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Has Played Martyr But He Seems Really Plain Crook

William H. Anderson of New York, Superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, Has Kept Up Cry of Persecution in Face of Four Indictments

Got His Money from Mysterious Friend
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 New York, January 25—William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, asserted yesterday that \$20,000 which he got hold of was given by a "mysterious friend" whose name he did not know and who has since disappeared.

By ROWLAND WOOD
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 New York, January 25—Martyr or petty crook?

That, in the last analysis, is the question on which twelve jurors must vote when the trial of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and stormy petrel of the wet and dry fight in this State, comes to an end, probably late today.

Technically, the trial is one to determine whether Anderson was guilty of third degree forgery in ordering the books of the league altered to conceal the fact that he had forced O. Bertall Phillips, a fund solicitor, to split commissions on league funds which he had collected from "dry" adherents.

But Anderson, perhaps the most forceful slinger of invective who ever dodged the libel laws of New York State, insists, in scores of bulletins which he sends almost daily to the press, that the whole affair is a frame up, engineered by the "liquor interests" to discredit him and wreck the league. The league stands back of him asserting most vehemently that he has done nothing wrong.

It was with the air of a martyr, calmly resigned to his fate, that Anderson sat through the present action of the state's case, and it was as a martyr that the friendly part of the audience in the court room regarded him, as they watched the big, sleek figure of the man loiter nonchalantly in his seat at the trial table.

"Isn't he magnificent?" whispered one minister in the audience to a reporter whom he had seen talking to the defendant, and whom he had talked as a friend of Anderson. "We have been praying day and night for his acquittal."

But Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who was conducting the case against him, proceeded on the theory that Anderson was a petty crook. The whole line of his questioning was designed to show that Anderson, in effect, was the Anti-Saloon League of this state, and that he conducted it principally for personal gain—not hesitating to levy tribute from a collector who was making a better thing out of it than his "boss."

When Anderson was burning up the district attorney's office for investigating the charges Phillips had brought against him, he said, among other things, that it would be a "cold day" when he or the league could be brought to trial on any criminal charge. He also said that if he were tried it would be before an Irish Catholic Tammany judge and as the victim of a wet-Tammany Catholic conspiracy.

It was a cold day when the trial started—just ten degrees above zero. But he was placed on trial before a Baptist judge, Arthur S. Tompkins. The prosecuting staff, while affiliated with Tammany, happens to be composed of protestants.

But there is at least one good shaft left in the Anderson quiver, if Anderson happens to be convicted. For, of the jurors sitting in judgment on him, nine are avowed "wets" and three are "neutrals," professing no opinion one way or the other. The state of the public mind, however, rather than a deep-dyed conspiracy, will have to be blamed for this, for of the 47 talesmen examined for the jury, there wasn't one who would say he was dry. The record stood 34 wet and 13 "neutral."

If Anderson beats this charge he has only four more to face—two indictments for grand larceny and two for extortion, all based on league financial affairs.

MONOGRAM ON STOCKING
 London, January 25—There is a certain navelite about wearing one's monogram on one's stocking. A diminutive monogram, or single initial is now embroidered on the instep on the side of the ankle, the fashion makers say.

FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-SERVICE MEN
 Washington, Jan. 25.—Appointment of a permanent committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to co-operate with the Veterans' Bureau in finding employment for rehabilitated former service men was announced today by Julius Barnes, president of the organization.

FOUND "SUPER-RACE" FOUNDATION



Dr. Ajamon Ira Lucas, shown here with his son, will come to New York City from Rochester, N. Y., soon to conduct a "super-race convention." Lucas claims the sex and vocation of a child can be predetermined.

WOULD REDUCE TO LESS THAN HALF

Proposal for Manufacture of Cheaper Fertilizers at Muscle Shoals Submitted to Secretary Weeks Today.

Washington, January 25—A proposal for the manufacture of fertilizers at Muscle Shoals, under processes designed to reduce its cost to farmers to "less than half" of present prices, has been worked out by experts in nitrogen production in association with three Southern power companies which have offered \$100,000,000 for a fifty year lease on the Government's wartime project, and prepared for submission to Secretary Weeks today.

As a supplement to the lease, the offer contemplates the formation of a \$5,000,000 corporation to manufacture up to 50,000 tons of fertilizer annually.

LYONS WOMAN WANTS THAT REWARD NOW

Suit for \$2,700 with interest has been brought by Mrs. Penelope Lyons, young grass widow of this city, against the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, Md., the young woman claiming the \$1,000 and 10 per cent of all the money recovered, which was offered by the bonding company as a reward for the capture of J. D. Sykes, Jr., defaulting collection teller of the First and Citizens National Bank. Sykes absconded on Sunday prior to Labor Day, 1922, \$25,000 short in his accounts. Mrs. Lyons spent eight months with Sykes while he was a fugitive from justice in the hills of Montana, after which she left him and returned to Elizabeth City where agents of the Federal Department of Justice elicited from her information that led to Sykes' arrest.

FALL IN WASHINGTON TO TELL STORY MONDAY

Washington, January 25—Albert Fall is back in Washington to tell his own story about the series of recent disclosures which have made him the center of the sensation whose counterpart the National Capital has not seen in many years. He arrived last night in response to the summons from the Senate committee and will appear before it Monday.

SERIOUSLY BURNED IN HIGH POINT FIRE

High Point, January 25—One man was seriously burned, another was overcome by smoke and taken to a hospital, and three others sustained sprains and bruises in jumping from the second story windows when fire today destroyed a boarding house here. Emmett Usery is in the hospital in critical condition from burns.

EIGHTEEN CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM CAMP

Asheville, January 25—Every available deputy in Madison County was today seeking 18 convicts several of them were serving long terms for murder and other felonies who escaped last night from the recently established convict camp near Marshall. Two negro murderers were captured here.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE LAND FOR ASSEMBLY

Asheville January 25—The Western North Carolina diocesan convention in session here today authorized the purchase of a tract of land and buildings at Kanuga Lake near Hendersonville for an Episcopal Assembly ground. The purchase depends upon the action of 12 other dioceses.

SPEAKS TONIGHT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

Captain W. B. Rodman, department commandant of the American Legion, will address the ex-service men of the city at a meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. He will be accompanied by Charles Sloan of the veterans' department. All ex-service men are urged to attend.

TO MEET IN NORFOLK

Richmond, January 25—The Virginia Democratic Convention yesterday decided to meet in Norfolk on June 11.

MILES W. FEREBEE OUT FOR SHERIFF

Another candidate for sheriff is formally announcing his candidacy for that office in this issue, Miles W. Ferebee, of the Elizabeth City Motor Car Company.

Mr. Ferebee has served this district in the North Carolina Senate and has always taken an interest in local politics, but he points out that this is the first time that he has sought from the voters of Pasquotank an office the emoluments of which amounted to anything in a financial way.

Charles Carmine announced his candidacy Thursday, but political gossip is to the effect that there will be a number of others to throw their hats in the ring in the race for sheriff in the near future. Sheriff Reid is not expected to seek re-election this year.

It is also indicated that there will be more than one candidate for the office of trial justice and for prosecuting attorney, though the candidacy of P. G. Sawyer for trial justice is the only formal announcement thus far. George J. Spence, incumbent, has not signified whether he will seek re-election or not.

FLAMES SWEEP SYRACUSE HOTEL

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 25—Fire which swept through the Manhattan Hotel in the center of the city caused at least one death, injuries to a score, and property damage estimated at \$100,000.

Two persons are missing. Lou Chatterton, aged 67, leaped to death from the third floor. Most of the 40 guests cut off from escape by the stairways leaped to life nets or were carried down ladders by firemen.

CANAL IS IN NEED OF FORTIFICATIONS

Colon, Panama, January 25—Judges' reconquest warfare at the Canal Zone report that the Canal is exposed to enemy attack because of lack of fortifications.

SUGAR AT PENDER'S NINE AND HALF CENTS

Sugar at Pender's is 9 1/2 cents a pound. By error the price was quoted at 12 1/2 cents in Thursday's paper, and The Advance hastens to make correction on page eight today and on the front page as well.

Three "Angel Women" In The Teapot Dome Scandal

By CAROLYN BELL
 Copyright, 1924, by The Advance
 Washington, Jan. 25.—There are three distinct "woman angels" to the Teapot Dome scandal. But contrary to what is supposed to be the rule in such cases, none of the women figure on the side of the alleged "easy money."

The women involved are Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Mrs. Marion Bannister, sister of Carter Glass, and Mrs. John D. Sherman, of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

It was at the home of Mrs. Longworth last Sunday that a conference of the Roosevelt family was held which resulted in Archie Roosevelt's resignation from his vice presidency of the Sinclair-owned oil company, and his testimony before the Senate committee implicated ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall in the naval oil grab.

"That is what T. R. would have had him do," is the comment in Washington. And the carrying out

Hangs Wash



His son may be president of the United States, but that doesn't prevent John Coolidge from hanging out his household wash at the Coolidge home near Plymouth, Vt.

MELLON WRITES TO SENATOR COUZENS

Washington, Jan. 25.—While Republican House members were today considering the proposal to draft a tax-bill of their own using the Mellon plan as the basis, Secretary Mellon renewed the defense of his proposal in another letter to Senator Couzens, Republican, of Michigan.

Couzens had challenged Mellon to tell the country what effect the Mellon plan would have on his own personal taxes, but the Secretary's reply did not mention that subject. Instead, he again inquired whether the present high surtax rate had not impelled Couzens to invest a large part of his wealth in tax exempt securities.

Great Deal Going On At National Capital

But Whether Any of It Gets Anywhere, With All the Conflicting Currents of Opinion Now Eddying About H. B. of Congress, Remains to Be Seen

By DAVID LAWRENCE
 Copyright, 1924, by The Advance
 Washington, Jan. 25.—To an outsider the national capital nowadays must seem like a street crowd—every body headed in different directions.

To anyone on the ground the situation looks hardly less confusing. Not since 1912 has there been so much going on, so much that will lead nowhere, so much that is presidential politics and so much that is the result of a natural accumulation of public business in this, the most important session of Congress in a generation.

Tax revision admittedly stands out as commanding paramount interest. It is moving along as well as can be expected. The bill is still in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee with efforts being made by the Republicans to join with the Democrats in framing a non-partisan measure. The Senate can't tackle the subject till the House gets through with it.

So the Senate is all tangled up in investigations and hearings about various questions including the subject of recognizing the Soviet government in Russia, the Bok peace plan and the Teapot Dome oil controversy.

As for Russia, the investigation will clear the air as to most points. The final decision is within the discretion of the President and Secretary of State anyhow.

The inquiry into the alleged improper use of money in stimulating public interest in the winning Bok plan which urges peace via the League of Nations is already a fizzle.

The Teapot Dome investigation bids fair to be the most important of all for political purposes. Senator La Follette will claim much of the credit for starting it, though senator Walsh of Montana, Democrat, has been most effective in ferreting out the facts. At the moment the investigation has simply developed a suspicion that former Secretary Albert Fall of the Interior Department made a contract for the Government to dispose of oil leases, for which it is alleged he was in some way compensated when he resigned his place in the Harding cabinet. Suspicion isn't evidence and Mr. Fall may be able to clear up doubts when he testifies.

Oil seems to be creating all sorts of trouble not only in the tangled questions of foreign policy in the Near East, but in Mexico. The administration is being criticized for helping the Obregon government with the sale of munitions and for sending American naval vessels to prevent the rebels from intercepting American commerce with Mexico, especially in the vicinity of Tampico, the heart of the oil region in Mexico. Mr. Hughes defends his policy on the ground that it is not intervention but moral support to a government which has been recognized.

President Coolidge is sailing alone into the teeth of these storms. He knows tax legislation depends largely on the adroitness of his leadership. He is opposed to a soldier bonus bill but may find that Congress will pass the kind of a measure he can approve, one that doesn't call for so much of an outlay of cash as has been proposed. The bonus advocates are biding their time waiting for the tax bill to reach the floor on the House and Senate where amendments can be tacked on, debated and voted upon.

Meanwhile, Mr. Coolidge finds himself concerned not about the nominating campaign, but what will come after it. He has a fairly good start for the nomination. The "Coolidge Again" clubs are increasing in number. But the alarming phase of the political outlook is the distressing situation in the agricultural regions, particularly the Northwest. Mr. Coolidge's message to Congress to provide machinery for financial relief for the farmers is destined, of course, to meet an economic emergency, but it will have political effects. The West is restless. The Republican strength usually comes from that section. Congress is a slow-moving body.

Unless its acts promptly, Mr. Coolidge will bear most of the political resentment that inevitably follows. He is urging immediate action. Senator Brockhart of Iowa says the step has come "six months too late." Administration officials do not think so. They feel that the various agencies of credit which can be provided will cure the situation and that, as things improve in the agricultural belt, even slightly, the prestige of the administration will not be vitally damaged.

The Northwestern crisis is declared here to be spotty and not likely to become national. Agriculture

DECLARES PLAN IS GOOD ONE

J. H. LeRoy, Sr., Native of Tyrrell County, Regards George P. Carter's Suggestion as Practicable.

Entirely feasible, practicable, and expedient, in the opinion of J. H. LeRoy, Sr., a native of Tyrrell County, is the suggestion of George P. Carter of Fairfield to connect Elizabeth City and Tyrrell and Hyde counties by a ferry between Newberry's landing in Tyrrell and Lister's Pier in Pasquotank.

"I do not regard Mr. Carter's suggestion as a pipe dream at all," said Mr. LeRoy to an Advance reporter Thursday just before leaving the city for Maceys and New Bern. "On the contrary I regard it as the most sensible road building proposal I have heard put forward in some time, and I concur thoroughly and heartily in every statement made by Mr. Carter, who is generally known to be one of the most forward looking citizens of Hyde County."

"All that vast territory of Tyrrell and Hyde counties east of a line from the mouth of the Scuppernon River to Swan Quarter would be added to Elizabeth City's trade territory by the establishment of such a ferry, and, with good roads leading to the ferry landing on both sides of the sound, Hyde and Tyrrell County farmers would flock to Elizabeth City in great number. A nine mile ferry would be considered no drawback by them because this ferry would so greatly shorten the time and the expense of a trip from Hyde or Tyrrell counties to Elizabeth City and would give Elizabeth City a big advantage in both these respects over Washington."

"The territory to which I have referred I regard as the richest, agriculturally, in this section. In the area that would be opened to us would be included the drainage district around Mattamuskeet Lake, as well as that part of Hyde County north of the Lake which, as is generally known, is the seat of most of the wealth of Hyde County."

"I could add little to what Mr. Carter has said, but I concur wholeheartedly in every statement he made and, in regard to the extension of the Weeksville road from the new high school building to Lister's Pier, I sincerely hope that this matter will be acted upon favorably by the Pasquotank Highway Commission at its very next meeting."

BAD WEATHER IS HARD ON ROADS AND BUS SERVICE

No dirt road can be made good enough to stand up under heavy motor traffic under such weather conditions as have prevailed this week.

The State road to South Mills, first opened to traffic on January 10, and pronounced at that time as fine a dirt road as could be found in this section, is an apt illustration. The cold wave the first of the week caught this road wet and the thaw setting in Wednesday was followed by rain Thursday. Williams bus line missed its trip to Norfolk Thursday, while McPherson's line Friday announced suspension of service until the road becomes again fit for travel. If weather such as has prevailed this week should continue, the road can certainly be little if any improved until spring opens.

COTTON MARKET

New York January 25—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 35 points. Middling 33.45. Futures closed at the following levels: January 33.10; March 33.15; May 33.42; July 32.80; October 28.03.

New York, January 25—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: January 33.40; March 33.53; May 33.64; July 32.54; October 28.03.

has been under a strain for some time. The administration has been at a loss how to solve the problem. Acute outbreaks of financial trouble have accelerated action.

And this includes only a few of the problems of the moment, for important treaties are pending and appropriation bills always provide ground for debate. It's a busy winter this, in Washington.