

DAUGHERTY CALLED FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT OIL LEASES

Former Attorney General Called to Testify in the Trial of Doheny and Fall at Washington.

NEVER GAVE HIS OPINION ON LEASES

Witness Said His Department Was Not Asked About Legality of the Oil Contracts.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney General of the United States, and himself under indictment on a conspiracy charge, was called to the witness stand today in the Fall-Doheny oil case.

The former cabinet officer made his appearance unexpectedly to lend spice to the humdrum tenor of more or less technical testimony which the prosecution has been presenting to strengthen its claim that former Secretary Fall of the Interior Department, and Edward L. Doheny, wealthy oil operator, had entered into a conspiracy in connection with the naval oil leases.

Daugherty, with Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, was tried in New York recently in a case involving the disposal of seized alien property, the case resulting in a mistrial. Today the oil prosecution called him for questioning concerning the part taken by the Department of Justice in connection with the Elk Hill naval oil reserves and the Pearl Harbor naval base. He said he never had been asked for an opinion on the legality of the proposed contracts and leases.

Daugherty's cross examination was punctuated with frequent and vigorous objections from the prosecution table. A general attempt to penetrate cabinet discussions was overruled.

As a matter of fact, Daugherty said, he did not know such leases and contracts ever had come to the department of justice in any way. He added that he did not know Doheny.

On cross examination the former attorney general said each government department had its own legal staff and it was customary to present legal questions to the attorney general only when the departmental staff were in doubt as to the law.

The government objected to Daugherty's answering a general question as to the usual custom in legal procedure within the departments. The court overruled the objection and the witness told of the process through which departmental questions came to the attorney general when they did.

He said every opinion he ever had rendered as attorney general was a matter of record in the department of justice, bearing his own signature. He never had been asked for a "verbis" opinion on the oil leasing negotiations in a cabinet meeting, he said.

Frank J. Hogan, of Doheny counsel, asked Daugherty if he recalled Fall's having asked him in a cabinet meeting in 1922 of the law of June 4, 1920, under which the Doheny contracts had been made, "all right."

Cripples Flock to Lorenz



Crippled children have begun to come in large numbers to Dr. Adolph Lorenz, noted specialist from Europe, who has arrived in this country to hold clinics until next April.

DUTCH TO END TAX DODGING OF EX-KAISER

"The Gentleman at Doorn" No Longer is Able to Enjoy Luxuries of Wealth Without Contributing to State.

The Hague, Nov. 30.—For the last eight years Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, ex-Kaiser of Germany, has been a thorn in the side of the Dutch tax collectors.

He has lived more or less in state, though in seclusion, in a beautiful castle, to which since he came a new, dignified and well protected entrance has been built; he has driven out in motor that must have cost some \$100,000. He has had the advantage of special police protection and received visits from a high-placed Dutch official, who has recently accepted the post of Minister of the Interior—and all the time he has been able to plead that he has had no income of his own.

Now, however, under the new arrangement in Germany, he can plead this no longer, and the Dutch tax collectors are making ready to receive large sums from "the gentleman at Doorn." It is not known on what amount the taxes will be assessed, but certainly in the future such amounts cannot be a small one.

Another question that has to be asked is whether they can get anything from him for arrears, and the problem is a nice one. Believing that the wisdom of the serpent is better when it is combined with the apparent harmlessness of the dove, a party of them are holding long conferences with his ex-majesty on the subject.

THE COTTON MARKET  
Southern Hedge and Local Selling Featured in Market in Early Trading.

New York, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Renewal of southern hedge selling and some local selling featured the cotton market early today, the latter promoted by reiterated reports of freer spot offerings in the South and relatively easy Liverpool cables.

The opening was 1 to 4 points lower in consequence, but there was a good deal of covering and trade buying on a decline, and after selling off to 12.32 for January and 12.80 for May, the market held fairly steady at the end of the first hour.

FOREIGN SOLDIERS LAND IN CHINA TO HANDLE NEW CRISIS

British, French and American Troops Land at Hankow to Co-operate in the Described "Crisis."

GOVERNMENT IS AGAIN DEFEATED

Troops Needed to Meet the Situation Arising Out of Defeat of the Government Troops.

London, Nov. 30.—(AP)—British and French sailors and marines have landed at Hankow, and it is reported that U. S. marines also went ashore to co-operate with them in what is described in special dispatches as "the gravest crisis in China since the Boxer rebellion." The trouble is due to the defeat of Peking government forces by the troops of the Canton government.

Stress is laid upon the seriousness of the situation at Hankow by the correspondents. They assert that a shortage of food is threatened; that the Chinese refuse to supply foreigners or their servants. Foreigners in Shanghai are reported to be purchasing food and shipping it to Hankow to avert privations to fellow countrymen in the concessions.

In the house of commons replying to a question concerning the situation at Hankow, Foreign Secretary Chamberlain said he had been informed in a communication from the British community that there was fear of a riot. An incident in which a British subject was killed and a British subject injured, the protection afforded by the British naval forces, the communication added, was considered inadequate.

It is thought the government at present has no intention of ordering further naval units to China, it being considered that the vessels now on the Yangtze River are sufficient to deal with any crisis. The only difficulty at the moment is that the waters of the river are so low that naval vessels cannot navigate them with safety.

STRANGE CASE FACES WISCONSIN OFFICIALS  
Seek Girl Who Disappeared and the Youth Charged With Her Murder.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Nov. 30.—(AP)—A case unique in Wisconsin criminal history confronted authorities today as posses scoured the hills of picturesque Kickapoo Valley for traces of Clara Olson, and search continued for her youthful college boy sweetheart, Erdman Olson, for whom a warrant charging murder has been issued.

The strange situation was presented by the disappearance of the girl nearly three months ago, the subsequent disappearance of young Olson, 18-year-old student at Gale College, at Galeville, Wis., and the issuance of the warrant despite the fact that the death of the girl has not been established.

The story goes back to last May when Erdman Olson, son of Albert Olson, wealthy Crawford county tobacco grower, met Clara Olson, 22-year-old daughter of Chris Olson, also a tobacco grower. The families are not related, and never met until tragedy touched their homes.

European Travel Pictures  
The European Travel Pictures that were made by H. W. Blanks, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will be shown on Sunday night at the Epworth Methodist Church, following an address by Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

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How Will Funds For Financing Eight Months School Term Be Raised?

Raleigh Tribune Bureau  
By J. C. BASKERVILLE  
Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Though the talk of an eight months school term has been copious and the enactment of a constitutional amendment to provide such a term for all the schools of the state has been advocated for months by A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, Dr. E. W. Knight, president of the North Carolina teachers association, and others, it is a significant fact that neither Mr. Allen, Dr. Knight or any other advocate of the eight months term has yet suggested a method of financing it.

And it is generally agreed that the extension of the school term in all the counties of the state from six to eight months would cost at least \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 more than at present. Where, then, are these extra millions of dollars coming from?

And right there is the crux of the whole eight months school term question. If it were possible to put the eight months school term into operation without increasing the cost of school operation to the various counties and school districts, there is no doubt but that every person in the state would be in favor of it, for almost everyone is agreed that the eight months term is a good thing, that it is needed and that the state would raise far higher educationally if it had the longer term school. But how can it be financed?

And there the matter sticks, and is destined to stick for some time. Which brings the matter down again to another question. Will the people of the state vote for a constitutional amendment to increase the school term from six to eight months, thereby increasing the cost of schools generally by at least \$3-13 per cent, without first having some idea as to how that additional cost is to be paid? Will they not insist that some definite plan to provide the revenue for defraying this additional cost be submitted at the same time, so that the people may see where they are going?

The more thoughtful people who have been giving careful consideration to this question are beginning to believe that this is just exactly what must be done if the eight months school is submitted to a vote. They believe that the people, no matter how much they may desire the longer term and may see the need of it, will not be willing to undertake the extra burden of the longer term—and it is well known that the great bulk of the agitation for the longer term is inspired chiefly by the North Carolina Teachers Association, rather than by the school patrons—are concentrating on selling the idea of the longer term to the people, relying on this inspired enthusiasm for it to put it over, and are carefully and studiously refraining from mentioning anything about the added cost. They are assuming that if the people want, and say so, then they will be willing to provide a means for carrying the extra cost.

However, those who have given thought to possible methods of financing the longer term are almost entirely agreed that the most feasible method of obtaining the additional revenue by either one of two methods, one of these is to have a uniform system of valuation with a uniform tax rate for school purposes in all the counties in the state and to have the funds so derived paid into a central state educational fund from which it will be re-appropriated to the counties at so much per capita for its school population. By this method, the wealthier counties would have to pay the same tax for schools that the poorer counties paid and the excess would go to the poorer counties. And with the exception of these poorer counties, it would probably mean a general increase in the tax rate for school purposes all along the line. This plan would virtually abolish the equalization fund and any state appropriation for education would have to be lumped into this central fund.

This plan is not likely to prove popular as the larger counties, many of which already have an eight months school term, will object to being taxed more than they are at present in order to provide an eight months school in other counties which do not now have it. However, the smaller counties are sure to insist that since the longer term has been forced upon them by the state as a whole, it is no more than right that the other counties in the state should help pay for it.

The second plan is likely to prove even more popular but is generally accepted as the only other alternative. That plan is to let the counties raise what school funds they can by present methods, and then provide a large equalization fund—amounting to perhaps \$6,000,000—through the levying of a statewide ad valorem school tax on property, in order to get the equalization fund large enough to defray the added expense of the longer school term. It is recognized that such a tax would not be popular, now that the state has freed itself from any statewide ad valorem taxation, and that it would be difficult to secure the approval of the people generally for such a plan.

But that is how matters rest at present, and many are of the belief that it is time to look matters squarely in the face, right now and see where things are going, rather than to wait until it is too late. There is no doubt but that the legislature will have plenty to talk about when the matter of the eight months school term is brought up.

KAISER LOSES ALL HOLD ON EX-SUBJECTS  
Press Slighting of His Recent Illness Shows the Esteem in Which Germans Hold "All Highest."

Coroner Gets Facts About Frost's Death  
Police Searching for Robert Stephenson as Coroner Begins Inquiry Into Raleigh Man's Death.

Freight Rates on Cotton Will Get I. C. C. Attention

General Inquiry Into Rates in All Parts of Country is Ordered by the Commerce Commission.

COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN NUMEROUS

At New Orleans in December Conference Will Be Held to Study Freight Rate Question.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(AP)—A general investigation into freight rates on cotton moving to practically all destinations was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A conference to complete arrangements for it was called to be held in New Orleans December 15th. A large number of complaints by co-operative producers of cotton and by cotton shippers generally as to rates are now pending, the commission's announcement said, and in addition a congressional joint resolution has required a general survey of freight rates upon agricultural enterprises.

The large area of the country involved and interested in cotton makes it desirable, the commission held, for a general proceeding to be started. At the New Orleans conference the commission proposes to summon representatives not only of the complainants but also of the railroads and other railroad companies. The scope of the investigation and the program for it will be outlined at that time.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS GIVEN ENDORSEMENT  
Traffic League Official Thinks They Would Held Interstate Commerce Commission.

Charlotte, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Sentiment of Southern business men regarding proposals that regional commissions be created to operate under the interstate commerce commission in connection with fixing of freight rates is being sounded out by the Southern Traffic League; it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by W. S. Crighton, president of the Southern Traffic League. He made public a letter in which he expressed the personal opinion that the creation of regional commissions now is "necessary." The letter was sent today to M. M. Caskie, of Montgomery, Ala., executive secretary of the Southern Traffic League, and was in reply to one sent out by Mr. Caskie asking the opinion of members of the league.

Another Woman Is Strangled to Death  
Eighth Case of Its Kind on Pacific Coast During Past Seven Months.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Blanche Myers, 48 years old, was found strangled to death in her home here late last night. A handkerchief was about her neck, and the room bore evidence of a terrific struggle.

This is the third case in which women have been strangled to death here in the last few weeks, and the eighth case of its kind on the Pacific coast in about seven months. Police from here to Central California are searching for a "dark stranger" whom they believe is responsible for the killings.

Members of Elma Crew Stand Trial  
Tribune Bureau  
Sir Walter Hotel.  
Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Members of the crew of the steamship, Elma, held at Wilmington for several months under charges of violations of the federal prohibition laws, have sent an appeal to Gov. A. W. McLean, asking that he aid in securing a trial at the earliest possible time.

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