

PREMIER POINCARÉ AND HIS CABINET MEMBERS RESIGNED

Action Came After An Adverse Vote in Chamber of Deputies.—Premier Quit For All Time.

PENSION BILL LED TO VOTE

Resignations Were Sent to and Accepted by Persistent—Adverse Vote Was Very Close One.

Paris, March 26 (By the Associated Press).—The Poincaré ministry fell today. Premier Raymond Poincaré, after an adverse vote in the chamber of deputies, handed the resignation of his cabinet to President Millerand, who accepted it.

Finance Minister Lasteury, finding considerable opposition during the discussion of the government's pension bill, made the measure a question of confidence in the chamber.

The Premier was before the foreign affairs committee asking for a favorable recommendation of the Treaty of Lausanne when word of the defeat came.

Wants Him to Keep Office. Paris, March 26.—President Millerand asked M. Poincaré to continue as Premier when he received him at the Elysee Palace for a conference this afternoon.

BANK AT WALHALLA ROBBED DURING NIGHT

Policemen Bound and Gagged by Robbers, Who Got Between \$600 and \$800.

(By the Associated Press.) Anderson, S. C., March 26.—Three unidentified men bound and gagged policeman Guy Grant at midnight last night, and robbed the Enterprise Bank of Walhalla, S. C., according to reports received here today from Walhalla.

The bank vault was entered after a hole large enough for a man's body to pass through had been melted in the door. The robbers obtained between \$600 and \$800 in small change, it was reported. No trace of them had been found early today.

Thirty Thousand Go Aboard the Leviathan. Boston, Mass., March 24.—Announcement that the public would be allowed on board the Leviathan Sunday brought a crowd estimated by the police at 30,000.

Freight Rate Revision Proposed. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—A resolution proposing a freight rate revision to facilitate shipments of agricultural products "at the lowest possible rate," was favorably reported today by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO MEET

Meeting in Memphis June 3 During Confederate Reunion.

Richmond, Va., March 26. (By the Associated Press).—Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, will be the principal speaker at the opening exercises of the annual convention of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, in Memphis, Tennessee on June 3, according to the program made public here today by Colonel W. McDonald Lee, commander-in-chief of the organization.

Music by a band will open the program. The convention will then be called to order by J. L. Highsaw, commander of the N. B. Forrest Camp No. 215, Memphis, Tennessee. Reverend B. A. Owen, Lathrop, Missouri, chaplain-in-chief, will then deliver the invocation.

CHIEF BEAVERS, ATLANTA POLICE OFFICER, SUSPENDED

City Council Suspended Beavers For Taking Part in Arrest of Mrs. Asa Candler.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—The arrest of Mrs. Asa G. Candler, Sr., with two well known Atlanta men in an apartment house here a month ago, today was again in the limelight as a result of the suspension of Jas. L. Beavers, chief of police, by a council committee, for having taken part in the raid. Charles Mr. Daugherty "morally responsible" for his determination to kill himself.

When he came to Washington, Miss Stinson said, Smith was worth some \$130,000, but when he was found dead in the Attorney General's apartment last Memorial Day an inventory of his property showed a total valuation of \$214,000.

Sale of Tobacco in Durham. (By the Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., March 26.—Final statements of the local tobacco market which closed here last week show that the sales of tobacco for the past season at this market were 12,000,000 pounds, which brought \$2,500,000. This year's total was about 3,700,000 greater than that of last year, according to the local agents. The average price per hundred pounds was quoted as \$21.00.

Provisional President of Honduras.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—A group of rival revolutionary leaders of Honduras have combined to re-establish order in that country by agreeing on a proclamation making Fausta Davila provisional president.

New Estimate of Bonus Cost Made.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—A new estimate on the cost of the soldier bonus bill passed by the House—\$3,300,000,000, was presented to the Senate finance committee today by Herbert Hess, actuary for the American Legion.

No Action on Chase Resolution.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—The House judiciary committee failed to take action today on the Senate resolution which proposes impeachment of C. C. Chase, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, as customs collector at El Paso, Texas.

Animals are kept on the roofs of the houses in Lima, Peru, and it frequently happens that a cow passes her whole life on a roof, being taken there as a calf and brooded down finally as fresh beef.

HINTS OF OIL DEAL OF MANY MILLIONS GIVEN BY WITNESS

Roxie Stinson, Called Again Before Daugherty Committee, Hints at Deal Involving \$33,000,000.

FIVE MEN MADE THIS VAST SUM

Witness Said Dead Husband Told Her of Deal—Little of Interest Results From the Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—A hint of an oil deal "in which five men made \$33,000,000 in the fall of 1922" was brought before the Daugherty investigating committee today by Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Jess W. Smith.

The witness said Smith had told her of such a transaction, and that she understood it had to do with the stock of the Sinclair interests, which on April 7, 1922, passed to her. She added that Smith had said he and the Attorney General were sore because the men who made the money were friends of theirs, but had not let them in on the deal. She could not name them.

The fitting reference to the \$33,000,000 affair was made in the midst of a session which otherwise lacked much of the momentum of Miss Stinson's previous appearance as a star witness in the inquiry. Senator Wheeler, the prosecutor, was kept at home with a cold, and the examination for the most part proceeded quite peacefully.

When he came to Washington, Miss Stinson said, Smith was worth some \$130,000, but when he was found dead in the Attorney General's apartment last Memorial Day an inventory of his property showed a total valuation of \$214,000.

She replied in the negative when asked by Senator Ashurst, democrat, of Arizona, whether she knew a note was found in Smith's pocket after his death and never turned over to the authorities.

A good part of the session was taken up by the reading of letters Smith had written her on Department of Justice stationery. They referred largely to personal matters.

To Enforce Game Laws More Strictly.

(By the Associated Press.) Goldsboro, N. C., March 26.—The authorities here plan a stricter enforcement of the law regarding the game in this community. During the past week 25 persons have been arrested and fined \$6.50 for killing robins. If the practice keeps up those found guilty will be given the full limit of the law, it was said.

Leases Oxford College.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—R. H. Holliday has leased Oxford College, formerly operated by Dr. F. P. Hobgood, who died recently, and will take charge of the institution at the end of the present term in May. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., stated today. Mr. Holliday is from Elkton, Ky., and will operate the college as a junior college for young women.

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Will Hays Testifies



Will Hays, former postmaster general and Republican National Chairman and now dictator of the movies, snapped in a characteristic pose as he testified before the Senate investigating committee regarding Sinclair's campaign contributions.

Bergdoll Believed to Be on His Way Back to the United States

Berlin, March 26.—Grover C. Bergdoll was believed today to be on the first stage of his return to the United States to "face the music" for his evasion of military service during the World War. He left Eberbach yesterday for an unknown destination, carrying considerable luggage after making preparations which indicated that he did not contemplate returning.

His departure was in the direction of Frankfurt, and it was believed he will take a train for Hamburg and there board a steamer for New York. With him was his faithful shadow and chauffeur, Eugene Stecher.

May Use Assumed Name. Bremen, Germany, March 26.—Officials of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company declare Grover C. Bergdoll has made no reservations for passage on the steamship Amerika, which sails today.

It is reported that the draft evader traveling under an assumed name, boarded the Amerika this morning, but the report is unverified. Glad He Has Gone. Heidelberg, Germany, March 26.—Radical government officials breathed sighs of relief today when it became known that Grover Bergdoll had pulled up stakes and departed for other spheres of activity. They said they did not know where he had gone and furthermore did not care.

When Bergdoll left Eberbach he said goodbye to his uncle, Carl Bohrmann, proprietor of the hotel where the draft evader has had his home for more than three years.

JAMES SCHOLEFIELD IS UNABLE TO GIVE BOND

Placed in Greensboro Jail When He Pleaded Guilty of Bigamy Charge Made by First Wife.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, March 26.—James E. Scholefield, known here for the past several months as John Eastwood, prominent in community affairs, was given a preliminary hearing in municipal court this morning charged with bigamy. Scholefield entered a plea of guilty and was ordered held for the grand jury under \$10,000 in default of which he went to jail.

The chief witness for the State was Mrs. Ruth E. Sisco, of Wehawn, N. J., who declared the defendant married her in Bristol, Conn., in 1920 and deserted her a year later. Since that time she has sought him and finally found him in Greensboro where he had located, met Miss Nina Fulton, a well known young woman, and married her in Winston-Salem on December 29, 1923.

TRAIN ROBBERY PLAN THWARTED BY OFFICERS

Pennsylvania Train Was to Have Been Robbed at Point in Suburb of Pittsburgh.

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., March 26.—A plot to hold up a Pennsylvania passenger train at Becks Run bridge near Homestead, a suburb, this afternoon was thwarted by city and county detectives. Edward J. Brophy, superintendent of the Pittsburgh police, and five city detectives were injured, three seriously, when they used their automobile to stop a machine by one of the bandits. Both automobiles were wrecked.

Northern Methodists to Meet in May.

Chicago, March 26.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to be held at Springfield, Mass., throughout the month of May. Approximately 850 delegates from all parts of the United States and from 44 nations and territories abroad will attend. The gathering will be representative of the 4,774,520 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church around the world, and is the law making body of the denomination.

Presidents Leads in South Dakota.

(By the Associated Press.) Sioux Falls, S. D., March 26.—President Coolidge held his majority of 2,000 votes over Senator Hiram Johnson in the first additional returns received today from Tuesday's statewide primary in South Dakota.

TWO HIDDEN ROOMS ARE FOUND IN THE CAPITOL

Tucked Away on Interior With No Opening Inward; Well Lighted With Windows.

Raleigh, March 25.—After weeks of sealed and useless for \$4 years, 1840—two small rooms in the state Capitol, known to exist by only a few persons, now will become places for storing records, papers, books and old paraphernalia of the House of Representatives.

Members of the House have come and gone, and in recent years not a few have fumed and fretted because of the lack of space for keeping odds and ends, without knowing that two rooms kept from view by only thin coats of plastering were waiting to be put to the very use the lack of which has for years been so sorely felt.

Probably they were not needed at the time the Capitol was completed, 1840, or possibly the funds with which to put on the finishing touches were lacking; may be the architect, David Paton, a young Scotchman, overlooked them until after they were built into the great stone building without means of approach. In any event, they were sealed and forgotten. Not even the architect himself remembered them, for in his description of the Capitol he named every room, hall and closet of the structure except two small rooms which now have been opened.

The rooms are located in the House, between the ceilings of these rooms, which are on the same floor level with the House and the attic.

BLACK HAND THREAT TO BLIND HENRY FORD'S GRANDCHILDREN

Writers of Letters Demanding \$1,050,000 Have Been Caught, Detroit Police Officers Say.

Detroit, March 26.—Existence of letters threatening that if Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, did not pay over \$1,050,000 his three children would be blinded in an unnamed manner, was disclosed late today by Detroit police. At the same time Waslov Simek, 23, and Mrs. Annie Hindik, 25, were arrested in connection with the alleged plot.

According to Chief of Detectives Edward H. Fox, three letters were received at the Ford office, March 5, 8 and 12, respectively. They were crudely printed, vague in terms, and apparently written by someone barely able to understand English. A handwriting expert has identified the letters as being written by Simek, Fox declared.

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports of Resignation of French Premier Caused Liverpool to Break—Market Barely Steady.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 26.—Reports that the French premier had resigned, accompanied by a sharp break in Liverpool just before the local cotton market opened this morning. First prices here were barely steady at declines of 8 to 23 points. May sold off to 26.90 but there was a good deal of buying at the decline, and prices soon steadied with May advancing to 27.43 or 53 points from the lowest, and 23 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. May 26.90; July 26.50 to 26.63; Oct. 24.38; Dec. 23.95; Jan. 23.65.

Well Known Citizen of Lincolnton Dies.

Lincolnton, March 25.—Alfred A. Nixon, age 47 years, clerk of court of Lincoln county, died this morning at his home in this city, following an illness extending over several months. He was one of Lincolnton's best known and most highly honored citizens, being a member of a family known throughout this State. He graduated from the State University in the class of 1881.

He served his county in the capacity of superintendent of public education, and a surveyor, and was sheriff for nine years. In 1898 he was elected clerk of court, to which office he had since been re-elected every four years, and was filling out his seventh term at his death. He was a prominent Presbyterian Elder, holding for 25 years the position of clerk to the sessions. He had written a history of Lincoln county, and numerous family histories.

Aristocratic Shad Reaches Record Value.

Kinston, March 25.—The aristocratic shad has reached a record value on some markets during the past week or two. Reports indicate that catches have been fair to good in some localities, and poor in others. The demand appears to be generally good. North Carolina shad have brought as much as 70 cents a pound on the New York market recently. Locally the price for a week or so has been 50 cents a pound.

At Tidewater points where the fisheries are on a large scale, the roe shad has sold for as much as 45 cent a pound. No other commodity except claims has kept pace with the shad in respect to increased value during the past 15 years.

GRAND JURY TO GET SINCLAIR CASE SOMETIME TOMORROW

District Attorney Peyton Gordon is Making Plans for Prosecution Against the Oil Magnate.

SPECIAL COUNSEL WILL HELP, ALSO

By Rushing Case It Is Hoped to Get Action Before Life of Present Jury Expires Next Monday.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—The contempt case of Harry F. Sinclair, who refused to answer questions of the Senate oil committee, will be presented to the District of Columbia grand jury tomorrow, under plans announced today by District Attorney Peyton Gordon.

Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government oil counsel, will be asked by Mr. Gordon to participate in the case, and to this end he will ask the Department of Justice today to designate them as special assistants.

By rushing the presentation of his case, Mr. Gordon hopes to get action before the life of the present grand jury expires next Monday.

The committee suspended its hearings today to consider a number of pending bills but it will get back to its investigation tomorrow to question several witnesses about the reported oil deals during the 1920 Republican national convention.

Meanwhile the House Judiciary committee had before it the Senate resolution looking to the impeachment of C. C. Chase, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, as collector of customs at El Paso, Texas.

COTTON SPINNING LESS DURING THE LAST MONTH

Activity in February Less Than in January, Latest Report of Census Bureau Shows.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 26.—Cotton spinning activity declined in February as compared with January, the Census Bureau's monthly report today showing a decrease of more than 1,000,000,000 active spindle hours.

Active spindle hours for February numbered 7,304,102,954, or an average of 194 per spindle in place, compared with 8,448,247,467, or an average of 224 per spindle in January.

Spinning spindles in place on February 29th numbered 37,742,143, of which 32,683,765 were active at some time during the month.

Nine Negroes Charged With Carrying Concealed Weapons.

(By the Associated Press.) Wake Forest, N. C., March 26.—Nine negroes were arrested and charged with carrying concealed weapons here following the attack upon John Upchurch, of this city, which placed him in the hospital. Upchurch is now at his home in a serious condition. The arrests of the nine negroes were made while the police were searching for a negro said to be named John Hare, who it is alleged, struck Upchurch in the temple with a blunt instrument. The negroes will be arraigned in the mayor's court on the charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Before Easter Sale at Parks-Bell Co.'s.

The big Before Easter Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. began this morning, and hundreds of people have visited the store to take advantage of the many bargains being offered. The merchandise is seasonable, and this is a good chance to buy your Spring goods at a saving.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



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