

DISREGARD OF LAW IN MAKING LEASES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Oil Committee Makes Report to Senate After Its Investigation Which Was Conducted Several Months.

COMMENT MADE ON MANY FACTS

Other Facts Were Brought Out Without Comment.—Report Says Leases Were Not Made Under Law.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 5.—Flagrant disregard of the law in negotiations of the Sinclair and Doheny oil leases are charged in a report to the Senate today prepared for the oil committee by its prosecutor, Senator Walsh, of Montana.

The executive order by which President Harding transferred oil reserves from the Navy to the Interior Department was held in the report to have been illegal.

The manner in which the leases were negotiated secretly by former Secretary Fall was described as in disregard of the statutes.

The leases themselves were declared indefensibly wasteful, and based on a policy which Congress alone has authority to determine. Fall's acceptance of \$100,000 from E. I. Doheny was characterized as "in the least degree reprehensible," although no opinion was expressed as to whether the payment was in fact a loan.

Shipment by Harry F. Sinclair of a consignment of blooded cattle to Fall's New Mexico ranch, and Sinclair's subsequent employment of Fall after he left the cabinet were cited without comment.

Likewise, without comment, the report related how Sinclair expended \$1,000,000 to clear Teapot Dome of conflicting claims, some of which at least "were shadowy."

Former Secretary Denby of the Navy Department, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt were exonerated from "any part whatever" in the negotiations leading up to the leases.

It was declared that despite diligent inquiry, the committee found "no facts of sufficient importance to report" in support of the rumor that public officers had speculated in the stocks of the Sinclair and Doheny companies.

Similarly, the report said, "the evidence failed to establish the existence of any conspiracy between oil operators and others at the republican National Convention in 1920, for exploitation of public resources."

Only a passing reference was made to the conflicting statements by which it had been sought to connect Edward B. McLean with a \$100,000 payment to Fall, and no opinion on that subject was expressed.

The only recommendation contained in the report from a reference to court proceedings now in progress, was contained in the following summary:

"Had the legislation enacted by Congress been observed in its spirit in dealing with the reserves, had it not been wrested out of all reason to afford some appearance of justification for the course pursued, further action by the law-making branch might not be necessary."

"In view of what has transpired, it should be made plain:

"1. That no lease or other contract authorizing or providing for the extraction of oil or gas from the reserves should be entered into except upon competitive bids for which proposals shall be duly advertised;

"2. That no such lease or contract should be entered into for any purpose except to protect the reserves from drainage and for such limited areas as should be drilled to that end, unless in the case of an emergency to be proclaimed by the President of the United States.

"3. That every such lease or contract should be submitted to and approved by the Comptroller General before taking effect.

"4. That the authority conferred by the act of June 4, 1920 to exchange, is restricted to the exchange of crude oil or gas for fuel oil, or other products or derivatives of oil or gas."

"About Face!"



Well, well, glad to see you're back from the front, as the old gag goes. Lorello, the "man with the rubber body," can "about face" any time the order is sounded. He's shown here backing up for a drink.

PRIEST FATALLY SHOT

BY JOHN KING, JR.

Shooting Occurred While Priest Was Administering Last Rites to King's Father.

(By the Associated Press.) Draught, Mass., June 5.—Rev. Michael C. Gilbride was shot to death today while administering the last rites of the Catholic Church to John King, Sr., at the King home.

John King, Jr., 37 years old, was arrested after he had shot Capt. David Peirce of the Lowell police, in the shoulder. He will be arraigned tomorrow on a charge of murder.

The police said that King had admitted shooting the priest, and had remarked that he felt justified for his act. They are at a loss, however, to understand his motive.

MRS. HARRIET UPTON IS RETIRING FROM OFFICE

Has Been Vice Chairman of the National Republican Committee for Some Time.

Cleveland, O., June 5 (By the Associated Press).—Announcement of the retirement of Mrs. Harriet Upton, of Warren, O., as vice chairman of the executive committee of the Republican national committee was made here today by William M. Butler, manager of President Coolidge's pre-convention campaign.

Mrs. A. T. Hert, of Louisville, widow of the late national committeeman from Kentucky, will be recommended for the chairmanship. She will have charge of the work among the women in the campaign.

Special Prayer for Christian Unity.

Special prayer for Christian Unity will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Members of all churches are cordially invited.

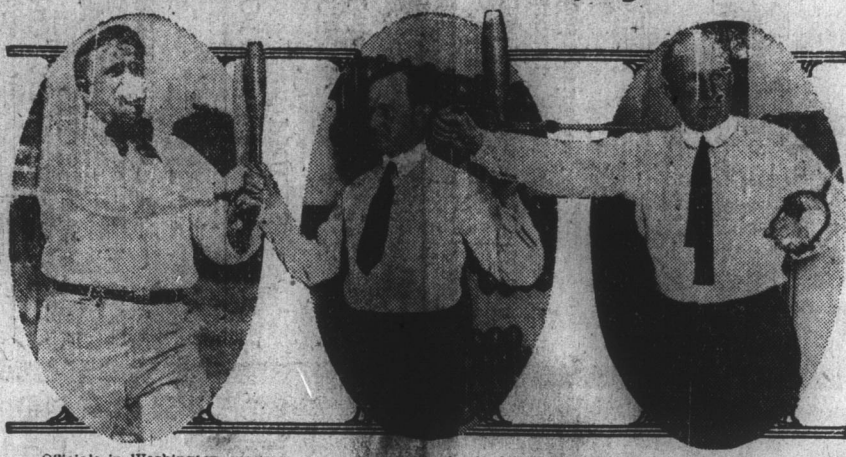
A World Conference on Faith and Order suggests a special prayer service for Christian Unity this week.

This conference represents national churches of the following communions: Anglican, Armenian, Baptist, Congregational, Friends, German Evangelical, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Old Catholic, Presbyterian, Reformed, South India United. Some of the most pressing questions of the hour rise out of our social life, with its struggles and its rivalries, its antagonisms and its party cries. What has the church to say about these things? This special service and prayer for the consideration of such questions will be held in All Saints Episcopal Church Friday evening at eight o'clock by the rector, Rev. Charles B. Scovill. Members of all churches are cordially invited.

Kills Two and Shoots Himself.

Jackson, Tenn., June 5.—John Butler, 26 years old, a farmer, today shot and killed his wife at their home near Belts, Tenn., crossed a lane to an adjoining farm, and shot to death James Valentine 22, and then fired a charge from a shotgun into his own chest, inflicting wounds which probably will result in his death.

Getting Ready for the Campaign?



Officials in Washington, realizing a strenuous campaign is about to come, are getting fit and ready. Each has his particular way to do it. Secretary of Labor James J. Davis (left) thinks baseball the ideal way. President Coolidge (center) swings Indian club and speaker of the House Gillett pulls the weights.

AGRICULTURAL MATTERS CONTROL ALL BUSINESS

For This Reason Prosperity Will Not Come Until Farm Matters Are Cleared Up, Banker Declares.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, June 5.—The agricultural situation in the state and nation is the chief problem at present, and the solution must be found and worked out satisfactorily before prosperity comes in full measure, Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., told the North Carolina Bankers' Association this morning.

"I take off my hat to the successful farmer," Mr. MacRae said. "He has the hardest job in the world, and does not get proper credit for it. The best business men of our country with plenty of brains and ability when they turn to farming seldom reach success in that line."

As a nation, we are working from the wrong standpoint. In this country all our resources and talents are bent toward building up the manufacture and industries, and farming is a side line. This will not work for always, and sooner or later we must face this fact and discover ways whereby a man of ability may secure worth while returns from the soil."

COAST GUARD CUTTER SEIZED RUM VESSEL

Three Men on Vessel Were Wounded When They Tried to Make Getaway in Race With Cutter.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Conn., June 5.—Three men, including the captain of the rum-laden yacht, Verne, of New York, were wounded, one severely, when the coast guard cutter Seminole fired on the vessel which attempted to escape capture 8 miles southeast of Block Island last night. The yacht was brought in here today in custody of the cutter.

PROHIBITION PARTY HOLDING CONVENTION

Convention Is Being Held at Columbus, Ohio.—The Convention Opened With Prayer.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, June 5.—National convention of the Prohibition party was called to order at 10:20 a. m. today. Dr. James G. Mason, of New Jersey, in the opening prayer, asked Divine guidance in "this crisis of our nation and party when the wicked were strong and corruptions prevail in high places."

Methodists Ask \$875,133 For Superannuated Endowment.

Raleigh, June 4.—Amounts requested for the superannuated endowment fund from North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, total \$875,133, to be paid in five yearly installments, it was announced here by leaders in the fund work. Conference claimants of the two conferences number 142 the statement says, towards whose support the sum of \$41,752 was contributed last year.

Of the 280 presiding elders in the Southern Methodist connection the names of 204 appear on the honor roll, indicating that every church in 204 districts of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, has pledged its full quota and more towards the \$10,000,000 fund that is being raised for the superannuated Methodist preachers, it is reported by Dr. Luther E. Todd, of St. Louis, executive secretary of the Board of Finance, which is sponsoring the movement. Latest reports from superannuated headquarters indicate that out of 6,500 Southern Methodist churches, there remain only 150 that has not pledged to the superannuated endowment fund the full amount requested of them by the board of finance.

Billy Sunday, Much Improved, Is on His Way Home.

Chicago, June 4.—Billy Sunday, evangelist, chipper and chummy after hospital treatment, passed through Chicago today enroute home to Winona Lake, Ind., characteristically declaring, in commenting on the Franks kidnapping and murder case, that "perdition awaits us."

"The devil and all his kind are ready," he said. "This world of ours is headed for hades so fast that no speed limit can stop it."

Mr. Sunday is much improved in health since he was rushed from Memphis to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., three weeks ago.

FOREIGNERS ARE SHOWN OVER ROADS OF STATE

South American Engineers and Diplomats See How North Carolina Are Made.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., June 5.—Members of the Pan-American Highway Commission consisting of 38 delegates from Latin-American countries, and accompanied by Argentine, Salvadoran and Chilean diplomats, left here today for a practical demonstration of highway construction work. Under the guidance of Commissioner Frank Page at the State Highway Department, the party in a train of private automobiles and buses was escorted over various road projects, arriving in Yanceyville early in the afternoon. The afternoon program consisted of further inspection of highway construction.

AQUATIC MICE ARE PUZZLE TO PITTSBURGH SCIENTISTS

As Much at Home in Water as on Land, Say Discoverers.

Pittsburgh, June 5.—Aquatic mice, capable of diving and swimming like porpoises or scurrying around the fields like other rodents of their family, were discovered in the Pymatuning swamp in Crawford county by a group of natural scientists, who made up a party of 35 from Pittsburgh to visit the swamp over the week-end.

"We are completely stunned on this mouse," said George Sutton, bird man with the Carnegie Museum today. "It does not have webbed feet, although it dives and swims under water and comes to the surface and breathes with the tip of its nose above water."

MISSOURI LEGISLATOR SHOT BOARDING TRAIN

Assaults Fire From Automobile and Escape After Wounding State Senator Kinney.

St. Louis, June 3.—State Senator Michael Kinney, a leader in local and State politics, was shot and probably mortally wounded today by two unidentified men, who fired upon him as he was about to board a train at Oakland, St. Louis county.

The men drove beside the Senator and fired four shots into his body. Before witnesses could obtain the license number of the car it had disappeared.

Henry Ford Dies. Stroke of Paralysis, In Rowan.

Salisbury, June 4.—Henry Ford, aged 68, a well known farmer of the Franklin neighborhood, died this morning from a stroke of paralysis which he suffered Monday. Mr. Ford's sister, Mrs. Fowler of the South River neighborhood died Monday night and was buried this morning at Statesville. Another sister, Mrs. Irvin, of Statesville, is ill having been stricken at the home of Mrs. Fowler before that lady died.

Japanese Still Protesting.

Tokio, June 5 (By the Associated Press).—Twenty-five thousand persons heard fiery speeches, bitter resolutions, and other expressions of the most intense opposition to the bar to Japanese immigration into America at a meeting here tonight.

Plan of Unification of the Two Great Methodist Bodies

(By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., June 5.—All Methodism is awaiting the action of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the proposed unification plan for wedding the southern branch with the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Northern branch, after a separation of eighty years, which if adopted would give the combined church a total membership of around 7,000,000.

The plan of unification, approved by the Joint Commission on Unification which met at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 24, 1923, was ratified by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting at Springfield, Mass., on May 7, 1924, by an almost unanimous vote and the Southern College of Bishops, then in session, were formally advised by the action taken.

The official heads of the Southern branch, at a special meeting on the day following, set May 20th for a meeting to be held at Nashville, when they would formally consider the calling of a general conference to take up the question of combining with the Northern Church. On the day set the General Conference was called to meet in Chattanooga July 2nd.

Under the plan adopted by the commission in Cleveland, the churches would be joined together as one religious organization, with two jurisdictions under a constitution with a general conference and two jurisdictional conferences, while the episcopal areas of each would remain separate without any change in the bishopric jurisdiction. The plan follows:

Article I: Declaration of Union.—The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be united in one church with two jurisdictions under a constitution with a general conference and two jurisdictional conferences.

Article II: The Name of the Church shall be

Article III: Jurisdiction.—Section 1. Jurisdiction Number 1 shall comprise all churches, annual conferences, mission conferences, and missions now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church and any other such conferences and missions as may hereafter be organized by its jurisdictional conferences with the approval of the general conference.

Section 2. Jurisdiction No. 2 shall comprise all the churches, annual conferences, mission conferences, and missions now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and any other such conferences and missions as may (Continued on Page Nine)

DR. CHARLES A. RICHMOND



Trinity College, Durham, N. C., June 4.—Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond, President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., who delivered the annual commencement address to the graduating class of 1924 on "The Fundamental Principles in Education." During the course of his address Dr. Richmond took a rap at Nicholas Murray Butler on account of the latter's advocacy of less stringent prohibition laws.

SIMMONS WELCOMES INCOME TAX AS ISSUE

Coolidge's Criticism of New Law Based on Assumed Facts, Says Senator.

Washington, June 4.—An election campaign issue between the Mellon and Democratic income tax plans, the latter as incorporated in the new tax law, was welcomed today in behalf of Democrats by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the finance committee and author of the income schedule in the new law.

In a statement referring to President Coolidge's attack on the tax bill in the statement of the measure, Senator Simmons declared "if the President and the Republican party wish to make the Mellon plan as against the Democratic plan, as written in the new law, an issue in the approaching campaign, they may rest assured that the issue will be heartily welcome by the Democratic party."

Senator Simmons declared President Coolidge's criticism of the new law "consists largely of a general statement based upon assumed facts."

"I do not overstate the case," he continued, "when I say the facts of record in the treasury department furnished ample evidence the refute every contention made by the President and Mr. Mellon with reference to the fact upon productive industries of the income tax provision of the new law and that the broad statements made by the President in this respect are not confirmed by these record facts."

UNDERWOOD TRAILING MEADOW IN FLORIDA

William Jennings Bryan Heads List in Vote For Delegates At Large.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 4.—William G. McAdoo continued to maintain a two-to-one lead over Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, for the presidential indorsement in yesterday's Democratic primary on the basis of returns compiled early tonight.

William Jennings Bryan headed the list in the vote for delegate-at-large, with a lead of several thousand votes over his closest competitor.

Interest in the race for gubernatorial nomination, with J. W. Martin leading Sidney J. Catts, in second place, by 5,296 votes, and Frank E. Jennings, running third, by 3,693.

With 70,118 votes tabulated, the standing in the gubernatorial race was, Martin 26,567; Catts 21,271; Jennings 17,874; Worth W. Trammell, 3,710; Charles H. Spencer, 696.

Defunct Bank, Salisbury, Pays Depositors 20 Per Cent.

Salisbury, June 4.—Depositors of the defunct People National bank which closed its doors last June were given checks today for 20 per cent of their deposits. Receiver J. E. Fouts and a number of clerks were kept busy handing out checks to the large number who called. The receiver is hoping to have another installment, or may be two more for the depositors.

Only once in their history as a nation have the Spanish achieved a naval victory. That was at the battle of Lepanto, in 1571, when, with the aid of Venetians and Genoese, they annihilated the Turkish fleet.

Ed's Removal Sale.

Ed's are going to make Friday, Saturday and Monday banner days of their Big Removal Sale. They are determined to sell the stock in the present store regardless of cost. They have concentrated on the store here during this event. On Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock they will sell good standard Apron gingham at only 5 cents a yard, ten yards to a customer.

Southern Stock Goes Up.

New York, June 4.—Southern railway crossed 57 in trading on the stock exchange today to a new high price in its history. The buying was not ascribed by operators to any new development but rather to belief that the stock was cheap. Earnings this year were stated to be running almost even with those of last year when the company earned about \$10 a share.

The historic house in New Harmony, Indiana, where, in 1859, was organized the first women's club in the United States to have a written constitution, has been purchased by the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs for preservation as a permanent memorial to the women's club movement.

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VARIOUS BUSINESS MATTERS DISPOSED OF AT CONVENTION

Confederate Veterans Faced Busy Sessions at Memphis on Second Day of Their Annual Reunion.

REUNION CITY TO BE NAMED

All Business Matters Will Be Disposed of Today and Tomorrow Will Be Given Over to Annual Parade.

Memphis, Tenn., June 5 (By the Associated Press).—Memorial services under the direction of Rev. J. W. Bachman, chaplain general of the United Confederate veterans, and Mrs. A. M. Wilson, president general of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, with business sessions for the election of other business, made up a busy program today for the veterans and kindred organizations—the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Memorial Association—meeting in annual reunion here.

Today's sessions will clear the way for the annual parade of veterans which will bring the reunion to a climax tomorrow.

Dallas, Texas, and Norfolk, Va., were among the cities discussed in advance of today's business session in connection with the next reunion.

Reports of several committees and the presentation of a proposal from the Sons' organization suggesting that a uniform date be observed throughout the South as Confederate Memorial Day, with addresses by Colonel J. W. May and Thomas B. King, of Memphis, were included in the program of the veterans at their morning session. Submission of the report of the resolutions committee, the selection of officers and the choice of the next reunion city was to follow the memorial services in the afternoon.

The Sons and the Memorial Association plan to complete the business sessions during the morning.

DEGREES AWARDED 78 DAVIDSON GRADUATES

Two Medals Are Also Given.—L. Richardson, Re-Elected President of Alumni.

Davidson, June 4.—Seventy-eight young men today received diplomas at the annual commencement of Davidson college. Forty-one received bachelor of science degrees; 33 bachelor of arts and four of master of arts.

J. I. Smith, Greenville, S. C., first honor student of the college, delivered the valedictory address and A. M. Hillhouse, second honor student, the salutatory. Medals for work during the year were awarded to D. B. Walthall, Jr., and W. A. Christian, Jr.

Honor degrees were awarded to the following:

Erwin Darnall Brownlee, Sanford; High Roderick Murchison, Columbia, S. C.; Eugene Leucadia Siler, Maxton, N. C.; doctor of divinity; C. Alphonso Smith, Annapolis, Md., doctor of literature; Charles R. Erdman, Princeton, N. J., and Edward Mack, Richmond, Va., doctor of laws.

Several hundred alumni of the college attended the annual alumni luncheon yesterday after which a meeting was held at which L. Richardson, Greensboro, was re-elected president; J. T. Mills, Greenville, S. C., and James C. Harper, Lenoir, vice-presidents, and F. L. Blythe, Davidson, secretary and treasurer. The association voted to employ a full time secretary and a committee was named to consider the question.

THE COTTON MARKET

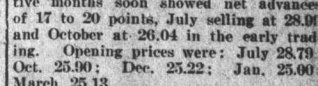
Opened Steady at an Advance of 8 to 19 Points Notwithstanding Easy Liverpool Showing.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 5.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 8 to 19 points, notwithstanding the relatively easy showing of Liverpool. Yesterday's selling here appeared to have left a firmer technical position, and at the start there was considerable covering on prospects of showery weather, with possibly lower temperatures in the South. Buying was less promoted by reports that spinners had been calling cotton freely at the decline in London, and active months soon showed net advances of 17 to 20 points, July selling at 28.90 and October at 26.04 in the early trading. Opening prices were: July 28.79; Oct. 25.90; Dec. 25.22; Jan. 25.00; March 25.13.

At Springfield, Mass., March 27, 1883, David L. Dowd performed the feat of lifting 1,442 pounds with hands alone.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Fair tonight, warmer in west portion; Friday, increasing cloudiness, probably showers in west portion.



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