

SPECIAL COUNSEL IS COLLECTING DATA IN THE OIL LEASE CASE

First Affirmative Step by the Government Taken When Silas H. Strawn Began Collecting Evidence.

SENATE DEBATING ANNULMENT STILL Doheny Wanted to Be Heard Again But Adjournment Was Taken Until Friday—Studying Leases Now.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—The government's first affirmative action toward prosecution of the naval oil cases was taken today while the Senate still was debating the Walsh annulment resolution.

President Coolidge conferred at length with Silas H. Strawn, who, with Thomas W. Gregory, will act as special government counsel, and immediately afterward Mr. Strawn began the collection of evidence.

Just before the Senate renewed its floor discussion of the oil investigating committee heard four physicians testify that in the present condition of former Secretary Fall would not warrant his appearance at a public hearing. The committee then decided to send medical examiners of its own to examine him.

E. L. Doheny reappeared at the committee room during the morning and requested that the committee hear him but adjournment was taken until Friday without his being placed on the stand. He did not announce the purpose of his return to Washington.

At the House end of the Capitol the naval committee began hearing on the disposition made of royalty oils from the Doheny and Sinclair interests, with Navy officials as witnesses.

Besides the Walsh annulment resolution, passage of which is expected today, the Senate has on its waiting list resolutions asking for the removal of Secretary Doheny and Attorney General Daugherty, one proposing to reassert title to oil lands in California held by the Standard Oil Company, and one appropriating \$100,000 for court prosecutions, amended today in committee to provide that the special counsel employed must be confirmed by the Senate.

Committee Work Postponed. Washington, Jan. 30.—Because of the absence of Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, the Senate committee investigating the Bok peace award held no session today. It is planned to resume hearings tomorrow.

Miss Esther Everett Lape in charge of the policy committee of the award, has questioned the authority of the committee to delve into the process by which the winning peace plan was selected. Thus far that point has not been decided.

Allowed Oil Exchange. Washington, Jan. 3.—Rear Admiral Lattimer, judge advocate general of the Navy, today told the House Naval Committee that in December, 1921, he informed Secretary Denby it would be illegal to enter into a contract with the Doheny interests for the construction of tankage at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a part of the lease of the California naval oil reserves.

The Admiral said he based his opinion on authority granted the Department by Congress in June, 1920, to exchange oil and provide storage facilities. This authority, it was brought out by committee members, was granted at the request of Joseph Daniels, then Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Denby, on December 5, 1921, the witness said, wrote on the margin of the opinion opposite the section discussing exchange and storage of oil "Do this, E. D."

Find German Mine at Cape Hatteras. Norfolk, Jan. 29.—A grim souvenir of the world war was found today by coast guards near Cape Hatteras. It was a floating German mine, capable of causing terrific damage to a ship that might come in contact with it. Naval authorities expressed the opinion that the mine had floated to the Atlantic coast from the North sea, where many were turned loose by the Germans during the war. In compliance with orders from the commandant of the fifth naval district, Chief Quartermaster A. K. Pounds, an ordnance expert, went to Hatteras aboard a seaplane to "draw the teeth" of the wanderer.

Harry Manfi Surrenders. (By the Associated Press.) Boston, Jan. 30.—Harry Manfi, of Revere, Mass., surrendered at the Federal building today and was arrested on charges of conspiracy to rob in connection with the million dollar mail truck robbery in Los Angeles, Cal., in March, 1921.

WHAT SATS BEAR SAYS.



Generally fair tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature.

Could Not Stand Life Any Longer



Miss Margaret Harding, daughter of W. P. G. Harding, former governor of the Federal Reserve Board, committed suicide in Boston last Saturday. Miss Harding, her father said, left notes addressed to him, to relatives and to friends. In the note to her father the young woman asked forgiveness "for what she had done and was about to do." "I could not stand life any longer," was one phase of the note, Mr. Harding said. Mr. Harding said his daughter's act was due to her "love for social life, dancing every night and smoking cigarettes."

Trustees of The Training School in Annual Session

Bard Held Annual Session at School Tuesday—Officers Chosen by Board to Serve For Next Two Years.

COOK CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES

Chosen to Head Board for Eight Time—Two New Trustees Welcomed.—To Make Additions at Once.

Trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Training School held their annual meeting in Concord Tuesday and, after the meeting several members of the board declared it was the best in the history of the institution. Every member of the board except two, was present.

Election of officers to serve for the next two years, greetings to two new members, inspiring exercise by students of the school and discussion of business matters were high lights in the meeting which was held in the Cannon Memorial building.

Officers chosen by the trustees are: James P. Cook, Concord, chairman; Miss Eesele Shaw, Rockingham, vice chairman; Prof. J. J. Blair, Raleigh, secretary; D. B. Coltrane, Concord, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of these officers, and C. A. Cannon, of Concord, who was chosen at the meeting.

New trustees chosen at the meeting were Mrs. G. T. Roth, of Elkin, and John S. Efrid, of Albemarle. Mrs. Roth and her husband have been benefactors of the school for a number of years, and in 1908 gave the funds for the present industrial building at the school. The election of Mr. Cook to the chairmanship of the board of trustees was unanimous, members in this way expressing to him their appreciation for the tireless effort and time he was given the school. This is the eighth time Mr. Cook has been chosen for this high office which he has held continuously since the organization of the school.

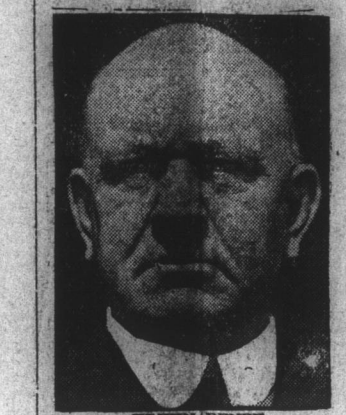
One of the most important matters directed by the trustees was authorization for the erection of another 50,000-gallon steel water tank. The tank will be supplied from a spring branch on the school property and the water will be used in case of fire and for industrial purposes.

The executive committee was further authorized to make arrangements for the erection of a Receiving and Infirmary Home, for the care of new arrivals and for any of those who may become sick. After the board members had concluded their business and had dined, they adjourned to the Margaret Burgwyn chapel where they faced the 360 boys packed to the very door. The boys under the direction of Superintendent Doger, gave a delightful entertainment of songs, solos, and speeches. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Cook, who introduced to the boys each of the board members. And they each responded in appropriate and entertaining talks. The boys received all these with a hearty enthusiasm. There were present several new members of the board, appointments of Mr. Morrison, Rev. Mr. Jimison and Mr. Whitlock, who expressed themselves as proud to have part in the direction of a work that had been so successfully started and was doing so much good.

Some of the older members of the board regarded this meeting the most outstanding in the institution's history. A resolution was passed fixing one annual meeting of the board—this to be held on the second Thursday of May in each year; of course, with provision for called meetings should occasion arise. The executive committee meets once a month to audit accounts and to advise with the superintendent.

The visit to the school Tuesday was the first made by several members of the board in recent months and these members were struck with the improvements and additions made at the school during the past year. Some of the members saw the Cannon Memorial building

HIS RESIGNATION ASKED BY SENATOR



EDWIN DENBY

NEWSPAPERS TO GET NEW CLASS RATING

Beginning on Friday Newspapers Will Be Given the Same Treatment as Given to First Class Mail.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Beginning on Friday newspapers will be accorded the same treatment in the mails as letters and other first class matter by an order made public today by Postmaster General New.

Under the new system newspapers will be made up in separate sacks plainly labeled with the word "Newspapers." If there are only a few copies of newspapers at the point of dispatch, they will be placed in pouches with first class mail or in separate sacks, even though the sacks are only partly filled. The order stipulates that newspapers shall not be mixed with parcel post at any point in their dispatch from the publisher's offices until their delivery to addressees.

CLIAM MRS. DE BOUCHEL ALREADY HAD HUSBAND

This is Claim Made by Ass Candler in Suit Asking for \$150,000 Damages.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 30.—A suit filed against Asa G. Candler, Sr., of Atlanta, by Mrs. Onezima de Bouchel, of New Orleans, for alleged breach of promise, attorneys for Mr. Candler filed with United States Judge Samuel H. Sibley today an amendment to the original answer asserting that at the time of Mrs. Candler's engagement to marry the New Orleans woman she was legally married to Adolphe Rocquet, of New Orleans.

The amendment declared that Mrs. De Bouchel "could not contract a valid marriage" because she was legally married to Mr. Rocquet. The ceremony, the amendment stated, was performed in Poplarville, Miss., September 9, 1902.

Attorney Albert Howell, chief counsel for Mrs. De Bouchel, announced that no effort would be made to place his client on the stand. Mr. Candler's lawyers indicated that they would not attempt to have him testify. This action was taken under a provision of the Georgia law governing breach of promise cases. Attorneys said the State law applies to such cases tried in Federal Court.

Trial of the case began shortly after noon, the jury being completed at 12:15 p. m.

Thieves Stole Water for Gasoline. Statesville, January 30.—Three young men are in the county jail here as the result of not being able to detect the difference between water and gasoline. They are charged with burglarizing the garage of the State Highway Commission in Turnersburg township, W. C. Chambers, in charge of the garage, returned early one morning to find the front articles were missing from the garage, one of which was a can of water. He went down the road and discovered an automobile stalled. It would not run on the water the youths had mistaken for gasoline. They are now sleeping in the jail instead of the car.

Queer Disease Kills Canines in New York. Gens Fall, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Northern New York is being swept by an enzootic among dogs which is killing them off by the dozen. Glens Falls and South Glens Falls seem to be the centres of the disease.

The malady resembles a malignant influenza and from 50 to 75 per cent of the dogs affected have died. Dogs more than a year old seem to have the best chance of recovery, and a number have been saved by vaccination.

Increased Gin Yield in Iredell. Statesville, Jan. 29.—The amount of cotton ginned in Iredell county during the term ended January 16, 1924, is greater by 3,408 bales than the amount ginned during the term ended January 16, 1923, according to figures issued by E. B. Shevill, federal cotton statistician. In the term ended January 16, 1924, there were ginned in Iredell 17,474 bales of cotton while in the same period of 1923 there were ginned 14,066 bales, says the report.

Consider Ford Offer. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—The McKenzie bill embodying Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was the first offer considered today by the House Military Committee, which has held hearings to discuss the four-year plan for lease of the property, federal cotton statistician.

Want Shipping Board Investigated. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—Democratic leaders in the House said today they would attempt to have a special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the shipping board.

"Who is Patricia?" Come to Central School Friday night and find out.

PHYSICIAN TELLS HOW TO LIVE TO BE 120 YEARS OLD

Don't Overeat, Keep Mouth Clean, Curb Anger, Says Dr. Darlington. New York, Jan. 30.—How to live to be 120 years old, was the subject of an address by Dr. Thomas Darlington, former head of the department of health, to the members of the National Democratic Club.

Dr. Darlington told his audience to avoid over-eating, to keep their mouths clean and use the tooth brush at least seven times daily. To prove his assertion that mouth hygiene was a most important factor in attaining old age, he said that in a case of pneumonia epidemic he found out of the 12,000 affected that 70 per cent. had pneumonia bacilli in their mouths.

Some of the principles laid down by Dr. Darlington for passing the allotted three score years, and ten were:

First—Do not over eat. Diabetes and high blood pressure are caused by over-weight and gluttony. Cut off thirty pounds from your weight.

Second—Eat vitamins. These include tomatoes, green stuffs and orange juice. If human beings take after rats in this respect they should live to 120.

Third—Curb your fire. Anger interferes with the proper flow of the gastric juices. Therefore, when moved to wrath, you cannot assimilate your food properly.

Fourth—Don't charge your body with too much fat. If you do the blood system will be charged with too much carbinic acid.

Fifth—Don't be afraid of work. Work never hindered the proper digestion of food. Some people want a three-hour day. If that came about it would require thousands of extra policemen to cope with the crime wave that would ensue.

DEMOCRAT OF CROWELL AND OTHERS SUSTAINED

Men Charged With Conspiracy in Connection With War-Time Contracts.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today sustained the demurrers of Benedict Crowell, former assistant secretary of war, and six others indicted with him in cases growing out of the building of wartime cantonnements.

Others convicted and included in the demurrer which was sustained, were: William A. Starrett, New York; Morton C. Tuttle, Boston; Clemens W. Landorf, of Cleveland; Clair Foster, of Canada; John McGibbons, of Baltimore; and James A. Mears, of Boston.

The defendants were associated with the Council of National Defense and were charged with conspiracy to maintain law and regulations and to control the signing of contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "coupon" system. All were prominent in the construction industry.

Attorney General Daugherty initiated the proceedings as a part of the government's prosecution of wartime construction cases.

Republican Must Stand Trial. Washington, Jan. 30.—John L. Phillips, republican state chairman of Georgia, and nine others indicted in connection with the sale of surplus lumber from the army cantonnements, must stand trial, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia held today in overruling demurrers to their indictments.

TAKING OF TESTIMONY BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Probable That Jury Will Take Some Action During the Day.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 30 (By the Associated Press.)—Hearing of witnesses in connection with the charges of violation of the national banking laws against Lieut. Governor W. B. Cooper, Thos. E. Cooper, Horace C. Cooper and Clyde W. Lassiter, continued today before the grand jury in United States District court here. Indications were that the jury would take action sometime during the day.

If indictments are returned, the trial of cases is expected to begin tomorrow.

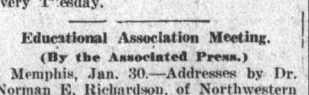
Carolina Playmakers to Make Tour. (By the Associated Press.) Elizabeth City, Jan. 30.—The Carolina Playmakers, the dramatic club of the University of North Carolina, will appear here while on its seventh annual tour of the State. The Playmakers will appear under the auspices of the Rotary Club and will give three original folk plays of North Carolina life. The date for their appearance has been set for February 18th. The Playmakers will open in Chapel Hill and then go to Louisville, Smithfield, Kinston, New Bern, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Scotland Neck and Raleigh.

Mis-spelled Word Continues to Attract Hundreds.

Despite the fact that the mis-spelled word contest is now entering on its tenth week, large numbers continue to turn in their answers each week. Most of those who started out in the beginning are determined to keep up with the contest while it lasts and they are working faithfully to get the correct word each week and to furnish appropriate slogans for the various merchants whose ads appear on the mis-spelled word page, every Tuesday.

Educational Association Meeting. (By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Jan. 30.—Addresses by Dr. Norman E. Richardson, of Northwestern University, and W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, and a general discussion of religious educational work made up the program for the opening session today of the annual convention here of the Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Who Won? State Library Observer



This is Professor Manley O. Hudson of the Harvard Law School who is believed by many to stand excellent chance of winning the \$100,000 Bok peace prize. His friends say his views on international affairs coincide exactly with the prize-winning plan. But Professor Hudson denies he won the prize. Name of the winner will be announced soon.

GUERRILLA WARFARE PLANNED BY REBELS

This Decision Reached Following Several Crushing Defeats They Have Suffered Recently.

Mexico City, Jan. 30 (By radio via Fort Worth Star-Telegram)—By the Associated Press.—Revolutionary forces around Vera Cruz are preparing to inaugurate guerrilla warfare following the crushing defeats at Llano Grande, Boca del Mote and Esperanza, according to wireless messages sent to Gen. Dieguez in Jalisco by Gen. de La Huerta, the revolutionary leader, which were intercepted and given out by the War Department.

Complete aerial reports on the Esperanza-victory still are unavailable.

PHYSICIANS STATE FALL IS TOO SICK TO GIVE EVIDENCE



Say Former Secretary is Not Well Enough to Appear Before Senate Committee and Give Testimony Now.

PHYSICIANS ARE HEARD IN SECRET

It Is Understood, However, the Said Former Secretary Is Now Near Collapse.—Committee May Visit Him

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Physicians attending Albert B. Fall told the Senate oil committee today that the former Interior Secretary is in no condition to appear before it and testify.

The hearing was held behind closed doors and details were not divulged. It was learned, however, that the doctors related how Mr. Fall remained in his room continuously since his arrival in Washington last Thursday night; had shown little if any improvement from day to day, and had reached a state of nervous exhaustion threatening collapse.

The committee members questioned the witnesses at length concerning the cause of this condition, but the replies were not made public. The physicians insisted that it would be inadvisable under all circumstances to attempt to take the former Secretary to the Capitol for questioning.

The purpose of today's hearing was to enable the committee to decide whether it would call Mr. Fall before it or appoint a sub-committee to examine him in his sick room as suggested by his counsel.

FULL RECOGNITION TO BE GIVEN TO RUSSIA

This Action Expected by Great Britain Within Next Ten Days.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Full diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia by the British government is expected within ten days, according to political observers conversant with the labor government's intentions. These observers say that Premier MacDonald is anxious to have recognition accomplished before Parliament meets on February 12th.

Furniture Outlook Bright. High Point, Jan. 30.—The furniture outlook for the year 1924 is very bright, according to J. T. Ryan, secretary of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Ryan stated that the sale of furniture in Grand Rapids, Chicago and High Point were well up to expectations during 1923 despite many unforeseen obstacles arising. It was his belief that conditions would be much better in 1924 than they were in 1923.

Tennessee Bank Robbed. Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Two unmasked men early today robbed the Farmers Bank of Jasper, Tenn., of \$10,000 in cash, after covering the cashier, A. L. Robertson, with pistols. Two suspects were arrested at Whitwell, Tenn., an hour later, and are being taken to Jasper for identification.

John Sprunt Hill Speaks in Atlanta. (By the Associated Press.) Durham, Jan. 30.—John Sprunt Hill, prominent Durham citizen, addressed the Merchants Association of Atlanta at the Georgia capital on Monday evening. "North Carolina—a Story of Triumphant Democracy," was Mr. Hill's subject.

One hundred and twenty Congregational churches in 27 states, use motion picture machines as an aid to the Sunday evening service.

A public swimming pool large to accommodate 150,000 bathers a day is planned for one of the parks in New Orleans.

Mr. Sunday to Preach in First Presbyterian Church Here.

It became definitely known today that Billy Sunday and party will be in Concord next Monday. The evangelist will preach in the First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 o'clock.

The Ministerial Association has been criticised publicly and privately for what has been supposed to be indifference touching the question of securing Mr. Sunday. As a matter of fact we wish to say to the public that the committee appointed for this purpose has worked diligently and almost constantly to land this big attraction for Concord, but we followed the urgent request of Mr. Sunday's Secretary and have given out nothing until it could be stated positively that Mr. Sunday could arrange to give us a date. Mr. Matthews declared he would not become involved in promises that there might be some doubt about his keeping and insisted that nothing should be said in the papers concerning the engagement until a few days before the time finally agreed upon. He, however, at last authorized us to make through the press the bare announcement that in all probability a visit would be arranged for this city.

Your committee is glad to say, "we have kept the faith" and have secured the Sunday party. This should abundantly satisfy all the critics.

THE COMMITTEE.