

Oil Atmosphere Felt At Chicago Meeting

Atmosphere at Republican Convention in 1920 Surcharged With Oil, One Witness Declares.

WITNESS DELEGATE FOR GEN. WOOD Said the Oil Interests Were Ready to Give Votes If Allowed to Name New Secretary of Interior.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 19.—The atmosphere of the Chicago republican convention in 1920 was surcharged with stories of "oil deals," the oil committee was told today by Tiffin Gilmore, deputy secretary of the state of Ohio, who was at Chicago as a Wood supporter.

One story was, Gilmore said, that oil operators had proposed to throw delegate support to Major General Wood if they were permitted to name the Secretary of the Interior. He declared he knew nothing about it "first hand," but that it was common talk that "a deal had been consummated between oil operators and the possible nominee."

"Who were the operators?" he was asked. "I do not know, except that they were big operators in the western district." "Who made the proposition?" "I do not know, I could not say. The proposition was made to General Wood."

In a conversation he had after the convention with Carmi Thompson, an Ohio republican leader, who as the nominee of his party for Governor in 1922, Gilmore said, there was some discussion of a land claim Thompson was interested in.

"What land did you refer to when you asked Carmi Thompson if he had got the land?" asked Senator Burson, republican of New Mexico. "The whole affair was so surcharged I cannot tell. My impression was that it was some land adjacent to Kakersfield, Cal. I had never heard of Teapot Dome at that time."

"Did you gather the impression that Mr. Hamon (Jake Hamon, republican national committeeman for Oklahoma) had anything to do with it?" "I don't know what oil companies were in it. I do think, however, that a young man named Melton told me Hamon was mixed up in it."

Asked by Senator Walsh, Democrat of Montana, if he knew what rent General Wood had made in the proposition, Gilmore said: "I was told he walked up and down at his hotel, and said it was a shady deal, that he would have nothing to do with it, and that they would have to defeat him."

With that the witness was excused, and the committee called Jas. G. Darden, a man of many adventures, whose name has been interwoven with disclosures in both the Daugherty and Teapot Dome inquiries. Process servers had reported failures to locate him for nearly a month, but he had been tried to avoid service. He said he was away from home a good deal but had seen from the newspapers he was sought, and immediately notified Wm. J. Burns.

Darden said he had known President Harding a long time, and became intimate with him during the pre-convention campaign in 1920. He said he did everything he could to assist Harding. "Did you raise any money?" "I did, now and then, a very little." "Where did you raise the money?" "Among my friends, some of my democratic friends, including North Carolina."

Darden said he met Jos. Hall of New York during the Harding campaign. He also became intimate with Attorney General Daugherty during the campaign. Senator Walsh took the inquiry to Teapot Dome and Darden launched into a long recital of how he got claims in the Salt Creek field as well as in the naval reserve. He said there were 100 acres in Teapot involved, and twice as much outside. It was during the Wilson administration, Darden said, that he took the matter up with the Interior Department.

SUBMARINE SINKING WITH 44 MEN ABOARD

Vessel Part of Japanese Navy and Was Damaged During Maneuvers. Sasebo, Japan, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The 800-ton submarine 43, of the Japanese navy, collided today with the warship Tatsuta during minor maneuvers and sunk with four officers and forty men in 26 fathoms of water, 10 miles outside of Sasebo harbor. Several hours later the navy office ascertained that while attempts at rescue were proceeding, there was little hope there would be any survivors.

The submarine went down suddenly after the collision. The 43, constructed two years ago, is the second submarine of the Japanese navy lost in the past seven months, another having sunk off Kobe last August.

With Our Advertisers. The 53rd series of the Cabarrus County B. L. & Savings Association is now open. H. S. Ritchie, administrator of Luther Ritchie, will sell at public auction in Mt. Pleasant on Friday, March 21, a lot of personal property of the deceased. The sale will begin at 11 o'clock a. m. See notice in this paper.

Music, souvenirs and fruit at the formal opening of the Concord Furniture Company's new store this evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. The Big Anniversary Sale will start Thursday morning. Now is the time to buy your summer clothes ready for service.

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A safe investment is assured by the certificates of deposit of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Prehistoric Skeleton Found in Side of Cliff. (By the Associated Press.) Lewiston, Idaho, March 19.—A huge skeleton, believed to be that of a prehistoric human being, has been discovered in the Salmon river country, south of here, by two members of the state highway department who have brought their find to this city. The lower jaw and vertebra will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C. for analysis as to the probable date of its existence.

The bones were found in the side of a cliff at a depth estimated to be 50 feet. Nearly the entire skeleton was recovered by the excavators proceeding with more care after determining that the find might prove to be of scientific value. Measuring more than eight feet in height and possessing numerous strange features, the skeleton has aroused wide interest. Three physicians, who examined it pronounced it to be that of a woman.

Belief that the person was of a herbivorous race has been expressed, owing to the peculiar formation of the jaws and teeth. Both the upper and lower jaws have only 10 teeth each and all are intact. For Underwood or McAdoo. Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—Delegates to the Democratic national convention to be held at New York next June are being selected by Georgia voters in a State-wide primary today. The 24 delegates from this State will cast their votes either for Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, or William G. McAdoo, as the only candidates entered in the primary.

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Increasing cloudiness followed by rain late tonight or Thursday.

Family Altar Great Need Of World, Bishop Declares

Bishop Penick Believes the Problems of World Could Be Solved Through Power of Family Prayer. BIG CONGREGATION HEARD SERMON.

Unpardonable Sin Discussed by Bishop, Who Gave His Opinion In Instructive Explanation. Striking a responsive cord in the hearts of all his hearers with a masterful sermon on the home, which was attended as a plea for family prayer, Bishop Edwin A. Penick, of Charlotte, preached to the largest congregation of the week at 4 o'clock at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Tuesday evening. Bishop Penick started his series of sermons in this church on Sunday and he has been heard with such interest and benefit that his congregations have increased in size with each succeeding night service.

The last service will be held this evening at 7:30 and at this time Bishop Penick is to discuss modernism and fundamentalism in an effort, he declared in announcing the text for the service, to show that the church is not going on the rocks as so many people are inclined to believe following a series of discussions in various parts of the country as to modernism and fundamentalism.

One of the most interesting features of the night services has been Bishop Penick's discussion of questions submitted by his hearers. The questions are handed in just before or just after each service and their explanations as offered by the bishop have proved most beneficial and instructive. One of the questions submitted just before the Tuesday night service related to the unpardonable sin, and Bishop Penick gave a most instructive explanation. No one specific act, he stated, constitutes an unpardonable sin. "It is a state or condition arrived at after a series of acts have sinned the conscience," Bishop Penick explained. "People still can be forgiven," he pointed out, that in many instances they are unable to distinguish between good and the devil, or between good and evil. It is this state, he said, that leads one to commit the unpardonable sin of denying the Holy Ghost which in man is his conscience.

The text for the sermon is found in the 5th verse of the first chapter of Paul's second epistle to Timothy: "When I call to remember the unforgotten faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that it is in thee also." When this epistle was written, Bishop Penick explained, Paul was an old man. He realized that the end was near; he could see the shadow of the grave. His hair was gray, his body bent and his face wrinkled, but from beneath the tired lines there shone from sparkling eyes a something that showed without doubt that Paul had fought a good fight, had finished the course and had kept the faith and he wanted to leave a last message that in this manner his work might go on.

"It is interesting to note," said Bishop Penick, "to whom the latter is addressed. There were churches and congregations that needed help on Christian doctrines, or about the administration of temporal affairs, but Paul passed these up. He did a very human thing. He was yearning for companionship, he wanted to feel the touch of comradeship, so he sent a personal letter to Timothy. "In his letter he touched on several themes. He discussed the cardinal principle of the Christian faith—life everlasting through the death of Christ; life brought into the light through the resurrection—but he went further and told Timothy it was his duty to perpetuate the heritage of his family tradition. He told Timothy it was his duty to remember the faith of his grandmother and mother. He in reality glorified the society of the human family."

The family is a divine institution, Bishop Penick pointed out, in noting that from the time of the creation of man down through the disciples God pointed out the importance attaching to the home. "One of God's first creative acts," Bishop Penick declared further, "was the making of woman as a companion of man. Thus was the family established and God used the family as an agency to repeople the devastated earth. The patriarchal age is but a record of faithful family life. Then the family was the only unit of life. "The first recorded saying of Christ is significant. He referred to God as His Father. God had been designated as the Creator, Sovereign Ruler but to describe the God's attitude toward us Christ selected a word with which we are most familiar—Father. And the last recorded words of Jesus referred to His Father: 'Father into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.'"

"It was also significant to note that Christ performed His first miracle at a wedding. He sanctified the wedding by His presence and it was a home wedding. Instead of calling the multitudes together and proclaiming to them that He was the Savior, Christ went quietly into the home where a wedding was being observed and sanctified for all times marriage relationship. "It is interesting to note that during his last earthly days Christ had a retreat in the suburbs of the city in which he lived. There he had flowers, trees, soft winds, peace and relaxation. Christ

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SURMISES GALORE IN THOMASVILLE TRAGEDY

Some Guess Jenkins and Woman Agreed to Die Together, But His Nerve Failed. Thomasville, March 18.—Since the crime of last Thursday morning was committed there have been many surmises expressed by citizens as to the motive which Chief of Police J. H. Orr might have had in the alleged killing of the shot which ended the life of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Jones.

Amid the entanglements of the situation several have suggested a possible agreement between the two parties something like the following: Mrs. Jones said: "You shoot me and then shoot yourself." To this Jenkins responded: "We agree and I'll do it." The woman then turned her back and the fatal shot was fired into her body. Then Jenkins left with the intention of carrying out his part of the agreement at some other place.

But the second thought seized his brain and his nerve failed him or in some way he testified yesterday, but the committee turned aside to hear briefly Mac Stewart, a Galveston, Texas, lawyer, who complained in his testimony yesterday that the Department of Justice had been remiss in prosecuting lotteries, and to hear briefly also T. D. Hawkins, a Texas post office inspector.

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