

Denby Quits Under Fire And His Resignation is Accepted by President

Resignation Came After the Navy Secretary Had Conferred at Length With the Chief Executive.

ROOSEVELT MAY ALSO QUIT POST

He Had Part in Oil Leases, Also—Many Had Urged the Secretary to Resign From Cabinet.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Edwin B. Denby has resigned as Secretary of the Navy and his resignation has been accepted.

After repeatedly declaring he never would quit the cabinet under fire of those who have criticized his part in the oil leasing program the secretary notified President Coolidge this morning he was ready to step out.

His decision followed a telephone consultation between the President and Mr. Denby in which all the latest aspects of the situation were talked over in the light of information passed on to the White House by Republican leaders in the Senate.

Recently a number of the secretary's friends also have been consulted by Mr. Coolidge, and they are understood to have advised the President that they fully understood the embarrassment that might result in retaining Mr. Denby in the cabinet while the oil annulment suits are in progress.

Not only is he a party to the oil leases, having affixed his signature along with that of Albert F. Hall, but he repeatedly has defended his part in the proceedings and has declared publicly since the present controversy arose that he believed the contracts to be legal and would be willing to pursue the same course again.

It has been pointed out to the President that it might appear inconsistent to have a member of the administration holding these views remain in office while the administration itself through its counsel was moving to courts to annul the leases on the ground that they were not within the authority of the law.

The first steps in these proceedings, including suits against the government, is expected immediately after the Senate completes confirmation of oil counsel, probably today.

For the same reason there have been reports that Theodore Roosevelt also would retire as assistant secretary under Mr. Denby. Mr. Roosevelt also had part in the framing of the oil leases.

The retirement of the Navy Secretary also reviewed rumors that the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty would follow within a few days. A resolution relating to him, and somewhat similar to that adopted some days ago asking for the resignation of Mr. Denby is pending in the Senate, and its sponsors are pressing for quick action on it.

Since then many conferences have been held by the President with other officials of his administration, senate leaders and personal friends of Mr. Denby. Two of those most frequently at the White House have been Secretary Weeks and Chas. B. Warren, of Michigan, both old personal and political friends of Secretary Denby.

The decision in favor of a resignation apparently was reached soon after Mr. Coolidge went to his office this morning, but formal announcement was deferred. E. T. Clark, one of Mr. Coolidge's secretaries, visited Mr. Denby's office to consult as to what form the announcement should take. Mr. Denby soon afterward left the Navy Department by a private entrance.

The resolution in which the President was advised to ask Secretary Denby to leave the cabinet, was adopted on February 11th, with the Republican organization leaders opposing it, but with ten Republicans voting in its support. The vote was 47 to 34.

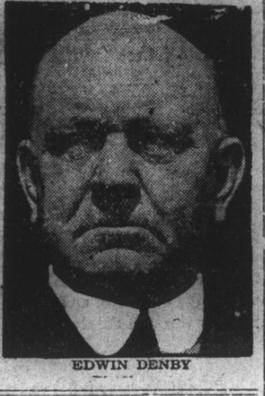
Immediately that was sent to the White House, Mr. Coolidge issued a statement declaring that such questions lay wholly within the province of the Executive.

Roosevelt Confers With President. Washington, Feb. 18.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, after a conference with Secretary Denby, went to the White House to confer with President Coolidge.

Roosevelt Will Not Resign. Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, announced after a half hour conference with President Coolidge today that he would not resign as the result of the retirement of Secretary Denby.

To Be Effective March 10th. Washington, Feb. 18.—It is expected that the effective date of Secretary Denby's resignation will be March 10th.

Resigned



EDWIN DENBY

WILSON'S FOES AS SEEN FROM ACROSS BORDER

Vancouver Sun Runs Editorial on "Humanity Versus Gold." Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18.—The following editorial under the caption "Humanity or Gold" was carried this morning in the Vancouver Sun.

"It is a significant, if not pitiful fact, that those same Republican leaders who a few years ago convicted Woodrow Wilson of too much loyalty to humanity and too little loyalty to the United States, should today themselves stand convicted of too little loyalty to the United States and too much loyalty to their own pocketbooks.

"Wilson, it seems, erred in his love for humanity. His enemies, it seems, erred in their love for gold.

"This expose, following as it does on the death of Wilson, is doing to force the people of the United States to choose between the idealists of Washington and the gold diggers of Washington.

"It does not signify a healthy condition in American politics that the lines should have to be thus sharply drawn. But the contrast between humanitarians and the voraciousness of those who strike him down is too obvious and vivid to be lightly passed over."

DR. FRANKLIN HOBGOOD TO BE BURIED TODAY

Funeral to Be Held in the Chapel of College of Which He Was President. (By the Associated Press.)

Oxford, Feb. 18.—Funeral services for Dr. Franklin P. Hobgood, president of Oxford College, who died at a Richmond hospital Saturday night, will be held at 3 o'clock this morning in the college chapel. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of Oxford Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. J. F. Hardaway, of Thomasville, who was pastor of the local Baptist Church for many years. Burial will be in a local cemetery.

The faculty and student body of Oxford College, of which Dr. Hobgood was president for more than 40 years, will act as an escort for the body, and will have charge of the music at the services.

HARDING IS ELECTED TO HIGH POSITION

Will Control Loan to Be Made to Hungary Through League of Nations. (By the Associated Press.)

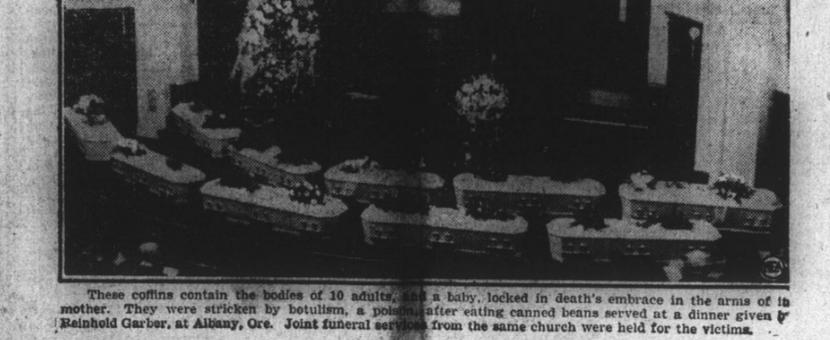
Geneva, Feb. 18.—W. P. G. Harding, former governor of the U. S. Federal Reserve Board, has been unofficially selected as high commissioner of the league of nations to Hungary for control of the finances under the League's loan plan. He has informed the League that he will accept if officially designated. It was said in League circles that the selection of Mr. Harding had been approved by all of the interested parties.

Old Confederates in a Fatal Fight. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Death may write the closing chapter in the fight between two aged Confederate veterans at the state Old Soldiers home here Friday, when one of them, G. W. Hamby, 97, was fatally stabbed in a childish argument over whether a window should be raised or let down. Dr. G. T. Bracklog, 91, the slayer, is in a serious condition due to injuries received in the encounter, and attendants at the home believe that action by the state in prosecuting him will be forestalled by his early death. Dr. Bracklog confined at the quarters at the home, is claiming that he killed Hamby in self-defense, when the latter attacked him because he would not raise the window in his room. The state has announced following an investigation by the sheriff of Davidson county and Governor Austin Peay that no criminal action would be taken until Dr. Bracklog is fully recovered.

Judge Killed in Court Room. (By the Associated Press.) Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—Wm. M. Morning, 56 years old, veteran district judge, was shot and killed early today in his court room by Wallace G. Wallick, who in turn shot and killed himself. The judge was shot through the heart.

that the effective date of Secretary Denby's resignation will be March 10th. There was nothing to indicate today that President Coolidge had given any thought to a successor to Secretary Denby.

Burial of Eleven Poison Victims



These coffins contain the bodies of 10 adults, and a baby, locked in death's embrace in the arms of its mother. They were stricken by botulism, a poison after eating canned beans served at a dinner given by Reinhold Garber, at Albany, Ore. Joint funeral services from the same church were held for the victims.

McADOO LEADERS ARE MEETING IN CHICAGO

They Will Determine Whether or Not He Will Be Presidential Candidate. (By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 18.—More than 300 advocates of the candidacy of Wm. Gibbs McAdoo for the democratic nomination for President, gathered here today and saw Judge David Ladd Rockwell, of Ohio, open the conference that will decide whether the Teapot Dome disfigurements have or have not made Mr. McAdoo unfit to continue as a Presidential candidate.

A frosty scattering of women was noted in the gathering that listened to the keynote speech delivered by Homer Cummings of Connecticut, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Quite a number of railroad labor men were also among those present.

The conference was called, Mr. Cummings said, "not only to discern the fortunes of an individual, but to consider the fate of the cause of liberalism."

DAUGHERTY SENDS DATA DEMANDED BY SENATORS

Gives Account of War Fraud Activities of the Department of Justice. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Responding to a resolution sponsored by Senator King, democrat of Utah, Attorney General Daugherty today forwarded to the Senate a detailed account of war fraud activities of the Department of Justice.

In a statement accompanying the report Mr. Daugherty said he was reluctant to make public any of the names contained in the information, because of the injury it might cause to innocent persons.

WAR DEBT POLICY IS TO REMAIN THE SAME

No Change Made at Meeting of American Debt Commission. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American government's war debt policy remained unchanged after a conference today of the American debt commission. The commission failed to act on proposals that the debtor governments be reminded again that the United States is awaiting funding proposals.

CROOKS PREY ON SHOE WORKERS WHEN BONUS IS PAID

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 14.—With the last \$40,000 of \$1,200,000 in bonuses distributed among Endicott-Johnson workers, police of this city and the two sister towns, Johnson City and Endicott, today uncovered a variety of crooked schemes to fleece the workers of their share in the corporation's annual division of profits.

Poker and dice tables and roulette wheels were taken from gambling houses in the shoe towns, while more than 100 strange women were sent away.

The 1923 bonus, issued to 14,000 workers, was \$12.36 each and the efforts of crooks to get it away from the workers were more daring than ever.

"Job women who gave men workers poison liquor were reported to have 'cleaned up' more than \$1,000 last night.

The aids of the crooks—pretty girls—were more successful than in past years in enticing workmen to a "nice quiet place to have a drink." Three of them, however, were severely beaten by workmen who discovered their schemes.

FATHER SLAYS A SON; BOTH WERE DRINKING

William Grady Cuts Throat of Romulus Grady, at Their Home in Duplin County. (By the Associated Press.)

Kinston, Feb. 16.—Romulus Grady, 19, died last night at his Duplin county home after being attacked with a knife by his father, William Grady. Grady's Jugular vein is reported to have been severed.

The district prosecutor started an investigation today. Reports to that official said the slayer was overcome by grief. The Grady's were drinking and had an altercation in the yard of their home.

According to several reports had here the youth assumed an aggressive attitude. The cutting followed. A physician was in the house at the time, in attendance upon a sister of the victim, but was unable to save the young man.

Hours afterward the father became sober and manifested keen grief. William Grady is the father of more than 15 children and a well to do farmer.

LAW IS VALID

N. C. State Regulating Suits For Damages Resulting From Use of Fertilizer Upheld. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—The North Carolina statute regulating suits for damages resulting from the use of fertilizer was declared valid and constitutional by the Supreme Court today in a case brought by Richard Jones.

Charging that fertilizer purchased from the Union Guano Company contained a substance harmful to the growth of tobacco, one sought to recover damages, but the state courts of North Carolina dismissed the suit on the ground that he had failed to comply with section No. 4697 of the consolidated statutes of the state regulating the bringing of damage suits arising out of the use of fertilizers.

DAWSON CALLS MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Democratic Committee Will Meet in Raleigh on February 20th. (By the Associated Press.)

Kinston, Feb. 18.—John G. Dawson, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, has called a meeting of the committee to convene in Raleigh on Tuesday, February 20th.

The meeting will be for the purpose of fixing the time and place of the State convention; to designate a common day on which precinct meetings shall be held; to designate delegates to the county conventions; and to designate a common day for the holding of the county convention in each county in the State for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention.

USE GASOLINE BY MISTAKE; THREE HURT

Carmen Smith, His Wife and Baby Burned at Asheville Home. (By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Carmen Smith, his wife and infant were critically burned at their home here today by explosion of gasoline used by mistake instead of kerosene in starting a fire. Smith is in a local hospital, and it is said he may not survive. The family was living in a garage while their home was being built.

Mrs. Baxter Shenwell Dies at Her Home in Asheville

Asheville, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Baxter Shenwell, 47, died at her home shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, following an extended illness.

REPUBLICAN NOW AGREE TO 37 1-2 PER CENT SURTAX

Hope Thereby to Win Over Insurgent Vote Needed to Pass Bill. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 17.—House Republican leaders determined today to boost the proposed maximum surtax rate in the revenue bill to 37 1/2 percent in an effort to break the deadlock in negotiations with the insurgents, who hold the balance of power in the vote on the income rate schedules which will be taken up Tuesday.

The Republicans previously had receded from the Mellon rate of 25 percent, carried in the bill, and had centered on 35 percent in an effort to unite the party against the Democratic stand for a 44 percent maximum. The 35 percent rate, leaders said, would win 208 Republican votes, 10 less than a majority. Two conferences yesterday with the insurgent group, however, failed to bring an agreement, the organization led by Representatives Frear and Nelson, Wisconsin, holding out for a 40 percent surtax rate and a reduction of 50 percent in the normal income taxes. The Mellon rates call for a 25 percent reduction in the normal taxes.

Republican organizations leaders insisted today they would not consent to the added normal tax reductions, which are the same as those proposed by the Democrats, because treasury estimates had shown such a cut would reduce revenue receipts below the estimated surplus on which tax revision is to be based.

T. F. ERVIN HURT BY TRAIN AT LEXINGTON

Car in Which He Was Riding Struck by Train. Body of Walter Crump Taken to Winston. (By the Associated Press.)

Salisbury, Feb. 17.—T. F. Ervin is in a Salisbury hospital suffering from injuries he received when a car was struck by a train at Lexington Saturday evening. He does not appear to be seriously injured although bruised and cut up some. Another man with him at the time of the accident is said not to have needed hospital treatment. Mr. Ervin was brought to Salisbury on a passenger train early last night.

The body of Walter M. Crump who died by his own hand Friday evening in a Salisbury hospital, was taken to Winston-Salem today to be buried by the side of his wife who died five years ago. A brief funeral service was held at the Crump home on South Fulton street this morning at 10 o'clock and the funeral party went to Winston-Salem through the country.

Friends are still of the opinion that Mr. Crump's rash act in shooting himself was caused by his physical condition following an operation which he underwent some weeks ago for mastoiditis.

POSE AS DEAF MUTES. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—That the public is being misled and misinformed by the action of certain persons going about the state and posing as deaf mutes is evidenced by a report that has just been made to Commissioner M. L. Shipman of the State Department of Commerce and Printing by J. M. Robertson, who was appointed chief of the bureau for the deaf and the Commissioner. The reports states that the honor and the pride of the deaf and mute of the state is being greatly injured by the impostors who state who are posing as the public by appeals to its feelings for charity. The deaf greatly resent this, the report says, and want the public to know that they are willing to work for all that they receive.

It is pointed out that the impostors remain only a short time in one place for fear they will be discovered. That the procuring of money under such conditions and in such a manner, is unlawful shown by the laws that the report quotes from the statutes of the State of North Carolina.

Gotham to Use Radio for Schools.

New York, Feb. 18.—For the first time in the history of education active use of radio broadcasting on an extensive and permanent basis as an educational aid is to be inaugurated today by the Board of Education of the City of New York, acting in co-operation with the Radio Corporation of America. Daily educational radio programs are to be broadcast from 2 to 2:30 o'clock on every school day.

The programs are designed primarily to acquaint the people with the work of the schools, to educate the public as to education. Superintendents of each department of the Board of Education will explain in turn exactly what is done in this department, and to what purpose. In addition, the pupils of each school will take part in the latter programs with regular recitations, music lessons, glee clubs and school orchestra concerts, spelling bees and special exercises for holidays.

The local Y is planning a May Day celebration, the like of which has never been seen before.

More Sensations In The Oil Inquiry Expected

THE FORGOTTEN MEN

Bishop Denny Issue Call in Behalf of Worn-Out Preachers. Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—Bishop Collins Denny of the third episcopal district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has issued a call to Methodists of this section in behalf of the "Forgotten Men" of the church, as the aged and disabled Methodist ministers are designated. The third episcopal district includes the territory of the Western North Carolina, Upper South Carolina, North Carolina and South Carolina conferences.

According to Bishop Denny, there has never been a greater cause undertaken by Southern Methodism than this movement to raise \$10,000,000 to be used as an endowment fund to give peace and material comfort to the worn-out ministers of the church in their declining years.

"Methodist authorities," says Bishop Denny, "have agreed that the superannuated endowment movement shall have precedence over all other campaigns of the church from February 1 to July 1. During this period it is hoped that every Methodist congregation throughout the connection will pledge to this fund one-fifth of the amount annually paid to its pastor and presiding elder. If the 17,000 Methodist congregations pledge this amount for the next five years the required \$10,000,000 can be easily collected."

In regard to the urgency of this appeal, Bishop Denny quotes as following facts, stated by Dr. Luther E. Todd, secretary of the Board of Finance, Douglass, N. C.: "There are upwards of 1,000 superannuated ministers in the Methodist church. Of these 400 are practically blind or deaf; 440 are invalids; 170 have an invalid member of the family to support; 570 own homes that are heavily mortgaged; 300 rent or board 70 room around; and 60 live in superannuated homes."

"To these men, who gave of the strength of their youth and manhood to the church for the average salary of little more than \$400 per annum, the church now pays about half that amount, or approximately \$200 per year, and to the widows of ministers approximately \$150. The income derived from the \$10,000,000 superannuated fund will enable the church to increase these amounts to \$700 and \$500 respectively, and will relieve much suffering among the veterans of the church's service, and bringing credit to the church which has been neglected on account of its past neglect."

In the appeal to Methodists of his episcopal area, Bishop Denny says, "Surely the men who have so successfully preached the gospel, visited the sick, ministered to the sorrowing, and for long years carried the burdens of other people, should have our comfort and our help, and I hope that this may come speedily and gladly."

NO NEW SENSATIONS IN OIL LEASE MATTER

Chairman Leontoff Denies Oil Committee Has Been Called in Special Meeting. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Chairman Leontoff today denied a widely published story that sensational developments had led to the calling of a meeting today of the Senate oil committee.

The chairman said there had been no change in the committee's plans and that so far as he knew the situation remained just where it was when the 10-day recess was taken last Friday.

Make Out Your Income Tax Report.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—The time for filing State income tax returns expires within a month and those who have not complied with the law by then will be subject to a penalty of five percent with a minimum of \$1.00 and six percent interest which will start on March 15 next, according to R. A. Doughton, Commissioner of Revenue of the State of North Carolina.

Last year the offices were rushed and overworked in the Revenue department said Commissioner Doughton, of those who waited until the last few days of the prescribed time to file their returns. The Commissioner in hopes that such occurrences may be avoided has employed an extra corps of clerks to assist the regular staff in aiding the public in making out its returns. From now until March 15 the offices of the Revenue Department will be open in the Agricultural Building and the public is urged to make out its tax returns immediately.

Deputies will be on hand in various cities to aid any person in making out his or her tax returns.

Through Committee Is In Recess for Ten Days Developments Whirled Along at Their Customary Speed.

STOCK DEALINGS MAY BE EXPOSED

Almost Certain Now That New York Brokers Will Be Examined—Senate Expected to Confirm Roberts

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 18.—Despite the ten-day recess of the investigating committee developments in the oil scandal whirled along today in their customary break-neck speed.

Coinciding with the resignation of Secretary Denby there were predictions among the Senators that important disclosures of new and sensational character were imminent.

These predictions revolved for the most part about the inquiry committee experts are making into the books of various brokerage firms in search of evidence of oil stock speculation by government officials.

Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, who has taken a hand in the inquiry in the absence from Washington, of his colleague, Senator Walsh, declared that Harry Payne Whitney and members of the Bankard brokerage firm in New York undoubtedly would be summoned before the committee as a result of information that has reached the capital.

Mr. Wheeler also asserted that important information had been given Senators by Wilton J. Lambert, attorney for Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post. Mr. McLean came to Washington from Palm Beach in response to a summons from the committee.

In the midst of the new whirlwind of rumors revolving about these and other subjects the Senate resumed its debate on the nomination of Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, to be special counsel in the oil suits. Prospects were that it would be confirmed before the end of the day, and that action then would be sought on Senator Wheeler's resolution for an investigation of the administration of Attorney General Daugherty.

There were reports that those members of the oil committee who are in Washington might confer during the day behind closed doors with regard to the latest developments. It was reported that a meeting had been called and that there had been no change in the plan to delay further hearings until next Monday.

ROBES MAY BREAK AND DROP THE LAD ON PHAROAH'S BODY

Mummy in Dancer as Carter Holds the Keys and Egypt Bars Him From the Monarch's Tomb. (By the Associated Press.)

Cairo, Feb. 18.—With Howard Carter sitting in his bungalow, the keys to Tutankhamen's tomb in his pocket, and with the government's answer to the Washington Post, Mr. McLean came to Washington from Palm Beach in response to a summons from the committee.

Meanwhile the tomb is threatened by a danger which has not yet received sufficient attention. After the opening ceremony Carter covered the sarcophagus with a plate glass lid. The huge granite lid, weighing a ton and a quarter, was left suspended above the tomb, ready to be lifted if the work were to proceed.

Carter planned to remove the stone lid the day after the opening, but that day the tomb was closed. So the big block of stone still hangs over the sarcophagus. Apprehension is felt that the ropes may break. It was not expected they would hold so long.



WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.

Cloudy and colder tonight; Tuesday, unsettled, probably rain and snow in the southwest portion.