

M'LEAN TOLD ABOUT CASH LOAN BECAUSE FALL ASKED HIM TO

Said at Conference in Atlantic City Former Cabinet Member Asked Him to Say He Made Cash Loan.

WHITE HOUSE MEN EXAMINED

Chief Door Keeper, Secret Service Man and Man in Charge of Communications Called by Committee

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Edward B. McLean, published in the Washington Post, insisted under questioning before the committee today that he had told the truth when he testified at Palm Beach that he loaned A. B. Fall \$100,000 in 1921 in checks which afterward were returned un cashed.

Although his bank balance did not show that amount on deposit he said his "credit was good" and that Fall agreed to notify him before attempting to cash the checks. This procedure he said, was "not unusual" and had nothing to do with the oil leasing program.

When he first erroneously informed the committee that the loan had been made in cash, he said, he did so because Mr. Fall had requested it at a conference they had in Atlantic City last December.

Prior to calling Mr. McLean the committee questioned H. E. McKenna, chief doorkeeper at the White House executive offices, E. W. Starling, of the White House secret service department and E. W. Smithers, chief of communication at the White House.

McKenna stated that a telegram sent to McLean in Florida informing him of Secretary Sloop's departure for the south was sent because McLean asked him to send such notice and Secretary Sloop said it would be all right.

Starling said a message he sent to McLean related to employment in the McLean household of his lifelong friend E. P. Wilkins, of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Smithers said he took the job of operating the Washington end of the McLean private wire to Palm Beach because he needed the extra salary.

Smithers said his duties were "purely mechanical" and that he did not recall the messages going over the wire.

McLean in a prepared statement, read at the outset of his testimony, declared he had "absolutely no knowledge of any loans upon naval oil reserves made at any time to any person or company," except what he had received from newspaper reports.

He said he did not know Harry E. Sinclair or E. L. Doherty and had no recollection of ever having met them even casually and never had any interest in any of their companies.

The statement made no reference to his previous conflicting testimony regarding the loan and when his attention was directed to that subject he said he had no further statement to make.

He said under questioning that he had searched everywhere for the stubs of the check he testified he had given to Fall but was unable to find them.

"There aren't any and never were," asked Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana.

"Why yes there were Senator, to the best of my recollection as I told you," the witness replied.

McLean then said that at a conference he had with Fall at Atlantic City last December, Fall asked him if he would say that he had loaned him \$100,000 in cash instead of unused checks.

"Fall assured me that the loan had nothing to do with Sinclair and Teapot Dome," he said.

McLean insisted that his credit was good at the time he gave Fall the checks and that could have "ruled \$300,000 if necessary." He said Fall agreed to advise him before undertaking to cash the checks.

Asked as to identity of the "principal" in the celebrated message of last January 20th the witness said he did not know who the principal was unless it was Senator Curtis, of Kansas.

Attorney General Daugherty was identified by McLean as the author of a message telling the publisher not to worry and that he knew "what to depend upon."

McLean invited C. Bascom Sloop, secretary to President Coolidge, to come to Florida last December.

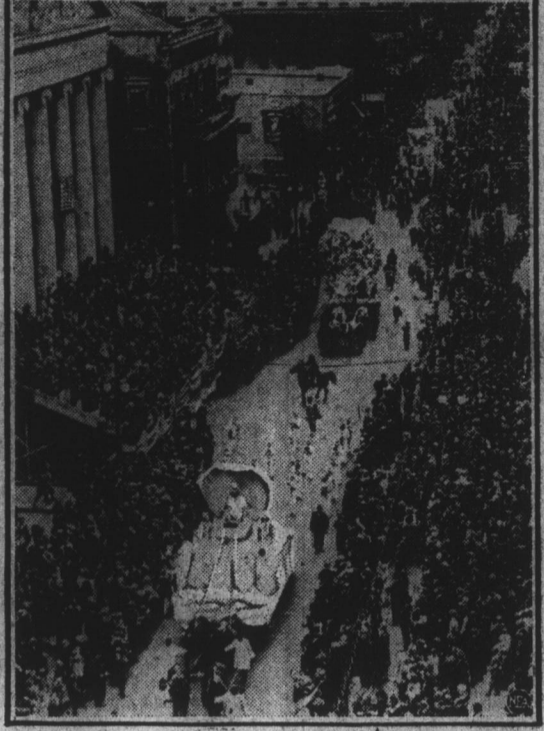
The publisher declared he never had anything to do with any million dollar slush fund rumored to have been sent to Washington for government officials and declared that he did not believe that any such fund ever had existed.

After being on the stand for more than two hours McLean was excused from further attendance on the committee.

"It's a sad old world," mourn Rolla Clymer. "There's always a grease spot waiting somewhere to get on a pair of ice cream pans."

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature. Frost tonight and strong north and northwest winds.

New Orleans Celebrates



Annual Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans draw great crowds, as the photo will testify. The entire city quits work on such occasions.

STRIKE AT CANTON ENDS AS CARDS ARE GIVEN UP

About 1,200 Employes Notify the Pulp Mill Owners They Are Ready to Return.

Ashville, Mar. 11.—Members of the Canton branches of the International Brotherhood of Sulphate Workers and Paper Makers have surrendered their union cards, about 1,200 in number, and notified officials of the Champion Fibre company that they are ready to return to work on a strictly non-union basis, according to an announcement by Reuben Robertson, general manager, tonight.

The strike of employes which has been in progress for the past six weeks is formally ended, it is stated, and the large pulp mill in all probability will be in full operation within 20 days. Mr. Robertson said that the men and women are now at work, he continued, and additional men are being given jobs daily. The paper mill resumed operation on Tuesday and it is planned to open the sulphate works on Wednesday.

Officials of the international organizations, who have been at Canton since the strike has been in progress, could not be reached over the telephone tonight and no statement could be obtained. Residents of Canton, familiar with the situation, state that Clyde Clark, president of the joint organization, is preparing to notify official of the plant of the decision to disband the union. Mr. Robertson said that practically all former employes have surrendered their union cards at the office and declared themselves as ready to resume work on the basis of which the plant was opened about 10 days ago.

Officials of the large pulp and paper mill are ready to take back their former employes without malice because of the formation of a union, it is asserted, and the men have demonstrated their readiness to meet the company halfway in giving up union membership.

At the time the Canton branches were organized if those unions were successful in gaining control of the situation at Canton it would mean one of the greatest victories for organized labor in the history of western North Carolina.

STEAMSHIP SANTIAGO SINKS

Goes Down Sixty Miles South of Cape Hatteras.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., March 12.—The steamship Santiago has sunk 60 miles south of Cape Hatteras, according to a radio message intercepted today by the Charleston Navy Yard station.

The wireless message sent by the Norwegian steamship Cieslo, reported picking up one of the lifeboats containing eleven survivors.

The message was received as follows: "Picked up lifeboat containing six sailors, four firemen, one carpenter from the Steamship Santiago, which sank sixty miles south of Hatteras. No other lifeboats have been seen. Proceeding to Baltimore." Signed Captain.

The Cieslo message was said to have been routed via Savannah to Morehead City, N. C. No other information was available as to the accident.

REVENUE BILL MUST BE REVISED, SAYS MELLON

In Order to Prevent a Treasury Deficit—Would Mean \$450,000,000 Loss of Revenue.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Revision of the revenue bill, passed by the House must be made to prevent a treasury deficit, Secretary Mellon today told the Senate Finance committee.

The House would mean the loss of revenue of about \$450,000,000. Mr. Mellon said, against an estimated surplus of \$385,000,000 for the fiscal year 1925 under the existing law.

"Tom, what is period furniture?" "Search me! The only thing I can think of in that line is the electric chair." "Why do you call that period furniture?" "Because it ends a sentence."

Africa is now the largest gold-producing region in the world.

AYCOCK TO BE UNVEILED AT RALEIGH THURSDAY

Final Plans Completed for the Exercises Tomorrow in the City Auditorium at the State Capital.

1,000 TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED

Large Numbers of People Will Be Present From Throughout State.—Notable Addresses to Be Made.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—Final plans have been completed for the exercises which will be held tomorrow at the unveiling and the presentation of the Aycock Memorial to the State of North Carolina. The memorial exercise will be held at noon in the City Auditorium. Approximately a thousand teachers who are here this week attending the fortieth annual meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association, will be in attendance at the service.

The monument was erected in honor of Charles Brantley Aycock, at one time Governor of North Carolina and considered one of the State's greatest educators and did much during his administration as governor to develop the schools of the state and to start them on their upward path of progress.

The monument was designed by Gutzon Borglum, who is now working in the Confederate Memorial at Stone Mountain, near Atlanta.

The exercises will be simple and brief but will pay to the great educator a significant respect and honor which all the state feels as well as owes to him. The exercises will be under the auspices of the Aycock Memorial Committee.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, will preside at the meeting in the city auditorium and the prayer will be offered by Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, who is the corresponding secretary of the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention.

The introductory remarks will be made by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman and the address of presentation will be made by Josephus Daniels.

The acceptance of the statue in behalf of the State will be made by Governor Cameron Morrison.

Following the acceptance the exercises will be adjourned to the Capitol Square where the monument will be unveiled.

THE COTTON MARKET

A Further Advance of From 6 to 11 Points in Opening.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 12.—There was a further advance of 6 to 11 points at the opening of the cotton market today. Active positions soft 15 to 17 points net higher after the call on covering and commission house buying. Reports of better spot demand were a factor on the advance but Liverpool cables were rather lower than here and the market here met increased offerings around 20.02 for May and 25.50 for October. As a result prices eased off 25 to 30 points from the best during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 28.70; May 28.90; July 28.30; Oct. 25.75; Dec. 25.42.

UNDERWOOD TO NAME DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

On the Basis of Tuesday's Primary Held in Alabama.

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, March 12.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood has the privilege of naming the Alabama delegate to the New York convention on the basis of yesterday's primary in Alabama, which he defeated. L. B. Musgrove, by a majority estimated at more than 20,000, in complete returns tabulated from 59 out of 67 counties in the State gave Underwood 49,200; Musgrove 27,285 and M. A. Dismore 8,201.

An Auction Sale of Jewelry Goes On Through Injunction.

Salisbury, Mar. 11.—An act passed by the last legislature making it unlawful for a non-resident to conduct an auction sale of jewelry, has been invoked in a case here with interesting results. A local jeweler, C. K. Howan, secured J. T. Kelly, of Chicago, to auctioneer at a sale of jewelry and Sheriff Prider arrested Kelly for violation of the act. In county court Mr. Kelly was found guilty and taxed with the cost. This stopped the sale but Mr. Howan sent an attorney to Judge Hardlag at Charlotte and secured papers forbidding any one from interfering with the auction sale. This temporary restraining order will be in effect till the May term of Rowan Superior court when the case will come up on the question of making the injunction permanent. Of course the sale will be over before that time. Attorneys here have expressed the opinion that the legislative act will not stand in the courts especially as affecting sales put on by home jewelers who secure outsiders as auctioneers.

Suspension of Marine Act Lifted.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today that it had lifted suspension of section 28 of the merchant marine act which makes lower joint freight rates for commodities moving on American ships.

The boy who promised not to smoke a year ago has a son who promises to be a veteran smoker at that age.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED BY HOUSE

Criminal Charges Against Two Congressmen Develop Before Chicago Grand Jury.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Congressional investigations of criminal charges said to have developed before a Chicago grand jury against two representatives was ordered today by the House.

By viva voce a resolution of Representative Garrett, the democratic leader, to create a special house committee to conduct the inquiry was adopted.

By action the House reserved decision this year to leave investigation of the charges to the Department of Justice and to make no further effort to have the names of the accused disclosed.

In an effort to head off the vote on the Garrett resolution Representative Longworth, the republican leader, proposed that it be referred to the rules committee but the motion was lost by a vote of 197 to 158.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARIES

All the Delegates to National Convention Pledged to President Coolidge.

(By the Associated Press.) Manchester, N. H., March 12.—Returns from yesterday's presidential primary in New Hampshire showed all of the eleven delegates to the Republican national convention pledged to President Coolidge.

United States Senator George Moses, the only one of the eight candidates for delegates at large, who refused to pledge himself for Coolidge, ran last on the ticket. All Democratic contestants were unpledged.

HONDURAS TEMPORARILY WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT

Due to the Death of Former President and Increase of Revolutionary Activity.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—The death of former President Gutierrez and consequent increasing activity of revolutionary factions have left Honduras for the time being without any government whatsoever. Members of the diplomatic corps succeeded in bringing about a 72-hour armistice which began at p. m. Monday between revolutionary leaders.

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A wonderful suite of bed room furniture for only 117.50 at Bell & Harris. See picture of it in new ad. on page seven today.

New wash fabrics for Spring and Summer at Robinson's.

The Army Appropriation Bill. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Maintenance for another year of the regular army at the present strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 125,000 enlisted men is recommended in the army appropriation bill. As reported today to the House the measure carries \$325,224,905 or \$18,224,268 less than last year's appropriation.

The stars are fixed in space, while the planets travel.

Heroism



President Coolidge is shown pinning the Congressional Medal of Honor on Henry Brault, torpedo man, 2nd class, assigned to the submarine C-5. Medal was given him for heroism and devotion to duty when the sub sank some time ago.

THREE MEN ARE HELD ON MANN ACT CHARGE

Sid Coffey, Pink Bright and Ed English in Jail Charged with Kidnaping Gertrude Jenkins.

Ashville, Mar. 11.—Charged with kidnaping Gertrude Jenkins, a resident of Spartanburg, S. C., keeping her a captive for two days and two nights, part of the time being spent in a school house at Forest City, N. C., warrants were served by Deputy United States Marshal W. F. Swann, at Rutherfordton yesterday on Sid Coffey, Pink Bright, alias "Punny" Gossey and Ed English, for alleged violation of the Mann act. The three men are being held in jail at Rutherfordton in lieu of \$1,500 each. The marshal's office has a warrant for another man, said to have been a member of the party.

Miss Jenkins, aged 19, told the officers she was grossly mistreated that she was seriously injured and had to go to a hospital for an operation.

The alleged abduction, according to the young woman's story, took place on October 15, 1923. She said she was in the Southern railway station in Spartanburg about to board a train to go to Rutherford county, N. C. At the station a man asked her where she was going and when she replied he told her he was driving to that point in his automobile and would be glad for her to accompany him. She said after they had driven a short distance the man picked up three other men. They drove to Forest City, she said, where she was held a prisoner one night in a schoolhouse, being mistreated by all four of the men. She was kept a prisoner for two days, she said, being taken from one place to another, until her condition forced them to let her go to a hospital.

More Than 1,400 Poles Fall Across Southern Main Lines.

Charlotte, Mar. 11.—More than 1,400 telegraph and telephone poles were thrown across the Southern Railway main line track and every signal wire between Washington and the Virginia-North Carolina border was put out of commission by the snow and sleet and high wind that struck Virginia last night and early today, according to W. M. Cowbig, general superintendent of transportation of the Southern's lines east, with headquarters in Charlotte.

Mr. Cowbig reported at midnight that all trains on the line were moving, though some of the principal ones had been delayed 15 hours or more.

Manufacturing establishments in New York City employ more than 60,000 men and women.

DAUGHERTY INQUIRY INTO BEING MADE

READY FOR ACTION

Part Played in Department of Justice Affairs by Jesse W. Smith Claims Attention of Senate Committee.

SMITH COMMITTED SUICIDE LAST YEAR

Reported Influence of Oil Interests in Mexican Revolution Will Not Be Taken Up As First Matter.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—The Daugherty investigation will be opened this afternoon at 4 o'clock under a decision reached today by a special Senate committee. Chairman Brookhiser announced that the testimony of witnesses would begin at that hour.

Washington, March 12.—The part played in the Department of Justice Affairs by Jesse Smith, friend of Attorney General Daugherty, who committed suicide a year ago in Mr. Daugherty's apartment, will be inquired into in detail in the Senate Daugherty investigation.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, preparing the case of the committee, announced that all telegrams sent to and received by Smith at Columbus, O., after the election of President Harding had been subpoenaed.

The Senator said that the reported influence of oil interests in the Mexican revolution planned for inquiries at the opening session probably would give way to some other undisclosed subject.

Another subpoena issued was for Will H. Hays, manager of the Underwriter Co., of Columbus, O., to appear immediately and bring certain documents. A firm of that name is a stock brokerage house which formerly had a Washington office.

In the search for a connection of Jesse Smith the telegraph companies here and at Washington Court House, O., also were directed to submit "all incoming and outgoing messages sent by or received by Jesse W. Smith since November 1, 1920, and up to the time of his death."

TOTAL OF 127 BODIES REMOVED FROM MINE

There Still Remain 46 Bodies in Mine No. 2 of Utah Fuel Company.

Gastle Gate, Utah, March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Forty-six bodies still remaining in mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel Company today are the objectives of rescue crews on duty at the mine. A total of 127 bodies of the 173 known to have been entombed by three explosions last Saturday have been removed.

Work was greatly hampered during the night by unexpected obstructions and by water in the mine due to failure of the pumps since Saturday. Workers at 2 a. m. today stated that fourteen additional bodies had been located in one room but that they would not be recovered until after daybreak.

No pump has worked in the interior of the mine since the explosion made them useless. As a result part of the mine is so flooded that removal of the remaining bodies is extremely difficult.

METHODIST DIVINE WOULD TEMPER "ETHICAL" LAWS

Urges Lifting Ban on Dancing, Card Playing and Horse Racing.

Pittsburgh, March 10.—Rev. Dr. Sheridan W. Bell, in a sermon on "Ought Methodists to Dance?" delivered to a congregation of more than 200 persons in South Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkesburg, expressed the hope that the General Conference of the church, which will meet in quadrennial session in Springfield, Mass., next June, will do away with what he says is known as "ethical legislation," including the prohibition of dancing, card playing, card-at-geing and horse racing.

Dr. Bell declared that he and many other Methodist ministers do not relish the necessity of participating in the roles of "spies" and "policemen" to enforce the mandate of the General Conference.

Kenyon May Be Appointed Secretary of Navy.

Washington, March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Former Senator W. S. Kenyon, of Iowa, now judge of the 8th Federal Circuit, is understood to be under consideration for appointment as secretary of the navy to succeed Edwin Denby.

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