

Says Threat of War Was Real Cause of Oil Lease

Edward L. Doheny Gives Own Story About the Oil Leases, Saying He Thought Was Coming in 1921.

TALKED AGAINST COUNSEL'S ADVICE

Says Secretary Denby Was Official Who Asked Interior Department Be Given Power Over Leases.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 1.—The New York Times publishes a copyright interview in which Edward L. Doheny, giving his own story of the naval oil leases, discloses what he indicates has been regarded hitherto as a great military secret.

Speaking at Los Angeles to a staff correspondent against the advice of counsel, the Times says Mr. Doheny declared there never would have been an Elk Hill lease, nor would it have been taken, had not Rear Admiral John K. Robinson, chief of the naval bureau of engineering in Washington, convinced him that a great war in the Pacific threatened the United States in 1921 and that the proposed Hawaiian naval oil base was the one link in the national defense chain on which depended victory or defeat for the United States.

Mr. Doheny will go on trial in Washington in October on a charge of criminal conspiracy with Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, in connection with the Elk Hills lease which the government in Los Angeles federal court has succeeded in invalidating.

The story of naval officers' fears of wars in the Pacific, Mr. Doheny says, was contained in a deposition by Admiral Robinson, put in evidence at the trial of the suits to annul the Teapot Dome and Elk Hill leases, but the portion relating to the military secret was struck out. In this connection Secretary Wilbur subpoenaed to produce certain documents, sent a certificate that it would be against the national interests to do so, Mr. Doheny said. He called attention to remarks by Judge Kennedy in the Teapot Dome decision that there was no further need of secrecy.

Mr. Doheny said that everyone who had been informed of the situation had been warned of its highly confidential and secret character because of the fact that the arms conference then in session in Washington, might be wrecked by revelation of plans for a naval base in Hawaii.

Mr. Doheny further discloses, The Times says, that the famous executive order of President Harding, which gave the interior department under Mr. Fall administrative powers involving the naval oil reserves, was suggested not by Mr. Fall, but by the then secretary of the navy, Denby; that the war fear of naval officers had been communicated to Secretary Denby who brought up the matter of joint control in a cabinet meeting.

CAROLINA WILL COLLECT MILLIONS IN AUTO TAXES

Week's Extension Granted in Matter of Equipping With New License Tags. Raleigh, June 30.—The state will collect between five million and six million dollars in automobile license taxes between now and next June, 75 per cent of which will be in hand by July 15, was the estimate given out today by Sprague Silver, of the automobile gasoline taxes during the next fiscal year.

Automobile owners, under the law, are required to carry new license tags on their cars tomorrow, have been granted a week's extension. It was stated at the automobile registration department today that approximately 300,000 cars had been licensed and that the probable total during the coming fiscal year would be 425,000.

Total collections for the fiscal year ending today had not been compiled. It was stated, however, that the total from automobile licenses and gasoline taxes for the year just ending would be nearly ten million dollars.

Only Three More Days of 14th Birthday Event.

The Big Fourteenth Birthday Event at the Parks-Berk Co. will close Saturday night. As July 4th comes on Saturday, this store will be closed on Monday, July 6th, all day. On Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:30 o'clock and at 4:30 each afternoon they will sell one boys' baseball bat for only 10 cents. See page ad. today for other bargains and specials.

The State Normal School for Negroes at Elizabeth City was founded in 1895. The total value of its buildings now is nearly \$400,000 and of its lands \$50,000.

BEVERIDGE SPEAKS ON THE SENATE RULES

Says the Attack on Them Is an Assault on American Institutions.

(By the Associated Press) Indianapolis, July 1.—Proposed rules to prevent unlimited debate in the Senate were described last night by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, as "an assault upon the theory and nature of American institutions."

Addressing the National Educational Association convention here, Mr. Beveridge asserted that the modification of rules, as urged by Vice President Dawes, was a blow, "though unintentional, of course," at the system "of those checks and balances which assure to the people safety from impulsive and immature legislation."

Several alterations "of our form and methods of government" are proposed at present he said, and "three of these schemes are radical changes in American fundamentals."

"Not one of them is new," he added, "and each of them is frankly destructive of an institution which is peculiarly American, and each of them proposes to adopt a European institution in its place. All three today are sponsored of late by able and honest men, just as was the case when they were offered in days gone by."

"One proposal is that we should alter our constitution so that a temporary majority of the Senate can ratify a treaty. Another proposal said we should alter our constitution so a temporary majority of Congress could reverse constitutional decisions of the Supreme Court, and another says we should alter a basic rule of the Senate."

Of these proposals, Mr. Beveridge declared, the "most radical" is that of cloture of the Senate, and "in practical results, if adopted, it would be worse than the other two combined."

"The American Senate," he asserted, "was established to prevent hasty action. Its purpose was to check unworthy or questionable projects. It was designed to be the refuge of the minority and was meant to be a deliberative body—not merely a voting machine to register the fancies of a temporary majority."

Cloture by a temporary majority, he argued, would destroy the deliberative function of the Senate and annihilate the "reason for its existence," making it "automatically a mere annex to the House of Representatives."

Reviewing arguments in behalf of the cloture proposal, he declared "if any purely domestic danger threatens the American republic, that danger is excess legislation, and urged those who endorsed the proposal to point out "a single great wrong that has been perpetrated upon the American people" because of unlimited Senate debate and name "a single benefit which has been denied the American people" because of it.

"Throughout our history," he continued, "to filibuster ever succeeded which, in the end, the people disapproved; and no filibuster ever failed which, in the end, the people did approve."

"Public opinion is the most powerful force on earth; no sane man wants to oppose it, and no sane man ever did resist the ultimate majority and final judgment of a nation."

"When at sea," he concluded, "the most reassuring command that ever comes from the bridge is 'steady as she goes.' Whether in storm or calm, those words mean all is well and that the course of the ship is true. Be that our comfort and our guide today. Amid the clamor of impatient passengers who would remove essential parts of the engine, tear this plate of steel and that beam of iron from the body of the vessel and alter its course into troubled waters, let us heed the voice inspired by those who designed and built our ship of state and chartered for us the seas—the voice which gives to the crew again that ancient order of security and well-being, 'steady as she goes.'"

Senator Simmons Gets Brawley Fine Remitted.

Washington, June 30.—M. Brawley, of Mooresville, in July, 1924, with his family made an auto tour of the western part of the United States, going into Canada, while crossing the border from Canada into the United States. Mr. Brawley failed to see the U. S. customs official at Emerson, Montana, and was fined \$100.

Mr. Brawley advised Senator Simmons that his failure to see the customs official was due to the fact that the official was not in his office, and that after waiting an hour or more he came on into the United States and made affidavit that he brought nothing into the United States which he had purchased in Canada.

On presentation of the matter to the treasury department by Senator Simmons, the fine of \$100 is being remitted, according to advices from the department today.

Zeb Turlington, of Mooresville, brought the matter to the senator's attention.

M. Suanne Lenglen Wins Wimbledon, July 1 (By the Associated Press).—M. Suzanne Lenglen defeated Miss Kathleen McKane, of England, 6 to 0 and 6 to 0 in the semi-finals of the women's singles in the all-England tennis championship today. M. Lenglen will meet Miss Joan Fry, English girl champion, in the finals.

The State Text Book Commission, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was created by the General Assembly of 1921.

Two Sections Ten Pages Today

Quake Picture Dispatched by Wire



This close-up view of the Arlington Hotel shows probably better than any other picture could show the gigantic force of the earthquake at Santa Barbara, Cal. The Arlington is one of the most strongly constructed buildings on the California coast, but, as this picture shows, its strength was as nothing in the gigantic grip of the successive tremors which shook the town, bringing death, injury and desolation to many and causing property damage running into millions of dollars. The picture was taken by NEA Service cameraman who transported it by airplane to San Francisco where it was relayed to New York over the wires of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, then dispatched to The Concord Daily Tribune by fast train.

FINE WEATHER AIDS IN REBUILDING WORK

Citizens of Santa Barbara Hard at Work Clearing Up and Building After Disaster of Earthquake.

Santa Barbara, July 1 (By the Associated Press).—A bright dawn spread over Santa Barbara, earthquake stricken city of the Pacific, as her thousands of sons and daughters arose to face the serious problems of reconstruction in returning their city to what formerly was described as the millionaires' playgrounds and municipal gem of the Pacific coast.

Ten people have lost their lives in the earthquake described as the heaviest to visit the Pacific coast. Five major shocks have been recorded since Monday, but throughout the night there has been almost a score of slight shocks.

No exact estimate of the loss has been announced, but it has been described between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000.

NAMED ON MISSION TO DISCUSS CHINESE CRISIS

New Commission Will Discuss Only the Actual Occurrences During Shanghai Strike.

(By the Associated Press) Peking, July 1.—Count de Materli, the French minister, Signor Cerulli, the Italian minister, and Ferdinand L. Mayer, the American charge de affairs, constitute the foreign mission named for discussion beginning probably next Monday, of the Shanghai affair with Chinese authorities.

Discussion will be limited to actual occurrences during the strike and rioting at Shanghai, virtually resuming where the recent conference at Shanghai was interrupted.

Halt Plans for Funding Italy's Debt.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 1.—Discussions here of a plan for funding Italy's war debt to the United States will be delayed at least one month while Mario Alberti, technical expert of the Italian debt mission, returns to Rome for additional data on Italy's capacity to pay. He will leave Washington immediately, it was announced after two conferences yesterday with the American debt commission, and the negotiations will be resumed after August 1st.

Jesse Wyatt's Trial to Start Today.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, July 1.—The trial of Jesse Wyatt, former police captain of Raleigh, is expected to begin in Wake Superior Court today. Wyatt is charged with the murder of Stephen S. Holt, prominent lawyer, of Smithfield, on the afternoon of June 1st.

Japanese Show Sympathy for Quake Sufferers.

(By the Associated Press) Tokyo, July 1 (By the Associated Press).—A meeting of the "Pacific Civilization Society" is to be held today to express opposition to United States immigration laws, was cancelled as a gesture of sympathy for the Santa Barbara earthquake sufferers.

Throws Case From Court.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 1.—Supreme Court Justice Ford today threw out of court the divorce suit of Thos. H. Symington, wealthy manufacturer, against Mrs. Ida May Symington, in which he charged infidelity. The trial of the case was nearing its end.

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports of Showers in Texas Led to Good Deal of Realizing During Early Trading.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 1.—Reports of showers in Texas, combined with the proximity of the government crop report led to a good deal of realizing or liquidation in the cotton market early today. The opening was barely steady at an advance of 12 points on July 1st, generally unchanged to 16 points lower and the market soon showed net losses of 5 to 18 points, October selling off to 23.98.

Private advices reported showers in some of the central portions of Texas, which had been suffering from drought, and better weather news seemed to flect another of the private end-June reports estimating the condition at 69.6 and the indicated crop at 15,385,000 bales. Liverpool was relatively steady and bought some cotton here, but the market was unsettled and within a point or two of the lowest at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 24.16; Oct. 24.13; Dec. 24.20; Jan. 23.58; March 23.85.

NEW ENGLAND ELECTS FIRST CONGRESSMAN

Mrs. Edith Rogers Elected to Congress With Big Majority Over Democratic Opponent.

(By the Associated Press) Lowell, Mass., July 1.—New England has elected its first congresswoman. Mrs. Edith Rogers, republican, by a vote of more than 2-2 to 1, was swept into office yesterday, receiving 23,614 votes in the special 5th Congressional district election to succeed her Democratic opponent, former Governor and former Representative Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, once a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

Mrs. Rogers succeeds her husband, Jno. Jacob Rogers, who died last March after making a distinguished record. She received a larger portion of the total vote than did he last November.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE IS BACK AT SWAMPSCOTT

Resumes Regular Routine Upon His Return to the Summer White House.

(By the Associated Press) Swampscott, July 1.—Again at the summer White House today, President Coolidge resumed his regular routine, interrupted by his hurried trip to his father's bedside in Vermont.

Considerable business was laid before him by Secretary Sanders, who remained on duty at the executive office in Lynn during his absence. The Executive's next important engagement is for an address Friday in Cambridge at a celebration of the 150th anniversary of Washington's taking command of the Continental Army.

Raleigh Ball Club to Have New Manager.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, July 1.—Hardin Herndon's successor as manager of the Raleigh baseball team had not been named this morning although it is predicted that Duke Duncan, business manager of the team will assume the reins for the remainder of the season.

Herndon tendered his resignation on Tuesday to accept the management of the Greensboro team. Lee Gooch, former manager of the Greensboro team was injured in a game last Saturday and will be out of the game several months.

State Board of Agriculture to Meet.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, July 1.—The State Board of Agriculture will meet here July 8 for the purpose of discussing the financial budget for the ensuing year, and transacting routine business.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS ARE MEETING IN SALISBURY

"Christian Citizenship" and "Bible and Religious Music" Subjects Under Discussion.

(By the Associated Press) Salisbury, July 1.—The morning of the conference of Epworth Leagues of North Carolina was given over to classes and discussion on "Christian Citizenship" and "Bible and Religious Music" led by Mrs. Edith Schreiner, of Nashville, Tenn., and Prof. C. C. Washburn, of the Scarlett Bible School.

Rev. John W. Moore, of Winston-Salem, will address the convention at luncheon. An old fashioned barbecue has been planned for this afternoon.

Registration of late comers has continued this morning and it is expected today the number of delegates will reach 450 by this afternoon.

HAYNES MAY RESIGN FEDERAL POST SOON

Said He Plans to Contest for Governorship of Ohio in Next Election.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 1.—Roy A. Haynes, soon may close four eventful years as prohibition commissioner to contest for the governorship of Ohio. The commissioner is not yet ready to make formal announcement, but a conference of his supporters will be held here soon to consider the move.

Mr. Haynes, who is said to have been persuaded by President Coolidge to abandon his plans to run for the governorship last November as prohibition candidate, will seek nomination for the office now held by Governor Donahey, Democrat, in his second term.

STILL FOUND THAT IS WITHOUT SMOKE

New Fangled Contraption, Operated by Gasoline—Sixty Gallons Capacity Boozes Plant.

(By the Associated Press) Newton, June 30.—Sheriff East and Policemen Gabriel and Jones came in tonight with another new fangled blockade still. It was captured one mile east of Sanford bridge on the South Fork river. It was kind of a gasoline affair that was entirely smokeless when in operation. It had a capacity of 60 gallons of beer at a boiling. No arrests have yet been made. A large quantity of beer was destroyed and the still brought to Newton for exhibition at the Sheriff's office.

Riffian Attacks Driven Off.

(By the Associated Press) Fez, French Morocco, July 1.—Violent Riffian attacks on French outposts have been beaten off with heavy enemy losses, states a French communique today. The Riffian forces were ordered to take the upper group of outposts at all costs, with threats of punishment if the offense failed.

Send Instructions to Minister MacMurray.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 1.—Instructions for Minister MacMurray, who will arrive at his post in Peking by July 4th, are expected to indicate a desire here that the whole question of extra territorial rights in China be taken under consideration at the earliest practicable date.

The constitution of North Carolina provides that "if the owner of a homestead die, leaving a widow but no children, the same shall be exempt from the debts of her husband, and the rents and profits thereof shall inure to her the benefits during her widowhood, unless she be the owner of the homestead in her own right."

Every child should have one of The Tribune's beautiful infant dolls—it's easy to get one.

FRANCE WILL SOON OPEN NEGOTIATIONS

About Ready to Start on the Plans by Which She Hopes to Clear Up Her Debts With United States.

(By the Associated Press) Paris, July 1.—It is understood that the French government is soon to inform the United States of its desire to open negotiations in Washington for settlement of the French debt.

Instructions to this effect may be sent by Foreign Minister Briand to M. Daeschner, the French ambassador in Washington. Anxious consideration is being given at the foreign office and ministry of finance as to what specifically can be proposed or accepted.

The advisers of the foreign minister do not appear to have reached their conclusion as yet, but it is recognized both the American and British debts must be arranged as part of the French government's program to stabilize the country's finances this autumn.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD NOT TO BE CANDIDATE

Will Retire From Active Political Affairs When Term Expires in March, 1927.

(By the Associated Press) Birmingham, Ala., July 1.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood will not be a candidate for re-election when his present term expires.

Alabama's senior senator today announced his intention to retire from active political affairs after March 4, 1927, in a letter to Victor Hanson, publisher of the Birmingham News. The letter follows: "Will you allow me to say in the columns of the Birmingham News that I will not be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. When my present term expires I shall retire from politics."

With Our Advertisers.

The stores of the Parks-Berk Co. will not close Thursday afternoons, but will be open six days in the week.

Erld's stock of silk and voile dresses is complete and is offered at mid-summer prices.

See the letter to the people of Concord from the New Concord Theater on page five. The best of pictures always, with music on a Hope-Jones Wuritzer pipe organ.

Every child should have one of our beautiful infant dolls. It's easy to get one. See ad. on page two.

Today and Thursday, Betty Compton in "Woman to Woman," at the Concord Theatre. Also a great comedy, "It's a Bear."

Enters Race For Late Senator's Seat.

(By the Associated Press) Eau Claire, Wis., July 1.—With the assurance of a statement that he would be a candidate for the senatorial seat of the late Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Roy M. Wilcox, of Eau Claire, president of the Wisconsin Bar Association, today stood as the first person to make definite announcement he would contend for the seat.

Callaux Proposal Defeated.

Paris, July 1.—A measure proposed by Finance Minister Callaux was defeated in the Chamber of Deputies 330 to 229 but the question on which the vote was taken was not made a vote of confidence, so does not affect the position of the Painleve ministry.

ALDERMEN AGREE TO WIDEN EAST DEPOT STREET FIVE FEET

Four Members of the Board Voted to Purchase Five Feet of Land From the Reed Property.

TWO ALDERMEN WANTED MORE

They Wanted to Get Six Feet for Street.—Ask City to Pay \$4,800 for the New Excavation Work.

Under a decision reached by the board of aldermen at a meeting Tuesday night, East Depot street will be widened five feet from the square back to the property that houses the offices of the Concord Telephone Company. The decision ends one phase of a controversy that has waged in Concord for several weeks, but there are still other phases of the question to be decided upon by the city officials.

The aldermen in their decision agreed to purchase five feet of land from the Reed property on North Union street, this land to be given to the hotel company which in turn will give five feet to the National Bank. The bank will give five feet to the city and this will be used in widening the street.

It is understood that the purchase price agreed on for the five feet was \$900 a foot, said to be a record price for property in this city.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the city could secure eight feet of the Reed land if so desired, all of the heirs to the property having agreed to give an option for that much of the property. However, when it developed that by an agreement between a former board and officials of the bank the city had agreed not to take more than six feet of the bank property, the eight-foot proposal was dropped.

Two of the aldermen, McEachern and Hullender, wanted to take every foot that was allowed by the agreement, but the other members of the board thought five feet would be enough. McEachern made a motion that the street be widened six feet. Hullender gave the necessary endorsement to get the matter before the board, but the other members voted against it.

But Hullender and McEachern voted against the proposal to take five feet of the property. The vote on the question was four to two.

The aldermen were in session about an hour and they heard a number of short talks. G. L. Patterson, representing the hotel company, was one of the spectators and speakers. L. D. Coltrane also was present as a representative of the bank, and was heard during the meeting.

Mr. Coltrane said the bank opposed the widening of the street along the hotel and bank property unless the same amount of land was to be taken all along the street. He said he thought the city should condemn five feet of land all the way from the square to the Dusenberry property on West Depot street if he was going to widen the street on the East side of the square.

The view of the aldermen, as expressed by Mayor Barrier and their vote, was that the city had not adopted a policy of condemning buildings already erected but was trying to care for the future.

The aldermen were advised at the meeting that it will cost the hotel company \$4800 to excavate the five feet of land to be purchased from the Reed heirs, and it was suggested that the city should pay the cost of this work. No decision on this point was reached at the meeting, but the aldermen intimated that he thought the cost was too high and further that he could not see why it would cost any more to excavate on the north side of the hotel property than on the south side.

The board members will take this matter up at their meeting Thursday night and some decision may be reached at that time.

The decision of the aldermen to widen the street has met with popular approval so far as it is possible to learn from opinions heard on the streets today. The decision has been widely discussed and apparently the approval given the act is unanimous.

May Tax Union Miners to Help Others.

Seranton, Pa., July 1.—The 158,000 workers in the anthracite fields will be assessed at least \$1.00 each for two months to help finance the United Mine Workers of America through the current demoralization in the soft coal fields if the tri-district convention adopts a resolution that is expected to be submitted today. A resolution to this effect has been drafted by the resolutions committee. It is learned, but it takes precedence in the list of recommendations which that body voted at the final session last night to submit to the association.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Fair tonight, Thursday partly cloudy, probably thundershowers in the west portion.

Concord Theatre (COOLEST SPOT IN TOWN) TODAY AND THURSDAY BETTY COMPTON in "Woman to Woman" It's a Remarkable Production Also Our Gang Comedy "It's a Bear" Real Organ Music 1:30 to 11 P. M.

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