

Coolidge May Cancel Nominations of Both Pomerene and Strawn

Washington Reports - Say Nomination of Strawn is Practically Certain to Be Withdrawn by President.

DENVER OIL MAN GIVES TESTIMONY

Says He Was Told Confidentially That Sinclair Would Get Teapot Dome - Garfield May Be Named.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Coolidge apparently is preparing to withdraw from the Senate the nomination of Silas H. Strawn, of Illinois, as special government counsel in the oil lease cases.

Men Not Popular.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—There were further indications today of impending developments of first importance in connection with the designation of government counsel to prosecute the oil lease cases.

The question was talked over with President Coolidge by Chairman Lenroot of the oil committee and Senator Curtis of Kansas, the republican Senate whip, and afterward there was increasing evidence that the committee would refuse to give approval to one or both of the men nominated as counsel by the President.

Meantime some of those intimately acquainted with the trend of developments believe that voluntary changes may be made in the President's selections precluding the necessity of adverse Senate action.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Carl C. Schuyler, a Denver attorney, telegraphed Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, today that he has in his possession correspondence which he thought the Senate oil committee should have.

At the same time the Montana Senator received the telegram from D. F. Stebbins, a Denver Post, saying he had good reasons to believe that the correspondence in Schuyler's possession was "sensational."

Public Opinion Will Force Action. Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—A prediction that public opinion will force President Coolidge to remove every official connected with the oil reserve leases was made today by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, democratic leader, in reply to the President's refusal to accept the Senate's advice and immediately ask for the resignation of Secretary Denby.

Knew Sinclair Would Get Lease. Washington, Feb. 13.—Leo J. Stack, a Denver oil man, testified today before the Senate oil committee that the Pioneer Oil Company officials had told him confidentially a week before the Teapot Dome was leased that Harry F. Sinclair was to get the lease.

When the oil committee resumed hearings this morning Stack, who testified yesterday, was cross examined by Chairman Lenroot. Stack emphasized the danger of draining the Teapot Dome by wells which would be opened on the land surrounding the naval reserve under the action which the Interior Department had taken in 1920, when the rights to operate on such land had been sold at public auction.

"In 1920 it was common talk among the oil men that the reserve was being drained," he said.

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MRS. WILSON STRONG FOR AID TO GERMAN CHILDREN

Dismisses Flag Incident With a Word and Declares Husband Would Be For Such Help.

New York, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, in a letter to Major General Henry Allen, made public today, expressed hope that the fund for aid of helpless German children would continue to find generous support. Her letter, in answer to information from General Allen that the flag incident at the German embassy at the time of Mr. Wilson's death had alienated numbers of workers for the cause and caused the cancellation of some gifts, follows:

"Dear General Allen: The information contained in your letter of February 10th with respect to the starving children of Germany causes me genuine distress. As a private citizen I will not venture to comment on the official aspect of the recent flag episode; but I am convinced the feeling of my husband on the phase of the matter presented by you would so entirely accord with my own I do not hesitate to express the hope that your funds in aid of helpless German children may find generous support.

"I am sure Mr. Wilson would not have the devotion and loyalty of the American people whom he loved take on a guise of resentment which might cause suffering if not death among innocent children.

"Faithfully and sincerely yours, (Signed) EDITH BOLLING WILSON."

THOMAS COOPER TAKES BLAME FOR EVERYTHING

Says If Government Charges Are True He Alone Is Wholly Responsible.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13. (By the Associated Press).—Thomas E. Cooper, president of the defunct Commercial National Bank, on trial with his brother, Lieut. Governor W. B. Cooper, on charges of conspiracy in connection with the failure of the bank, today took upon himself all responsibility for transactions which the government alleges were fraudulent. Testifying as the first defense witness he declared that his brother who was chairman of the board of directors of the bank, had no knowledge of the transactions.

Mr. Cooper denied that he and his brother had conspired together as charged in the indictment on which they are being tried. He said he never attempted to defraud the bank, mislead its funds, or to make false entries with the intent to defraud.

The younger Cooper took the witness stand late yesterday, and was expected to be on the stand most of the day. Lieutenant Governor Cooper was to follow him on the stand.

Cooper today reiterated his belief that the bank was solvent prior to the time it was closed, and that if given time it could have been saved. He declared that he and other members of his family had large deposits in the bank at the time it was closed.

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Arrested.



Mrs. Asa G. Chandler (above) of Atlanta, Ga., wife of the Coca-Cola king, was arrested by police who raided a fashionable apartment.

BRING CHARGE OF EXTREME HERESY

Bishop William Montgomery Brown, of Gallon, Ohio, Will Face Trial.

New York, Feb. 12.—The Rev. William Montgomery Brown, of Gallon, Ohio, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and known to his opponents as "the Bishop of Bolshevists and Atheists," faces trial on charges of extreme heresy, it became known today.

The charges, framed by Bishops A. C. A. Hall, of Vermont; Joseph M. Francis, of Indianapolis, and William L. Gravatt, of West Virginia, and sent to the House of Bishops, were based on statements made by Bishop Brown in this book, "Communism and Christianity," and set forth that the churchman "holds and teaches certain doctrines contrary to those held by the Protestant Episcopal Church of America."

Theodore Schneider, author of books of religion, and friend of the Rev. Mr. Brown, made public the charges. Bishop Brown formerly was Bishop of Arkansas.

MUST REMOVE BULLET FROM WOMAN'S LEG

Miss Bernice Euless, of Graham, on Way to Philadelphia For Operation to Save Life.

Greensboro, Feb. 12.—Miss Bernice Euless, of Graham, was on her way last night to Philadelphia where doctors will make an effort to remove a pistol ball which has been embedded in her left leg for 21 years. Unless the bullet can be removed it is doubtful, physicians say, whether she can live.

When nine years old Miss Euless was playing in the kitchen with her sister. Outside a neighbor shot at a dog. The children, attracted by the noise of the shot, ran to a window just before the first shot again. The second bullet struck a stone and glancing hit the young girl in the neck, directly in front and under the chin.

Miss Euless never suffered from the effects of the wound until three weeks ago when she became ill. An X-ray picture disclosed the fact that the bullet had worked its way from the neck to the lung.

ALBEMARLE TO ERECT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Only One Negative Vote Cast for \$200,000 Bond Issue—Work to Start Soon.

Albemarle, Feb. 12.—Two hundred thousand dollars in bonds for the erection of a modern high school building was voted by the town of Albemarle in an election held today. Only one vote was cast in opposition to the bond issue. The voting population of Albemarle is approximately 900. Only 206 voters qualified to vote in the bond election. Of this number 51 did not vote.

A site containing about five acres situated near the center of the town has already been secured for the new school building. It is planned to have plans drawn at once in order that work can be started as early as possible on the new structure. The school board is composed of the following: R. L. Smith, chairman; A. P. Harris, M. A. Boger, H. L. Horton, A. L. Patterson and W. L. Mann.

Severs Diplomatic Relations. Washington, D. C., Feb. 13 (By the Associated Press).—Diplomatic relations between the United States and the government of Honduras have been severed by the State Department. The step was taken because of the failure of the political factions in Honduras to reach an agreement under which constitutional government can be restored by peaceful means.

Cape Town Accurately Hears Schemed Radio Programs. Schemed, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The General Electric company today announced receipt of a letter containing the log of a radio program broadcast here January 4 and received at Cape Town, South Africa.

Every number contained in the log checked with the program as broadcast. The exact distance from Schemed to Cape Town is 7,880 miles.

Will Not Hamper Labor Leaders. (By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 13.—Former Prime Minister Baldwin indicated today that the conservative opposition was not likely to take any action likely to hamper the MacDonald cabinet in negotiations with France.

With Our Advertisers. Fine cakes are made by the Concord Steam Bakery. See ad. today for list of the kinds made. Pure milk and cream at the Sunrise Dairy. Phone 4211.

Christian Endeavor Meet Being Held in City Today

Leadership Institute Being Conducted Here by Prominent Leaders—First Session This Afternoon.

NIGHT SESSION TO START AT 7 O'CLOCK Sessions to Be Held at Methodist Protestant Church on Ann Street—Services Arousing Interest.

Quite a number of the churches in the city are not having their regular prayer meeting services this evening so that their young people may have an opportunity to attend the Christian Endeavor Leadership Institute at the Methodist Protestant Church. This institute will be attended by the Christian Endeavor Societies of Kannapolis, Roberts, Poplar Tent, Bethpage, and other churches in the county, as well as those in the city proper. It is understood that there will be representatives from the Epworth Leagues and Baptist Young Peoples' Unions of the city also.

The first session will open at 4:30 p. m., under the leadership of Mr. Charles E. Evans, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Evans is an expert in work with the young people of the church and has been a national figure in Christian Endeavor work for the past fifteen years. As a Field Secretary of the All-South Christian Endeavor Extension Committee, he was largely responsible for the achievements of the committee when in 1918-21, there were organized in the South 1965 new Christian Endeavor Societies in 26 denominations. For the last three years, he has been the Southern Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and has had directly under his supervision all the Christian Endeavor work of forty denominations in all the Southern States.

The afternoon session will be devoted to conferences on Junior, Intermediate, and Senior plans for young people in the church. All leaders of children and young people, of whatever denomination, will find this session of special benefit. Be sure to bring your note books along. Opportunities will be given for discussion of pertinent problems.

At 7:00 p. m. there will be held a Cabaret, County Christian Endeavor Rally, under the leadership of County President, Mr. Arthur Kelly. All societies in the county are expected to attend in large numbers at this time. A banner will be awarded to the society having the largest percentage of its membership present. Plans will be taken up leading to the county convention to be held in May.

At the 7:30 session of the Institute, the principal address will be made by Dr. A. E. Cory, a national figure in the Disciples of Christ circles. His achievements as Educational Secretary of that great denomination in China for a period of fifteen years is well known to our readers. For nine years he was General Secretary of the Men and Million Movement in America, which has for its purpose the enlisting of one thousand men and women, and six millions of dollars for the work of the societies and colleges of the Disciples of Christ. He is now pastor of the Gordon Street Church of Christ, Kingston, N. C., and is president of the International Convention of Disciples.

An offering will be received in the night session for the work of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union. The public is cordially invited to attend all sessions of the Institute. Dr. Corey and Mr. Evans will hold a similar institute in Charlotte tomorrow in the Second Presbyterian Church of that city.

PRESIDENT IS BACK AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Was Away From Washington on First Trip as President Less Than 20 Hours.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—President Coolidge, returning from New York where he addressed the Lincoln Birthday Dinner of the National Republican Club, reached Washington at 7 a. m. today, having been absent from the capital less than 20 hours on the first trip of more than a few miles he has made since becoming President.

Herrin Is Quiet Again. Herrin, Ill., Feb. 13 (By the Associated Press).—Quiet prevails in Williamson County, under occupation by state troops because of intense friction between the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the Flaming Circle. The scope of the order against firearms has included S. Glenn Young, Ku Klux Klan dry raid leader, whose activities caused the ill feeling. He was directed last night by the commander of the troops at Marion to leave his two heavy pistols which he has worn continually, at his home.

Churches Asked to Report Collections. Greensboro, Feb. 12.—The budget committee of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant conference, meeting here today, authorized the treasurer of the conference, S. W. Taylor, of Burlington, to prepare charts showing the standing of the churches as to payments made on general conference claims. The fourteen districts of the conference were all represented at the conference.

Another Investigation. Washington, Feb. 13.—Inquiry into charges of fraudulent land operations in Texas was ordered today by the Senate in adopting a resolution introduced by Senator Heflin, democrat, of Alabama.

Read Succeeds Bowen. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 13.—George C. Bowen, of Greenville, S. C., prohibition director for South Carolina, has resigned. Prohibition Commissioner Haues announced today. Edgar Reed, former division chief of the fourth district, will take temporary charge of the office.

Controversy Comes to Head. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Bringing to a head the controversy between the United States Employees Compensation Commission and the Comptroller General's office, Comptroller General McCall today cut off A. H. Gardes as disbursing officer in the Commission from further advances of money from the compensation fund.

Driver and Truck Blown to Pieces. Coffeyville, Kans., Feb. 12.—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 employee. The explosion occurred near Altoona and was felt here, a distance of 35 miles. At Mount Valley, 18 miles northeast of here, the shock was reported as very severe. The building trembled for several seconds. Percival's home was at Independence, Kansas.

Felch Charged With Perjury. (By the Associated Press.) Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13.—Oscar Felch, former White Sox player, who testified yesterday at the trial of Joe Jackson's suit for \$18,500 against the Chicago Club of the American League, was arrested at the opening of court this morning on a perjury charge.

Wesley M. Long Dead. (By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 13.—Wesley M. Long, former member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, and a leading farmer and business man, died suddenly at his home near here today.

Norway to Recognize Russia. Moscow, Feb. 13 (By the Associated Press).—Norway has given the Russian soviet government de jure recognition, the foreign office was informed today in a telegram received from Madame Alexandra Kollantay, soviet representative in Norway.

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Crowned!



Photo shows Crown Princess Nagako of Japan, taken after her recent marriage to the prince regent.

BONUS WILL BE FIRST ON COMMITTEE'S LIST

Chairman Green Promises Early Action.—Prolonged Tax Debate.

Washington, February 12.—Informal agreements made today by house leaders on the tax reduction bill to three or four days when it is taken up on the floor Thursday is believed to assure disposition of the measure in the house within three weeks at the most and possibly in two.

Chairman Green of the Ways and means committee and Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat, expressed the hope that general debate on the bill could be concluded Monday and the income rates, the center of difference on the measure, taken up Tuesday and disposed of within two days.

Discussion on the bonus bill today developed the opinion in the committee that it could be given consideration before the tax bill is disposed of. Chairman Green said, however, the bonus measure would be first on the program of the committee after the floor contest on the revenue bill is finished.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SENDS DENIAL TO THE SENATE

Violators of War Contracts Not Offered Immunity, Attorney General States.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Attorney General Daugherty denied in a communication sent today to the Senate that the Department of Justice had made any settlement in war contract leases by which immunity from criminal prosecution was promised provided the civil liability was met.

Many cases had been settled without criminal prosecution, the Attorney General said, but these involved in the main overpayments by the government through mistakes of law or fact, and other contentions which would not warrant criminal prosecution.

CHURCH THIEF ADDS FOURTH TO HIS LIST

Salisbury Looter Gets Nothing for Breaking Into Park Avenue Edifice.

Salisbury, Feb. 12.—The fourth church to be ransacked by burglars in two weeks was the Park Avenue Methodist church which was entered some time since Sunday evidence of the visit being discovered this morning.

An entrance had been made through a window and apparently a thorough search was made for money but the visitor found none. Officers are without a clue and the identity of the thief who has a weakness for church remains a mystery.

South Carolina Republicans Endorse President Coolidge. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12.—The South Carolina State Republican convention was held here today, and four delegates at large were elected to the national convention.

The gathering adopted a resolution endorsing the Coolidge administration. Joseph T. Tolbert, national committeeman for this state, dominated the gathering.

The four delegates at large are Joseph W. Tolbert, of Greenwood county; Sam J. Leaphart, of Lexington; Dr. J. H. Goodwin, of Columbia, and W. S. Dixon, of Barwell, the two last named are colored men.

The district delegates are to be elected at a series of district conventions to be held during the next few weeks. The convention was held in a negro theater, with an attendance of 124, a considerable portion of which were white men. Practically every county was represented, with Beaufort showing possibly the weakest delegation.

SEVENTEEN KILLED DURING BATTLE IN BAVARIAN PROVINCE

Resulted From Fighting Between Separatists and Inhabitants of Pirmasens Tuesday Night.

TWENTY WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING

Men Were Fighting for Government Building Which Was Eventually Set Fire—Reports Conflicting.

Berlin, Feb. 13. (By the Associated Press).—Fighting between separatist inhabitants of Pirmasens in the Bavarian palatinate last night resulted in the killing of seventeen persons and the wounding of twenty, according to dispatches received from that city this morning. The casualties occurred during the fighting for the possession of the government building which was eventually set on fire. Of those killed, 14 were separatists.

The accounts of the incident as published here are somewhat conflicting but it appears that forty separatists barricaded themselves in the government building from which they fired and threw bombs at the crowd. In attempting to eject them the crowd sprayed benzine on the building for the purpose of burning it. When the lower part was on fire the separatists stopped shooting and begged for mercy.

One report says all the separatists who left the building including their leader Schwab, government commissioner, were slain, but a later report records that but fourteen of those in the building were killed.

Latest advices said the building was still burning. The attitude of French authorities was described as neutral.

MODERN FLAPPER'S CAUSE FIND ABLIE CHAMPION

Head of Girls' School Says Criticism is Unjust and Unfair.

Atlantic City, Feb. 13.—The flapper found a champion here today in the person of Dr. John Fearnley, head of St. Mary's School for Girls, at Burlington. Dr. Fearnley, who with Mrs. Fearnley is sponsoring the Ambassador, asserts that "while the 1924 girl loves thrills and sensationalism, she is fundamentally sound and sincere, and is more deeply religious and moral than her predecessor of before the war."

"I am a great admirer of the American girl," said Dr. Fearnley, who since his graduation from Cambridge has devoted his life to education. "I have read, and heard on all sides, what I consider highly unjustifiable aspersions against the character of the girl of today, and it fills me with indignation.

"The young women in our school, averaging 17 years of age, and representing the present American homes, are taking a deeper interest in the great things of life and are more moral and religious than they were 10 years ago. In fact, the largest confirmation class I have had in the 24 years of my connection with the school was this year's."

"I will say that the girls do themselves an injustice by carelessness in their speech in respect to man, but I am sure that it is good for her ultimate happiness. While it is true that there is more cigarette smoking and night automobile parties, it is also true that the girls who do not go in for that sort of thing have more sterling characters than was easy to find in the past. I am convinced that America never had better cause to be grateful for its womanhood and to rest assured that the mothers of tomorrow will be better than those of yesterday."

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WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably light snow in west portion Thursday, unsettled, not much change in temperature.