

The Oil Investigating Will Recess Ten Days

Senator Walsh Must Leave the City and His Absence Makes It Necessary for Committee to Halt Work.

WORK WILL NOT BE STOPPED NOW

For While, Committee is in Recess Investigators Will Continue to Carry Forward Their Inquiries.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The Senate oil committee after developing sensational news in its investigation of the oil industry, has taken a ten-day recess.

Before adjourning last night it received testimony from the oil industry, including that of President Harding's Marion Star which has been given credit by Frank A. Vanderlip. Also it received word from Otto H. Kahn and R. F. Younkman that they had no knowledge of any \$1,000,000 oil slush fund sent to Washington for distribution to public officials and others.

The committee in addition, approved the nomination of special government counsel in the oil lease cases, Alton Pomeroy of Canton, Ohio, and Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia. Mr. Roberts was appointed in place of Elias H. Strawn, of Chicago, whose nomination was withdrawn Thursday by President Coolidge.

The nominations will be called up soon in the Senate where Senator Dill, democrat, of Washington, will continue the fight on Mr. Pomeroy, which he started in the committee. Meanwhile the counsel will proceed with a study of the facts so as to speed the institution of injunction proceedings to stop extraction of oil from the naval reserves, the first step in the contemplated litigation for annulment of the Fall leases.

Adjournment of the committee was contemporaneous with a break in the New York Stock market which resulted from circulation of reports that one big operator had become bullish on the theory that public confidence had been undermined by the oil disclosures.

Announcement of the adjournment came after an executive session and it was stated that the recess was made necessary, among other reasons, by enforced absence from Washington of Senator Walsh, of Montana.

During the interim, committee investigators will go forward with their work.

Start Proceedings to Recover Oil Reserve.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Without debate the House today adopted the Walsh resolution directing the beginning of proceedings to recover sections 16 and 36, within naval oil reserve No. 1 in California, now operated by the Standard Oil Company of California.

The measure now goes to President Coolidge who is directed by its terms to instruct special government counsel to prosecute the proceedings.

Steps to recover the two sections were taken late in the Wilson administration but Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior, dismissed the proceedings on motions of counsel for the Standard Oil Co. The two sections which are within the confines of Reserve No. 1, but not a part of it, were ceded by the Federal government to California upon statehood as school and non-mineral land. Oil subsequently was found and the Standard Oil Co. began development of the field under a state grant.

Controversy in Senate.

Washington, Feb. 15.—A sharp controversy on the question of whether the nominations of the special government counsel in the oil cases would be considered by the Senate in the open or behind closed doors occurred today immediately after the Senate convened. Senator Dill, of Washington, sought to have the question of whether or not executive sessions would be public or closed, settled immediately. There was objection from Senator Lodge, who claimed the motion out of order, and President Cummings upheld the contention of the republican leader.

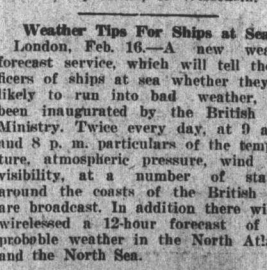
Another Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 15.—A nationwide inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into the milling and making industries was ordered today by the Senate in adoption of resolutions by Senator La Follette, republican, of Wisconsin.

Weather Tips For Ships at Sea.

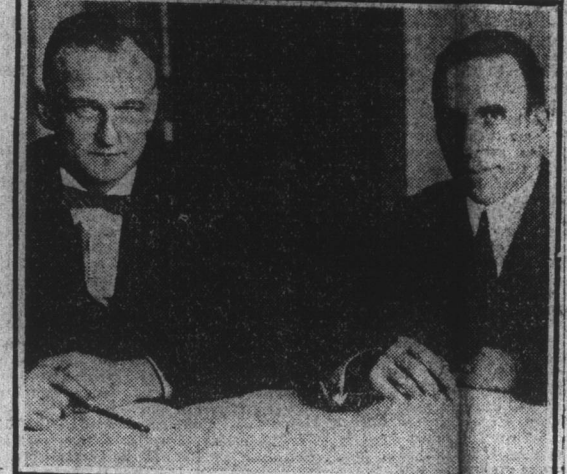
London, Feb. 15.—A new weather forecast service, which will tell the officers of ships at sea whether they are likely to run into bad weather, has been inaugurated by the British Air Ministry. Twice every day, at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. particulars of the temperature, atmospheric pressure, wind, and visibility, at a number of stations around the coasts of the British Isles are broadcast. In addition there will be wireless a 12-hour forecast of the probable weather in the North Atlantic and the North Sea.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Cloudy tonight, probably rain or sleet in west portion; warmer in northwest portion tonight. Sunday rain with rising temperature.

New Officers



Lieut. Com. Bruce G. Leighton (left) newly appointed engineer officer of the Shenandoah and Lieut. Com. Zachary Lansdowne, who succeeds Commander McCarty, are shown photographed at Navy Department in Washington.

FEDERAL SOLDIERS WANT TUXPAM NEXT

Rich Oil Field City Will Be Next Objective of Federal Troops Fighting for President Obregon.

Mexico City, by Radio to Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.) Tuxpam, especially important because of rich oil fields in the region, is the next Federal objective. Part of General Martinez's 10,000 men occupying Vera Cruz have been rushed to co-operate with the forces of General Luis Gutierrez and General Cordoba.

General Gomez, military commander of Mexico city, declares he is only awaiting Obregon's orders to start toward Tampico to head the military operations against the rebels there.

OBJECTION VOICED TO GEORGE B. CHRISTIAN

Senator La Follette Does Not Want Him in Trade Commission.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—Objection to confirmation of George B. Christian, Jr., former secretary to President Harding, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission, was raised today by Senator La Follette, republican, of Wisconsin, on the ground that while in the White House Mr. Christian had interested himself in an important case then now pending before the commission.

The case is that of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation against which the Commission issued complaint in May, 1921. Senator La Follette's opposition was announced after Commissioner Houston Thompson had testified at a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Committee that he was called to the White House by Mr. Christian and criticized for having acted without giving the company a hearing.

Charged With Burning Garage of a Neighbor.

Salisbury, Feb. 15.—Raymond Leach, white youth, is being held on a charge of burning the garage and chicken house of a neighbor, I. G. Ledwell. The fire occurred last night, and soon afterwards young Leach appeared at police headquarters and related the story of how he had set the fire.

The youth is said to be partially irresponsible, but officers placed credence in his story, and he will be given a hearing tomorrow.

Communist Plot Discovered?

Tokio, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The discovery of a well-formulated plot to form a communist government in Japan supported by the Russian communists has resulted in the indictment of 29 Japanese communists on a charge of plotting to form a secret party, according to the published announcement of the results of an examination conducted by the Tokyo district court, and details printed by Japanese newspapers here.

Mr. George T. Walker, of Reidsville, father of Mr. J. S. Walker, of Concord, died at his home Thursday, aged 84 years.

Woman's Will Decries Dogs' Deaths, But Husband Says They Will Live

Summit, N. J., Feb. 15.—When Mrs. Olivia E. Laveland Dunn, of Summit, died two weeks ago she sentenced her five valuable dogs to death, it was revealed today when her will was filed for probate at Elizabeth. The will directs that the animals be chloroformed by Dr. Anderson, veterinarian.

"I would hate to put any animal to death unless it appeared better that way," the veterinarian said today when informed of the nature of the will, "but if that's in her will it must be carried out. I'll destroy the dogs as humanely as possible if I am so directed by the executors."

Bartholomew Dunn, although not an executor of his wife's will, said he "would most certainly not allow" the dogs to be executed, and that he would engage a lawyer to oppose this part of the will.

For years thoroughbred Pomeranians had been a hobby with Mrs. Dunn, who

CONGRESS PROBABLY WILL INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Wounding of United States Senator During Chase of Bootlegger Brings Liquor Matter Up to Congress.

SENATOR GREENE ACCIDENTALLY HIT

Was Walking Along Street With Mrs. Greene When Struck Near the Eye by a Bullet Fired by Officer.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The prohibition situation in Washington for months a center of criticism and controversy, has culminated in the shooting down of a United States Senator almost within the shadow of the capitol.

As a result, the whole muddle of conflicting opinions, charges, explanations, denials and counter charges, that have characterized efforts to enforce the prohibition laws here seems likely to have a thorough airing in Congress.

Sensor Frank L. Greene, of Vermont, was shot in the head last night as a car containing prohibition agents whirled out of an alley into Pennsylvania avenue in pursuit of another automobile suspected of carrying bootleggers. This morning it appeared that the wound probably was not fatal, although a final determination of that question awaited a more careful physician's examination.

The Senator was walking with his wife when the shooting occurred less than three blocks from the capitol. He was hit in the eye by a bullet fired from one of the automobiles, apparently by a prohibition agent. A prohibition agent is under arrest, but no formal charges have been placed against him.

The attending physicians at the emergency hospital said today that Mr. Greene appeared to be somewhat better. He was conscious and an X-ray examination showed that the bullet had not remained in his head.

The incident was not the first in which the lives of those on the streets have been endangered by pistol battles with bootleggers. Mad chases of that kind through the center of the city have been numerous. There have been a number of fatalities to bystanders.

The whole question has been complicated by a three-cornered row joined in by agents of the prohibition unit, officers of the intelligence division of the Treasury Department, and the city police.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Frank L. Greene, senior Senator from Vermont, was shot and seriously wounded here late tonight during a pistol duel between prohibition agents and bootleggers.

The bullet struck him over the left eyebrow and surgeons at the hospital to which he was taken immediately were unable to determine whether it had lodged in the brain. Senator Greene was conscious, however, and this was viewed as a good sign.

Sensor Greene and Mrs. Greene were walking west on Pennsylvania Avenue near the capitol when the gun battle started. More than a dozen shots were exchanged, but no one else was injured. The Senator was wounded while trying to shield Mrs. Greene in the hail of bullets.

Bystanders told the police the shooting had barely begun before Senator Greene fell. They rushed to his aid and placed him in an automobile which hurried to a hospital. The bootleggers, who were in an automobile, escaped, but the police held one, E. Fisher, a prohibition agent, who said he had fired four shots.

Fisher was accompanied by two members of the metro politan vice squad, who, he said, did not participate in the shooting. No charge was lodged against Fisher, although he was detained pending a more complete investigation.

The bootleggers, according to the police, were surprised by the officers in an alley opening on the avenue while they were unloading a still. Shooting began as soon as the agents drove up in an automobile.

After an examination of the wound the surgeons at the hospital said the Senator's condition appeared fairly good, but how serious the wound might prove, however, was uncertain. They declared, because they could not determine whether the bullet had penetrated the frontal bone or been deflected. An X-ray examination will be made tomorrow.

Schoolgirls Are Ready All to Dress Like

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Heartaches among students at the South Philadelphia High School for Girls because of the vagaries of Dame Fashion have been banished by the adoption by school authorities of a uniform dress for students. Although wearing of the dress is voluntary, a large group of the girls has already ordered the garb, and the sentiment that the uniform is a manifestation of school spirit is reported spreading among the rest of the student body.

The uniform is the outgrowth of a self-government plan. An open forum on "School Spirit and School Problems" recently led to discussion of dress, in which parents of the girls participated. The uniform was favored by all present.

The costume comprises a dark blue jumper with the school monogram embroidered in gray silk, white tailored waist, sport shoes and stockings. The cost is said to be ten dollars.

A quaint milestone on the outskirts of Zanzibar bears this inscription, "London, 8,061 miles."

REPUBLICANS DROP 25 PER CENT. SURTAX RATE

Will Seek to Get a Vote On Their Scheme Before Democrats Can Vote.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Republican house leaders definitely agreed today to make a stand for a maximum surtax rate of 35 per cent, instead of the Mellon rate of 25 per cent, reported by the Washington Post.

At the same time they laid plans for a fight to the finish on the maximum surtax rate of 41 per cent, as well as the normal income rates, proposed by the Democrats.

While the House was spending another day discussing the revenue bill, Representative Longworth, the party leader, held a conference with about 10 others directing the Republican campaign. Afterward it was announced that no attempt would be made to obtain a vote on the 25 per cent. surtax maximum, when a showdown comes next week on the income tax schedule.

Instead, the Republicans, in making a stand for a 35 per cent. rate, as a compromise, will endeavor to so shape the situation that a vote on such a proposal will come before the Democrats can force a roll call on their recommendation that surtaxes range upward to 44 per cent.

The Republican leaders indicated that, if routed on 35 per cent, they would gradually yield upward, perhaps to 37, then to 40 per cent, if necessary, in an effort to command a majority. Republicans and Democrats alike agreed today there was no possibility of a favorable vote in the House on the Mellon surtax rate. Some Republicans expressed confidence that the 35 per cent. maximum could be put through, although others were dubious.

While declining to predict that the Republicans could muster enough votes for the 35 per cent. rate, Mr. Longworth declared that the rate agreed upon would be less than 44 per cent.

WOMAN LOSES HER LIFE IN STATESVILLE FIRE

Residence Is Destroyed, Other Members of Family Barely Escaping With Their Lives.

Statesville, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Annie S. Rhyme, aged 78, lost her life at an early hour this morning in a fire which destroyed the home of her son, Frank Rhyme, with whom she lived on West Front street. The charred remains were discovered under a mass of debris in front of an open fire place. The other members of the family, who were sleeping in other rooms, were barely escaping in time to make their escape, without having opportunity to have any of their household or personal effects.

The fire department responded immediately after the alarm was turned in and arrived in time to save the two adjoining residences from destruction. The one on the west side was badly damaged. How the fire started is a mystery. It is thought probable that the woman fell in front of the open fire, the flames spreading to the house.

Seven children, six sons and one daughter, and one brother, J. H. Setzer, of Hickory, survive. The funeral service for Mrs. Rhyme will be held Saturday morning at New Sterling church, in Shiloh township.

SENATE COMMITTEE TAKES TEN-DAY RECESS

Coincidentally With the Stock Market Crash on Wall Street.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate oil committee took a 10-day recess tonight after receiving information which discredited two of the most sensational rumors which recently have come before it.

Frank A. Vanderlip, whose public references to the sale of President Harding's Marion Star had shocked the country, told the committee that he himself did not believe the rumors to which he gave circulation; had no facts to support, and had made no efforts at verification.

Otto H. Kahn and R. F. Younkman, who had been depended upon as principal witnesses regarding the story of a \$1,000,000 oil slush fund, notified the committee they had no knowledge whatever about it and were ready to say so on the witness stand.

The 10-day recess was coincident with a sharp reaction in the New York stock market after reports were circulated that a prominent Wall Street trader had turned "bearish" in the belief that the oil disclosures were undermining public confidence.

Typed Love Letters Shock Social Manners

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 15.—Andre de Fouquieres, who is universally accepted in France as the highest authority on social etiquette, has been asked his ruling whether a member of society, of the male sex, should use a typewriter for a letter to another member of society, of the female sex, if the letters is not strictly limited to business matters.

Decidedly not, say M. de Fouquieres. "The most elementary proper feeling and the simplest courtesy exact that any such letter be written by hand," he declares. "It is impossible even to imagine a typed letter being addressed to a woman, although the contents might be mere commonplace; how much more inconceivable, then, would a typed letter be if it expressed tender affections? Such a letter is bad form in that it allows the supposition that it may have been dictated to a third person."

Four Convicts Burned to Death.

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 15.—Four negro convicts were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the main building at the Flat Top mine, this county, last night, it became known here today. First word about the fire said nothing about the casualties.

120,000 Dock Workers Strike.

London, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of the dock workers affecting 120,000 men became effective at noon today in all parts of the United Kingdom.

HOUSE INSURGENTS ASKED TO HELP REPUBLICANS

Party Leaders Know They Will Have to Get Help Before They Can Pass Tax Plan of Sec. Mellon.

ASK PRESIDENT TO ASSIST, ALSO

Attempt Will Be Made to Get Him to Use Influence With Republicans Who Oppose the Party Plans.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The aid of republican insurgents was sought today by republican organization leaders on the House in an effort to ward off defeat in the fight with the Democrats over the income tax rates.

An attempt also will be made to have President Coolidge use his influence to urge republicans who are out of sympathy with the organization's stand for a compromise surtax maximum of 35 per cent.

Representative Longworth, republican leader, called into conference various members of the insurgent bloc, among them Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, leader of the group, who indicated on the floor yesterday that his faction would support the Garner proposal for a 44 per cent. maximum if the House rejected the suggestion of Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, an insurgent, that the present 50 per cent. surtax maximum be maintained.

Mr. Longworth, it was said, planned to seek a compromise on a figure below 44 per cent. with the insurgents, realizing that if they throw their support to their democrats when a vote comes next week on the surtax schedule the democratic rates will receive a majority. Mr. Nelson insists that his group controls at least 20 votes and he has declared its members undoubtedly will stand together.

JUDGE PITTMAN SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Declares Press of Private Business Makes It Necessary for Him to Leave Superior Court Bench.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Judge Thomas J. Pitman, resident judge of the third judicial district, has tendered his resignation to Governor Morrison, effective February 15th. Governor Morrison has tendered the appointment as Judge Pitman's successor to Tasker H. Polk, of Warrenton. The press of private business interests was given as the reason for the resignation of Judge Pitman.

To Hold Parley on Palestine.

New York, Feb. 15.—Problems related to the reconstruction of Palestine are to be considered at a conference here tomorrow of representatives of Jewish leaders from nearly all sections of the United States. The two principal subjects to receive the attention of the conference are the Jewish for Palestine and the formation of a large investment corporation to finance various economic enterprises in that country.

The Jewish Agency, as provided in the Palestine mandate which is now being administered for the League of Nations by Great Britain, is to advise and co-operate with the Government of Palestine in the work of rebuilding the Holy Land in accordance with the terms of the mandate.

The matter of an investment company for Palestine, it is understood, has been under consideration by the leaders of the new move for some time. These leaders have been in consultation on this subject with Dr. Arthur Rappin, who is regarded as the foremost Palestinian economic expert, and who recently has been visiting in America.

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