

Al Jennings Testifies Before Oil Committee

Story About the Big Money Deal at Chicago Republican Convention Repeated by the Former Bandit.

HAMON TOLD HIM, JENNINGS STATES

Jennings Says Hamon Declared It Cost Him \$1,000,000 to Get Warren Harding Nominated.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—The story about a big money deal at the Chicago Republican convention in 1920 was repeated with many new dashes of color before the oil committee today by Al Jennings, who became famous years ago as a train robber and since has turned evangelist and politician.

Jennings said he was passing on what he had been told by Jake Hamon, the Oklahoma Republican national committeeman who was killed by Clara Smith Hamon late in 1920. Briefly, Hamon's story as related by Jennings on the stand today, was as follows:

That Hamon had "nominated" Warren G. Harding for the Presidency, and that it had cost him (Hamon) \$1,000,000.

That the cost of carrying Oklahoma for Harding had been \$500,000.

That Hamon had paid Harry Daugherty \$25,000; Senator Boise Penrose, of Pennsylvania, \$250,000; and Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, \$25,000.

That Hamon was to become Secretary of the Interior and share in the public lands and expected with the money he would make to later become President.

Jennings said he had known Hamon for a number of years, and had gone with him to the Chicago convention.

"We went to a room in one of the hotels," continued the witness. "He told me Harding would be nominated next day, and that it had cost him a million dollars. He said he had paid \$250,000 to Boise Penrose, and in a conversation it was brought out in some way—I will not be perfectly clear about it—that it was agreed by Mr. Daugherty, Will Hays and somebody else from Ohio, that he would be Secretary of the Interior. He said it had been settled. Mr. Daugherty was at first in favor of Senator Penrose, but later he had bought them all over, but that it had cost him a lot of money to do it. That is all I know about it."

"I understand that Mr. Hamon told you that in the makeup of the cabinet of Mr. Harding, that Mr. Daugherty was in favor of Mr. Fall," said Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri.

"Yes, but that it had been all arranged that he (Mr. Hamon) was to be Secretary of the Interior."

"Do you think all the information he gave you turned out with the same degree of correctness as has that?"

"That was the whole deal, and that was what he expected to get in on."

Replying to inquiries from Senator Dill, democrat, of Washington, Jennings said:

"He (Hamon) wanted me to head one of his companies. He said the Democrats had not left much of the public land, but that he would get the rest of it."

"Did he speak about the oil reserves?"

"He said public lands, nothing that I can remember about oil reserves. He said money had been very potent in Washington as in the outlying districts of the United States, and that with his money he had been President of the United States. I have talked with people in Oklahoma about Hamon's expectations, and I do not think he kept it from anybody."

"Did you talk with any one about him being the Secretary of Interior?"

"No."

"Did he say to whom he gave any money beside Senator Penrose?"

"Yes, sir. Daugherty \$25,000, Will H. Hays \$25,000, and a man—I there a man named Manning from Ohio?—well, some one in Ohio he gave \$25,000."

NUMBER KILLED BY LANDSLIDE

Gravity of Landslide in Italy Grows Hourly—Fifty Persons Died in One Village.

Salerno, Italy, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The gravity of the landslide in the vicinity of Analfi yesterday grows hourly. Estimates here place the deaths in the villages along the coast at fifty, but many of these places are cut off both from road and wire communication, and the exact number of victims is unknown.

The chief villages affected are Veticina where the bulk of the victims are reported. Mulini, Furore, Praiano and Atrani.

(A Rome dispatch last night said there were at least 100 dead at Veticina.)

The government is rushing all possible aid to the scene.

The sea now is the only approach to the scene and fishermen's boats are hurrying to the aid of the victims with supplies.

SENATOR LAFOLLETTE ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Physician in Bulletin Says Condition of Senator Today is "Satisfactory."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has developed pneumonia. His office at the capitol today issued the following physician's bulletin:

"Senator LaFollette has developed pneumonia. His present condition is satisfactory."

There was a fourth person. "Anybody else?"

"No one I can remember. Money was used indiscriminately with the Oklahoma delegation. He said it cost like hell to get the New York delegation."

"Did he say how much it cost?"

"No, sir."

"I wish you would tell us in a connected way, as well as your memory will serve you, about what was said concerning acquisition of public lands, or the expectation of the same," said Senator Walsh.

"Mr. Hamon had at two or three times before I got into this mixup, wanted me to come back to Arkansas and assist in getting him elected as an oil deal," replied Jennings. "I don't like to say it myself, but people rather had confidence in me in Oklahoma, and more than one oil company had tried to use my name in exploitation of companies selling stock, and Jake had repeatedly asked me to come in and form a new company, and finance it with his money. The company would be perfectly legitimate."

Prior to hearing Jennings the committee heard Leroy W. Baldwin, president of the Empire Trust Company, of New York City, about loans made to the Republican national committee. He said his bank loaned the committee a total of \$286,620 which was repaid with interest over a period of two or three years. The committee, he said, had checking account with the bank. He did not know exactly how all the loans were paid, and denied any knowledge of any payments to Harry F. Sinclair.

Brands Story as Fake. Washington, March 27.—The story told by Al Jennings today to the oil committee was branded as "false and preposterous" by Leighton C. Taylor, former secretary to the late Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania.

Declaring he had been in constant attendance upon the Senator while he was ill in Philadelphia before and during the Chicago convention, Taylor said that Hamon had never seen or communicated with Penrose, nor had the latter ever mentioned Hamon's name to his secretary.

Mr. Walter Parham, of the Buffalo Mill, entered the Concord Hospital on Tuesday, and submitted to an operation for appendicitis. A report from the hospital this morning states that his condition is very satisfactory.

AMERICAN ARCHBISHOPS RECEIVE RED HATS

Two New Catholic Cardinals Are Created Today at Rome.

Rome, March 27.—The public consistory held today by Pope Pius for the creation of the two new American cardinals—Archbishop Hayes, of New York, and Archbishop Mundelein, of Chicago—was declared by veteran officials and attaches of the Vatican to have been the most brilliant and impressive ceremony of the kind within their remembrance. Heretofore it has been an almost unbroken custom to hold a consistory in the Royal Hall of the Vatican, but on the present occasion it was decided to conduct the ceremony in the great Basilica of St. Peter's Church, because of the extraordinary interest manifested in the elevation of the two American prelates to the Sacred College and the unusually large number of persons who had made advance applications for tickets of admission.

In all of the apartments and corridors through which the Pope passed were grouped thousands of the ticket holders, including many foreigners, especially Americans. Pius XI. entered in procession, preceded, accompanied and followed by the Cardinals and the guards, the dignitaries of the court and church. The pontiff imparted his blessing as he entered.

America was well represented in the Pope's suite by several bishops, monsignori and other prelates and priests from the United States now visiting Rome. The two new American Cardinals took the oath, and received from the Pope the red hats and the Cardinals' rings. The ceremony was simple but impressive in the extreme. From the moment he entered the Basilica until he took his departure Pius XI. was the object of manifestations of loyalty, especially from the tribunes occupied by the diplomatic corps and Roman aristocracy. Among the thousands of spectators who had good opportunity to view the pontiff it was generally remarked that there was nothing in the appearance or manner of His Holiness to substantiate the reports recently circulated in some quarters that he was in a poor state of health.

Rome, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pope Pius today publicly conferred the red hat on Cardinals Hayes and Mundelein, the final act in the elevation of the two American prelates to membership in the sacred college. The ceremony performed in the right transept of St. Peter's, was carried out with all the pomp and pageantry of the Roman Catholic Church in a setting the like of which does not exist outside Rome. It was the first public consistory ever held in the huge basilica.

With Our Advertisers. H. B. Wilkinson has just received a shipment of his well-known "Holograph" fish. Get one in company with your furniture.

Pay rent to yourself, and be your own landlord. Gilbert Hendrix at the Concord National Bank, will tell you how to do it.

Robinson's Month-End Sale is now on. New Spring silks in profusion are included.

The Musette has splendid Mah Jong sets at \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$10.

W. A. Overcash has just received another big shipment of fine suits to sell at from \$25 to \$40.

The Standard Buick Co. has a number of used cars for sale.

See the big new ad. today of A. B. Pounds. The big polar bear suggests ice, doesn't he?

The Central Filling Station has just built a modern Altonite grease truck.

Use McBro Lotion, at Cline's Pharmacy. A savings account in the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. is a safe investment.

Efrid's features Peggy Paige and Betty Wales dresses, which lead the way in styles and distinction.

If you want mud stain, ink spots, perspiration or grease removed from your clothing, take it to Bob's Dry Cleaning Co.

A message from Dr. J. S. Lafferty, who is in Washington with Mr. Jas. B. Lafferty, states that the condition of his son is slowly improving, and that he hopes to bring him home within the next few days.

Maybe unions boost prices, but there is no robbers' union and it costs a lot to be robbed.

Recovering



Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont at home after leaving the hospital where he was taken Feb. 19 with a bullet wound in the hand. The senator was shot by a stray bullet fired during a battle between bootleggers and prohibition agents just off Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Advance on August But Generally 5 to 15 Points Lower.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 27.—The cotton market opened barely steady today at an advance of 5 points on August but generally 5 to 15 points lower under overnight selling orders, brought in by the declines of yesterday afternoon. Liverpool made a relatively steady showing, however, and after selling off to 26.80 for May and 23.95 for October, prices here rallied on trade buying and covering, accompanied by reiterated reports of a better spot demand in the South. May sold up to 27.08 and October to 24.20 within the first hour, making a net advance of 2 to 3 points.

Cotton futures opened barely steady: May 27.00; 26.80; July 26.30; to October 24.00; December 23.65; January 23.40 offered.

H. S. DAUGHERTY IS SUMMONED TO CAPITAL

Sergeant-at-Arms Ordered to Summon Brother of Attorney General to Washington.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—The Senate Daugherty committee today ordered M. S. Daugherty, brother of the Attorney General, summoned by the sergeant-at-arms, when he failed to appear in answer to a summons Senator Wheeler said had been served.

SEN. JOHNSON LEADS IN THE S. D. PRIMARY

Latest Returns From Republican Primary Shows California Senator is Leading the Field.

(By the Associated Press.) Sioux Falls, S. D., March 27.—Senator Hiram Johnson increased his lead over President Coolidge to 297 in returns today from another hundred precincts reporting in Tuesday's Presidential primary in South Dakota.

Tennessee's Paving Awards. Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—Tennessee will award road building contracts totaling \$7,000,000 this year, it was estimated today by the State highway commissioner. The first letting of contracts in February for \$2,000,000, while the next, due April 4, is expected to be \$1,500,000, with additional awards in May, June and July to make the total \$7,000,000 or more.

LaFollette Is Indorsed. St. Louis, March 26.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, received the Presidential indorsement of the national Progressive league of Missouri at a meeting here tonight.

Slap Brought Results. New York, March 27.—The hearty salutation of Federal agent, who slapped another on the back, thereby upsetting a can of alleged Turkish paste which was being examined in the appraiser's storehouse today, revealed opium hidden under the paste and led to the seizure of between \$60,000 and \$100,000 of the drug hidden in other tins.

Abraham D. Lake and his son, Daniel L., radio merchants, to whom the paste was consigned, were arrested in their Second Avenue offices, where Treasury Department agents said they found papers revealing the names of purchasers of large quantities of the drug. The seizure and arrest were said to be among the most important in recent years.

The paste arrived from Constantinople March 17 on the liner Saugus and was listed as a "consumption entry." Discovery of "decks" of the drug in the lower portions of the tins was made after the agents had found the contents really were Turkish paste containing a little opium.

Railroad Sold For \$3,000,000. Wichita, Kans., March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad was sold at public auction here today to Clifford Hisbed, general attorney for the road, for \$3,000,000.

White at Southern Pines. Southern Pines, March 26.—George White, chairman of the Democratic national campaign for Cex. of Ohio, for President, is in Southern Pines.

A Kansas woman fell in love and married a widower for no other reason, so she stated, than that he took such excellent care of his first wife's grave.

NATION-WIDE WEEK OF MUSIC

"A Nation Singing" is the Ideal for the United States.

New York, March 27.—A nation singing is an ideal set for the United States. To hasten this, the week of May 4-16 has been designated as National Music Week, and for that period the National Music Week Committee of New York is working to "a mighty wave of harmony sweep through the land" and to have every city, town and hamlet give itself over to an unbroken round of community songs and concerts.

The primary object of the celebration, as announced by the committee, is to awaken an active and lasting appreciation of music on the part of all the people, and while the national body of co-operating with state and municipal committees to the extent of furnishing encouragement and advice, the details in every case have been left to local committees.

Many places have had their music weeks from time to time; but the experience will be new to many localities, including some of the chief cities of the land. Reports received by the national committee from all sections of the country indicate that the celebration will be widespread. In every place the churches, schools, women's clubs, civic and fraternal industrial plants, stores and theatres are giving their hearty co-operation to the local committees in charge of the details of the festivals and concerts that will be held during the week.

"STRANGLER" IS MARRIED AGAIN

Had to Lock His Manager in a Hotel Room During Ceremony.

Chicago, March 26.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight wrestler champion, was married here late today to Miss Jessie McNear, of Kansas City, Mo. Billy Sandow, Lewis' manager, to whom the champion is under contract not to marry while champion, was kept locked in a hotel room by Lewis' friends until after the ceremony.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lewis returned to their hotel, leaving a trail of shoes and rice. Sandow, who had been threatening to break down the door of his room if he was not released, was then freed.

"It's the first time Ed ever double crossed me," he shouted angrily as he emerged from the room where Lewis' friend had held him.

Sandow is said to have prevented Lewis' marriage last year to a Russian princess, whom the champion met in Paris. Miss McNear, an attractive brunette, met Lewis in Kansas City where he staged many of his important matches. The champion, who is about 35 years old, once was married to a San Jose woman physician from whom he is divorced.

RAMSEY PRESIDENT OF N. C. SOCIAL SERVICE

Editor of Asheville Times Chosen President of Organization at Charlotte Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, March 27.—D. Elden Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Times, today was elected President of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service at the closing session of the 1924 meeting here. Asheville was chosen as the 1925 meeting place.

A. W. McAllister, of Greensboro, was elected first vice president; Mrs. W. B. Waddill, of Henderson, second vice president; Gilbert Stephenson, of Raleigh, treasurer; and Miss Minnie Harmon, of Durham, executive secretary.

Winks Quoted at \$4.55. Lancaster, Pa., March 27.—It costs \$4.55 to wink "the Broadway wink" in Lancaster. This, in effect, was what Mayor Musser told Arthur Edelstein, of New York, in Police Court, today, after a local woman had testified that Edelstein's "mashing" ability was way below par with her.

"He winked and asked to walk along," the woman, whose name was withheld by the police, told the mayor, "so I called a policeman and we walked along to the police station."

Carrie Chapman Catt Rests at Southern Pines

Southern Pines, March 26.—Carrie Chapman Catt, suffrage leader, is a guest at the Highland Pines Inn, here. Mrs. Catt is breaking the northward journey from Florida. She leaves on the early train Thursday morning for New York.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ROXIE STINSON

State Library OF DAUGHERTY MEN

Divorced Wife of Late Jess W. Smith Asked Again to Tell More of \$33,000,000 Oil Deal.

WRANGLE CAUSED BY THE WITNESS

Lawyers For Attorney General and Members of Committee Did Most of Talking of the Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Jess Smith, spent an hour on the witness stand today under cross-examination by counsel for Attorney General Daugherty. A large part of the time was taken up by a wrangle among the lawyers.

Paul Howland and former Senator Chamberlain, for Mr. Daugherty, insisted that the witness should tell the names of five men who she said Jess Smith had told her made \$300,000,000 in dealing in oil stocks. The committee which had ruled the names irrelevant finally became entangled in an argument about it and the witness was excused without any further pursuit of the matter.

"My impression," said former Senator Chamberlain, "is that she is going to say Jess Smith told her one of the five men was the president of the United States."

"We are not going to walk into your trap," shouted Senator Ashurst, democrat, of Arizona. "You would like very much to have us be charged with having besmirched the name of someone now dead, but we are not going to walk into your trap."

"We don't know who these five people are, and we care less," Chamberlain said. "We assume that the committee wants the truth."

"My impression is that she is going to say Jess Smith told her one of the five men was the President of the United States. Now, when the fact is this up-lifter, Frank A. Vanderlip."

Here the committee came into action. Senator Wheeler said it "was not fair in view of the facts that every member of this committee is under attack by the republican national committee."

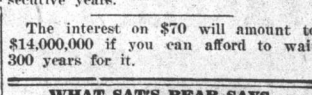
"It is time for me to make a stump speech," interjected Senator Ashurst. "You are anxious to put us into a trap where it will be charged by the metropolitan press that we are besmirching the name of a dead man. Though our footsteps are dogged day and night we have not walked into this trap."

While the committee was not arguing about the \$33,000,000 deal which it is said had never involved the Attorney General nor Smith, Miss Stinson was examined.

Miss Frances Affleck, of Winchester, Va., has attended 1,500 weekly sessions of her Sunday school, having never missed a single session in thirty consecutive years.

The interest on \$70 will amount to \$14,000,000 if you can afford to wait 300 years for it.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



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