

Palmer Tells His Part in Oil Investigations

Denies That He Was Engaged to Look After Interests of Fall-It Not Law Partner of Zevlevy. DENIES HE TRIED TO USE INFLUENCE

Says He Did Not Approach Sen. Walsh About Excusing McLean-Senate Takes Hand in Oil Matter.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 29.—A Mitchell Palmer, attorney general in the Wilson administration, testified today before the oil committee as to the circumstances of his retention as attorney for Edward R. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, in the oil industry. He was on the stand one hour and 15 minutes.

He denied that J. W. Zevlevy, counsel for Harry F. Sinclair, is his law partner, as suggested in the McLean telegrams. He added, however, that Zevlevy "is an old friend of mine" and had outlined to him a couple of months ago the salient facts in the oil inquiry.

Zevlevy asked his opinion, he said, as to whether Sinclair and Fall could be compelled to answer questions before the committee. Palmer gave it in his opinion that they could.

Palmer said he had not seen Fall "for years" and denied that he was to look after the interests of "the man at Wardman Park," as Jos. F. Major said in one of his telegrams to McLean at Palm Beach.

"I did not take up this matter with Senator Underwood," Palmer said when asked about a report sent to McLean that he had done so. He also denied that he had discussed the matter with any senator except Walsh, of Montana, and Chairman Lenroot.

"I did not have a living soul working on Senator Walsh," Palmer said when questioned about another of Major's telegrams to McLean.

Testifying that he had never represented E. L. Doheny, Palmer said smilingly: "I rather regret that, considering the size of the fees he paid."

Palmer said that so far as he knew, no suggestion had been made to McLean as to what he should say in explaining he did not make the loan to Fall.

DAUGHERTY GETS ABLE LAWYERS

George Chamberlain and Paul Howland to Represent Him in the Oil Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 29.—Harry M. Daugherty, United States Attorney General, has retained George B. Chamberlain, former United States Senator from Oregon, and Paul Howland, Cleveland attorney, to represent his interests in the Senate oil investigation. Announcement of his employment of counsel was made by Mr. Daugherty in a telegram to Senator Willis, of Ohio, sent from here before he left last night for Miami, Fla., to join his wife, who is ill there.

Daugherty to Be Coolidge Delegate. Washington, Feb. 29.—Attorney General Daugherty will be retained on the list of Coolidge delegates at large from Ohio to the Republican National Convention, regardless of the fight upon him in the Senate, and regardless of whether he remains in the cabinet.

Will Vote on Wheeler Resolution Today. Washington, Feb. 29.—The resolution of Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, for an investigation of Attorney General Daugherty's administration, finally came up for action in the Senate today under agreement for a vote before adjournment.

When the Daugherty resolution was taken up in the Senate, a controversy at once developed over the question of appointing the investigating committee. Senator Wheeler, of Montana, author of the resolution, proposed that five Senators, three republicans and two democrats, be elected by the Senate.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader, countered with a proposal for appointment of the committee in the customary manner, by the Senate's presiding officer.

SOUTHERN WILL SPEND BIG SUM AT SPENCER Additions to Shops There Will Call For Expenditure of Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Feb. 29.—Construction of a new 37-stall round house, an annex to the machine shop, five and a half shops, and a new 200-foot-long, 300-foot-wide inspection pits, and a 320-foot runway to accommodate a 10-ton traveling crane to convey heavy parts from the new round house to the shops, will be begun at Spencer by the Southern Railway just as soon as contracts can be let, according to announcement today by H. W. Miller, vice president in charge of operation of the Southern.

While no statement was made as to the cost of the improvements it is known locally that they will represent an additional investment of several hundred thousand dollars by the Southern at Spencer.

First View of Giant Camp



Here is the first view, taken from airplane, showing training camp of the New York Giants, National League champions.

SANCTION THE MOVIES ENTAILS MUCH LABOR

Much Work Is Necessary Before a Picture Can Reach the Public. Chicago, Feb. 29.—Children who pay out their nickels and dimes to get behind the closed doors of the movie theatre sometimes envy members of the board of moving picture censors of Chicago, who see every picture before it is released for showing in this city. But if they were to take up the duties of censors the task possibly would be found no labor of choice.

For much work is necessary before the approval or disapproval of the board is placed upon a picture. Viewing the picture is not only required, but numerous conferences are necessary before final action is taken. As an example, 589,500 feet of pictures were examined last January. In one day 51 reels of pictures, each one thousand feet long, were passed upon.

When the picture is received from the moving picture exchange, which is required to submit every picture brought into the city to the board, a record is made of its title, number of feet and the producer, along with other data. The picture is then taken to the projection room, where three screens, three projection machines and three operators are used to speed up its showing.

While the picture is being shown, members of the board take notes, after which they confer on action to be taken up in a chronological manner, the objection of each censor being thoroughly discussed. Then a vote is taken as to whether such and such a part of the picture is to be cut out. A "majority vote" rules.

After a picture is passed upon the exchange is notified what parts have been cut and the picture returned to the exchange, with a record of what is necessary to delete. After the objectionable parts are removed, they are returned to the board for final approval and a permit issued for the showing of the picture. If an exchange has ten different sets of the same picture a separate permit is necessary for each set.

THE COTTON MARKET Opening 9 to 17 Points Higher on Steady Liverpool Cables and Business Reports. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 29.—The cotton market was less active during today's early trading. The opening was 9 to 17 points higher on steady Liverpool cables and reports of better business in cotton goods. May sold up to 30.22 and July to 29.41 after the call, or 15 to 22 points net higher, but the demand was not general and the advance met sufficient realizing to cause irregular fluctuations.

DEFENSE BEING HEARD IN ANNULMENT SUIT

Mrs. Harris Trying to Prove She and Susie Lee Are Not Same Person. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 29.—Testimony in support of the claim that Mrs. Eleanor Elaine Lee Harris is not the same person as Susie or Sammie Lee, was introduced in court today by her counsel, Mrs. Harris' husband, Beverly D. Harris, is suing for annulment of their marriage on the ground that "he was intrigued into it."

The defense first introduced a deposition from Margaret H. Leach, of Clarksville, Tenn., who was chairman of the relief committee of the Clarksville Aid Society. She said that as chairman of the committee, she was informed that a destitute family had arrived there. She found the family to be that of Saluda Ann Harris Lee, and she took a fancy to one of the little girls, Susie, who was about 6 years old. She declared that shortly before the deposition was taken, she had seen Mrs. Harris and did not believe that Mrs. Harris and Susie Lee were the same.

McADOO NOT TO ANSWER CHARGES BY REED Will Not Go to Missouri to Answer the Charges Made by Missouri Senator. (By the Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 29.—Announcement that Wm. G. McAdoo will not come to Missouri to answer charges being made by United States Senator Jas. A. Reed, his opponent for the democratic Presidential nomination, is the latest development in the hot campaign being waged in this state. Senator Reed, speaking here last night, challenged Mr. McAdoo to meet him on the platform in Missouri for joint discussion of the oil lease disclosures. McAdoo headquarters at St. Louis issued a statement announcing that Mr. McAdoo will not make a personal campaign in the Senator's own State.

GIRLS' DISAPPEARANCE IS STILL A MYSTERY Can Find No Trace of Eleanor Aylesworth, Who Disappeared Last Tuesday. (By the Associated Press.) Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 29.—The mysterious disappearance of Eleanor Aylesworth, 16-year-old high school girl, and ward of Harr Harpness, secretary of the Binghamton Automobile Club, remained unsolved today after police, firemen and state troopers had searched the Susquehanna River during the night under the glare of searchlights. The girl disappeared last Tuesday on her way to school.

Revenue Collections. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 29.—Total internal revenue collections in the seven months ending January 31st, were \$1,461,646,165, an increase of \$183,879,496 over the corresponding period ending January 31 last year. Commissioner Blair announced today that income taxes made up about 60 per cent. of the total, receipts from that source amounting to \$860,920,407.

Condition of Mrs. W. D. Cagle, who entered the Concord Hospital February 21st, is improving, and she hopes to return to her home within the next week or ten days.

INSURGENTS AGREE TO SUPPORT THE COMPROMISE BILL

Will Vote Against Garner Tax Proposal in House, It Was Stated After Conference Last Night.

THIS TO DEFEAT GARNER PROPOSAL The Original Mellon Proposals Also Will Be Defeated, as New Bill Has Made Changes in Old Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 29.—House republican insurgents formally agreed at a meeting today to support the Republican compromise for the Democratic income rates in the revenue bill.

Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, leader of the group, said practically all of the seventeen insurgents who voted for the Garner plan would support the substitute to be offered by Representative Longworth, republican leader.

Reunion of the republican forces, the leaders said, would force a rejection of the Garner rates on the final vote this afternoon.

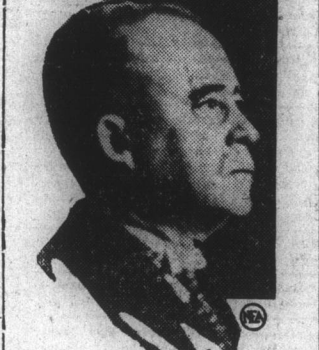
THE DAY THAT PUTS THE LEAP IN LEAP YEAR Those Born Today Will Not Have a Birthday Anniversary Until 1928. Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Babies born during the twenty-four hours beginning with midnight last night will not have a birthday anniversary until 1928. This is because this year is a "leap year," which means that the month of February has twenty-nine days instead of the usual twenty-eight. A leap year is one whose number in the Christian era can be divided by four without remainder, century years 1900, and so on—being excepted.

The world never gets quite used to February 29. The jokesmiths take care to keep its novelty well in the foreground by turning their humorous quips on that most famous of all customs ascribed to the benefit of the privilege of proposing an engagement.

This privilege is legendarily said to have been enjoyed out of St. Patrick by St. Bridget. In more recent times the right has, apparently, been extended to cover the whole year.

Though it is a woman's privilege to propose during leap year, there is a certain etiquette to be observed. According to one old authority, should the man to whom she offers her hand decline it she may claim from him a silk dress, but only if at the time of proposing she is wearing a scarlet petticoat and shows it to him.

New Photos



Beverly D. Harris, banker, who is suing for annulment of his marriage to Eleanor Elaine Lee on the ground that she concealed the true story of her past and painted pictures of aristocratic family connections. Above is picture of his wife.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The United States, almost alone among the great nations of the world, fails to give cabinet rank to the head of its department of education. In Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Japan, and nearly every other country of prominence the cabinet includes among its members a minister of education or public instruction.

The matter of transforming the Bureau of Education into one of the regular departments of the Federal government has been agitated for some years. Recently the proposal has been given added momentum by several national conferences of educators and others interested in the question.

The advocates of the proposal have issued a reply to any and all objections that have been offered against its proposed adoption. It has been said that the continued increase in the membership of the cabinet will have a tendency to make that body unwieldy. In answer to this it is cited that the United States cabinet, though now several times larger than in the early years of the government, still remains the smallest in point of membership among the ministries of the great nations.

It has been argued by the opposition that the transformation of one bureau post into a governmental department might constitute a precedent which would lead to the creation of an almost unlimited multiplication of cabinet officers. But this has not proved the case in the past, for a majority of the present departments were once presided over by bureau chiefs who had no seat in the cabinet.

NEWS STORY STATES MUCH SKY HAS GONE MYSTERIOUSLY

According to Chicago Newspaper 8,000 Cases of Pre-War Bonded Whiskey is Missing From Warehouse.

ALL RECORDS IN THE CASE GONE Liquor, Says Story, Was in Warehouse at Chicago.—Withdrawal Records Also Have Been Stolen.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 29.—Eight thousand cases of pre-war bonded whiskey, valued at nearly \$1,000,000, have vanished from the Federal Concentration Depot at Sibley Warehouse & Storage Co. here, according to a copyrighted news story in the Chicago Herald and Examiner, which adds that the amount of missing liquor may run much higher.

The withdrawal of the whiskey from the government supervised warehouse in which the accumulation of liquor was among the largest in the country, was accomplished by forged or raised permits for medicinal whiskey, the newspaper says. All withdrawal records of the company are said to have vanished.

Investigation has been ordered by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, according to the newspaper. The forged and raised permits have been circulated for months, and some dating back to last November have been uncovered, says the newspaper.

The withdrawal records of the Company were spirited away by two men representing themselves to be prohibition agents who called at the warehouse and presented a letter purporting to come from the Internal Revenue Department, directing that the records be turned over to them.

AUTO SHOW WILL OPEN ON MONDAY Annual convention of Automobile Dealers Will Be Held March 6th. Charlotte, Feb. 29.—The fourth annual Carolina Auto Show will open here Monday and continue throughout the week, which will be marked by the holding, in connection with the show, of the annual conventions of the Carolina Division National Automobile Dealers' Association March 7th, and of the Carolina Motor Club March 6th.

Auto show officials expect this made event, the only one of its kind held in the Carolinas, will draw an attendance of more than 15,000 persons.

The music programs of each afternoon and evening will include the appearance of Pat Conway's famous military band, Miss Verah Verba, soloist the Carolina Concert Club of the Goodfellows Club octette, organizations of singers.

Thirty lines of motor cars, in addition to exhibits by a number of accessories dealers, will be on display. More than 125 new models will be displayed in the course of the week. The show will be held in the great Carolina exposition building, which has just been redecorated by the auto show management.

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WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature.

Favorable Trade Balance. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 29.—A foreign trade balance favorable to the United States of \$101,381,856 was shown today in figures made public by the Department of Commerce.

Two Killed in Explosion. Quincy, Ill., Feb. 29.—Two killed and five injured, two of the latter perhaps fatally, and damage estimated at \$100,000 resulted from an explosion at the North Star Strawboard Mills here today.