

NO PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY DAUGHERTY COMMITTEE TODAY

Spends the Day Drawing Up Plans for Its Future Procedure After Legal Obstacles Yesterday.

BROOKHART CONFERS WITH COLLEAGUES

On His Return From a Trip to Washington Courthouse Ohio, Where He Failed to Get Records of the Banks.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 12.—The Daugherty investigating committee which encountered new legal obstacles yesterday in Ohio, spent today drawing up plans for its future procedure and held no public hearing.

Chairman Brookhart, returning from Washington Courthouse, Ohio, conferred with his colleagues over the best method of meeting the court's stay issued against the committee there yesterday, which resulted in failure to get the records of Washington Courthouse banks and in the refusal of several witnesses to testify.

A hearing had been set for today but the committee members found themselves too busy with other things to continue their examination of witnesses. In addition, some of those summoned were not on hand and Senator Wheeler, of Montana, the committee prosecutor, was in Chicago to deliver an address.

Wheeler Says Daugherty Should Be Cited For Contempt. Chicago, April 12.—Senator Wheeler, of Montana, a central figure in the Daugherty investigation, declared today that Mal S. Daugherty, brother of the former Attorney General, would be cited for contempt before the Senate.

Commenting on the result of a subcommittee's visit to Washington Courthouse, Ohio, yesterday, in an effort to take further testimony in the Daugherty case, the Montana Senator declared that the challenge to the committee's authority would be brought before the full membership of the Senate.

The restraining injunction issued in Ohio against the subcommittee blocking its attempted examination of the books and files of the Midland National Bank, was granted by a probate judge who formerly was a law partner of Harry M. Daugherty, Senator Wheeler said.

There are still many leads to be developed in the Senate inquiry and at least six weeks, despite the official opposition confronting the committee, Senator Wheeler declared.

"The ultimate results of the committee's course will depend on the attitude of the new Attorney General toward a reorganization of the department," the Senator said.

DAUGHERTY'S BROTHER DEFIES SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Wheeler and Brookhart Are Refused Access to Midland Bank's Books. Washington Courthouse, O., April 11.—A refusal to produce the records of the Midland National Bank or to allow their client to appear in person before the Senate Daugherty investigating committee, was entered by attorneys for M. S. Daugherty, brother of the former Attorney General.

The refusal was final, the attorneys said, and Chairman Brookhart notified them that proceedings charging M. S. Daugherty and his assistants with contempt of the Senate would be sought.

The committee, whose subpoenas were formally disregarded, then proceeded to take evidence from other witnesses bearing on the Daugherty investigation.

Going ahead with its inquiry in spite of the refusal of access to the books, the committee was told by John Phelon, one of its agents, that the former Attorney General had \$75,000 on deposit with the Midland Bank. It was also told that he owned in 1921 2,500 shares of Wright-Martin Air Corporation stock. This company had been named in the investigation as receiving "over-payments" from the government in war contract accounts.

Striking back at the Senators on the committee, the Midland National Bank served Chairman Brookhart and Senator Wheeler as they sat with subpoenas to appear in a civil suit of undescribed character.

The summons gave notice that a restraining order had been issued against the committee and in behalf of the bank, seeking to prevent inquiry into the bank's affairs.

The restraining order was issued in the Fayette County Courthouse. It cited the Senators to appear on May 10th.

Sinclair Files Demurrer

Washington, April 12.—The authority of the Senate to ask questions which resulted in contempt proceedings against him was attacked by Harry F. Sinclair today in a demurrer filed in district court in answer to his contempt indictment.

The demurrer followed in the mail the legal contentions advanced by Sinclair lawyers when the oil magnate and lessee of Teapot Dome last appeared before the Senate oil committee, and refused to reply to a long string of questions on the ground that the investigators were without authority, and that this evidence should be reserved for the courts.

One in nine of the 110,000,000 inhabitants of the United States owns an automobile.

ANGUS W. McLEAN SPEAKS TO SAMPSONIANS TODAY

Says Under Democratic Rule North Carolina Has Shown a Greater Degree of Progress Than Any Other State.

(By the Associated Press.) Clinton, April 12.—Speaking before the Democratic county convention here today, Angus W. McLean, of Lumberton, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, declared that since the Democratic party took over the State government from the Republicans twenty-three years ago, North Carolina had shown a greater degree of progress than any state in the republic.

While Mr. McLean's address was devoted largely to a review of the record of the Democratic party in both the State and nation, the candidate severely attacked the Republicans, declaring that "the disclosure of graft, bribery and general dishonesty in connection with the administration of the affairs of the federal government since the Republicans came back into power in 1921, is the most disgraceful of any that has occurred in the history of our government."

Reviewing the record of the Democratic party in the state, Mr. McLean said expenditures for maintenance of public schools had increased from \$1,000,000 in 1900 to \$20,000,000 in 1923. The State, he said, has provided adequate facilities for the support and maintenance of confederate veterans and their widows; for the poor, insane, deaf, dumb, blind, and crippled children, wayward girls and other benevolent work.

He characterized the public health department as "one of the most thorough and efficient" in the United States and commended the work of the agricultural department.

"One of the outstanding accomplishments of the administration of State government in recent years," he declared, "was the reformation of the system of taxation and the creation of the Department of Revenue to administer the system. The constitutional amendment providing for the levy of an equitable income tax submitted to the people by the legislature of 1919 was carried in the election of November, 1920, by a majority of over 175,000, and has been thoroughly approved by the people of the State."

"Under this new system," the candidate continued, "no taxes are levied upon land or personal property for the support of the State government. All of the agencies of the State government are supported by taxes derived from incomes, inheritances, franchise fees and other special taxes. All of the inhabitants of the State are entitled to enjoy the services maintained for their benefit by the State, without paying one cent of tax upon their lands or personal property for these benefits."

Mr. McLean then listed the things in the State government taken care of through these taxes, including "a certain amount of the sinking fund provided for the retirement of the State highway bonds amounting approximately to \$200,000."

"In addition to this," he continued, "the State collected for the total expenses of the State highway system, including interest on all bonds issued by the State for road purposes, sinking bonds to retire the bonds when due, and the expenses of maintaining the State highways, all of which were paid by tax on gasoline and license taxes on automobiles and trucks, a total of approximately \$7,000,000, for the year of 1923. It will be seen, therefore, that the State collected from all sources of taxation, including that for the highway system, a total of approximately \$15,000,000, no part of which came from taxes on land or personal property of any kind."

The taxes of land and personal property under the new system, he asserted are left entirely to the counties for local purposes, including construction of schools and their maintenance; maintenance of bridges and county roads, other than public highways, and pay the general expenses of the county government.

All land and personal property located in the various counties is valued by local assessors and all taxes are levied by these local officers, Mr. McLean said.

"Of course," he continued, "there are some defects and inequalities in the practical administration of the tax laws as they now exist, which can and must be removed. For example, local taxes upon land and personal property are too high in some of the counties. Some lands are valued too high. For another example, much land and personal property escape taxation. These conditions exist to a more or less extent in every system of taxation. For another example, local taxes levied for the six months school term are not generally uniform. A way can and must be found to eliminate these inequalities."

Those who are criticizing the general system of taxation now in operation in the State any better system to propose?" Mr. McLean asked. "Do they want to return to the old system whereby lands and personal property are assessed for taxation and taxes levied thereon by the State authorities at Raleigh? If that is the purpose they have in view, let them state it frankly, in order that the people may understand the real basis of criticism."

Referring to the State highway system, Mr. McLean said North Carolina's roads are now "the wonder of the nation."

"The cost of maintaining the roads, the payment of interest on the money borrowed to construct them and the creation of a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds when due are paid entirely by funds derived from license from automobiles and the taxes on gasoline. The total revenue derived from these sources for the year 1923 conclusively demonstrates the fact that it is more than sufficient to meet these payments."

Comparing the records of the Democratic and Republican parties in national affairs, Mr. McLean declared that during the eight years of "Woodrow Wilson's administration more constructive and beneficial legislation was enacted in the interest of the masses of the people than was enacted during all the period of Republican rule since the ending of the War Between the States."

THE SPRING BLIZZARD



PINCHOT SUGGESTED HANEY'S APPOINTMENT

As Counsel for Committee Investigating Internal Revenue Bureau.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 12.—Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, who has sharply criticized national prohibition enforcement, suggested the employment of Francis J. Heney as counsel for the Senate committee investigating the Internal Revenue Bureau, Senator Watson, republican, of Indiana, chairman of the committee, declared today in the Senate.

Professing his remarks with an expression of regret for the serious illness of Senator Couzens, Senator Watson said he was not at liberty to repeat conversations, but that he had learned on indisputable evidence that Governor Pinchot had thrust himself into the controversy between Senator Couzens, prosecutor for the committee, and Secretary Mellon.

The committee found the revenue bureau "thoroughly and efficiently organized to transact its business," Senator Watson said. He reviewed the expansion of revenue collections in the past seven years with "its consequent unprecedented burden on the bureau."

Having found from its initial study that the Bureau was capable and willing to discharge its duties, the chairman said, the committee tentatively agreed that its work would be confined to seeking methods of simplifying tax returns, improving methods of collection, and "possibly recommending changes in policy," but the sudden demand for the appointment of special counsel put forward by Senator Couzens upset this program.

Senator Watson said he was opposed to an investigation of the prohibition unit because "no one has expected prohibition to be rigidly enforced up to the present hour."

Senator Watson declared that the attack upon Secretary Mellon was designed as a "careful attempt to weaken Coolidge."

"Mellon is not being attacked for Mellon's sake, but in an effort to get the President," Senator Watson said. "The whole thing in my opinion is this: If they can weaken the Secretary in any way they weaken the tax bill he proposed, and which the President has seen fit to endorse."

EVELYN NESBIT FILES PETITION IN SON'S INTEREST

Sets Forth That Harry Thaw Should Not Be Released as He Is Mentally Unfit.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, April 12.—Evelyn Nesbit, divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw, today filed in common pleas court a petition to be allowed to intervene in the proceedings to determine Thaw's sanity by a jury trial which begins here next Monday. The action, it is stated, is in the interest of her 12-year-old son, Russell William Thaw.

The petition set forth that Thaw should not be released, as he is mentally unfit, and will if released dissipate his own estate, and the life interest in his father's estate. Thaw's estate is estimated to be worth about \$1,000,000.

HELD FOR THE BURNING OF HER THREE CHILDREN

Children Were Caught in Pantry, From Which There Was No Chance of Escape.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., April 12.—Bessie Dunbar, a negro, is held in jail here for the grand jury under orders of the county coroner, as a result of the burning to death of her three children, aged 5, 6 and 9 years, in her home in the eastern part of the city last night. The children were caught in a pantry from which there was no door leading from the house, and were burned beyond recognition. When firemen found the bodies that of the oldest child was lying across the two younger, as if to protect them.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION TODAY

Delegates Elected to State Convention Next Thursday—Harmonious Throughout.

The County Democratic convention was held at the court house in Concord at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The temporary organization consisting of W. A. Foll, chairman, and Miss Rosa Mund and Prof. G. F. McAllister as secretaries, was made the permanent organization.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting, and the convention at once proceeded to the roll call of townships and delegates.

Delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on Thursday, April 17th, were then selected from each of the precincts in the county, a complete list of whom will appear in Monday's issue. It was also moved and carried that any Democrat attending the convention be made a duly accredited delegate from this county.

A motion was also made and carried that these delegates be made delegates to the judicial, congressional and senatorial conventions.

No further matters were brought before the convention, which adjourned upon motion.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE APPEAL

Previously reported \$2,000.00  
G. S. Klutz 200.00  
O. B. Walter 100.00  
Miscellaneous 400.00  
Total \$2,700.00

Masked Bandits Bind and Gag Watch men.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, April 12.—Four masked bandits early today bound and gagged the watchmen at the plant of a local printing concern, and after locking him in a small room escaped in an automobile with \$20,000 worth of state tobacco tax stamps.

Recovered Today a Good Portion of Friday's Losses.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 12.—The cotton market recovered a good portion of yesterday's loss at the opening today owing to relatively firm Liverpool cables, reports of rains in eastern and central portions of the belt, higher foreign exchange, and reports that the German government had accepted the Daves plan for reparations. Renewed covering by old crop shorts sent May to 31.50, 62 points net higher. A better demand for new crop positions also carried the price of Cotton to 25.95, a net advance of 38 points. First prices were 25 to 27 points net higher, and the general list showed net advances of 37 to 64 points during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened firm, May 31.30; July 29.80; Oct. 25.85; Dec. 25.30; Jan. 24.88.

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THE SOUTHERN'S TRACK CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

To Be Carried Out Within the Next Few Months.

Charlotte, April 12.—Detailed announcement in regard to the Southern Railway system's track construction program to be carried out during the next few months, given out by General Manager R. E. Simpson, shows that thirty-eight projects are to be completed in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

At the Air Line junction yard in Charlotte, approximately three miles of new track will be constructed to provide longer receiving tracks for northbound Columbia division trains, new southbound set-off tracks, and greater interchange track capacity.

At Spencer, double track engine leads are being built from an intersection with the main line north of the passenger station to the site of the new roundhouse. These tracks will keep road engines out of the shop yard and make room for future additions to the shops.

On the Washington division, passing tracks will be extended at Calverton and Nokesville, Va., storage tracks will be extended to Calverton and Weybourn, and new loading tracks for apples will be put in at Culpeper and Slippman.

In South Richmond, a new cross-over will be put in at Rocketts, which will facilitate switching to a number of industries.

Improvements on the Danville division will include the extension of storage tracks at Durmid, near Lynchburg; three new cross-overs at Pomona, just south of Greensboro, to facilitate movement between the main line and the yard; and extension of the northbound storage track at Reidsville to give additional room for set-offs from local freights.

On the Charlotte division, southbound passing tracks will be extended at China Grove, Glass and Hahn to provide room for the long trains now being handled south from Spencer, and northbound set-off tracks will be constructed at Gastonia, Cramerton, and Bessemer City to enable local freights to get out of the way of through trains without crossing the main line.

Between Salisbury and Asheville, improvements will include a new passing track at Elmwood, lap sidings at Swannanoa, extension of passing and engine tracks at Old Fort, new storage, and extension of passing track at Morganton, extension of passing track at Connelly Springs.

Between Asheville and Spartanburg, passing tracks will be extended at Saluda, Landrum and Campobello, S. C. Between Asheville and Morrisville, passing tracks will be extended at Volga and Sandy Bottom, N. C. New storage tracks will be built at Addie on the Murphy line.

On the Winston-Salem division improvements will include new storage and team tracks at Hanes, new storage and make-up tracks at Barber, extending tracks at Crutchfield, Mt. Ulla, and Davidson, and new team track at Taylorsville.

On the Columbia division, new interchange and storage tracks will be built at Chester, new southbound passing track built and storage track extended to Rock Hill, passing track extended at Blackstock, and new wye and set-off tracks built at Lena.

EIGHTEEN MILITARY AND NAVAL MEN ARRESTED

Suspected of Complicity in Royalist Outbreak in Greece.

(By the Associated Press.) Athens, April 12 (By the Associated Press).—Eighteen ranking military and naval officers suspected of complicity in the projected royalist outbreak, have been arrested. Among them are Gen. Leon adropoulos, leader of the last counter-revolution, and Gen. Constantinopolous. The minister of the interior says that considerable quantities of pistols and cartridges were brought into Athens recently by reactionaries.

The arms have been confiscated, the minister says, and the leaders of the sudden movement, who obviously intended there should be an outbreak after the election to decide the fate of the dynasty.

COUZENS FACES OPERATION

Sudden Recurrence of an Ailment Which Had Troubled Him For Years.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 12.—Senator Jas. Couzens, of Michigan, who until Wednesday was pressing the Senate investigation of the Internal Revenue Bureau, faced an operation today because of a sudden recurrence of a stomach ailment which had troubled him for several years.

Physicians attending him decided upon the operation last night, and summoned a specialist from Detroit, although earlier in the day his illness had been described as a serious but not dangerous attack of indigestion.

Physicians attending Senator Couzens decided today to perform an operation early next week.

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BLACKMAILERS, SHE SAYS, THREATENED TO EXPOSE HER DUAL LIFE

Philadelphia Woman Was Wife of a Carpenter in the Daytime and Bride of a Banker at Night.

FORCED TO COMMIT FORGERY, SHE AVERS

She Was the Mother of 18 Children by Her "First" Husband.—Took \$50,000 From the Banker.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, April 12.—The wife of a carpenter in the daytime, and the bride of a wealthy banker at night, Mrs. Anna Beswick, 50 years old, today awaited a hearing on charges of forgery which, in an alleged confession given out by the police, she said she was forced to commit to obtain money for blackmailers who had threatened to expose her dual life.

Apparently neither Samuel E. Beswick, by whom she said she had 18 children, nor William C. Martin, vice president of a suburban bank, whom she declared she married last February and from whom she said she had taken at least \$50,000 to pay for the blackmailers' silence, knew of her double life. Martin married her, she said, in the belief that she had been divorced.

Mrs. Beswick was arrested yesterday outside the court room of Judge J. Willis Martin, whose name she is alleged to have forged to letters through which she is charged with having obtained \$5,000 from William Shuman and Ralph Hawthorne, who had the warrants issued for her arrest.

Mrs. Beswick named Herbert Russek, John McCoy, and Erwin Hamilton as her blackmailers. They were arrested on charges of extortion, conspiracy and blackmail.

CANDLER LOSES SUIT

He Sought to Cancel the Note Given Byfield.

Atlanta, Ga., April 11.—A verdict in favor of Clyde K. Byfield, local automobile dealer, was returned by a jury tonight in the suit of Walter T. Candler, Atlanta attorney, to cancel a \$20,700 note he gave Byfield in the summer of 1922 following an alleged attack by Candler on Byfield's wife. The case went to the jury shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

The suit was the second to grow out of Candler's European trip, on which he was accompanied by his two young daughters and the Byfields.

Shortly after his return to America, Candler instituted proceedings for the cancellation of the note given Byfield while the party were in Paris. Immediately Mrs. Byfield filed suit in DeKalb county against the clubman for \$100,000 damages, alleging that on the last night of their journey to France, on board the steamship Berangaria, Candler entered her stateroom and attacked her. In that case the jury found for Candler.

In the suit for cancellation of the note, counsel for Candler contended he had been forced to give Byfield the note after the incident to protect himself from physical violence and public exposure at Byfield's hands.

The defense denied that duress had been exerted by Byfield on the clubman, claiming Candler gave the note voluntarily to settle the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Byfield are said to have been estranged since their return from the 1922 trip abroad. Mrs. Byfield, however, was one of the principal witnesses during the present trial and Byfield took the stand in her behalf during the trial of her suit against Candler.

CAPIAS ISSUED FOR ARREST OF W. V. GERARD

Who Is Indicted in Wake Court on a Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill.

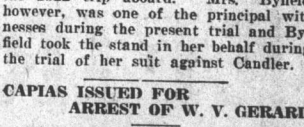
(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 12.—Judge Henry A. Grady has issued a capias to the sheriff and his deputies of every county in North Carolina, for the immediate arrest of W. V. Gerard, head of the United Klansmen of America, who yesterday was indicted by the Wake county grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Gerard, former organizer of the Ku Klux Klan, is now believed to be in South Carolina, carrying on his organization work for the United Klansmen.

Gerard is charged with participating in the flogging of Hayes Henry, a negro, who was flogged by a band of masked men on November 7, 1923.

Crocodiles grow quickly for the first few years of their lives; then their rate of growth slows down to about one inch a year.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Fair tonight and Sunday, warmer Sunday and in extreme wet portion tonight.