was felt here, a distance of 25 miles.

#### Railroad Labor Leaders Endorse Him—Conference Declares Ruling Party Has Ceased to Function

Chicago, Feb. 18.—McAdoo supporters from all sections of the country gathered here for an "availability conference" late today unanimously adopted a resolution that "William G. McAdoo is pre-eminently available as the Democratic candidate for the high office of President of the United States and is the hope of the progressive thought of the nation."

The resolution declared it to be the further sense of the conference that the "record of McAdoo is an open book." "We unanimously demand his leadership," the resolution concludes. After adoption of the resolution Mr. McAdoo was called upon to address the assemblage and was accorded a noisy ovation.

The platform pledges:

To drive out corruption from official Washington, a new international conference in the American capital to "promote peace, reduce the burdens of armament, restore international justice and stability; revive prosperity" and consider economic problems; submission of the question of American participation in such conference to a popular referendum; and "to take the grip of Wall street" off the treasury department and the federal reserve system. Other pledges include: "Repeal of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill; to bring about prompt reforms; to 'put agriculture on its feet again'; to 'enforce the 18th amendment of the constitution and all laws in pursuance thereof; reduce taxes; secure legislation setting up a labor code; passage of a child labor amendment to the constitution; 'to clean out the veterans bureau, and pay a soldiers' bonus."

**McAdoo Sees Grave Crisis**

Following a restatement of his professional connections with E. L. Doheny, as given the senate oil committee, Mr. McAdoo told the conference that a "grave crisis confronts the nation, and that crisis must be met without regard to cost."

The progressive thought of the country, he said, must look to the Democratic party for leadership.

"There is demoralization in government at Washington. The Republican can party has ceased to function" he said.

Mr. McAdoo did not appear before the conference until after it had unanimously adopted a resolution declaring him available as the Democratic candidate.

The resolution follows: "Be it resolved by this conference, that William G. McAdoo is pre-eminently available as the Democratic candidate for the high office of President of the United States and is the hope of the progressive thought of the nation."

"It is the further sense of this conference that the record of Mr. McAdoo is an open book. His honesty and integrity in public and private life have stood the test of the most searching investigation."

"We denounce and condemn the recent infamous conspiracy which attempted to besmirch his name and proclaim that he has emerged from these attacks stronger than before. "We unanimously demand his leadership."

All States Represented

Every state was represented by a spokesman in the conference.

A resolution adopted by a caucus of railroad labor leaders before the conference and declaring that "careful inquiry has failed to indicate that Mr. McAdoo has done anything improper or immoral," was later unanimously adopted by the entire conference. The resolution was introduced by E. L. Shoppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors and was signed by 17 representatives of rail organizations attending the conference.