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President's Name Is Mentioned Today In Oil Lease Question

Two Telegrams Sent by the President to Edward B. McLean Read Into the Records of Oil Committee.

NO REFERENCE TO OIL MATTER

Messages Dealt With District of Columbia Matters President Explains—Many Other Messages Read.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Two telegrams sent by President Coolidge to Edward B. McLean were read today into the record of the oil committee. Immediately afterward the President issued a statement saying that the matters referred to in the messages related to questions of local government in the District of Columbia.

The first telegram, sent on January 12 said:

"Prescott is away. Advise Slemp with whom I shall confer."

Signed "CALVIN COOLIDGE."

The second was sent on February 12 and says:

"Thank you for your message. You have always been most considerate. Mrs. Coolidge joins me in sending kindest regards to Mrs. McLean."

Secretary Slemp was in Palm Beach when the first message was sent. Members of the committee said they did not know who "Prescott" was, but a short time after the telegrams were read the President issued this statement:

"The telegram related to the district commissionership. Samuel J. Prescott is the republican city chairman, and the President desired to confer with him regarding the district matters."

The first Coolidge telegram was sent after McLean had testified that the $100,000 loan he previously had said was made to Fall on a note, was in reality in the form of checks which were returned to him uncashed.

The second was dated two days before McLean was summoned here by the committee to explain.

President Coolidge later made this statement, relative to the second telegram, sent to E. B. McLean under date of February 12th:

"The telegram sent to Mr. McLean on February 12th was in regard to a message from Mr. McLean congratulating the President on his Lincoln birthday address in New York.

"The telegrams exchanged were similar to others received and sent out in that connection. It simply amounted to an exchange of amenities."

C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to President Coolidge, later issued a statement correcting the previous White House announcement with respect to the McLean telegram of February 12th. The statement said:

"The telegram sent to Mr. McLean under date of February 12th, was in answer to a telegram received from McLean congratulating the President on his statement with respect to the Senate resolution calling for the resignation of Edwin Denby, as Secretary of the Navy. Owing to the date of the telegram, it was at first thought it related to the President's Lincoln Day address at New York. An examination of the White ouse files after issuance by the President of his statement, disclosed, however, that the McLean message related to the Denby matter.

"A number of congratulatory messages were received in connection with both the statements on the Robinson resolution and the New York speech."

A short time before this the committee had read a telegram from chief door keeper McKenna at the White House, advising McLean on December 22nd that Slemp was leaving that night for the South.

Then an exchange of telegrams was read showing that on January 10th Albert B. Fall at Palm Beach wired Chairman Lenroot of the oil committee asking to know if "Walsh has authority to subpoena me to testify" and got a response saying he had not.

Senator Walsh, chief prosecutor in the oil inquiry, had gone to Florida to question McLean, but the committee records showed that he was empowered to summon such witnesses as he might desire.

"Please see Senator Jim and find out if there is a disposition to make mutual friends make a long journey," said a message from Palm Beach on January 24 by W. F. Wiley to Ira E. Bennett.

Wiley is manager of the Cincinnati Enquirer and Bennett is an editorial writer on the Washington Post, both McLean publications.

On January 5th McLean from Palm Beach wired Bernard Baruch, of New York, at Georgetown, S. C., asking when he would be in Washington.

"Will be in Washington January 6 and 7," said a telegram to McLean signed "Bernie," with "affectionate regards."

On January 22 "Johns" sent a message to E. B. McLean at Palm Beach saying "Subpoena for Fall today. Returnable Friday."

Another Mary message in code was presented. Like the other, it was addressed to W. O. Duckstein, a McLean employee at Palm Beach.

On January 27th McLean wired Francis T. Homer, Baltimore lawyer, asking if the oil committee could compel him to testify where he had $100,000 on deposit.

"Think over certain prominent people and that time, and you will realize why large cash funds were kept on fund at that time."

Gaston B. Means, a widely known investigator, once employed by the Department of Justice, wired to McLean's secretary early in January that he was on his way to Palm Beach.

Chairman Lenroot was not present at today's hearing, having gone to Southern Pines, N. C.

Says President Should Explain.

Washington, March 6.—President Coolidge's telegrams to Edward B. McLean started another oil debate today in the Senate.

Senator Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, declared it was incumbent upon the President to give a statement to the country "to remove the suspicion that attached to the Prescott telegram he sent to McLean."

"It is not enough that Bascom Slemp gave out a statement," Senator Harrison added. "The President himself should make a statement. I hope some real explanation can be made by the President."

President Objects.

Washington, March 6.—President Coolidge declined today to turn over to the oil committee the tax returns of individuals and corporations prominently mentioned in the oil investigation.

Replying to a Senate resolution making the request, the President said he had been advised by the Acting Attorney General that he was without authority to comply.

The President offered, however, to cooperate with the Secretary of the Treasury in an effort to secure an amendment tot prevailing regulations which would permit the oil committee to "inspect" the returns if it so desired.

Starek Wanted to Buy Post.

Washington, March 6.—Fred Starek, a director in the War Finance Corporation, told the oil committee today that the matter he wanted to see E. B. McLean about, referred to in the McLean telegram, was the purchase of the Washington Post.

Senator Watson Speaks.

Washington, March 6.—Mention of "Senator Jim" in a telegram exchanged between W. F. Wiley of the Cincinnati Enquirer and Ira E. Bennett, of the Washington Post, led Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, to issue a statement today saying he knew nothing ment today saying he knew nothing about it. The statement said:

"I do not know Mr. W. F. Wiley. I do know Mr. Ira E. Bennett, but he never at any time talked to me regarding the inquiry contained in Mr. W. F. Wiley's telegrams."

CONSIDERING NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Daugherty Has Not Yet Resigned, But There is Every Reason to Believe That He Will.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Developments in the investigation of the oil and other scandals have again brought up sharply the question of Attorney General Daugherty's immediate retirement from the cabinet.

Selection of a successor for the Attorney General is under advisement at the White House, and at least three men have been approached indirectly to ascertain whether they would accept such an appointment if it should be offered.

Mr. Daugherty meanwhile is en route to Washington from Miami, Fla., where his wife is ill.

Gaston Means Called as Witness in the Oil Inquiry.

Washington, March 5.—Gaston B. Means, a former secret agent of the department of justice, was subpoenaed in the oil inquiry today, at the request of Senator Dill, democrat, Washington.

Means is a North Carolinian. He was reared in Concord and is well known in the state. He is a member of a prominent Concord family.

Southern Cotton Oil Co. Bankrupt.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 6.—The Southern Cotton Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., was petitioned into involuntary bankruptcy today.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.

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TEACHING AGRICULTURE IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

The Plan Is In Great Favor at Cornell University

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 6.—The plan of teaching agriculture in the district high schools that is now in use in North Carolina is in great favor at the Agricultural College of Cornell University, according to a letter received by T. E. Browne, Director of Vocational Education for the State of North Carolina, from Roy H. Thomas, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education, who is now at Cornell University completing his work for his M. A. degree.

Mr. Thomas writes that Agricultural School at Cornell has endorsed the plan now in use in North Carolina for teaching agriculture in the district high schools and that representatives from all parts of the United States have expressed their approval of the plan and that many of the representatives have stated that their respective states were in hearty accord with the present system. He stated further that many other states were planning to inaugurate the same system as that which is now used in North Carolina.

The undergraduate as well as those in the graduate school of the Agricultural School at Cornell University have expressed almost unanimous belief that the teaching of agriculture and home economics in the high schools throughout the state has a distinct advantage over the old system of separate agricultural schools of the secondary system, declared Mr. Thomas in his letter to Mr. Browne.

In expressing his opinion of the present system of teching agriculture in secondary schools instead of maintaining the old system of separate agricultural shool, Director Browne, said: "The present system of the agriculture departments in the various district high schools over the state is far superior to the system of separate school for teaching agriculture and home economics. The old system was the boarding school system and many boys and girls could not afford to leave home and therefore were deprived of the education along those lines to which they were entitled. Under the present system where these courses are taught in the different high schools many more boys and girls attend the schools or at least many more take the agriculture and home economic courses. There are now approximately 2500 boys in the State of North Carolina who are taking the agriculture ecurses in these high schools.

Another distinct advantage of the present system over the old is that it allows the students to remain at home where they can continue to be of help to their parents and to make use of his experience at school as he acquires it instead of waiting until the school term is over. He also has the privilege of the assistance of his instructors in solving questions that arise on his parents form from time to time. In other words both he and his parents profit immediately by his attendance at the agricultural department ofthe high school whereas they all must wait until he has completed his training should he be in attendance at the old boarding" agricultural school."

Due credit is given to the good that the old system of district agricultural boarding school had done for this state, by Mr. Browne. He stated that the district agricultural school was the foundation on which the present system was laid.

According to the Director the former district agricultural school was called the "Farm Life School and there were originally 21 of them. They have now gradually been decreased until there remain of this old system six in the state of North Carolina. The present system of teaching agriculture in a separate department of the various high schools of the state has been in operation since 1917. A state appropriation was made by the General Assembly in 191' for the financing of the system. For the two years prior to that time the various communities financed the project, it was explained.

It was also pointed out that under the present system, the farmer himself and even his wife has a better opportunity to study the scientific operation of farm and farm house, as he teachers in the department of agriculture at the high schools are also part time field agents, so to speak, many trips out to the different farms of the community to assist the farmer and his wife in their problems of every day life on the farm.

Southern to Operate Trains in Land of Sky By 'Phone.

Asheville, Mar. 5.—The telephone will displace the telegraph for dispatching trains on the line of the Southern Railway, extending from Salisbury, to Knoxville, Tenn., 270 miles, through the "Land of the Sky," as soon as two copper wire circuits can be constructed and telephone equipment installed in 75 stations Work will be begun as soon as as the necessary materials can be assembled.

The telephone will also be used to operate the manual block signal system between Salisbury and Morristown, Tenn. On the 42 miles of double track between Morristown and Knoxville, electric automatic block signals are now in service. The telephone circuits will be used for message service between Salisbury, Asheville, Knoxville, and intermediate points.

The new line will be part of the general telephone system which the Southern is building. Lines are now in service between Washington and Atlanta, between Cincinnati and Meridian, Miss., and between Knoxville and Chattanooga. Between Atlanta and Birmingham, a line is under construction.

Walter Candler Case Called.

Decatur, Ga., March 6 (By the Associated Press).—The trial of the suit against Walter T. Candler, son of Asa G. Candler, Sr., Atlanta millionaire, for $100,000 damages, brought by Mrs. Sarah Byfield, also of Atlanta, was called today in the DeKalk County Superior court here.

Sunday School Institute Gets Off To Fine Start

First Session of Institute, Held Last Evening, Attended by Large Crowd of Interested Workers.

MR. SIMS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

Detained in Raleigh by Illness of Relatives.—Three Fine Addresses Delivered at First Session.

Eight pastors, six superintendents and Sunday school teachers were among those present at the opening session of the Concord Township Sunday School Institute at the First Presbyterian Church last night. The total attendance was about 125 people, representing thirteen Sunday schools.

An interesting feature of the program was an address by Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, superintendent of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Sunday school, and president of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Mr. Ivey's subject was "The Bible." In the address Mr. Ivey gave many interesting and illuminating facts about the Bible, how it was made, the various versions, and placed special emphasis on the place of the Bible in the Sunday schools.

Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, began a series of talks on "Stories and Story Telling," her subject last night being "The Story—Its Value and Elements." In speaking on the value of the story Miss Davis said, "The story has no limits of time, space or lands. The whole world loves a story. As a means of teaching religious truth, the story has been used almost since the beginning of time, and it has the approval of the greatest teachers of religion the world has even known. Jesus Christ, the world's greatest teacher, was a wonderful story teller. He believed so thoroughly in the story telling method of teaching religious truth, that we read in the Bible where it says of him, "Without a parable spake He not unto them." Without telling them a story to illustrate the truth He wanted to teach them.

"Every good story must have in it four elements," said Miss Davis. "First, it must have a good beginning—not an explanation, but a sentence or two to attract the attention of the class, to prepare their minds for the story that is to follow, and to introduce the main characters of the story.

"The second element is the action of the story. Every good story must be full of action. There must be no dull moments, something must be happening all the way through from beginning to end.

"The third element is the climax of the story. If a story is really to teach you a truth there must be a strong climax. A weak climax makes a weak story. The climax is the teaching point, it is the place where the teacher drives home the truth that is to be taught.

"The fourth element is the end of the story. The end of the story must be just as carefully planned as the beginning, of any other part of the story, if it is to be effective."

Miss Davis will continue the series of addresses on the story at the succeeding sessions of the Institute.

"Today's Needs" was the theme of an interesting address delivered by Walter E. Myers, of Philadelphia, Pa., general secretary of the Pensylvania Sunday School Association. Mr. Myers said, "The great thinkers of today are saying that the greatest need of today is Christian education. I was talking with a friend the other day who is general secretary of a big city Sunday School Association and he said, 'If we can thoroughly educate in Christian ethics and principles one generation we have solved the world's greatest problems. Babson, the great statistician, in one of his circular letters, recently published, says that "The world's greatest need is not more money, more buildings, more railroads, more industries, but more Christian education." The Sunday school has always been recognized as the educational arm of the church, and in some communities it is the only agency for religious instruction.

"Let us look for a minute at what we have done, and at the great unreached work ahead of us. Less than twenty-five per cent. of our whole population in this big state are enrolled in the Sunday schools, and less than three-fourths of the enrollment are regular attendants. So there remains more than eighty per cent. of our population entirely without the instruction that the Sunday school provides. Possibly because of this, and because of the failures of the Sunday school to provide trained teachers, and in some instances graded instruction, and adequate rooms and environment, other agencies have arisen to augment the work of the Sunday school in Christian education.

"In many of our communities the church vacation schools are actually doing more than the Sunday schools, in the character of teaching and lesson material. In the North a very common agency is the Week-Day School of Religious Instruction, usually held in the church or Sunday school building, with trained professional teachers, and thoroughly graded curricula. One two, and sometimes three hours are given to elementary and secondary pupils through this agency. The day is not far distant when all of our Christian people will recognize the responsibility of the church to this phase of training, and not try to shirk the responsibility by farming out the process to others, or

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WANT REDUCTION NOW ON ALL INCOME TAXES

Senate Wants Action So 25 Per Cent. on Personal Incomes Can Be Made.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—The Senate finance committee decided today to seek immediate enactment of a joint resolution providing for a 25 per cent. reduction in personal income taxes payable this year, so that it may apply on installments due March 15.

Provision for such a reduction was approved by the House in the revenue bill. Enactment of that measure, however, is not possible before March 15, and leaders hope by passage of the joint resolution to avoid the necessity of making refunds on the first instalments which now would have to be paid in full.

BURTON MAY SUCCEED DENBY IN CABINET

He Is Being Considered by President Coolidge for Appointment in Cabinet.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Theodore E. Burton, present member of the House and former Senator from Ohio, is one of those now being considered by President Coolidge for appointment as Secretary of the Navy.

White House officials refused today to discuss the possibility of his appointment, but it was confirmed that he was on a list of a half dozen now before the President.

All indications today pointed to the selection of a Secretary to succeed Edwin Denby before the end of the week.

KNIGHT NEVER AGENT OF OIL COMPANIES

This Fact Disclosed in Telegrams Received at the National Capital.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Samuel Knight, whose nomination as special counsel in the Standard Oil Company of California lease case has aroused opposition, on the ground that he was counsel for a bank in which the Rockefellers were interested, informed government officials before accepting that he had never represented oil interests.

This was disclosed today in an exchange of the telegrams leading to his appointment, made public at the White House.

Salisbury Mayor Drops Out of Building Injunction Case.

Salisbury, March 5.—The controversy between Mayor C. M. Henderson and R. B. Yancey over the building of a three-story business block which the mayor claims projects out on two streets, is over Captain Henderlite having taken a non-suit in the injunction case which was to have been heard before Judge Harding this week, and having abandoned the appeal that he gave notice of taking when Judge Harding ruled against him on a former suit which was brought by him as a private citizen.

Work was today resumed on the building which will stand on the corner of Innis and Lee streets.

Mayor Henderlite in a letter to the board of aldermen assigns his reasons for abandoning the suit and apologizes to Mr. Yancey and to members of the board who were offended at his actions in the matter. He maintains that what he did he did solely on account of his desire to protect the city and maintain the proper bound to the public streets.

With Our Advertisers.

The Piggly Wiggly has a number of big bargains for Saturday. See ad.

All sizes, men's and women's watches at Starnes-Miller-Parker Co.'s.

For gasoline, mobile oil, car accessories, washing and greasing, Willard storage batteries, Goodyear tires and air and water service, drive around to the Southern Motor Service Co.

The S. S. Brown Shoe Co. on Friday, Saturday and Monday will have an Early Spring Sale of shoes. The prices will surprise you. See new ad.

New spring oxfords and slippers for ladies, at special prices for Friday and Saturday only at Parker's Shoe Store. For prices see new ad.

For Globe-Kernicke sectional book cases, see the Concord Furniture Co.

Fresh country sausage every Friday and Saturday at the Orchard Produce Company's store.

The Sanitary Grocery Company has increased its delivery service. Try an order for your fresh meats.

For seed oats and potatoes see the Cash Feed Store.

May Festival at Trinity College.

(By the Associated Press.)

Trinity College, N. C. Mar. 6.—The election of the Queen and the Court of Twelve for the May Festival at the College has been made pub'ic here. Plans are under way, it was said, to make the festival this year most spectacular ever staged at Trinity College.

Miss Elizabeth Kramer, of Elizabeth City, was elected Queen. She has appointed as her attendant Miss Iva Jennett, of Maneto, maid of honor. The members of the Court of Twelve are: Miss Ethel Merritt, of Faisou; Elizabeth Aldridge, of Durham; Elizabeth Hicks, of Oxford; Lucy Taylor, of Stovall; Bessie Hayes, of Lakeview; Mary Glenn Lloyd of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ann Rutledge, of Advance; Mabe' Westcott, of St. Augustine, Fla.; Elizabeth Showalter, of Richmond, Va.; Kittie Stubbs, of Sumter, S. C.; Mary Eskridge, of Marlington, West Va.; and Ida Munyan, of High Point.

Forbes Released on Bond.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Chas. R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, pleaded not guilty today before a United States Commisioner to charges of fraud, conspiracy and bribery handed down by a Chicago grand jury. He was released on $10,000 bond.

Suit Starts

The candler family of Atlanta, Ga., once more is in the limelight with the commencement of the suit of $100,000 filed by Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield (above) against Walter Candler. She alleges Candler attacked her in her stateroom aboard a vessel bound for Paris.

THE COTTON MARKET

Firm at Opening With Prices 11 to 34 Points Higher.—Firm Liverpool Cables.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 6.—The cotton market was firm at the opening today with prices 11 to 34 points higher in response to relatively firm Liverpool cables. The advance met considerable realizing at 29.84 for May and early fluctuations were somewhat irregular, but the tone was steady on reactions of 5 or 6 points from the high prices.

Cotton futures opened firm: March 28.40; May 28.80; July 28.15; October 25.68; December 25.25; January 24.92.

Ford's Offer Being Discussed.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—The House today resumed discussion of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, shortly after convening at noon.

Leaders of both sides had numerous speakers to be heard in the three hours and fourteen minutes remaining for debate.

Representative Garrett, democrat, of Texas, opened the discussion with a warm endorsement of the McKensie bill providing for acceptance of the Ford proposal.

Daugherty Leaves Miami; No Statement.

Miami, Fla., Mar. 5.—Attorney General Daugherty left Miami at 10:25 o'clock tonight for Washington, without making a statement on dispatches from the White House that his immediate retirement from the cabinet is impending.

Those close to the attorney general said that there was nothing new in the dispatches" to the cabinet member and that he would not make a statement or talk for publication on the latest developments in the case.

During the past twenty years the Government Nursery in Hawaii has grown and distributed nearly 5,000,000 trees which have been planted out in Honolulu and in the surrounding country.

Two Frenchmen recently did a roller-skating marathon, skating without a break for twenty-four hours, during which period they covered a distance of 22 miles.

Billy DeFoe, the St. Paul junior lightweight, is scheduled to take on Eddie Brady of Brookly in a 10-round contest to be fought at Passiac, N. J., the night of March 6th.

March's lucky stone is the bloodstone, signifying wisdom and courage.

SEEK CANCELLATION OF OIL LEASES IN GOVERNMENT SUITS

State Library

Bills of Equity Will Be Filed Next Week by Government Oil Counsel, It Has Been Announced.

CHARGES FRAUD AND ILLEGALITY

These Charges Will Form Basis of Government Contention—A Special Grand Jury Ordered.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Cancellation of the government oil leases to the Doheney and Sinclair interests will be sought in bills of equity to be filed by the government oil counsel next week.

The bills will ask for the return of the naval reserves to the government on the grounds that "fraud and illegality" were involved.

Injunctions also will be asked against further drilling and withdrawal of oil by the Sinclair and Doheny companies, and the court will be requested to name receivers to control the properties pending completion of the litigation.

At the request of the special counsel, a special grand jury will be empaneled here about April 1st to consider the evidence so far brought out in the oil inquiry.

The bills for injunctions are being prepared by Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, and will be filed in the Federal district courts for Wyoming and Southern California.

Thursday, March 13th, has been set by the Federal judge at Cheyenne for a preliminary hearing on the Sinclair contracts, at which the government counsel will be present.

For Regulation of Radio.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Rules for the regulation of radio throughout the Western Hemisphere will be considered and formulated at the Inter-American Electrical Communications Conference which is scheduled to meet in Mexico City the latter part of this month. The United States will be represented by two official delegates to be selected by the Department of State, who will be accompanied by a number of technical advisers. All Latin American countries and Canada are expected to send delegates.

The conference was proposed at the meeting of the Pan-American Congress at Santiago, Chile, last year and the place of meeting was decided at a meeting of Latin-American representatives at the Pan-American Union in this city.

All forms of electrical communications will be discussed at the coming meeting but radio is expected to be the principal topic, the general purpose of the conference being to bring up to date the regulations adopted at the London radio conference in 1912 and to amend them to fit present conditions in the Western Hemisphere.

An international conference for the drawing up of radio regulations for the entire world has been proposed to the advisory committee on communications and transit of the League of Nations with the request that the Council of the League take necessary preliminary steps. The proposal was made by a committee of radio experts which recently met at Geneva.

Nominated to Be Cardinals.

Rome, March 6 (By the Associated Press).—Archbishop Hayes of New York, and Archbishop Hundelein, of Chicago, have been nominated as cardinals. The consistory will be held March 24th.

Will Report Bonus Bill.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 6.—Agreement to report a soldier bonus bill was voted 16 to 3, today by the House ways and means committee.

Tucson, Arizona, has the distinction of being the only walled city in the United States. This wall, which at one time encircled the entire city, has long since fallen to decay.

The world's record for opening oysters is held by William Lowney, of Providence, R. I., who opened 100 in three minutes and three and three-fourths seconds.

A line of trade unusual for women in business is that of Mrs. Alma Sax Clouse, of Wheeling, who is the proprietor of a flourishing sporting goods store.

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