

Telegram Sent From Washington to Fall In Florida Read Secretly

Oil Committee Received Messages From Telegraph Co's. and Held Private Session While Reading Them.

TO MAKE PUBLIC MESSAGE CONTENTS If There is Anything in Them Relating to Oil Inquiry.—Messages Sent to McLean Are Also Received.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Presented with a sheaf of telegrams sent from Washington to Albert B. Fall and Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, at Palm Beach, Fla., the Senate oil committee suddenly went into executive session today to examine them.

Wilton J. Lambert, counsel for Mr. McLean, was present at the reopening of the public hearings at the invitation of Senator Walsh, who had sought a conference with him.

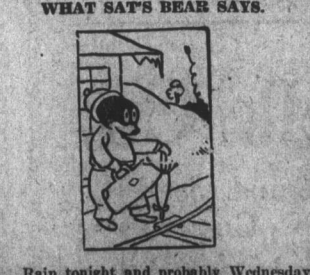
The results of the examination were not disclosed but some committee members hinted that the files had produced some highly interesting information.

Local managers of two telegraph companies have been subpoenaed in the hope of establishing whether Fall or McLean had been in communication with Palm Beach with administration officials.

Another member of the committee, Senator Adams, democrat, of Colorado, declared that no messages from individual committee members had been found thus far.

As soon as the committee adjourned Senator Walsh returned to the Senate floor and renewed his quarrel with the News Bureau of the Republican National Committee by contradicting in unequivocal terms the Bureau's charges that he sponsored the law under which the oil leases were made.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and the two Boston clubs have the largest playing fields in the major leagues.



WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Rain tonight and probably Wednesday morning; little change in temperature.

FAMOUS AUTHOR DIES SUDDENLY

George Randolph Chester Dies at New York Home With Heart Attack.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 25.—George Randolph Chester, author and playwright, died early today.

Mr. Chester left his home at an early age and engaged in various occupations. Beginning newspaper work as a reporter on the Detroit News, he rose to become one of the nation's most popular writers of fiction.

Shortly after midnight he complained of pains in his chest, and Mrs. Chester applied hot towels. The hot applications failed to relieve him, and he took a hot bath and retired, joking with Mrs. Chester about his pain.

Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning Mr. Chester sat up in his bed, awakened his wife and said to her: "You know, dear, I love you. He fell back upon his pillow. His wife did not think him dead and attempted to revive him. Failing, she called the superintendent of the apartment house, James Schultz, and he summoned an ambulance. Mr. Chester died of a heart attack.

Recently Schultz said, Mr. Chester came home and started running up the stairs. "I said Gosh, Mr. Chester, but you're spry," and he told me he had just taken out \$100,000 life insurance, and the doctors had told him he was good for 50 years more."

COX AND MEADDOO ARE NOW OUT, SAYS GRIFFIN

New York Congressman Says Tammany Hall Would Not Support Either. Washington, Feb. 25.—Tammany Hall will not support the Presidential candidacies of either William Gibbs McAdoo nor of former Governor James M. Cox, Democratic candidates made on the floor of the House today by Representative Griffin, of New York City, member of the Democratic organization.

In arguing for the excess profits tax, Mr. Griffin denounced former Gov. Cox, Democratic standard bearer in 1920, for his stand against the tax and declared, "James Cox has no chance of again leading the Democrats in a Presidential race."

ESTIMATE 75 AUTOS TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN

Cars Have Been Stolen at Danville, Hickory and Lincolnton. (By the Associated Press.) Hickory, Feb. 25.—Between 50 and 75 automobiles have been stolen by a gang operating around Danville, Va., Hickory and Lincolnton, according to R. P. Harris, state automobile inspector for North Carolina, who is here today.

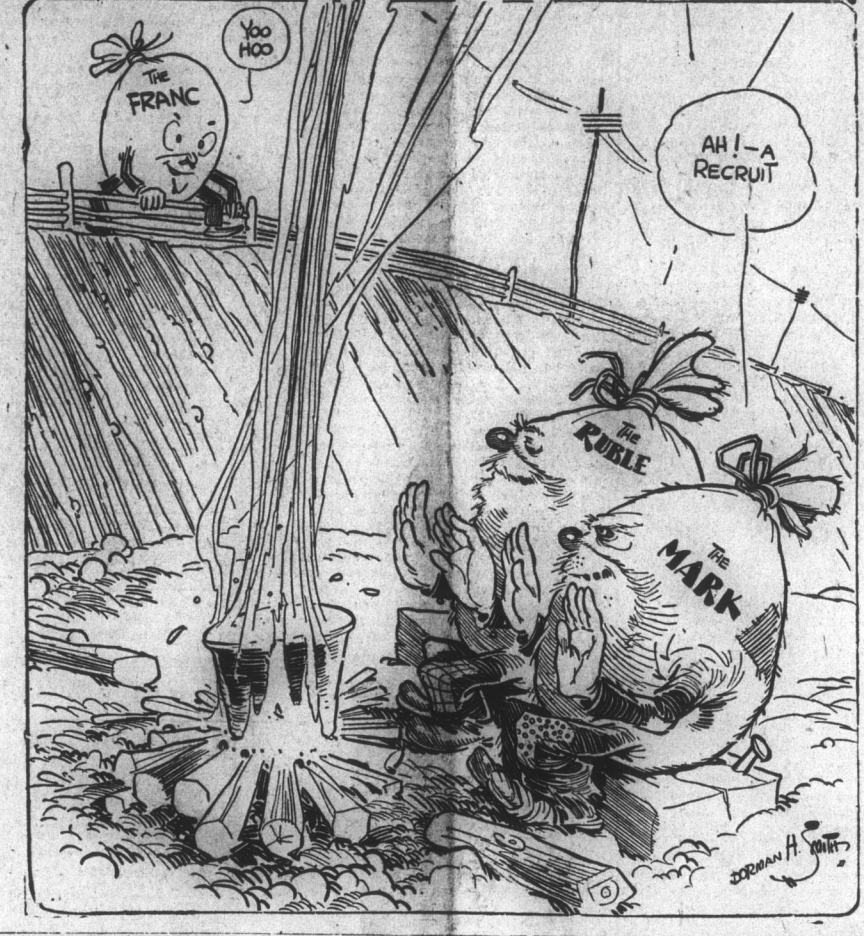
Burns Immoral Film, Endangering Hundreds

Vienna, Feb. 25.—A highly moral movie operator in a theatre here today threatened the lives of hundreds of people by showing the film La Garconne, which has been banned by France, England and America, by setting it on fire. A dozen persons were hurt in the panic, but no one was killed, as the film failed to burn.

Two Bootleggers Pay \$10,000 Income Taxes

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 25.—Profits closely approaching \$100,000 were acknowledged by two alleged bootleggers of Connecticut upon whom the United States Internal Revenue office made demand during the past week for payment of income taxes aggregating nearly \$10,000. They promptly paid the assessments levied against them when assured that none of the evidence they disclosed would be used to incriminate them.

BITTEN WITH THE WANDERLUST



THE COTTON MARKET

Active and Irregular During the Early Trading.—Active Months Steadied Later. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 25.—The cotton market was active and irregular during today's early trading. The issuance of March notices estimated at about 50,000 bales caused some near month liquidation. Trade interests bought March against sales of May at a difference of about 35 to 45 points, suggesting that the notices were likely to be stopped, and there was some scattered buying on the relatively firm Liverpool cables and continued large Liverpool spot sales.

TO BRING CROWDER TO THIS STATE FOR TRIAL

Gov. Brandon Comments For Alleged Slayer to Be Brought Back to State. (By the Associated Press.) Gastonia, Feb. 25.—Sheriff Rhyne left last night for Decatur, Ala., to bring Arthur Crowder, self-confessed slayer of John Ford, back to Gaston county for trial. After more than two weeks of wiring, writing and talking between Gaston county authorities, and Alabama state and county officials, Governor Brandon finally consented to Crowder's return on condition that he be sent back to Alabama for trial on charges there if he is not convicted here. The sheriff is expected to return tomorrow night.

Law Suit Settled After 82 Years

Rome, Feb. 25.—The court of appeals in Naples has just rendered a decision in a law suit which has lasted for 82 years. It concerned land given at the end of the sixteenth century by King Charles X. to Cesare Fieramosca, Knight, the brother of the celebrated painter Ettore. Cesare Fieramosca did not take possession, though the deed conveying the property is in existence.

Big Meeting of Church Alliance

Newport News, Va., Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the World Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed churches, which assembled in this city today for a three-day session, has attracted an attendance of delegates from many sections of the United States, Canada and South America, representing a total membership of more than 3,000,000. Many men notable in the religious work of the world are scheduled to deliver addresses and present reports to the convention.

Went Clark Ordered to Cuba

Washington, Feb. 25.—First Lieut. Henry C. Clark has been ordered relieved from duty in the judge advocate general's office of the War Department, and assigned as assistant military attaché at the embassy in Havana, Cuba.

CONCERTED MOVEMENT AGAINST CITY OF JALAPA

Federal Troops Start Offensive to Take City From Rebels. Vera Cruz, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—A concerted movement by government forces against Jalapa, capital of the State of Vera Cruz, which is still held by rebels, has been started. General Almanza left Puebla yesterday with seventeen troop trains. General Topete is leading Vera Cruz today with 3,000 men, and General Jara with 3,000 men, assisted by 2,000 others from Almanza's column, has begun an advance on Perote, an important post of the Jalapa rebels. It is expected that the combined forces will reach the capital this week.

A HORSE-POWERED FORD

Farmer Adds Team to Motor Drive to Plow Through Drifts. Winsted, Conn., Feb. 25.—Alfred Thomas today drove a Ford car and a team of horses at the same time, to reach Colebrook Centre, on his way to Winsted. He hitched the horses to the Ford, started the motor and then took the reins. Propelled by motor and horse power, the machine ploughed through crust-covered drifts to Colebrook Centre, where Thomas left the horses until his return from Winsted. Then he started home, guiding the motor-driven and horse-drawn automobile.

With Our Advertisers

Specials for groundhog weather at the Parks-Bell Co. Read the new ad of the Carolina Clay. See the new ad of Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. They guarantee good service. The S. S. Brown Shoe Co. has just received a large shipment of Selby Bumps in several of the most desirable designs for early spring.

Trio of Robbers Boldly Take Charge Of Freight Train North of Spencer

Spencer, Feb. 25.—A trio of bold train robbers giving their names as Tom Bailey, Ed. Pickrel and Amos Fox, all young white men of Lexington, were jailed in Salisbury Saturday night after being caught near Spencer by Frank Miller, chief of the Southern railway special agents, assisted by Officers L. D. H. Brown and J. H. Cook. Boarding a southbound freight train at Thomasville Saturday night the three desperadoes defied Conductor Currie Cates, Flagman Ralph Cates and brakeman N. N. Moore with threats of shooting them if they interfered. When about ten miles north of Spencer the robbers began unloading quantities of shoes, merchandise, clothing and such other things as they could get out of the train. Despite the efforts of the train crew to stop the robbery a large number of boxes of freight were strewn along the tracks for about ten miles. Amos Fox, one who is said to have been active in the robbery, fell under the train and one foot was cut off by the wheel. He was picked up by an automobile party passing the highway and

VENTRILQUIST BOOTLEGGER FOOLS WASHINGTON POLICE

Negro Hurls Bottles and Threats, and Then Escapes in Taxi. Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—An unnamed negro with a gift of ventriloquism, a supply of whiskey and a taxicab for purposes of retreat proved too much today for the Washington police. A watchman found him in the basement of a drug store and a squad of police who tried to capture him seized under a bushload of half-pint bottles of prescription liquor, intermingled with a rain of threats that seemed to come from several throats in various parts of the cellar. Tear bombs were ordered, but some of them exploded prematurely at headquarters and produced general confusion.

The Perfect Watch

London, Feb. 25.—The perfect watch, though possible in theory, is declared to be impossible to manufacture. A timekeeper 97 per cent. efficient, however, has just been tested at the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. For years watches have been sent to a special department of the laboratory from experts in Germany, France, Switzerland, England, and America, but not one has been awarded 100 per cent. marks.

Spanish War Veterans Organize

Winston-Salem, Feb. 25.—The J. C. Besant Post of the United Spanish War Veterans was organized here last night. Many of the great tributaries of the Amazon River have never been explored, while there are huge tracts of primeval forests on its banks into which no white man has ever penetrated.

BOOM FOR DANIELS GAINING STRENGTH THROUGHOUT STATE

A Petition Circulated in Raleigh Calls Meeting Thursday to Organize Daniels For President Club.

RICHMOND COUNTY SUPPORTING HIM

Asks State Convention Go on Record as Endorsing Him.—Democratic Committee Meets in Raleigh. (By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Feb. 25.—The friends and supporters of Josephus Daniels took another step last night toward putting his name forth as a Democratic nominee for President when they circulated a petition urging his nomination and calling for a meeting to be held Thursday evening at the court house for the purpose of organizing a "Daniels For President" Club.

Will Convention Discuss Daniels?

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 25.—The Democratic State Executive Committee will meet here tonight to fix the time and place for holding the state convention. The committee also will designate a common day on which precinct meetings will be held for the election of delegates to the county conventions, and the date on which county conventions will be held for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention.

WASHINGTON PAPER IS BOOSTING MR. DANIELS

The "News" Seems to Think Party Lacking in Intelligence if It Doesn't Nominate Him. Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretary Daniels is being freely talked in connection with the Democratic Presidential nomination.

MILLIONS OF QUARTS EASILY SMUGGLED IN

Run Running Threatens Defeat of All Customs Laws, Dallingier Says. Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Adoption of President Coolidge's \$18,000,000 program for the coast guard to more effectively curb rum running was urged by Representative Dallingier, republican, of Massachusetts, in a statement issued here tonight.

Two Children Victims of Woman Who Leaps to Death

London, Feb. 25.—A woman about 35 years of age threw a girl of five and a baby boy from the top of the 280-foot bell tower of Westminster Cathedral today and then plunged to the pavement herself, falling near the bodies of the children.

Miss Katherine Craven Dies at Parents' Home in Charlotte

Charlotte, Feb. 25.—Miss Katherine Covington Craven, 12-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Craven, died in Charlotte at 3 o'clock Monday morning after a lingering illness which heart trouble lasting for several months. The funeral will be at the parsonage at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the interment at Monroe which was the former home of Mrs. Craven. Practically all of the immediate relatives are in Charlotte including the Covingtons and Cravens from all sections of the state.

Well Known Farmer Dead

Whiston-Salem, Feb. 25.—Thos. F. Holcombe, a well known farmer of York county, died at the home of a son here today, aged 77. He is survived by seventeen children, ten sons and seven daughters.

Seal \$30,000 Worth of Furs

New York, Feb. 25.—Three bandits broke their way into the Brooklyn warehouse of Basse & Wolf, furriers, early today, bound and gagged watchmen and escaped with \$30,000 worth of furs.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL

Paul Howland, Who Represented Daugherty in the House Proceedings, Talks With President.

DAUGHERTY MET THE PRESIDENT

Conference Was Held Monday Afternoon at Which Time Status of Daugherty Was Discussed. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Coolidge prior to today's cabinet meeting had an hour's conference with Paul Howland, of Cleveland, who was attorney for Attorney General Daugherty in the House impeachment proceedings of a year ago.

Black Passage of Wheeler Resolution

Washington, Feb. 25.—Immediate consideration of the resolution of Senator Wheeler, democrat, of Montana, for investigation of the Attorney General's administration, was blocked today by Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican House leader, and Moses, republican, of New Hampshire.

DEMOCRATIC RATES GO IN TAX SCHEDULE

Insurgents Fall to Vote With Republicans Who Sought Compromise. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Negotiations between Republican organization leaders and insurgents today on the Longworth compromise income tax rate schedule for the revenue bill developed a definite break in the ranks of the latter group which voted to put the Democratic rates in the bill.

Gift Tax Voted by House

Washington, Feb. 25.—A gift tax was placed in the revenue bill today by the House.

FLUNG OFF CHURCH TOWER

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McAdoo Files Name in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Wm. G. McAdoo will contest for delegates to the National Convention in Ohio. Telegraphic authorization for Wilbur O. Wilkin, of Cleveland, to enter his name in the Ohio primaries was received by the Secretary of State from Mr. McAdoo today.

Boy Killed Over Game of Marbles

Tarboro, Feb. 25.—Orville Howell, 9, shot and killed Jonas O'Neill, 12, yesterday morning following a quarrel over a game of marbles, according to the police. The boy is alleged to have shot O'Neill with a .22 calibre rifle, the bullet entering the left lung, causing death in about thirty minutes. Howell was taken into custody by the police, but was later paroled in custody of his parents. He will be tried in juvenile court, but the date for the hearing has not been fixed.

Wireless licenses in England now number nearly 600,000.

There is nothing on earth whiter than newly-fallen snow.