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COOLIDGE TALKS ON LINCOLN DAY

Devotes Much Time To Taxation And Agriculture And Speaks Strongly On Oil Lease Situation.

New York, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press) — President Cool-idge, speaking here last night before the National Republican Club, promised immediate and un-shrinking prosecution of the oil land lease cases, appealed for national and bi-partisan support for the Mel-lon tax bill, called for assistance for agriculture from all resources of the country, and defended the sale of arms to Mexico.

The Chief Executive also reiterated his opposition to soldier bonus legi-lation, declared there was some promise of a European settlement legislation, declared there was some promise of a European settlement and asserted the United States stood ready to join with other nations in further limiting armament when there appears to be reasonable pros-

"I want no hue and cry, no mingling of innocent and guilty in unthinking condemnation, no confusion of mere questions of law with questions of fraud and corruption. It is at such a time that the qualifices of our citizenry is tested — unrelenting toward evil, fair-minded and intent upon the requirements of due process, the shield of the innocent and the safeguard of society itself. I ask the support of our people as a Chief Magistrate intent upon the enforcement of our laws without fear or favor, no matter who is hurt or, what the consequences."

Starting with the declaration of Secretary Denby.

OII Man Testifies

Leo Stack, Denver oil man, today testified before the Senate oil committee that Pioneer Oil Company of the week before the Teapot Dome was leased that Sinclair was to get the lease.

MINSTREL REVUE

ON FOR TONIGHT

Starting with the declaration at the "National unity for which Curtain Rises at 8:15 in New Lincoln laid the foundation requires perpetual adjustment for its main-tenance" Mr. Coolidge asserted the observance of this principal makes necessary that much atten-

CARTER CLOSES KING TUT'S TOMB

Luxor, Egypt, Feb. 13—Owing to what he characterized as the "discourtesy" of the Egyptian public works department. Howard Carter today closed Tutankhamen's tomo and abandoned operations

It is understood that the crisis was precipitated by the refusal of the Egyptian gov-ernment to permit the wives of excavators to visit the tomb.

MORE SENSATION IS ON THE WAY

Senator Walsh That He Has

every national interest. In this effort there will be no politics, no partisanship, it will be speedy, it will be just. I am a Republican, but I can not on that account shield anyone because he is a Republican. It can not on that account prosecute anyone because he is a Democrat.

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ON FOR TONIGHT RENO SLIPPING BUT

High School Auditorium Formal Opening of Building Friday Night.

THOMAS COOPER TAKES BLAME

Wilmington, Feb. 13.—Thomas E. Cooper, president of the defunct Commercial National Bank of this city, on trial here with his brother, Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, on charges of conspiracy in connection with the bank's failure, today took upon himself all responsibility for transactions which the Government alleges were fraudulent.

Testifying as the first witness for the defense, he declared that his brother, who was chairman of the board of directors of the bank, had no knowledge of the transactions.

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Denver Attorney Telegraphs pelislation, declared there was some promise of a European settlement and asserted the United States stood ready to John with other hattons in further limiting armanent when the large of the states, which was made at the Lincoln birthday dinner of the club, was the first Mr. Coolidge has made outside of Washington since he became President, in many respects it was an elaboration of nismessage to Compress. On the continued has made outside of Washington since he became President, in many respects it was an elaboration of nismessage to Compress. On the continued has been been president, in many respects it was an elaboration of nismessage to Compress. On the present time—the leasing of Government of lands. Lately there have been most startling revelations concerning the leasing of Government of lands. Less the public officers, of the public confidence in officer and indignation. We have a deep sense of humiliation at such gross betrayal of trust, we lament the undergrift, But we can not of blind places to provide the profit, we are filled with scorn and indignation. We have a deep sense of humiliation at such gross betrayal of trust, we lament the undergrift, But we can not of this prostitution of high places to private profit, we are filled with scorn and indignation. We have a deep sense of humiliation at such gross betrayal of trust, we lament the undergrift, But we can not of the prostitution, of high places to private profit, we are filled with scorn and indignation. We have a deep sense of humiliation at such gross and the profit was a special of the propose to follow the clear, open path of justice. There will be immediate, adequate, unshiriking propose to follow the clear, open path of justice. There will be immediate, adequate, unshiriking propose to follow the clear, open path of justice. There will be immediate, adequate, unshiriking proposed to follow the clear, open path of justice. The path is an analysis of the pairs of path of the pairs of paths the condition of the path

MRS. J. A. GUESS DEAD

Mrs. J. A. Guess of Norfolk formerly Miss Jennie Smith of this city, died Wednesday morning at three o'clock at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Mrs. Guess is survived by her husband and a little son. Jack Jr. of Norfolk, and her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, and three brothers. George, Theodore, and Herbert Smith, all of this city and Herbert Smith, all of this city and Herbert Smith, all of this city and the communication to the Senat and Herbert Smith, all of this city, and by two sisters of Norfolk, Mrs. L. W. Bland and Mrs. Lizzle Burton. The funeral will be conducted and

interment made Thursday at Nor-

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 13 - Spot Cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declin-

THREE DIVORCES GRANTED ON 5 YEAR SEPARATION

TAKES BLAME

A decree of absolute divorce was granted Wednesday in Superior Court in the case of Henrictia Banks vs. Ellinu Banks. on the krounds of abandonment and five years separation. This is the third divorce under this law this week.

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Other cases disposed of up to Wednesday at 3 o'clock were:

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And to Enter 1924 Campaign With a Secretary of the Navy

Elects Officers sal of a member of his cabinet.

MADE SETTLEMENT

Washington, Feb. 13 .- Attorney Washington, Feb. 13.—Attorney General Daugherty today denied, in a communication to the Senate, that the Department of Justice has made any settlement in war contract cases by which inmunity from criminal prosecution was promised provided civil liability was met.

INQUIRY INTO TEXAS LAND TRANSACTIONS

lose quet this atternoon, declin-ing 20 points Middling 33.20. Washington, Feb. 13.—Inquiry in-Futures closed at the following to the charges of fraudulent land op-levels: March 32.87; May 33.00; crations in Texas was ordered today July 31.65; October 27.76; Decemby the Senate in adopting the reso-ber 27.40; January 27.00 lution by Helfan of Alabama.

TRYING A COMEBACK

Elite and Maybe Not, but at Any Rate Plumbers

Washington, Feb. 12 .- Lincoln's birthday finds the party founded by the great emancipator split in twain. President Coolidge cannot; command a majority of the command a majority of the United States Senate on an issue as close to his administration as the retention or dismis-

Denby Resolution Puts

Coolidge On Defensive

in Whom the Senate Had Expressed Lack of Confi-

dence Would be a Severe Handicap

By DAVID LAWRENCE

The coalition of insurgent Republicans and Democrats was sufficient to pass the resolution requesting the resignation of Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, and it will be sufficient to pass other measures embarrassing to Mr. Coolidge's leadershin.

Although the President has stead-fastly maintained that he had nothfastly maintained that he had nothing to do with the Teapot Dome controversy and could not be held responsible for what happened even a possible successor to Mr. Doughton might though he was an unofficial member ton, will be a candidate for re-election as presiding officer of the Senate, the debates on the oil leases, he is today involved in the affair from a political viewpoint. The Democrats and insurgent Republicans have put him into the thing and henceforth he is on the defensive. As long as Edwin Denby remains in the cabinet, from an authoritative source.

he is on the defensive. As long as Edwin Denby remains in the cabinet, Mr. Coolidge must be the center of bombardment. The scene shifts from the capital to the White House, Mr. Coolidge is keenly aware that his attitude in suspending judgment till he has completed a thorough investigation way have an effect of vestigation may have an effect on his political fortunes for in his state-ment commenting on the Senate res-olution the President says:

"I do not propose to sacrifice any innocent man for my own welfare nor do I propose to retain in office any unit man for my own welfare."

The right of the Senate to compel a President to call for the resignation of a cabinet officer is of no consequence in the controversy.

consequence in the controversy. None of those who voted for the resolution seriously believed they had that right. They hoped, however, to advise the President of the Senate's

advise the President of the Senate's opinion so be could act for himself. Mr. Coolidge points out that the Senate can impeach a cabinet officer if it wishes.

Nowhere in the Senate debate was there the slightest intimation that Secretary Denby was guilty of complicity in the financial transactions which are said to have influenced. Secretary Denby was guilty of complicity in the financial transactions which are said to have influenced the action of former Secretary Albert B. Fall. The Senate believes Mr. Denby innocent but incompetent. That's what the majority vote meant, That Mr. Denby should have permitted his name to be signed to the transfer of the oil reserves to the Department of Interior, is the premise on which the question of competency to hold office is based.

The President has taken Secretary Denby unto his bosom. Months, possibly a whole year, will clapse before the special counsel appointed to investigate the case can possibly form, their conclusions. Meanwhile, the political opposition to Mr. Coolidse will point out that he retains in his cabinet men who, in the opinion of a majority of the United States Senate, failed to de their duty by the Government.

No longer is it a legal issue or a personal affair against Mr. Denby for he is personally well liked and popular. It has become instead a

Maybe Lack of Bathtubs Is Reason City Losing Out With the

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H. Williams Will Offer Himself for Re-election and It is Believed Will Have No Opposition.

State Senator P. H. Williams, mentioned prominently recently when it was thought that State Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton might not be a candidate for re-election as

from an authoritative source.

Mr. Williams has never until recently taken an active part in politics, but he is regarded as one of the ablest men ever sent to the Upper House of the General Assembly from this district. His friends are gratified to learn that he is willing to serve again in the Senate and feel sure that there will be no

and feel sure that there will be no question of his re-election.

In fact, in view of the generally accepted Democratic doctrine that any office holder who serves his first ferm acceptably is, generally speaking, entitled to a second term, it would seem to be very doubtful whether there will be any opposition to Senators Williams and Costen to be used to be considered in the June primary.

ton to Senators williams and Cos-ten in the June primary.

The fact that Senator T. W. Cos-ten of Gates County would be a can-didate for re-election in the June primary was set forth in a news item in this newspaper several weeks ago.

SMALL FIRE WEDNESDAY

At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning the fire company answered an alarm from Box 41 and found the fire at the home of R. L. Garrett on West Main street caused by a defective oil stove in the cook room. There was about \$15 damage.

Gives All Credit To Chamber Commerce

That the securing of a lower freight rate on soy bean harvesters shipped from Elizabeth City has enabled his ecanpany to do a national business, shipping his harvesters to the North and the Central West, is the statement of F. V. Scott of the