

SENATE AGAIN TURNS ON FALL

After Demanding Without Avail Resignation of Denby Turns Spotlight Back to Former Secretary Interior.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Having placed on file at the White House its unavailing demand for immediate resignation of Secretary Denby, the Senate today turned its inquisitorial spotlight once more on the affairs of former Secretary Fall.

Before the oil committee a succession of witnesses were questioned about financial transactions in the Southwest in the efforts by members to delve further into Fall's connections and associations during that period of his career which recently has come so prominently under public scrutiny.

The Indian affairs committee of the House also took a hand in the controversy revolving about Fall's leasing policies by questioning the legality of his action in leasing unallotted Indian lands for mining of coal and other minerals.

Inland Waterways Make For Progress

United States Engineer Cites Pittsburg As Typical Of What Can Be Done

By J. C. ROYLE

New York, Feb. 12.—It is just beginning to become evident what progress has been made in the past year in inland water ways transportation in this country and the effect it is having and will have even on the most arid regions of the country.

This as a result of this progress, Pittsburg today is the second port in this country if tonnage is the basis of computation. This statement has been confirmed by the chief engineer of the army, who said:

Figures of the United States Engineers show that New York harbor alone has exceeded Pittsburg in water-borne tonnage. The harbors of Philadelphia, New Orleans, Baltimore and Boston each are reported as having moved from three million to ten millions tons less freight than Pittsburg in 1923.

The case of Pittsburg is emphasized by the writer not because the improvement in water transportation was confined to that section, but because progress there was typical of what is being and can be done in other sections. Pittsburg handled 31,448,660 tons of freight by water last year. Of this amount 21,448,660 tons were moved in barges on the Monongahela River, 6,460,555 tons on the Ohio and 3,240,640 tons on the Allegheny.

A large portion of this tonnage was coal moved from the mines to the steel mills and coke ovens. Sand and gravel also played a large part in this movement but for the last 3 years there has been a constantly increasing volume of steel products moving by the rivers. Now the oil industry has turned to inland waterway transportation, using tank barges to carry the crude and refined products.

This traffic from the steel mills by water has had a tremendous bearing on the development of the South, West and Southwest. Practically all the big steel makers of the Pittsburgh and Wheeling districts are making heavy deliveries of their products into that territory at a price which would be impossible were it not for use of barges to St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans, and railroads from those points to cities in the interior. From Gulf ports the steel is advantageously reloaded on ocean going steamers to Central and South American countries and to the Pacific coast and orient via Panama.

There are ninety steam towboats now in operation out of Pittsburgh and over 2,500 steel barges of 650 to 1,000 tons capacity each. These fleets are constantly being augmented since the completion of locks and dams in the Ohio seems assured, thereby guaranteeing a through water route from Pittsburgh to the gulf all the year round. And now the oil companies are taking steps which will permit California oil to compete on excellent terms with petroleum produced in Pennsylvania itself.

One large oil company is building a fleet of 5,000 to 10,000 barrel tank barges in Pittsburgh with the purpose of using them to transport California oil and gasoline brought by tank steamer to New Orleans through the canal, up the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the Smoky City.

Several of the Pittsburgh barge companies have effected agreements by which the Mississippi-Warrior service, the big barge line operated by the government by which tons are delivered to the Federal line at Cairo for delivery to destinations up and down the Mississippi. The Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation was the first concern to make

GUESTS ESCAPE BY WINDOWS WITH SHEETS

Wilson, Feb. 12.—Fire early today gutted the Imperial Hotel here but guests escaped by jumping out windows and letting themselves down by sheets. There is no estimate of the loss yet.

AUTO WHEELS AND TIRES MAY CHANGE

These Two Parts of Motor Cars Now Attracting More Attention Than Any Other Feature

By J. C. ROYLE

New York, Feb. 12.—Wheels and tires are the two parts of an automobile that now are attracting the utmost attention of the foremost technical experts in the automotive industry. Some of these men do not hesitate to state that the greatest changes in the immediate future in motor car designing will be in those two features.

The possibilities of the low pressure tire, some of the engineers assert, have only been touched incidentally, if mere easy riding qualities are considered. They declare the most wonderful possibilities exist in prolonging the life of the metals used in automobile manufacture, obviating strains and cracks in bodies and chassis and keeping mechanical joints intact.

The complete figures on January production and sale by the larger Detroit makers were even larger than preliminary estimates indicated. Chevrolet and Overland factories almost doubled their January, 1923, records, and Ford turned out 50,000 more cars and trucks than a year ago.

The figures which have just become available at Detroit are almost as indicative of the trend of design as of actual factory out-turn. More than 10 per cent of all the automobile makers have switched from four cylinder to six cylinder engine construction. Of 104 makers in business in this country this year, 65.4 per cent are making six cylinder lines against 54.8 per cent of all makers in 1920, although there were 42 more companies in existence in that year than in 1924. There are 24 makers of four cylinder cars but there are no longer any factories making 12 cylinder cars, although there were three in 1920.

Equally significant is the analysis of the recent sales of Paige-Detroit cars. These show surprising increases of sales to farmers and women in January. The company sold approximately 5,500 cars, the largest January in its history. The sales to farmers increased from 2 per cent in December to 6.3 per cent last month. Sales to women increased in the same period from 2.1 per cent to 5.9 per cent. Salesmen bought more Paige cars than men in any other employment, with shop workers second and merchants third. Farmers were fifth.

Farmers, according to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, have to buy automobiles fast, since avoidable deterioration to cars, trucks, tractors and other farm machinery is equal to one-half all the taxes paid by the agriculturists. Engineers of the association in an investigation through Illinois found that damage to farm machinery and implements left alongside roads amounted to \$650 a square mile a year, or about \$1 an acre. In a distance of 126 miles, they observed 12 tractors absolutely without protection. These machines, built to give 20 or more years' service, it was estimated, would be on the junk heap within five years. If the Illinois estimate holds good in other agriculture sections, the annual loss to the country would approximate \$270,000,000. However, automobile manufacturers expect to be able to build cars and tractors as fast as the farmers can buy them.

While tire manufacture in this country is expected to improve with increased production of vehicles in 1924, figures for the last year do not indicate any surprising advance in the capture of foreign trade. The larger portion of original tire equipment on British cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles continues to be supplied by British manufacturers, with the Dunlop Company leading. Similarly Michelin and Pirelli supply the manufacturers of the French and Italian cars with most of their tires. American tire manufacturers, of course, have benefited to the extent to which sales of American cars of which their tires are attached have broadened in foreign countries.

On the other hand, German products have become a serious factor in the British markets as the exchange situation and other conditions have enabled German makers to undersell the English.

It is claimed bicycle tires from Germany are being retailed in England at prices which would not cover cost of material in Great Britain.

Proxy Bride O. K.



Manuel Gomes and his bride (above) of Philadelphia, were married by proxy. She was in Portugal and married Gomes through a cousin by proxy. Immigration officials at Boston said the marriage was all right with them, and of course it was with the two principals.

COOLIDGE SAYS WILL MANAGE OWN AFFAIRS

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Senate yesterday passed a resolution requesting President Coolidge to request the resignation of Secretary Denby and sent the resolution to the President.

Mr. Coolidge in a statement replied that the appointment and removal of cabinet officers is the Executive's business and not that of the Senate and that no man will be turned out until guilt is proven against him and that he will handle his own affairs in this connection in justice to all parties.

President Coolidge will take no official recognition of the Senate's resolution advising him to demand the resignation of Denby. The resolution passed the Senate late yesterday 47 to 34.

VISIT NORFOLK KIWANIANS

Dr. C. B. Williams, Harold Foreman, W. W. Woodley, Jr., J. E. Blades and Harry Kramer were guests of the Norfolk Kiwanians club Monday night at their annual "Ladies Night" dinner.

A big feature of the night was the entertainment by Jules Brazil of Toronto, Canada, an entertainer of international fame.

BODY OF KING TUT IS SEEN IN TOMB

(By The Associated Press)

Luxor, Egypt, Feb. 12.—The lid of Tutankhamen's sarcophagus was raised today and it is understood that the body of the king was found within.

When the lid was raised there was revealed the most splendid gilded mummy case ever found in Egypt. The case bears the effigy of the king wearing the sacred head dress and with hands crossed, one bearing the scepter and the other a flail.

Something Akin To Panic Gets Broadway Butterflies

Bachelor Girls of New York More and More the Prey of Predatory Criminals to Whom a Murder More or Less in a Day Is a Matter of Small Moment

By ROBERT T. SMALL

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New York, Feb. 12.—Something akin to panic has seized upon the girls—and there are thousands of them—who live alone in their own bachelor apartments in New York.

They have become more and more the prey of a predatory gang of criminals—blackmailers, thieves and maniacs—who stop at nothing and to whom cold blooded murder is but a means to an end.

The slaying of pretty 24-year-old Louise Lawson, daughter of the Texas prairies, has awakened the bachelor girls—some insist upon calling them the butterflies of Broadway—to their constant peril.

To those of the girls who boast of "patrons" the danger is more imminent than to the girls who work for their livelihood or who have sufficient if not ample means to pursue some line of chosen study.

The downstairs door is generally open and all the thieves and murderers have to do is to climb the stairs, knock at a door and walk in.

Another peril to the girls living alone is the fact that in New York apartment houses persons seldom if ever concern themselves as to what is going on next door.

The sight of a strange man entering or leaving an apartment is not regarded as tending to excite either suspicion or criticism. It is a part of the New York idea. A girl with an apartment has all the privileges of a private home and need not regulate the hours or the number of her visitors.

The "Dot" King and the Louise Lawson murders have been the most spectacular of the past year, but they have by no means been all.

Girls in more obscure quarters in more obscure sections of the city have likewise been attacked, robbed and killed. Some of the crimes have been all too evidently the deeds of degenerates and this class of criminal is the most difficult with which the police have to deal. With the degenerate, robbery is not always a motive, but often is committed to throw the police off the scent.

WELL EQUIPPED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

With two Fordsons for road dragging and with a 10 ton Holt caterpillar tractor and an Adams grader, for road grading, it would appear that the Pasquotank Highway Commission is well equipped for dirt road maintenance at last, and that by spring Pasquotank may hope to see its dirt roads in as good condition as they were kept under the chain gang regime in the first years of the incumbency of County Road Superintendent Provo.

The Holt tractor and the Adams grader have not yet been put to use, having been purchased only last Saturday. The two Fordsons were both purchased within the past two months.

KLAN LEADERS AGAIN UNITED

Simmons and Evans Settle Differences For a Consideration Is Report In Atlanta Journal

Atlanta, Feb. 12.—Settlement of all differences between William Joseph Simmons, emperor and founder of the Ku Klux Klan, and Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard of the order, for a consideration of \$146,000, was reported by close friends of the parties involved, according to a story in the Atlanta Journal today.

According to those close to Simmons and Evans, the story says, the terms of compromise are substantially as follows:

Simmons sold his contract with the Klan for \$96,000 constituting eight years at the rate of \$1,000 a month, and also received \$50,000 for his rights in the Knights of Kameia.

MRS. ASA CANDLER MUST GO TO COURT

Atlanta, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Asa G. Candler will have to appear today in police court to answer to charges of being in a "dive," as the police judge refused to allow her to waive the charge and forfeit the bond.

The case against Mrs. Candler, W. J. Stoddard and G. W. Keeling, charged with violating the city code, was continued in police court today on account of the illness of Police Chief James Beavers who with Police Captain A. J. Holcomb made the arrests Saturday.

Mrs. Candler and the other defendants with their counsel were present when the case was called and the lawyers indicated that they were prepared to fight the charges.

CIVIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION NOW

The February term of Superior Court opened Monday with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding and up to the opening of the afternoon session Tuesday the following cases were disposed of:

Blanche Ward vs. Enoch Ward, decree of absolute divorce on grounds of abandonment and five years separation.

John Newby vs. Ellis Newby, plaintiff takes non suit.

George Lister vs. Maggie Lister, plaintiff failed to appear and was non suited, on motion of George J. Spence, counsel for the defendant.

A. L. Lee vs. J. A. McCleod, plaintiff takes non suit.

I. J. Williams vs. Louise Williams, decree of absolute divorce on grounds of abandonment and five years separation.

Enoch Ludford vs. John Scott, settled out of court and stricken from the docket.

J. W. Markham vs. B. F. Markham, settled out of court and stricken from the docket.

FORMER BISHOP IS CHARGED WITH HERSEY

New York, Feb. 12.—Charges of extreme heresy have been preferred against Rev. William Montgomery Brown of Gallion, Ohio, a former bishop of Arkansas and member of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church, by Bishop A. C. Hall of Vermont, Bishop Joseph Francis of Indianapolis, and Bishop William Gravatt of West Virginia.

FEARED ANOTHER PRISON OUTBREAK

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—Fire alarms and riot calls were sent out from Western Penitentiary today when fire started in the prison laundry.

Warden J. M. Egan said that there was no disorder and that the blaze of undetermined origin caused slight damage. County detectives and city police were called to guard against renewal of yesterday's fighting when two guards were killed.

VANBUREN MARTIN ALSO IN THE RACE

Plymouth Man Announces Candidacy For Democratic Nomination To Congress From First District

Plymouth, Feb. 12.—Yielding to the urgent desire of his friends and to his own ambition to serve the people of the First North Carolina District in Congress, Van B. Martin, of Plymouth, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Congress, following the withdrawal of the Hon. Hallet Ward. This announcement Mr. Martin has made after an enthusiastic meeting of his Washington County friends, called together to lay plans for a thorough campaign.

Mr. Martin has had a great deal of legislative experience, which his followers believe has fitted him for a larger field of usefulness to which he now aspires. First elected to the State Senate in the year 1908, when he was yet a very young man, he has served in one branch or another of the State Legislature almost continuously ever since, having been a member of the House in 1923. His influence in this body has been state-wide, having been widely recognized as one of the strongest men and most skillful debaters there. He has sponsored and strongly supported State-wide measures that have become the foundation of North Carolina's present pre-eminence. As author of the State-wide Stock law he has laid the State under obligations to him.

Washington County has repeatedly honored Mr. Martin, electing him to every office to which he aspired and to some which he accepted from a sense of duty. For four years he was county solicitor, for one year superintendent of schools, and for several years mayor of the town of Plymouth. That these, his home people, are now supporting him for Congress is an evidence of the service he has rendered.

Mr. Martin, a native of Northampton County, this State, came to Plymouth as a young man in 1906 to take up the practice of law, and has been for a number of years the leader of the bar here. The people of Plymouth and Washington County, in offering Mr. Martin to the other counties of the District as a strong candidate, an able debater, a proved legislator and a staunch Democrat, believe that they are performing a real service in promoting able government.

TEDIOUS SESSION TUESDAY OF THE RECORDER'S COURT

Details of breaking up of a school entertainment at the Moses Temple schoolhouse, colored, in Pasquotank County four miles from town on Simpson Ditch road by the promiscuous discharge of firearms on the school grounds occupied nearly three hours of a tedious session of police court Tuesday. The firing seems to have been into the air and designed only to frighten those attending. No one was hurt and the only damage sustained was that suffered by the two defendants, Caleb Shields and Booker T. Smith; the former of whom was fined \$50 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon while the latter, who, according to the State's evidence, was the one who fired the pistol, was given the same sentence for disturbing a public gathering. Shields, who claimed that a flashlight taken from his pocket by Smith was mistaken for a pistol by the crowd, noted an appeal.

R. M. Tinsdale, colored, who last week was given a six months road sentence for wife-beating, was let off under a suspended sentence of two years on the roads when it was represented to the court that he was his wife's sole means of support and that she, with a baby hardly a month old, is in destitute circumstances. It was the wife's condition at the time of the alleged assault that made the offense, in the eyes of the court, a serious one, and led to the imposing of the road sentence. The court, however, was impressed with the plea, made in court by counsel Tuesday morning, that under the circumstances, the wife is suffering more than would the husband on the roads.

Jennie Cardin and Susan King, both mature colored women and married, had a difficulty at the home of their father Jacob Snellman, 23 Speed street, in which Susan came off decidedly second best, with a cut wrist, a bruised head, a scratched vaccination scar which proceeded to "take" all over again, and a slight scratch over the eye. Jennie was washing dishes when the trouble occurred and broke up the crockery considerably. In using it as her heavy artillery, she was taxed with the costs.

George Reid, colored, was required to pay taxes and costs for failure to pay dog tax.

MULES HOLDING OWN

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—The number of horses on Illinois farms at present is 1,111,000 compared with 1,183,000 a year ago, and the average valuation is \$67, as compared with \$70 last year. The number of mules is 170,000, the same as last year.

COTTON EXCHANGE CLOSED

New York, Feb. 12.—The cotton exchange was closed here today on account of Lincoln's birthday.

Mrs. C. W. Hollowell has returned from Norfolk, where she has been visiting friends.