

THE COMMITTEE ASKS ABOUT A \$3,000,000 LOAN TO THOMPSON

As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Republican National Committee in 1919.

THOMPSON WAS
TOO ILL TO APPEAR

His Attorney Said the Loan Was Secured by Oil Stock But Had Nothing to Do With Campaign Funds.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 11.—Returning to its inquiry into possible oil company contributions to national political campaign funds, the Senate oil committee today sought information about a \$3,000,000 loan made by the Chase National Bank in New York in 1919 to Wm. Boyce Thompson, formerly chairman of the ways and means committee of the Republican National Committee.

Declaring his client was too ill to appear, Wm. Wallace, Jr., attorney for Thompson, testified that the \$3,000,000 loan was secured by 50,154 shares of Sinclair oil stock, but insisted it had nothing to do with campaign funds. He said Thompson had no part in the republican financing until after the 1920 campaign, and that the Chase Bank loan was repaid in full in 1919.

The lawyer also read into the record a telegram from Thompson, who has been sought by the committee subpoena servers for more than two weeks, saying he had been "wholly out of the Sinclair interests since 1921." Thompson was said to have failed to respond to the committee summons because he is confined to a sanatorium in Arizona.

Appearing voluntarily and speaking for his client, Wallace also denied that Thompson had borrowed large sums to wipe out the republican national committee deficit after 1920.

More Testimony About the Fight Film.
Washington, April 11.—More testimony about the Dempsey-Carpenter fight film, the Old Hickory Power Case, and the Miller Brothers land fraud prosecutions in Oklahoma was heard today by that section of the Daugherty committee.

Chairman Brookhart and Senator Wheeler were inquiring into the affairs of the Midland National Bank, at Washington Court House, Ohio.

J. J. McGraw, an Oklahoma republican leader, denied some of the previous testimony connecting him with the Miller case; William Tighman, of Oklahoma City, told how he contracted for "protected" exhibition of the fight films in that state; and J. M. Fowler, a department of Justice agent, further developed stories told to the committee about the department's delay in prosecuting the Old Hickory case.

Dismissal of Bill of Complaint Issued.
Cheyenne, Wyo., April 11.—Dismissal of the bill of complaint of the United States of America against the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company, and the Sinclair Pipe Line Company is sought in a petition filed by the two corporations in Federal Court in answer to the government's suit against the Mammoth Oil Company and these corporations, for annulment of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease.

The answer of the Mammoth Company, the chief defendant, has not been filed. The thirty day time limit, set for its filing, will expire April 14th.

Air Pilots Bomb Tegucigalpa.
Washington, April 11.—Air pilots of Honduran rebel forces have begun making bombing raids on Tegucigalpa.

The National League of Girls' Clubs will hold its biennial meeting at Smith College this year June 18 to 22.



A WIFE'S NOBLEST WORK

The wife who helps her man to get somewhere is entitled to a whole lot more credit than she usually gets. Often, she is the one who starts the man on the road to success by leading the way in matters of thrift.

Handicaps there may be, but you can trust the earnest woman to "get over them, through them or around them—anyway to leave them behind."

There are a lot of fine women who come here regularly to invest their family savings.

To them all we extend a heartfelt welcome.

Our 53rd series is now open. Running shares cost you 25 cents per share per week.

Prepaid shares \$72.25 per share. Invest your family savings with us. All stock is non-taxable.

Mannington



Howard Mannington, whose name has continuously popped up in the Senate investigation in connection with the now famous "little green house in K street," snapped upon his return from Paris. He was well served by subpoena servers.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE APPEAL

Previously reported	\$1025.00
J. T. Honeycutt	150.00
J. A. Cline	150.00
Mrs. Zeb Moore	150.00
Miscellaneous	525.00
Total	\$2,000.00

DRIVER FATALLY INJURED

Southern Train No. 38 Strikes Bus at Kings Mountain.

Gastonia, April 10.—Paul Davis, of Gastonia, is in a dying condition and three others are more or less injured as the result of an accident at Kings Mountain tonight at 10 o'clock when train No. 38 hit an auto bus plying between here and Spartanburg. The injured are Charles Pease, of Augusta, Ga., J. D. Baldwin, of Mt. Gilead, and Monroe Jones, of Piedmont, S. C. Baldwin is badly cut about the head and shoulders. Jones and Pease have superficial injuries.

Davis, the driver of the jitney, has a fractured skull, a broken leg and internal injuries. He can hardly recover and is in an unconscious condition.

The accident occurred at the crossing between station in Kings Mountain. A wet windshield obscured the driver's vision. The injured were brought to Gastonia on the train and taken to a local hospital.

The automobile was owned by H. L. Bass, who operated a jitney line between here and Spartanburg. One other occupant of the car, Barrett Jones, was uninjured.

GASTON JURY ACQUITS KILLIAN AND JOE ORR

They Are Found Not Guilty of Ford's Death—Crowder, Who Has Confessed, Not Yet Sentenced.

Gastonia, April 10.—A verdict of not guilty as to both defendants was returned late tonight in the case of Joe Orr and Ransom Killian, on trial since Tuesday for murder in connection with the killing of John Ford in November, 1920. The jury was out more than nine hours.

Orr and Killian were arrested a few weeks ago after they had been implicated in the slaying of Ford by Arthur Crowder, a prisoner at Deatur, Alabama, in a confession, said to have been made first to a minister who visited him during a serious illness and later reiterated to officers. Crowder this week pleaded guilty of manslaughter and became the star witness for the state against Orr and Killian. Crowder was brought here from Alabama to stand trial. He has not been sentenced.

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Get your home-made cakes at C. H. Barrier & Co.'s and help the ladies of Epworth Church.

The Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. has many styles in gas ranges. See them. The Standard Buick Co. has a number of used cars for sale or exchange. See list in the new ad. today.

You will always find many bargains at the Piggly Wiggly.

The service of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. is certain to please you.

Get double cream for whipping at the Co-operative Dairy Co.

Don't forget the big Easter Sale of new spring footwear at very low prices at Parker's Shoe Store.

Fisher's will have a sale Saturday and Monday of special house, porch and street dresses at 95 cents, \$1.29 and \$1.50. You can't buy the material for less.

Thousand Chinese Converts Baptized at Same Ceremony.

Peking, April 10.—The wholesale conversion to Christianity of the troops of General Feng Yu-hsiang, which resulted last February in the baptism of 3,700, has been further signified by acceptance of the faith by another 1,100 soldiers.

Eight clergymen, natives and foreign, officiated in an impressive ceremony on the drill ground at Tungchow, a suburb of Peking, when these latest converts were baptized recently.

General Feng, who is known throughout China as the Christian general, addressed the men.

It is estimated that 13,000 of the 30,000 troops under Gen. Feng's command now have embraced the Christian faith.

AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN IS REDUCED TO CONCRETE TERMS

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Is Calculated to Clarify the Issue Over Japanese Exclusion Which Has Been Raised in Congress.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 11.—The famous "gentlemen's agreement" under which Japanese immigration into the United States was curtailed, has been reduced to concrete terms for the first time in an exchange of correspondence between Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Hanihara.

The diplomatic exchange calculated to clarify the issue over Japanese exclusion which has been raised in Congress during discussion of the new immigration legislation was forwarded by Mr. Hughes today to Chairman Clegg, of the senate immigration committee.

Heretofore the international understanding between Washington and Tokyo on the subject has been based on a long succession of exchanges and precedents, and the exact terms of the agreement never have been reduced to precise form.

FLOATING HOTELS FOR USE AT CONVENTION

Two Steamboats to Be Made Available to House Several Hundred.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cleveland, April 11.—Floating hotels on the cool waters of Lake Erie are a possibility contemplated in case the throngs attending the Republican national convention here in June should exceed present calculations. Alva Dealey, chairman of the convention entertainment committee, has notified committee officials in charge of housing that two steamboats can be made available to house several hundred people in case of need.

The housing bureau reports that there are available 275 rooms in residential apartment hotels which will be available when their regular occupants are away for the summer. In addition, several new apartment houses, the largest to have 500 to 600 rooms, are under construction and expected to be completed in time for the convention. The housing bureau will endeavor also to arrange for rooms in private dwellings to serve last-minute arrivals.

"This is the first convention for which a housing bureau has been organized," said George B. Harris, chairman of the hotel committee. "Cleveland means to treat every person here for the convention as a guest, and to provide for their reception in a thorough-going, systematic way never before attempted."

GASTON COURT'S THIRD MURDER TRIAL TAKEN UP

Carl Mitchum Charged With Slaying His Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Rena Lay.

(By the Associated Press.)
Gastonia, April 11.—With Joe Orr and Ransom Killian acquitted, and Philip Wynneberger sentenced to from 15 years to 25 years in the state prison, the Gaston County Superior Court today took up the third murder case of the term, Carl Mitchum being put on trial on the charge of slaying his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rena Lay, at her home in South Gastonia, several weeks ago. The slaying occurred following a quarrel between Mitchum and his wife, from whom he was separated. Mitchum surrendered, claiming self defense.

Orr and Killian were acquitted late last night by a jury which was out nearly ten hours.

Wynneberger pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree murder for killing Claude Cook, of Cleveland County.

AVIATORS WARNED OF APPROACHING STORM

Flight Around the World Is Arrested on This Account.

Sitka, Alaska, April 11 (By the Associated Press).—Warned of an approaching storm off the Gulf of Alaska, the four U. S. Army aviators on the flight around the world, rested here today after their 300-mile flight yesterday from Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The aviators originally were scheduled to leave here today for Cordova, Alaska.

Brilliant European Swindler Booked as Habitual Criminal

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
Berlin, March 24.—Stephan Otto, born near Brussels, who posed as a major in the Belgian army in 1919 and decorated Major General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American forces at Coblenz, with the Belgian military medal of honor, and who has since been arrested as a swindler in half a dozen European cities, has been classed by Berlin detectives as a "habitual criminal." Despite this, the young man may soon slip from the German prison because no specific charge has been filed against him. His last exploit was an attempt to obtain a high priced car on the pretense that he was a member of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control in Germany.

Otto has associated with high officials in Paris, Vienna, Constantinople and other cities, and the story is even told that on one occasion he actually slept a night in Buckingham Palace.

President Coolidge Sends Message to Senate Today on Heney Appointment

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 11.—President Coolidge in a message to the Senate today advised that body to maintain its "constitutional and legal rights" in conducting investigations.

The message, couched in direct language, was occasioned by action of the Senate committee investigating the Internal Revenue Bureau in employing Francis J. Heney, of California, as special prosecutor at the instance and at the expense of Senator Cossens, of Michigan, a Republican member of the committee.

The President supplemented his message with a letter from Secretary Mellon in which the treasury head declared that should "unnecessary interference" with the proper exercise of his duty be continued, "neither I nor any other man of character can longer take the responsibility for the Treasury."

Employment of Heney was declared by the President to be in conflict with the law, and a procedure likely to throw the government into disorder.

"It is time that we return to a government under and in accordance with the usual forms of the law of the land," the President said. "The state of the Union requires the immediate adoption of such a course."

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DETECTIVES CONVINCED THAT WOMAN TOLD TRUTH

When She Confessed to the Killing of Charles Blair in Connecticut.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 11.—Detectives are convinced that Mrs. Johanna Tell told the truth yesterday when she gave a circumstantial account of her slaying of Chas. Blair on a little farm near Killingworth, Conn., left today to seek Blair's body.

They have been supplied with diagrams by Mrs. Tell. She said she shot Blair, hacked his body with an axe, and secreted it in the cellar overnight, and then buried it in a pit, because he insisted that she marry him.

Later—Blair's Body Found.
Killingworth, Conn., April 11.—The body of Charles Blair, who was slain by Mrs. Johanna Tell, according to her confession made in New York, was found by the searchers at the Blair farm here today.

REPARATION COMMISSION APPROVES DAWES' REPORT

Approval Was Unanimous—Official Declaration Issued.

Paris, April 11 (By the Associated Press).—The reparations commission today officially approved the report submitted to it by the experts committee on Wednesday, on the German reparations question.

The recommendation of the commission is that the report be approved conditional upon the acceptance of it by Germany. The commission was unanimous in its approval.

The reparations commission will hear the German representatives regarding the report on Thursday, April 17th. An official declaration by the commission signed by its President, accepting the report, was issued this evening.

STATUTE OF GOREMAN GIVEN PLACE IN CHURCH

Unitarians Accept Bronze Rejected by New York Academy.

New York, April 11.—Carl E. Akeley's bronze statue, "The Chrysalis," which depicts a young man emerging from the form of a gorilla, and which recently was rejected by the New York Academy of Design as lacking in merit, will be solemnly unveiled Sunday in the West Side Unitarian Church, according to Rev. Charles Francis Potter, the rector. Akeley will address the congregation on "Personality in Animals."

Potter said that exhibition of the statue would be the first step in an anti-fundamentalist campaign. The unveiling will take place as a part of the celebration of "Evolution Day."

UNDERWOOD'S NAME IS TO BE FILED THIS WEEK

According to Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, De Campney.

(By the Associated Press.)
Salisbury, April 11.—Senator Underwood's name will be filed with the State election board this week, according to Walter Murphy, his campaign manager, today in discussing the entry of William G. McAdoo in the North Carolina Democratic Presidential preference primary.

In Raleigh on Wednesday Mr. Murphy had expressed the hope that North Carolina would instruct its delegation for Josephus Daniels.

Burglars Get In Two Clever Pieces of Work at Spencer.

Spencer, April 10.—Burglars got in last night by a window in the rear of the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCann on Yaddick Avenue, and of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Deal on Salisbury Avenue. In each instance an entrance was effected by raising a window. At the home of Mr. McCann the burglars ransacked the place with the exception of the room where he was sleeping. They got a quantity of money and a few pieces of jewelry. At the home of Mr. Deal they stole some money, a suit of clothes, spectacles and other things and went to the dining room where they apparently ate a hearty meal. They made their escape without detection and left no clue.

Charlotte Attorney Announces Candidacy for State Senate.

Charlotte, April 10.—Hamilton C. Jones, attorney-at-law and chairman of the Mecklenburg County Democratic executive committee for many years, has announced his purpose to run for the State Senate from Mecklenburg. Mr. Jones becomes the first avowed new candidate for the race for representation in the next General Assembly from Mecklenburg County. Mr. Jones is a son of the late Colonel Hamilton C. Jones, many years chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, also a representative of this county in the State Senate for several years.

McAdoo May Make One Speech in State, Says Judge Brock.

Winston-Salem, April 10.—Judge W. E. Brock, state campaign manager for William G. McAdoo in North Carolina, stated this afternoon that plans are under way for Mr. McAdoo to visit North Carolina for one or more speeches before the date of the primary. He is coming will likely be during May.

Caught



Lieutenant Ervin Brown, U. S. naval paymaster, who faces charges of absconding with \$120,000 in navy funds. He was found in San Francisco, being by a roadside apparently the victim of amnesia. His wife returned \$75,000 of the missing money to naval authorities about a week before his arrest.

BUTTON CRAZE YEAR

Fashion Experts Say This Is to Be a Button Year.

New York, April 11.—Fashion experts tell us that this is to be a button year. They are to be used in plaques and companies for the trimming of summer frocks—small buttons, large buttons, square buttons, buttons of all shapes and sizes and colors; buttons on sleeves, buttons on panels, buttons everywhere.

The history of the button in the United States, after the war cut off the chief source of foreign buttons, drawn principally from Germany and Austria-Hungary, has been one of great activity, both in home production and exportation.

In the year before the outbreak of the war in Europe in 1914 the value of the button production of the United States was \$20,000,000, while in 1919, the year following the close of the war, the figures had risen to \$45,000,000, and all other buttons \$800,000, making the sum paid by the "final consumer" in the United States about \$100,000,000. The total number of buttons turned out by the factories of the United States in 1919 was 10,000,000,000, equivalent to practically 10,000,000,000 buttons.

Besides this big total of more than \$40,000,000 worth of buttons supplied to the home market by American manufacturers, they have rapidly expanded their sales abroad. Prior to the war the value of the buttons exported from the United States averaged a little more than half a million dollars a year, but with the chief European button manufacturers, Germany and Austria-Hungary, cut off from the outside world, the foreign demand upon the United States was greatly stimulated, and the value of American exports of this class of manufacture jumped from a little over half a million dollars in 1914 to nearly \$4,000,000 in 1920.

Of this big production and exportation, the once despised "muslin" existing in enormous quantities in the rivers of the United States, and especially the Mississippi, furnishes an important part of the material used in the manufacture of pearl buttons, and the score of button factories which line the Mississippi in Illinois and Iowa turn out millions of dollars worth of pearl buttons, the exports alone of that particular group of "pearl buttons" having mounted to more than \$1,000,000.

The whole world has apparently learned the attractiveness and value of the United States button. Of the pearl buttons alone exported in 1920 direct sales were made to no less than 60 countries and colonies, and the \$3,000,000,000 worth of buttons other than pearl distributed went to 80 countries and colonies. To Europe alone the exports of pearl buttons amounted to \$300,000, and all other buttons \$800,000, making the exports of buttons to Europe, formerly the great button manufacturer of the world, over \$1,000,000.

The capital now invested in the button manufacturing industry in the United States is more than \$30,000,000, and the sums paid in wages in the last census year in excess of \$10,000,000. Of the approximately 600 button factories in the United States, nearly one-half are located in the state of New York.

Japan, always alert in recognizing new developments in world needs, has also tremendously increased her button output in recent years, and especially that of pearl buttons, as is illustrated by the fact that she sent to the United States in 1920 about 5,000,000 gross of pearl buttons, valued at \$1,947,000, while the pearl buttons imported into the United States from all other countries amounted to less than \$30,000.

Fight Boll Weevil With Poison Gases.

Washington, April 10.—An appropriation of \$25,000 would be added to the current army bill for carrying on experiments in the use of poison gases in boll weevil eradication under an amendment proposed today by a subcommittee of the senate appropriation committee headed by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia. The army work will be independent of the field investigations now carried on by the geological surveys.

Wood Will Not Resign.

Manila, P. I., April 11 (By the Associated Press).—Reports emanating from the United States that he contemplated resigning were denied emphatically by Governor-General Leonard Wood today.

SPECULATION RIFE TO THE EFFECT OF DEATH OF STINNES

On the German Internal Situation and the Reparations Settlement—His Interests Fall to Sons.

FULLY CONSCIOUS
TILL THE END CAME

Even in His Final Hour He Asked for Details of the Dawes' Report on the Reparations Problem.

Berlin, April 11 (By the Associated Press).—Germany's "strong man" of industry is gone with the passing of Hugo Stinnes, and speculation is rife today as to the ultimate effect of his death on the internal situation and in the reparations settlement.

Weakened by the effects of three major operations within a week, the man who would admit no defeat in the ravages of disease. He was fully conscious to the end, and during the day talked constantly with members of his family, gathered at the bedside.

It was characteristic of him that even in the final hours he asked for details of the Dawes report on the reparations problem, and expressed gratification at recognizing what he professed were some of his own ideas among the recommendations made by the experts.

Next to the loss of his leadership over the industrial group, which yields such important influence in determination of German reparations policy, interest centers in the policy to be followed with regard to his vast business interests, the main details of which he continued to supervise until the last.

The administration of these interests will fall on his sons, Edmund and Hugo Jr., both of whom have been in close touch with their father's enterprises during the last five years.

HONDURAN AIR PILOTS BEGIN BOMBING RAIDS

The Rebels Have Killed a Number of Women and Children in the Capital.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 11.—Air pilots of the Honduran rebel forces have begun bombing raids on Tegucigalpa, the capital, and have killed a number of women and children.

Four bombs were dropped near the grounds where members of the American landing force from the cruiser Milwaukee at Amapala were exercising, but dispatches to the Navy Department today from Rear Admiral Dayton, made no mention of any casualties among the American forces.

CHARLOTTE PLASTER MEN WANT INCREASE

They Ask For \$2 Per Day Increase, Making Total \$14.

Charlotte, April 10.—Plasterers employed on the Johnson building, Charlotte's newest skyscraper now in process of construction, have filed an ultimatum with the contractors demanding an increase in wages from \$12 to \$14 per day. The plasterers have been making \$12 per day for several months and this morning notified the contractors of their decision to ask an increase of \$2 per day.

Medals for Best Spellers.

Raleigh, April 11.—The medals to be presented to the school children that won the best spellers contest in this city during the recent meeting of the Teachers' Association have been sent to the engraver and will be delivered to the winners within a week or ten days. It has been announced at the office of Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association, which organization fostered the contest and donated the medals. The first prizes goes to Charles B. Livengood, Jr., of the city schools of Durham; second, to Elizabeth Keres, Oak Hill School, New Hanover county; and third, Ruth E. Cobb, at Stearns High School, Columbus, Polk county.

Banners which were awarded to the schools that the winners represented have been forwarded already, it was stated.

Daugherty Rides in Same Car With Wheeler and Brookhart.

Washington, April 10.—Former Attorney General Daugherty left tonight for Washington Court House, O., and found himself in the same car with Senators Brookhart and Wheeler, who were bound for the same destination as chairman and prosecutor, respectively, of the Daugherty investigating committee. Mr. Daugherty said the meeting was merely accidental, as he was going to his mother's home in accordance with his mother's wishes several days ago. The two senators are to conduct an examination of witness in the Ohio town.

WHAT SATS BEAR SATS.



Rain tonight and Saturday, continued cool.