

Author of "Principal" Message Questioned

Ira E. Bennett Tells Oil Committee President Coolidge Was Not "Principal" He Had Referred To.

CURTIS IS NAMED IN THE MESSAGES

Bennett Also Tells of Messages He Sent to McLean in Florida After Conferences With Daugherty.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 7.—Ira E. Bennett, author of the "principal" message in the McLean file of telegrams, was questioned today by the oil committee.

President Coolidge was not the "principal" referred to in the telegram, Bennett said.

There was a reference in the message to Senator Curtis, assistant republican leader in the Senate, Bennett said.

Bennett said Senator Curtis had told him to tell McLean not to worry, that he would be "all right" as he had no connection with the matter except that he had "stood for Fall."

"Apple" in the cipher telegram is the code name for Albert B. Fall, Bennett said.

Bennett insisted, however, that he did not have a copy of the code and did not recall the meaning of some of the messages he sent to Florida.

Bennett said that "H. D." in his telegram read into the record yesterday, referred to Attorney General Daugherty.

This message was sent on February 14 at 12:09 p. m. to McLean at Palm Beach and said "Will have conference with H. D. before 1 o'clock."

Previously Bennett had said the code message referred to Wilton J. Lambert, counsel for McLean, and added that Lambert had given him much the same message for the publisher "strange as that may seem."

Daugherty, the witness said, told him to convey to McLean with the same message as was in the code message signed "Court" and sent on the same day. In the Court message, McLean was told not to worry. "All that is possible to do will be done by us," said the telegram as read to the committee.

Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, in opening today's proceedings of the oil committee, read a letter sent by one of Fall's attorneys protesting against the committee's action in publishing his client's telegrams. Such communications, the letter said, are privileged.

The complaint had been sent to Atlee Pomeroy, and Owen J. Roberts, the government's special counsel in the oil prosecution, Senator Walsh explained, for an opinion.

"We are of the opinion that telegrams passing between a client and his attorneys are a privileged matter," the special counsel reported to the committee. "The rule is that such communications are confidential, and the courts would so hold."

Senator Walsh himself said the opinion was sound, and moved that the telegraph companies be directed to exclude such messages in laying their records before the committee. It was so voted.

W. F. Friedman, war department code expert, came back to the stand with more transmissions of code messages.

Four cipher messages then were read into the record. There were a number of names represented by letters and combinations of letters, and the experts said that more messages would be deciphered, before these words could be deciphered.

Says Daugherty Promised to Keep McLean Off Witness Stand.

Washington, March 7.—The oil committee was told today that Attorney General Daugherty sent a reassuring message to Edward B. McLean in Florida on the day the publisher was summoned here to testify in the oil inquiry.

Ira E. Bennett, an editorial writer on McLean's Washington Post, testified that such a message was conveyed in a telegram he sent to McLean after a conference with the attorney general.

The message as placed before the committee included phrases as "all that is possible to be done will be done by us," and "you know what to depend on."

Bennett declared that a similar assurance had been conveyed through him to McLean on January 29th in the famous "principal" message.

"The principal" referred to in that message, the witness said, was not President Coolidge as some democratic senators have guessed, but Senator Curtis.

He testified that Senator Curtis had told him the publisher should not be disturbed, that it would be "all right." Attorney General Daugherty also promised to help keep McLean off the witness stand, Bennett testified.

Bennett quoted Daugherty as saying "Tell Ned not to worry. He's a side issue. In two or three weeks I'll be in the center of the whole thing. I'll do what I can to help."

"Help in what?" asked Senator Burton, republican of New Mexico.

"Help McLean not to come here to testify," the witness said.

GASTON B. MEANS AND FELDER ARE INDICTED

They Are Charged With Having Conspired to Bribe Attorney General of the United States and Others.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 7.—Thomas B. Felder, an attorney, was indicted by a Federal grand jury today with Gaston B. Means, former agent of the Department of Justice, and Elmer Jarnecke, the latter's secretary, charged with having conspired to bribe the Attorney General of the United States, the United States attorney for the southern district of New York, and two of his assistants.

A second count in the indictment charges the trio with obstruction of justice. The accusations are based on alleged attempt to prevent the prosecution of a large number of defendants, charged in the sale of stock of the Glass Casket Company, of Altoona, Pa.

The indictment recites that the three had received \$85,000 from defendants in the Glass Casket Company case which are alleged to have declared they would use in bribing the Attorney General, the local United States attorney and his assistants.

SUIT AGAINST WALTER CANDLER

Passenger on Aquitania Says Byfield Played Cards "All Day and Every Day."

(By the Associated Press.) Decatur, Ga., March 7.—Witnesses in defense of the character and reputation of Walter E. Candler, were introduced today at the opening of the second day's trial of the \$100,000 suit instituted by Mrs. Sarah G. Byfield, as the result of an alleged attack by the millionaire sportsman while they were fellow-passengers on the S. S. Aquitania en route to Europe in the summer of 1922.

Attorney General Napier of Georgia, was one of the witnesses called to the stand. Candler's character was good.

Edgar Dunlap, of Atlanta, who was a passenger on the British liner Aquitania on which Mr. and Mrs. Byfield were returning from Europe, testified that he saw the couple on the ship and that Mrs. Byfield's face was badly bruised. Asked if he saw Byfield playing cards with two men by the names of Bernstein and Lyons, Mr. Dunlap said that Byfield and the men played "all day and every day."

The reading of depositions by defense counsel was then started, the first deposition being from Robert A. Williams, of Southampton, England, ship inspector on board the Beregenia.

PERFECT GIRL NO SMOKER.

But May Be Scientific. Tennessee Men Students Voted.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 7.—The 100 per cent. perfect college girl, in the estimate of men students of the University of Tennessee, should not smoke, should be 100 per cent. attractive, modest, effeminate have high ideas—and, yes, even be scientific. Sympathetic qualities are rated 95 per cent., but good physique and studiousness are 100 strong.

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Black frocks trimmed with white at Robinson's. Phone 830.

New Victor records just received at Bell & Harris Music Department.

M. R. Founds wants to sell you new spring suit.

The S. S. Brown Shoe Store is offering high grade spring footwear at very low prices.

Friday, Saturday and Monday will be gingham days at the Parks-Bell Co. All the popular shades of ginghams.

You will find the certificates of deposit of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. ideal for investment.

The big White Sale at Eldred's is now in full swing. The prices on lines, cottons, and silks during this sale will certainly interest you.

Long Candidate For Lieutenant Governor.

(By the Associated Press.) Durham, March 7.—J. Elmer Long today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

First woman in Canada to sit as a member of a municipal board of aldermen, Anna Galt of Calgary, is now seeking election for her fifth consecutive term.

BIBLE STORY CONTEST

At First Presbyterian Church Saturday Evening and Sunday.

The following program will be rendered Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 2 and 4:30 o'clock at the final Bible Story Contest to be held in the First Presbyterian Church: Junior Program, First Session, Saturday Night at First Presbyterian Church.

Solo—Mrs. Womble. Organist—Miss Gillon.

Invocation—Rev. L. A. Thomas.

Conterstants: Robert Bailey, Arthur Hicks, Pearl Fink, Ruth Perdue, Lorraine Blanks, Sarah G. Davis, Stewart Henry.

Silver offering—Organ, Miss Gillon.

Conterstants—Mildred Miller, Lawrence Barrier, Cochran Kennedy, Francis Bodenheimer, Linwood Brown, Franklin Pennington, Mirjon Eganhard, Robert Thompson, Gertrude Gibson, Arthur Odell, Margaret Turner, Irene Long, Virginia H. Jenkins, Sarah Johnston, Ethel E. Peck, Alice May Whitlock, Gertrude Simpson, Mary Junker, Margaret Hill, Ruth Hulander.

Junior Program, Second Session, Forest Hill Methodist, Church Sunday 2 p. m.

Special music.

Invocation.

Conterstants: Margaret Allison, Louise Blume, Robert Thompson, John K. Thompson, John A. Pickard, Ruth Umberger, Shinn Jay.

Silver offering.

Conterstants—John H. Williams, Lewis H. Brown, Alice Mary Davol, Margaret Mabrey, Lloyd Cook, Andy Shinn, Mable Russel, Gladys May Binghamton, Fay Russel, F. McEachern.

Sunday, March 9, 4:30 p. m. First Presbyterian Church.

Quartet—St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury.

Invocation—Rev. L. A. Thomas.

Conterstants—Nim B. Barely, Muriel Wolf, Graham Martin, Mimi Tucker, Louis Holmessen.

Music—quartet.

Conterstants—Rufus Brown, Franklin Armstrong, Mable Henry, James McEachern, Leonard Turner.

Silver offering, Miss Nell Herring, organist.

Music—quartet.

Conterstants—Ruth Dayvault, Nina McNeese, Leiner, Margaret Benfield, Mary Caudle, Hazel Goodman, Burt Lewis, A. Alexander, Mary L. McEachern, Pearl Fink, C. Query.

Sunday 7:30 p. m. First Presbyterian Church.

Music—special.

Invocation—C. F. Ritchie.

Conterstants—Ruth Pennington, Frances Boger, Novella Mabrey, Louis Busby, Mary Grady Parks, Fred Brown.

Silver offering, Organist, Mrs. J. F. H.

Conterstants—Mildred Turner, Joe Pike, Mary Cannon, Wm. Boyd, Annie Little, Jessie Harris, A. Alexander, Warren Crook, Elgin Thompson.

Music by Congregation—Mrs. Reed organist.

Conterstants—Hubert Turner, Lullie Cochrane, Alice Hogan, Catherine Widchouse, Margaret Prosser, Mary Miller, Eula Umberger, Rosie Reed, Mary Lee Peck, Wm. McIntock, Eugene Kidd, Zola Jackweider, Edna Cochrane.

Music.

Awarding of Silver Cups.

SAYS STATE NEVER MORE PROSPEROUS

A. W. McLean Declares Boll Weevil Only Discouraging Factor.

Sunday School Institute Proves of Great Worth

Sessions Thursday Were Attended by Workers Who Showed Keen Interest in Subjects Discussed.

MISS DAVIS AND MR. MYERS TALK

Miss Davis Continues Talks on Value of Story Telling in Work Among Sunday School Pupils.

Sessions this afternoon and night will bring to a close the Concord Township Sunday School Institute which opened at the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday night.

Interest in the Institute has been increasing with each session.

At the close of the session last night the records showed that seventeen Sunday schools have been represented by nine pastors, ten superintendents and 72 teachers and officers.

Those in charge of the Institute are expecting the meetings this afternoon and tonight to be the largest and most interesting sessions that have been held.

Walter E. Myers, of Philadelphia, Pa., is giving an interesting and helpful series of addresses on the work of the Adult Division of the Sunday school.

At the meeting last night his subject was the "Adult Bible Class Organized for Service." In speaking on this subject Mr. Myers said: "The history of the organized Bible class movement is interesting in the extreme to all Sunday school workers. Contrary to the common opinion this movement is comparatively young. The International Sunday School Association recognized the organized Adult Bible Class Department as a part of the association work at the International Sunday School Convention held in Toronto, Canada, in 1907. As early as the late nineties of the past century, and in 1900 and 1901 of this century there were a few organized Bible classes, but after the recognition of the movement by the International Sunday School Association the growth was so rapid as to be spectacular. In our own State of Pennsylvania within three years from the adoption of the movement by the International Association, we had registered more than ten thousand classes with a total membership of more than half a million.

"The steps in development of the movement might be marked by some of the spectacular Bible class parades. In 1910 at the World's Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C., seven thousand men were in the Bible Class parade. In the same year at Harrisburg, Penn., eleven thousand men were in a parade and the next year in Ohio at the State Sunday School Convention there was a Bible class parade numbering twelve thousand men. Then came the Jubilee Convention of the Pennsylvania Sunday School Association, with the most spectacular of all parades with twenty-seven thousand Bible class men marching in interest of the Bible class movement.

"The outbreak of the war took many of our young men, breaking up many of the classes, marking a change in the efforts to do more effective service and more helpful through-the-week programs, rather than the organization of more classes and the enrollment of larger numbers. We now seem to be in a more wholesome stage of development.

"The organized class has advantages of the unorganized class because it divides the work, it develops the workers, it distributes the leadership, it delegates the responsibility, and determines the permanence, power and possibilities of the class. The International Standard requires that five officers be elected at least annually, these are the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and teacher. And a minimum of four permanent committees is required, a committee of devotional life, a committee on membership, social life, and a missionary committee.

"In more recent years there has been considerable agitation for federations of Bible classes, so that all classes of the

community, county and sometimes the State, may work together for the advancement of a common cause.

"Objective Bible study has come to be recognized as the only type of Bible study that is worth while. We mean by objective Bible study that which carries over into the practical work of every day of the week. Or, studying the Bible on Sunday in order that all of our living through the week may conform to God's plan for living and hasten the coming of His kingdom.

"The development of a program for any given Bible class necessitates thorough familiarity with the personnel of the class and the constituency to which the class is to minister. No two programs of service can ever be alike in details. There are, however, some fundamental, basic principles that underlie the program of service. There are some phases of activity that it would be folly to overlook in any community. Through-the-week Bible study on the part of adults, individual, and the plans for Bible study conferences and institutes should be in every program. Evangelism should be stressed, and the effective stressing of evangelism will oftentimes be found the solution of many other problems, such as increase in enrollment and church attendance.

Social service and community betterment must enter into every Bible class program. And the particular phases of development that every immediate community warrants must be put in the program. Civic righteousness is being aggressively emphasized by many Bible classes with the results that the political complexion of whole states is being changed. Missions should be in every adult Bible class program.

The greatest difficulty we face in the adult Bible class movement is the apathy and indifference on the part of adults, and in making them realize that they are responsible, and must ever be boosters and backers of every department of Christian service. "Others" should be the adult Bible class motto, and until all the rest of the Sunday school has been adequately cared for in the matter of economic supplies, and equipment, the adult Bible class should not take to itself comfortable quarters.

Another interesting address delivered at the night session of the Institute yesterday was by J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, Mr. Ivey spoke interestingly on the importance of the Sunday school, some of the discouragements in the work and gave many helpful suggestions for making the schools more helpful and more effective in their work.

Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, continued her work on story telling at the meeting yesterday. This afternoon Miss Davis will finish the series of talks on this subject.

For the closing session of the Institute tonight, the following program will be carried out:

Evening Session: 7:30—Devotional—Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor Central Methodist Church. 7:45—The Service of Worship—Miss Flora Davis.

8:15—A Challenge to Adults—Mr. Walter E. Myers.

8:45—Record of Attendance.

9:00—Giving a Crop of Trained Workers—Mr. D. W. Sims.

9:25—Presentation of Pennant.

9:30—Adjourn.

PAIDUP INSURANCE POLICIES AGREED UPON

As a Provision of the Soldiers' Bonus Bill—Option of Cash Payment Impending.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 7.—Paidup insurance policies were decided upon as a provision of the soldiers' bonus bill today by the House ways and means committee. A motion to include an alternative option of full cash payments is pending.

Provisions of the bill, passed at the last session, and vetoed by President Harding for vocational training and farm or home aid, were definitely eliminated, but an option of cash payment still is pending.

One-eighth of the entire area of Finland is covered by fresh water lakes.

10 Senate Inquiries in Progress With Half Dozen More Planned

Washington, Mar. 7.—Following are the Senate investigations now in progress:

Investigation of the oil scandals involving the leasing of the naval oil reserves.

Investigation of Attorney General Daugherty and the Department of Justice.

Senator Borah's inquiry into Secretary Hughes' charges of revolutionary propaganda in relation to Russian recognition.

The Reed (D. Mo.) investigation of propaganda in general, notably relating to the League of Nations and the Bok peace plan.

Senator Copeland's inquiry into fake medical diploma mills.

Senator Hefflin's study of Rio Grande Valley land frauds and R. B. Creager of Texas.

Investigation of the Veterans' Bureau. The Mayfield-Peddy contest challenging the Texas Senator's right to his seat and involving the Ku Klux Klan.

Investigation of the Foulke fur seal contract let by the Government to the Foulke concern of St. Louis.

Inquiry into rent profiteering in the District of Columbia.

Investigations are also being sought into the Railroad Administration, the Internal Revenue Department Prohibition unit, the cost of bread and flour, effects of the bonus and income tax returns of principals in the oil scandals.

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REPRESENTATIVES DENY CHARGES AGAINST THEM

Say They Are Not Guilty of Using Influence and Getting Pay For It.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 7.—Representatives Langley, of Kentucky, and Zihlman, of Maryland, both republicans, denied today that they ever had improperly exercised their official influence and received money for doing so.

Their denial followed publication of their names in connection with charges by the recent Chicago grand jury that two members of Congress had so misused their offices.

Both representatives said they had heard rumors that they were implicated and had discussed the matter with newspaper men, but they declared they had received no official information that they were involved at all in the case. They were emphatic in asserting they could prove their innocence beyond any doubt if charges are preferred against them.

Representative Langley is chairman of the House buildings committee and represents the Tenth Kentucky district. His home is in Pikeville.

Representative Zihlman is chairman of the labor committee and represents the Sixth Maryland district. He lives at Cumberland.

THE LIVE STOCK SITUATION

Is Menaced in Several Counties by the Craze For Growing More Cotton.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 7.—The livestock situation in North Carolina is discouraging at the present time, according to Frank Parker, State Agricultural Statistician. Beef and feeder cattle are bringing very low prices and there is little demand for them, it is reported.

This sets up a condition whereby livestock farmers feel that they are over-loaded. It was explained, but the dairy cattle situation continues good in the Piedmont area of the state, extending from Guilford to Cleveland county and interest continues in good blooded stock.

The scarcity of pigs which means that breed sows are good property, is offset by abundance of hogs that are in good condition, said Mr. Parker. However the decrease in pigs brings forth statements from the agricultural reporters that there is a lack of hogs in the mountain counties.

"Sheep are bringing better prices," he existing," stated Mr. Parker. "Yancy and some other counties indicate that more sheep are needed. There is good interest in the wool pool organization in the northwestern counties.

"Chickens seems to be the most popular livestock commodity on the farms at the present time. The interest had been at a high pitch and still continues. Increase in both numbers and quality is evident. This condition has brought forth the comment from specialists that it may be overdone in the numbers on farms get to the point where feed has to be purchased.

"There is continued interest in improved pastures and in more and better feeds. Many farmers report that there is very little pasture and that in poor condition. Some have come from the mountain counties that the cold weather has hurt pastures severely. Feeds have had good sales especially at most farms had short quantities on hand. Many counties are still having too much farm feed shipped in, remarking, "It is a shame that we do not grow more hay crops."

"With the cotton boll weevil some counties, particularly those of the southeastern part of the state, are taking more interest in livestock. Columbus County, for instance, has increased her legume hays and grain crops considerably during the past two years. This county has practically eliminated all cotton acreage. Field after field of corn is filled with velvet beans in the fall. The month of May found many fields of grain ready for cutting. Already the farmers there have felt that the boll weevil has forced them into more sound farming practices.

"The livestock situation is menaced in several counties by the craze for growing more cotton. This is particularly true where the boll weevil has not yet done appreciable damage and where good yields were made last year. Some other counties, like Lincoln, have not sufficient improved pastures to maintain the livestock they try to keep."

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Sharp Advances Are Followed by Sharp Reactions Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 7.—Yesterday's sharp advances were followed by reactions in the cotton market early today. Liverpool futures were better and first prices here were 2 to 21 points higher, but the tone was barely steady and the market soon weakened owing to a fear of a lockout in Lancashire. Manchester advices stated that master spinners at yesterday's conference had served notice that if the strike in one of the Lancashire mills was not terminated meanwhile, all mills would be closed, involving a lockout of 150,000 operatives. This news evidently offset the steadiness of Liverpool, and prices here broke down to 20.20 to 20.75 for Mar. or about 20 to 25 points net lower under liquidation and southern selling.

Cotton futures opened barely steady, March 28.90; May 29.00 to 29.08; July 28.50; Oct. 28.85; Dec. 24.40.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLINES TO TALK

WILL NOT DISCUSS IN ANY WAY RUMORS THAT HE WILL SOON RESIGN FROM HIS OFFICIAL POSITION.

FEELING FINE HE TELLS REPORTERS

Attends a Cabinet Meeting Which Started Just As He Arrived—Cabinet Held a Short Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 7.—Attorney General Daugherty would make no statement upon his arrival here today. He went direct from the station to the cabinet meeting.

"I'm feeling better than I have in five years, although I notice by the newspapers that I am reported to be a very sick man," said the Attorney General.

He was met at the station by two secret agents of the Department of Justice who accompanied him as he drove away. He arrived at the White House just in time for the cabinet meeting.

He declined to be stopped by questioners as he hurried into the cabinet room, where some cabinet members already were waiting.

The meeting of the cabinet lasted only a little over a half hour. The first members to leave said the question of Mr. Daugherty's retirement had not been discussed. When Mr. Daugherty emerged later he said he could "hardly answer" a question as to whether the situation in Washington as it related to him had changed since his departure from Florida.

CORNELIA VANDERBILT IS REPORTED ENGAGED

Announcement of Biltmore Girl and John A. Cecil Is Expected.

Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt of Biltmore, is reported to be engaged to the Hon. John F. A. Cecil, first secretary of the British embassy at Washington, according to a Washington dispatch to yesterday's New York Times.

Miss Vanderbilt is well known in North Carolina. She has spent a large part of her time in and near Asheville and has visited in many parts of the State. The story follows:

Miss Vanderbilt and her mother passed the early winter at their estate at Biltmore, N. C., where Mr. Cecil and other members of the British embassy staff were guests at several house parties.

Miss Vanderbilt made her debut two years ago. She is the only child of the late George W. Vanderbilt, who she resembles, but at the same time inherits much of the charm of her mother, who, before her marriage, was Miss Edith Dresser, of New York and Newport.

The Honorable Mr. Cecil, who joined the embassy staff in Washington less than a year ago, is popular and said to have a assured future in diplomacy.

It is believed by the friends of Miss Vanderbilt that the engagement will be short and the wedding an event of the early summer.

By the will of Miss Vanderbilt's father, who died in March, 1914, she inherited the estate of Biltmore and the old Vanderbilt trust fund of \$5,000,000 created for George W. Vanderbilt by his father, William H. Vanderbilt. The entire fortune was estimated to be about \$50,000,000.

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