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SENATOR ELKINS MADE STATEMENT

Admits He Purchased Stock in Sinclair Oil Company, But Did Not Do It Because of Sinclair Lease.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Elkins, republican, of West Virginia, said today that he had purchased stock of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co. He added that he was perfectly willing to go before the Senate Oil Committee and tell about it.

His statement revealed that he is the Senator whose name appeared on the records of the Benard Brokerage firm presented to the committee yesterday.

The West Virginia Senator visited the committee room today during the examination of Harry Payne Whitney, but was not heard. Members said if he were called it would be in open session.

"I purchased Sinclair stock without any knowledge with respect to oil leases," Senator Elkins said in his statement. "I bought much more of Bethlehem Steel and other stocks than I did of oil stock. I am perfectly willing to go before the committee if they desire, and tell them all about these transactions. There is no law against buying and selling stock."

"Many of my purchases were made solely on my own initiative or on the advice of my brokers. "If you stop buying and selling this country will have to stop. This whole thing is a political drive by the democrats, but they will get the worst of it before it ends. Already Wm. G. McAdoo has been mentioned prominently, as has also the late Franklin K. Lane and others."

Harry Payne Whitney who appeared before the Senate oil committee today, was questioned about possible stock transactions by public officials. He is a personal friend of Senator Elkins, and was seen by the Associated Press.

The examination of Mr. Whitney continued 15 minutes. He and his attorney were met afterward in the committee ante-room by Senator Elkins and accompanied him to his office.

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DAUGHERTY REFUSES TO RESIGN AT THIS TIME

Attorney General Refrains: His Determination Not to Quit the Cabinet While Under Fire.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—Attorney General Daugherty has reaffirmed to President Coolidge his determination not to resign under fire.

He visited the White House this morning, talked over the situation with the Chief Executive, and returned to the Department of Justice to dictate a statement, affirming his decision to stay in the cabinet.

It was insisted by those close to the attorney general that he and the President had turned themselves in complete accord.

White House officials were silent. The visit of the attorney general to the executive offices had revived a belief among those who have attacked him in the Senate that his retirement was imminent.

It even was indicated that some of those demanding his resignation were withholding for the present any renewal in the fight in the confidence that it would be unnecessary.

In his statement the Attorney General denied the charges made in the Senate yesterday by Senator Wheeler, of Montana, concerning his administration of the Department of Justice.

"I have read the speech of Senator Wheeler, delivered in the Senate yesterday," the statement said. "He makes certain charges against me in my official capacity as Attorney General of the United States.

"These charges are made in general terms. I deny each and all of them specifically and generally.

"I know the facts and they have at all times been available to the Senator, yet neither the Senator, nor anyone for him, has asked me or the Department of Justice for information in reference to the charges made.

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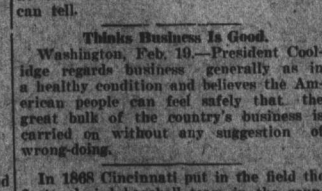
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Waves Flag



Lieutenant Hoover Griffin, of Hamilton, Ohio, returned to New York after being released from a German prison for attempting to kidnap Grover Bergdoll, a slacker.

THE COTTON MARKET

Good Part of Yesterday's Rally Was Lost During the Early Trading Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 20.—The cotton market lost a good part of yesterday's rally during today's early trading. The market opened barely steady at an advance of 8 points on March but generally 3 to 12 points lower because of disappointing Liverpool cables, and overnight reports of a continued poor demand for cotton goods in the local and Fall River markets.

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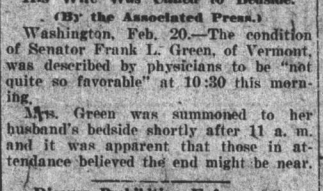
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GARNER RATE SUBSTITUTED

Mellon Income Schedule Eliminated by a Vote of 222 to 196.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Aided by a group of Republicans, most of them insurgents, house Democrats today eliminated from the revenue bill the Mellon income tax rates. By a vote of 222 to 196 a schedule advanced by Representative Garner, Democrat, of Texas, was substituted.

The bill as amended fixes the surtax maximum at 44 per cent, on incomes in excess of \$32,000 as against 50 per cent, on incomes exceeding \$200,000 under existing law, and 25 per cent, on incomes of more than \$100,000 as recommended by the treasury. It also reduces normal income rates to a greater extent than Mr. Mellon recommended and increases personal tax exemptions, a feature not in the treasury draft.

The substitute would cut normal tax rate to 2 per cent, on incomes under \$5,000; to 4 per cent, on incomes between \$5,000 and \$8,000, and to 6 per cent, on incomes above \$8,000. The present rate is 4 per cent, on incomes under \$4,000 and 8 per cent, on incomes above that amount.

Rate exemptions under the substitute approved, would be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for single persons and from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for heads of families. The Mellon bill proposed a such increase.

Before approving the Garner proposal, which received the support of seventeen Republicans, one farmer-laborite and one Democrat, in addition to 203 Democrats, the House voted on a proposed rate substantially the same as those recommended by Mr. Mellon and rejected an amendment by Representative Fear, of Wisconsin, an insurgent, to cut normal rates in half without altering the existing surtax schedule.

Republican organization leaders had an opportunity to bring to a vote a compromise amendment which proposed a 25 per cent reduction in both normal and surtax rates.

COMPROMISE REACHED BY HERRIN OFFICERS

Glenn Young and Two Deputies Will Not Be Employed Any Longer.

(By the Associated Press.) Herrin, Ill., Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A compromise between Sheriff George Gallagher and the Ku Klux Klan which provides for the cessation of any raids by the Klan and the removal of S. Glenn Young, paid employee of the Klan, and two of Gallagher's deputies was announced today by the citizen's committee which brought about the compromise.

New Ambassador Sails. London, Feb. 20.—Among the passengers booked for passage on the Olympic sailing for New York today is Sir Esme Howard, the new British ambassador to the United States. The ambassador is accompanied by Lady Howard and several members of his personal staff.

"Impudent" Protest.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee told the House today he had received an "impudent" protest from the Roumanian legion against provisions of the new immigration bill.

Orange Add to the Weight of Undernourished Youngsters. Oakland, Calif., Feb. 20.—Experiments made with 100 children in a local school have proved oranges to be a weight builder for undernourished youngsters, according to Mrs. A. F. Morgan, professor of household science at the University of California.

For two separate periods of eight weeks each the children of one group were given half a pint of milk a day; those of another group one orange daily; others half a pint of milk and an orange and others a quart of a pint of orangeade. Mrs. Morgan said that oranges proved the most efficacious in putting on weight. Milk produced favorable increases, but to less extent than the oranges. Orange juice was found slightly less effective than raw oranges. Milk and oranges together stimulated nourishment at a level a little higher than milk or orangeade, but not as well as the raw oranges.

Tri-State Medical Convention.

(By the Associated Press.) Greenville, S. C., Feb. 20.—Physicians from Virginia and the two Carolinas were here today for the 26th annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, which got underway this morning for a two-days' session. Indications were that the attendance would exceed 300.

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FRANK McDOWELL IS HELD AS RESULT OF DEATH OF PARENTS

His Parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, Found Dead in Their Beds at Home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

YOUTH DENIES HE COMMITTED CRIME

Says Some One Struck Him and When He Regained Senses He Found Dead Bodies of Parents in Bed.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 20.—Frank McDowell, eighteen years old, was arrested by the police today following the finding of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, shot through the heads at their home here. His parents had been shot as they lay in bed.

Young McDowell, who called the police, said that he had been struck on the head and rendered unconscious. When he regained himself he said that he found his parents dead. The police stated that McDowell told several conflicting stories.

The police say that McDowell in a story related how his two sisters had been burned to death at their home in a Georgia town a year ago, the mattress on which they were sleeping being saturated with kerosene and then fired.

BETRAYAL OF TRUST IS MENACE TO COUNTRY

Greater Menace Than Bolshevism, Declares William G. McAdoo.

Kansas City, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Betrayal of trust by high government officials presents a greater menace to democracy than bolshevism or any other of the alleged evil influences, Wm. G. McAdoo, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, declared in an address on the train platform at the Union station here today.

"There can be no government with corruption in high places," Mr. McAdoo said. "This is a question of the life of the American nation. We must bring honestly back to the government."

The investigation must go on, he said, until all the facts are brought out, adding that he did not wish to see any attempt to whitewash anyone.

American Flyers Excel in Hanging Up Records.

Paris, Feb. 20.—United States flyers hold 26 of the 40 air records ratified by the International Aeronautic Federation in its recent meeting at Paris. France has eight, Great Britain four and Italy one. In a short time, when the federation has decided to place the records of performances accomplished by refueling in flight in a separate category from the others, the United States will possess 42 of the 55 air records in existence.

French aviation experts find solace in the opinion that individual records do not prove collective superiority. "Record achievement in aviation is merely a sign of the superiority of a certain type of machine, but not a proof that a country in general leads in that line," writes the Aero, the large publication dealing with sports in France.

"Because the United States possess three or four planes capable of doing better than 400 kilometers an hour, it does not follow that they have four hundred machines that can travel at 300. France has. However, a well organized nation like the United States would require very little time to build machines of the standard type of that which Lieutenant A. J. Williams flew at 420 kilometers. The United States could wrest the supremacy of the air from any other nation once it made up its mind to do so, but for the time being, despite records and all, France leads in aviation."

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JOSEPHUS DANIELS IS BOOMED FOR PRESIDENCY

Former Naval Secretary Says He From New York in News State Library New York, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Personal friends of Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, are quietly sounding out sentiment in this State, as well as other sections of the East, as to the possible availability of the North Carolina editor as the next Democratic Presidential nominee.

The Daniels boom is a tiny one as yet, no bigger than a man's hand. It has risen out of the steam of the boiling Teapot Demo. It has much the same impetus as the movement which has been started in some localities calling for the nomination of Senator Wash, of Montana, the man who has had the burden of the Dome investigation on his shoulders for more than a year.

It has been recalled the political career of Charles E. Hughes, now Secretary of State, grew out of an investigation, when he was special counsel for a New York legislative committee, which showed up some of the illegal practices of big insurance companies. In the case of Mr. Daniels his friends have tentatively brought him forward before they have considered him as Presidential timber long before the Teapot Dome disclosures showed him in such a favorable light. They have believed Mr. Daniels would have the backing of many of the best elements of his party.

Not the least potent of the influences claimed to be behind Mr. Daniels is that of William Jennings Bryan. When Mr. Bryan announced some time ago he had a "dark horse" under cover for the Democratic convention to be held in this city the latter part of next June, many persons felt he had Mr. Daniels in mind. He and the North Carolinian had served together in the Wilson Cabinet. As a matter of fact, it has been said it was partly due to Mr. Bryan's insistence Mr. Wilson named Mr. Daniels as head of the Navy Department.

MERCHANTS OF STATE MEETING IN RALEIGH Mid-Winter Meeting of Merchants' Association Being Held at Capital.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—Members of the North Carolina Merchants' Association met here today at their mid-winter gathering for the purpose of discussing conditions in their business and hearing speakers talk on the subjects of commerce that relate to retail merchants. Irving Bull, chief of the domestic commerce division of the United States Department of Commerce, and Governor Morrison were among the speakers. J. Paul Leonard, executive secretary of the Association, also rendered his semi-annual report.

The session will close tonight with a banquet at which Stacey Wade, insurance commissioner, and Gilliam Grissom, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, will speak.

ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT TO SUPERIOR COURT

Garland Midyette Will Be Judge to Succeed Judge T. M. Pittman.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Garland E. Midyette, of Jackson, today accepted the appointment tendered to him yesterday by Governor Morrison as Superior Court Judge of the Third judicial district to succeed Judge T. M. Pittman, of Henderson, who resigned, it was announced at the Governor's office.

Fenner and Beane's Grain Letter.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Wheat: Active and firm from the outset, and closed at about the day's highs, with upturn featured by unfavorable reports regarding the new winter wheat crop. Commission houses were persistent buyers, and there was some professional reinstating of long lines, based on increasing complaint of ice covered fields. There was rain or snow throughout the territory leading to much apprehension. Cables were steady, and small stocks abated attracted attention, but export demand was slim. The movement at primary points was liberal, larger than a year ago, but nevertheless stocks at some decreases this week.

Corn: Rose sharply on rain or snow throughout, with the forecasts for unsettled and unfavorable conditions. Commission houses were large buyers and the market received leadership from large professionals. Realizing was readily absorbed and the bulk of the grain were held. Receipts were larger than last year, but reports indicated that the movement would soon be over.

Oats: Was strong, following corn with unsettled weather, a better cash demand and renewal of commission house buying. Receipts were larger than last year, contract stocks increased 127,000 bushels the past week.

With Our Advertisers.

Shirley Mason in "South Sea Love," also a Rolin comedy, at the Piedmont today and tomorrow. If you want a clear skin, try Mel-broton. Robinson's is having the first showing of spring silks. The Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. has Elgin watches in many styles and prices. When you buy Milk Maid bread you get Pillsbury's best flour. W. J. Hethcox—electrical fixtures and electrical satisfaction. W. A. Overcash has new Spring Hats in a great variety of shapes and colors.

Ollie Ray Captured.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Ollie Ray, who escaped from the Wake county road prison in 1922, has been captured. Ray had served two months of a one-year sentence when he made his escape from camp No. 1. He was located in a house in New Light township.

Cancel License to Work in Tut's Tomb.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Egyptian government has cancelled Countess Carnarvon's license of excavation in the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen.

STATE RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF DAMAGING WEATHER

Several Cities Were Cut Off From Rest of World When Wires Were Torn Down by Heavy Freeze.

HIGH POINT IS HEAVY SUFFERER

All Industry Idle There as Result of Storm.—New Lines Being Established at Present Time.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 20.—With clearing weather after two days of rain that last night turned to sleet and ice in many sections of the state, telegraph and telephone companies today were endeavoring to restore communications with a number of points cut off from the outside world by breakage of wires caused by heavy ice and falling trees. The storm was heaviest in the central and northern North Carolina extending into southern Virginia.

Winston-Salem still was cut off today from wire communications, the Associated Press wire, the last connecting link, having broken at 12:20 this morning. The Western Union Telegraph Company reported one shaky wire into High Point and Greensboro, the other companies reporting all wires down to these points. Danville, Va., just over the state line, was also reported cut off.

Wire company officials reported their wires down in scores of places. Hundreds of men are at work repairing wires and clearing debris.

A dispatch from High Point says many trees are down in the streets there. Similar reports came from Winston-Salem before the last wire was broken.

The radio was resorted to in an effort to protect isolated points in the Carolinas and Virginia with news by the Associated Press. At 12:30 p. m. the Associated Press, and at 2:30 o'clock from the divisional headquarters of the Atlanta Journal station broadcast news station WBT of the Southern Radio Corporation at Charlotte was used. The wave length of the Charlotte station is 300 meters.

Industry Idle at High Point. High Point, Feb. 20.—Every industry in High Point dependent on electric power was today shut down as a result of the breakage during the night of wires caused by ice and falling trees. Many lines that for years had been the pride of resident here, were completely derided of limbs.

Telegraphic and telephone communication was hampered by broken wires, only one telegraph wire remaining.

The weather was clearing this morning and squads of men were out clearing the streets of trees and endeavoring to restore communications.

Storm in New York. New York, Feb. 20.—Rain and sleet today turned the night's snowfall into slush that made brooks of the streets and sidewalks and impeded elevated and surface car traffic. Four hundred snow plows and 14,000 men were clearing the streets today.

Asheville Paper Says Cooper Should Resign. Asheville, Feb. 20.—W. B. Cooper should celebrate his acquittal by resigning as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina declares the Asheville Times, Independent Democrat, editorially today. "He should not wait until an outraged public sentiment has forced him to do the obvious and the decent thing prudently." The Times declares that Mr. Cooper has shown himself not to be the "type of business man and citizen to command the confidence of the people and to occupy an exalted political office."

Senator Greene is Fighting For Life. Washington, February 19.—Senator Greene, of Vermont, continued his fight for life tonight with attending surgeons announcing that while his condition remained critical, he was holding his own. A second operation was performed last night which resulted in checking a brain hemorrhage that followed the wound received by the Senator Friday night. The bullet which struck him was fired during a gun battle between prohibition agents and suspected bootleggers.

Farina Convicted. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 20.—John Farina was convicted at 3:30 o'clock this morning by a jury of participating in the robbery and murder of two Brooklyn bank messengers for which two of his confederates, Joseph and Morris Diamond, had been convicted and are awaiting formal sentence to death.

Farina's case required two days of trial, and the jury was out four hours and twenty-nine minutes.

PIEDMONT Today-Tomorrow

WILLIAM FOX Presents SHIRLEY MASON

"South Sea Love" The Story of a Man and a Maid Who Fald Also a ROLIN Comedy