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(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate oil committee opened another bag of surprises today when it resumed hearings after ten days' recess.

Taking up the trail of the \$100,000 loan made to A. B. Fall by Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, the committee was told by officials of the Washington banks that McLean's checking balance in neither of them was more than \$10,000 in December, 1921.

C. Bascom Slomp, secretary to President Coolidge, was questioned about a visit he made to Palm Beach while McLean and Fall were there last December and January. The secretary declared he talked with Fall several times, and asked him for the truth about the oil charges, and advised him to tell everything. Mr. Fall replied, he said, that he had nothing more to tell.

Charles H. Lydiane, vice president of the Federal American National Bank, testified that during the months of November and December, 1921, Edward B. McLean's balance was under \$10,000. McLean had testified that it was during that period he gave Albert B. Fall checks aggregating \$100,000 on the Federal American and Commercial National banks of Washington, but that the checks were returned to him unused.

James H. Hayden, vice president of the Commercial National Bank, produced records showing that McLean's net balance in that bank was \$2,498 on November 1, 1921, and that this was reduced by checks to less than \$10,000 by the middle of December.

Biden said his bank would have honored an overdraft by Mr. McLean, but he could not recall that the Washington publisher had ever overdrawn his account.

Through him the committee sought to develop whether administration officials here had any communication with Albert B. Fall and other involved in the oil scandal.

The president's secretary said Mr. McLean and Fall were at Palm Beach while he was there in December and January, and that he had conversations with them, but they were not "private and confidential," he said.

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***** DOCK WORKERS STRIKE ENDED ***** London, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conference of the dock workers in progress since February 18, at work will be resumed at all ports tomorrow morning.

THE COTTON MARKET Opening Was Steady At a Decline of 5 Points to an Advance of 16 Points. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 25.—Conflicting influences were indirectly at work in the cotton market during today's early trading. The opening was steady at a decline of five points to an advance of 10 points.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF FALL RIVER CURTAILMENT Mayor Wants Trade Commission to Probe Decrease in Cotton Manufacturing. Fall River, Mass., Feb. 24.—An investigation of the "continued curtailment" of the Fall River cotton mills to be conducted by the federal trade commission is requested by Mayor Edward P. Talbot, in a telegram which he sent to the chairman of the commission.

MORE CHARGES MADE AGAINST GOV. McCRAE Governor of Indiana New Charged With Use of Mails in Scheme to Defraud. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—Financial difficulties of Warren E. McCray, Governor of Indiana, have been further augmented by his indictment by a Federal grand jury on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud and violation of the national banking laws. The charges were included in a report made by the grand jury last Saturday, but were not made public until today when the Governor surrendered to the United States Marshal who held capias for his arrest.

Secretary Fall had told him, Director Bain said, that Attorney General Daugherty had raised no objection to the plan of leasing.

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OUR OWN HYDRA-HEADED MONSTER



PISTOLS AS COMMON AS LEAD PENCILS IN UNITED STATES Drastic Bill to Prohibit the Importation of Revolvers. (By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 25.—A drastic bill to prohibit the importation of revolvers and placing an excise tax of \$100 on those manufactured by the United States except for export, introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, has been endorsed by the Michigan Audubon Society, Mrs. Edith Munger of Hart, Mich., the president, has announced.

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THREE MEN HELD FOR ALLEGED TRAIN ROBBERY Men Are Charged With Holding Train Crew at Bay While They Robbed the Train. (By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Three men, charged with holding the crew of a freight train at bay on Saturday night while they robbed it, are held here today. One of the trio is in a hospital, one foot having been cut off by the train, and the others are in jail.

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TO PRESENT THEIR NAME OF JOSEPHUS DANIELS State Executive Committee Will Be Asked to Offer Him to Country. Windsor, Feb. 24.—The Democratic State executive committee will be asked to formally present the name of Josephus Daniels, to the Democracy of the country as a suitable man for the presidential nomination according to a statement by Judge Francis D. Winston here today.

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Searching



Authorities are looking for Mays Cookson (above) of Needham, Mass., alleged white slave victim of Dr. Edwin C. Ruth, former federal narcotic agent, who also has disappeared.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON PORT PROGRAM Will Bring Immediate Action By the Governor. Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Governor Morrison having indicated in his address at Morehead City that a favorable report from the State Ship and Water Transportation commission would bring a call for a special session of the legislature, speculation arises as to the time when the session could be convened.

AWAITING WORD FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE President Expected to Say Something Soon About Keeping Attorney General. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Some definite pronouncement from the administration quarters regarding the controversy over Attorney General Daugherty was forecast today as the Senate assembled to consider the resolution for a sweeping inquiry into Mr. Daugherty's administration of the Department of Justice.

ANOTHER DELAY OVER NEW TAX PROPOSAL Revision of Estate Tax Rate Proposed by Rep. Ramseyer Cause Debate. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Revision of the estate tax rate proposed by Representative Ramseyer, republican of Omaha, subjected the revenue bill to another delay today while the House debated the question.

Keeps Negro in Office. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Walter L. Cohen, negro Republican leader of Louisiana, will be continued in office by President Coolidge as comptroller of customs in New Orleans despite the Senate's recent rejection of his nomination.

WOODROW WILSON'S WILL FILED TODAY LEAVING WIFE ALL

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FRANK McDOWELL NOW SAYS HE'S IN A "PICKLE"

Slayer of Parents and Sisters Claims to Be Getting Back to Himself. Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 24.—Frank McDowell, young murderer of his two sisters and his parents, appeared bright and cheerful this afternoon when visited by newspaper men in the Pinellas county jail.

COTTON EXPORTS

546,853 Bales of Raw Cotton Were Exported From Country During January. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Raw cotton exports from the United States totaled 546,853 bales in January, an increase of approximately 75,000 bales over January a year ago, the Department of Commerce announced today. The value of raw cotton exports in January was given at \$34,683,358, as compared with \$85,236,426 for January, 1923.

WHAT SATS BEAR SAYS

Bain on the coast and snow or rain in the interior tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

To Allow Skating on Certain Streets.

Wilmington, Feb. 23.—This city has resorted to the novel plan of zoning the streets for the skaters of the populace. Each Friday night certain streets for a distance of several blocks will be roped off and reserved exclusively for skaters until 10 o'clock. The city authorities have stated that they would not tolerate any encroachment on this ruling by autoists or pedestrians and neither would it allow the skaters to go beyond their allotted territory. It is thought by the traffic authorities of the city that this plan will greatly reduce accidents and violation of the law and at the same time give the young people an opportunity to enjoy the privilege of skating.

Arrested in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 25.—Orlando Horton and Morris Curtis, and their wives, wanted in Chicago, in connection with the murder of John Duffey and his wife, were arrested here today.

Walters Hagen, who won the British open golf championship in 1922, is to compete again this year.