

Senator Smoot Knew in Advance About Loan to Former Secretary Fall

Senator Discloses Publicly Fact That He Was Advised Doheny Would Tell About Loan He Made to Fall.

DATA WAS GIVEN HIM BY ZEVELY

Senator Smoot Said He Also Talked With Fall While Latter Was in New Orleans But Got No Facts.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah, former chairman of the oil committee, disclosed publicly today that he was advised in advance that E. L. Doheny was coming to Washington to justify about his \$100,000 loan to Albert B. Fall.

The Utah Senator said he received information from J. W. Zevely, personal counsel to Harry F. Sinclair, who was at New Orleans at the time with Fall.

The Senator denied rumors current at the capitol that he had been in telegraphic communication with Fall since the former Secretary announced in December that he had received the \$100,000 loan from Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post.

"The only communication I had with Fall was when Zevely called me on the telephone from New Orleans and told me that Doheny was coming to Washington and tell it all," said Senator Smoot. "He then said Albert Fall is here and wants to talk with you."

"Fall explained to me that his two daughters were in New Orleans with him, that one was ill and he wanted to take her to his home in Three Rivers, New Mexico. He wanted to explain that he could get to Washington as speedily from there as from New Orleans, and he authorized me to explain to the committee the reason why he found it necessary to return to his home."

Senator Smoot also told of a conference which he and Chairman Lenroot had with the former secretary at the latter's hotel here a few days before Fall sent the letter to the committee in which he said McLean had made the \$100,000 loan.

"We told him that everything in the record had been explained except where he got the money to improve and enlarge his ranch," said Mr. Smoot. "He told us he had borrowed it from an old friend."

"I'm not a paper," he said, "I can get money when I need it."

Read Telegram Sent to Florida. Washington, Feb. 27.—Telegrams sent to Edward B. McLean, A. B. Fall and others, at Palm Beach, Fla., and relevant to the oil inquiry were read into the record today by the oil committee.

The first, from John Major, in the employ of McLean at Washington, to McLean at Palm Beach, suggested a leased wire from the Washington Post to McLean's cottage in Florida, so the publisher could have "easy and quick access to the White House."

The message said also that C. Bascom Slomp, secretary to the President, would be in Florida shortly.

Another message from Major to McLean said that Major had had a "talk with Smithers at the White House." (E. W. Smithers is chief telegraph operator at the White House.)

In another message, Major told McLean he had talked again with J. W. Zevely, Palmer's law partner, who said the matter would be attended to in a manner satisfactory to you.

Another message said Fred Starck, a director of the war finance corporation, was anxious to get in touch with McLean on an important matter.

"Palmer and Zevely told me tonight that under no circumstances should you send a message to the committee," said another message to McLean, from Major. "They said that after the man at Wardman Park (Fall's hotel) testifies and the committee wanted you, they could take care of you."

A message from the White House signed "E. W. Starling," and addressed to McLean, said that Starling had "wired Wilkins at Hopkinsville, Ky." (Starling is of the White House secret service staff.)

Major reported to McLean that he had delivered a message "to McAdoo and Palmer, as per your instructions." In other messages there are references to Francis McAdoo, of New York, believed by committee to be the son of W. G. McAdoo.

Under date of January 22, 1924, Major wired McLean that "A. Mitchell Palmer (former attorney general, and counsel for McLean), had gained the impression from Senator Walsh that McLean would not be called before the committee." This message added that "other people are working on Walsh."

Wm. Duckstein, another employee of McLean, wired his employer that E. W. Smithers would like the job of operating

PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE PRESIDENT

Both Houses of Congress Suspended Work While Eulogy Was Delivered by Sec. Hughes.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 27.—The Senate and House today united to pay their tribute to the memory of President Harding.

Laying aside all business and suspending their various activities, the members of both chambers met jointly in the presence of President Coolidge, his cabinet, the Supreme Court Justices, State Governors, and foreign diplomatic representatives to hear a eulogy of his late Chief by Secretary Hughes. A section of the gallery was reserved for Mrs. Harding and a group of her friends.

Arrangements to broadcast the service throughout the nation by radio called upon the facilities of three stations: WCAP at Washington, on a 400 meter wave length, and by WEAF at New York, and JAR at Providence, R. I., through relays.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at Advance of 14 to 33 Points.—May 29.14.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 26.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 14 to 33 points in response to steady cables from Liverpool, covering and buying for a reaction after the big break of yesterday. This opening advance met some hold-over liquidation and there were reactions of 15 to 25 points but trading became quieter after the first few minutes, and active months sold 5 to 14 points higher with May around 29.14 and July 28.50.

Cotton futures opened firm, March 29.00; May 29.35; July 28.85; Oct. 28.75; Dec. 28.75.

REV. MR. LONG GOES TO GEORGIA CHURCH

Leaves Presbyterian Church at Statesville for Macon. Statesville, Feb. 27.—Rev. McKendree R. Long closed his pastorate at the Front Street Presbyterian church here Sunday, and will leave the latter part of the week for Macon, Ga., where he will enter upon his duties as pastor of the Macon Presbyterian church.

Mr. Long, who is a son of Judge and Mrs. Ben F. Long, of this city, announced something over a year ago his purpose to abandon his chosen profession of art in order that he might devote his whole time to the gospel ministry. His congregation is giving him up with extreme reluctance.

Jacob W. Barrett Dies at Son's Home in Charlotte. Charlotte, Feb. 27.—Jacob W. Barrett, 71 years old, died here last night at the home of his son, James F. Barrett, after an illness of two years. He formerly was associated in the operation of tobacco warehouses at Asheville and Lynchburg, Va. He is survived by three sons, James F. Barrett, editor of the Charlotte Herald, W. J. Barrett, of Charlotte, and J. O. Barrett, of Asheville, and one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Moore, of Charlotte. The burial will be in Red Oak cemetery near Asheville. The funeral will be held at the Methodist Protestant church in Asheville today under the auspices of the Asheville Masons.

Four Big Dollar Days at the Parks-Bell Company. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday will be four big dollar days at the Parks-Bell Co. The buyers for this big store have just returned from the northern markets where they purchased goods for this sale. You will find substantial reductions in every department. Read every word of the two pages of ads. in this paper.

Forest Fire Causes Damage. Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 27.—A forest fire which last night spread to the fashionable suburb of Montecito, this morning was being fought by 30 men. Property valued at approximately \$75,000 has been destroyed.

Special Lensed Wire to Palm Beach. "Just left the secretary at Wardman Park," Major wired to McLean. "He will go to Palm Beach. He declared you would not be called and that the entire matter will be closed after Sinclair testifies."

Major said he was arranging for Fall's trip to Palm Beach, but had doubts as to whether the Secretary would be a guest of McLean.

"Saw Senator Walsh this morning," said a telegram signed A. Mitchell Palmer. "He would not commit himself."

This telegram discussed further the likelihood that McLean would be called. Major again wired that "Palmer says that Walsh will not commit himself, but I have other people working on Walsh."

The committee adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow before all of the messages had been read. Just before adjournment Chairman Lenroot said that later messages established that the McAdoo referred to was Francis McAdoo, of New York.

Other senators said examinations of the files of the Western Union Telegraph Company did not disclose a copy of the official telegram of notification sent by Chairman Lenroot to McLean at Palm Beach, and which Senator Lenroot made public yesterday.

"It's none of your infernal business to what party I belong," wrote a woman voter of Mount Vernon, South Dakota, to the county auditor, in response to that official's effort to register her under the new State primary registration law.

HER DARLING



ANOTHER RUMOR NOW THAT DAUGHERTY IS TO GIVE UP OFFICE

Latest Rumor Says Compromise Will Be Made Whereby He Will Quit After Acts Have Been Examined

Washington, Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—An offer by Attorney General Daugherty to retire to private life when the Senate completes its investigation of his official acts is believed in some administration circles to be imminent.

Under the plan, he would step out of the cabinet regardless of the outcome of the Senate inquiry, and would announce his intention to the country in advance. A statement from him is expected before the day is over. There is a belief in some quarters that it may end the bitter controversy of which he has become the center.

There still are some of President Coolidge's advisers, however, who believe that a promise to resign at a future date will not satisfy the attorney general's critics in the Senate.

Whether it would entirely satisfy Mr. Coolidge himself remains undisclosed. He conferred for an hour again today with the attorney general, but made no statement.

DAUGHERTY'S RESIGNATION EXPECTED ANY TIME NOW

Mr. Coolidge Confers at Great Length With His Attorney General. Washington, Feb. 26.—Attorney General Daugherty's position in the cabinet continues to remain in the balance.

After President Coolidge had conferred with him for two hours at the White House tonight, Mr. Daugherty's enemies were predicting his resignation would not be long forthcoming.

The attorney general's friends at the same time were reiterating that he stood by his determination not to resign under fire and claimed President Coolidge had no intention of asking him to do so.

Under the surface of these open pronouncements for and against the attorney general were very general indications that either a definite announcement that he will remain or retire will be made soon. The day's developments were interrupted by many, including some of those friendly to Mr. Daugherty to mean that the time of his retirement had been made more to the forefront in the negotiations between the capitol and the White House than the attorney general's actual retirement itself.

Meanwhile, from the light being waged to force the resignation of the attorney general, came another development. It became known that the coalition of Democrats and Republicans progress-sives, which forced the resignation of Secretary Denby and is now pressing

Jack Himself!



Jack Dempsey called at the White House and discussed affairs of the nation with the president. Dempsey wanted to know why Czechoslovakia was not given mandate over Abyssinia, it is rumored. Coolidge assured Dempsey, gossips have it, that the only thing that stood in the way was Article X of the League of Nations, and the two thereupon discussed the league in detail.

YOUNGSTERS GREET

HEARD WITH GENEROUS WELCOME

The First Snow of Winter is Received Here With Glee-ful Shouts, After Several Days of Suspense.

SLEET PREPARED PLACE FOR SNOW

Made Earth Cold Enough to Keep Fleecy Flakes From Melting as Fast as They Struck the Ground.

"It's snowing!" Children tumbled from their beds with gleeful shouts and quickening of pulses as this greeting reached them this morning. It is the first snow of the winter and by the children it has been given a welcome almost as generous as the one extended on December 25th to St. Nick.

For the past three days clouds which appeared to be filled almost to the breaking point with snow, had been hovering over Concord and this section of the State, and as tots crawled into their beds they had expressed hope that the dawn of the new day would find the earth covered with the cherished flakes.

The hopes are realized as King Winter continues to spread the blanket of fleecy flakes which so successfully reaches to corners, cracks and crevices that no part of the earth escapes from the whiteness thereof.

Rain which fell uninterruptedly throughout Tuesday, gave way to sleet about midnight and the sleet pounded its way against trees, window panes and other obstacles until after six o'clock this morning. During the night it gave the earth a base for the snow, and when the tiny flakes began falling some time after six o'clock this morning they found the ground well prepared for them by their slippery relative.

The temperature during the night was hardly as low as the freezing point and the snow in all probability would have melted as fast as it fell had not the sleet made the earth cold enough to hold intact the white flakes. At 7 o'clock enough snow had mingled with the sleet to give everything an artificial coating of white and half an hour later the sleet was visible through the heavy blanket of snow which had fallen.

It is the first real snow of the winter here. Several times within the past month a few flakes have fallen, but they were easily swallowed up in the mire caused by the rain which preceded them.

At other times this year it has sleeted too, but the fall was not heavy enough to register attention.

The snow storm which visited this city is part of the storm which gathered in the Ohio Valley several days ago and has been moving eastward. According to reports from Washington the wintry weather will continue through the day and well into tomorrow, and the snow is expected to continue intermittently if not continuously, during the day.

Children do not attempt to hide the pleasure they are deriving from the snow, and on the faces of many grownups this morning there were smiles of pleasure as they walked briskly to their offices. It was fine for the children, they alibied, but it was evident that many of them were getting personal pleasure from the snow.

Few sleds were in evidence during the morning because of the dryness of the snow, but skating and sledding parties are being arranged for tonight and it is very probable that "Acrefield's pasture" and other popular hills will be filled with coasters by nightfall.

Business here has in no way been interrupted by the snow so far. But little of the snow has stuck to telephone, electric and telegraph wires and unless it does stick to them in sufficient bulk to break the wires it is probable that no damage will result. It may have been in great demand, but even at that they have carried more grownups than children, for the latter have refused to ride. Fathers were heard to remark that children who refuse to walk to school ordinarily were out and gone this morning before autos could be brought from the garages. The youngsters faced the falling flakes with joy and anticipation and their cup of joy has been running over during the day.

Up to the noon hour more than three inches of snow had fallen here.

STRIKE OF DRESS MAKERS LEADS TO DISORDERS

Half Dozen Riot Calls Characterize Beginning of the Strike.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 26.—A strike of union dress makers called by the International Ladies' Garment Workers today started out with a half dozen riot calls and reports of several acts of violence.

According to police reports, a manufacturer was attacked and a number of non-union workers slugged. The reports said that attempts were made to wreck some of the dress making establishments.

Dates for Democratic Conventions. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Dates for the Democratic State, county and precinct conventions were set last night by the executive committee which met here. The precinct meetings will be held on April 5th, the county meetings on April 12, and the State convention at Raleigh on April 17th.

Prince Is Dead. (By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 27.—Prince Masayoshi Matsukata is dead, according to a dispatch from Tokio.

STORM CAUSES SOME DAMAGE

In Western Part of State Seven Inch Snow Has Damaged Communication Lines.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 26.—A heavy wet snow that fell throughout North Carolina today had demoralized wire conditions in the western part of this state and in eastern Tennessee. Reports from various points were that the snow lay on the ground from 1 to 7 inches in depth and still was falling.

The last wire into Asheville failed at 8:56 this morning when the Associated Press wire broke. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported that there were bad breaks in their lines and those of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and Cumberland Telephone Co. between Knoxville, Tennessee, and Asheville, Spartanburg and Asheville, and between Charlotte and Asheville. In order to reach Johnson City, Tenn., which is served on North Carolina day state wire of the Associated Press out of Charlotte, the wire was routed via Atlanta, Chattanooga, Tenn., Harrison, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Ohio, Charleston, W. Va., Roanoke, Va., and thence to Johnson City.

Western Union reported delay to a number of points, with Asheville completely cut off. The Postal Telegraph Co. also reported Asheville lost with heavy delay to other points, including Hendersonville and Knoxville.

Asheville before being lost reported more than 7 inches of snow and still falling. Hickory reported about 5 inches. Nearly 2 inches had fallen in Charlotte since daybreak and the fall is still unchecked.

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No use to go home this bad weather—get your meals at the Ideal Lunch Room. You get quick service at Concord's new dyeing and cleaning plant, 41 E. Corbin street. The Eagle Co., phone 648.

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See the big assortment of Elgin watches at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. You can buy Milk Maid brand from all the leading grocers in Concord, Mt. Pleasant, Richfield, New London, Albemarle, Big Lick, Oakboro, Locust Level, Stanfield, Midland, Cabarrus, Kannapolis, China Grove, Landis and Mooresville. The February Sale at Robinson's of spring silks will close Saturday. You will find many exceptional purchases in silks in this sale.

Vinco Herb Tablets for stomach, liver and bowels. Try them. Sold by Cline's Pharmacy.

Nature's greatest gift—see new ad of Melbro Lotion on sixth page. At Cline's Pharmacy.

The Rust Motor Co., of Charlotte, will on Saturday, March 1st, have a big sale of used cars, various models, open and closed. The terms will be liberal and the prices reasonable. See ad. on page three today.

The Parker Shoe Store will have a week-end sale of shoes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at prices ranging from 98c to \$4.95. See new ad.

Big 29 Cent Sale at Elford's. On Friday, February 29th, Elford's will have a big Leap Year Sale, during which in every department they will feature a big line of specials at 29 cents or sale prices of equal interest. See the list of some of the many 29-cent bargains they will have for you Tuesday in the big page ad. on page seven today.

Head of Russian Church Ill. Moscow, Feb. 27 (By the Associated Press).—The patriarch Tikhon, head of the Russian church, suffered a stroke on Saturday, and his condition is reported serious.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Fair tonight and Thursday; colder on coast tonight.