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Denby To Resign If Leases Are Vacated

But in Meantime Political Effect of Coolidge Refusal to Comply With Senate Resolution Calling for Denby's Resignation Is Topic of the Hour

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Washington, Feb. 13.—Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, is expected to resign just as soon as Government counsel decide to ask the Federal courts to vacate the leases given to the Sinclair and Doheny oil interests.

President Coolidge's speech in New York last night, together with his previous statements asking for a suspension of judgment, merely mean that he does not believe the expression of an opinion by the Senate or anybody else that the Secretary of the Navy acted unwisely is sufficient basis for permitting the resignation of Mr. Denby.

The President feels that questions of policy involved in the leases will have to be studied by special counsel and if they should decide to ask for the annulment of the leases, this action would be a judgment upon the wisdom of the original acts. Friends of the President are authority for the statement that it would be incompatible for the Secretary of the Navy to retain office while the Judicial Department of the Government was asking the courts to annul an action taken by the Navy Department in conjunction with the Interior Department. Mr. Fall, who was Secretary of the Interior, must face the question of whether he was influenced by the \$100,000 "loan" made to him by Mr. Doheny before the leases were consummated. Mr. Denby must answer the question why he signed the leases in conjunction with Mr. Fall.

The Secretary of the Navy has said he would do it all over again if he had another opportunity. Should Government counsel decide that all that he did should be undone, the Secretary of the Navy's resignation is inevitable. In fact, even in administration quarters the prediction is made that Secretary Denby will not be in office when the Republican national convention meets in Cleveland next June.

The Democrats in the Senate are all much pleased with the President's refusal to obey the Senate resolution suggesting Mr. Denby's resignation. They concede privately that the resolution was not mandatory and that Mr. Coolidge is well within his rights in refusing to dismiss a cabinet officer at the behest of the Senate, but they believe Mr. Coolidge has aligned himself with Mr. Denby to such an extent that the issue of the next campaign may be Mr. Coolidge's defense of Mr. Denby.

All this, of course, is predicated on the theory that Mr. Coolidge will retain Mr. Denby and defend the oil leases. The Democrats have compelled on the other hand certain Republican Senators to go on record in defense of Mr. Denby and the vote on the resolution will be a campaign issue just as was the vote of the Senate on the seating of Truman H. Newberry, United States Senator from Michigan, who it was alleged was elected, through the use of excessive sums of money. Senator Newberry was personally acquitted of wrong doing by President Harding and the Republican group declined to help unseat him. Very little was heard about the Newberry case in the East but it was a vital issue in the West and it figured in the defeat of several Senators.

The Democrats who are angling for Western support believe the Denby case will be even more comprehensible to the voters of the West where leases and public lands are a matter of every day discussion than was the Newberry election controversy. It will be noted that the insurgent Republicans and Farmer-Labor Senator who voted with the Democrats in favor of the resolution requesting Mr. Denby's resignation hail from West of the Mississippi River.

At the moment the Coolidge supporters feel confident that the President's course has gained prestige for him and that he will not lose by suspending judgment. That is unquestionably the view in this atmosphere. Whether the West agrees or whether it will pass an adverse opinion at the polls next autumn is the most important political query that has arisen out of the Teapot Dome controversy.

McADOO SUPPORTERS CALLED TO MEETING

Chicago, February 14.—A national conference of McAdoo supporters has been called to meet here February 15 to decide whether he shall withdraw as candidate for the Presidential nomination as the result of having been employed by Doheny in oil matters. The conference is held at Mr. McAdoo's suggestion and he says he will abide by its decision.

FORMAL OPENING FRIDAY EVENING

New High School Building To Have House Warming With Gubernatorial Candidate McLean As Speaker

The new high school auditorium will have its formal opening on Friday evening with A. W. McLean of Lumberton, candidate for Governor, as the principal speaker of the evening.

The evening's exercises will open at eight o'clock with the singing of America by the Choral Club and the audience.

The invocation will be pronounced by Rev. G. F. Hill, rector of Christ church, and then the Choral Club will sing "Safe in the Harbor."

Chairman E. F. Aydlott of the school board will speak for a few minutes on the significance of the occasion, and then Miss Catherine Albertson will speak on the work of the Parent Teachers Association.

The Choral Club's next number will be "The Lost Chord," Mr. McLean will speak, and then everybody will sing "The Old North State," and the benediction will be pronounced by Rev. G. F. Hill.

Shocking as it may seem, it has been found that when Elizabeth City people get together to sing "The Old North State" they do not remember the words. To remedy this, the song is published in The Advance today. Director Urner G. Davis of the Choral Club will have to take the responsibility for the tune, but it will help some if everybody knows the words.

LEAVES MONEY FOR FUNERAL AND GAS

New Orleans, February 14.—An unidentified girl in a rooming house here left a note and \$90 for her funeral and two dollars for the gas she would use and then suicided by turning on the gas.

NEED LESS ORATORY AND MORE ACTION

Washington, February 14.—Unless there is a cessation of oratory and more passage of legislation there will be night sessions of the House, Republican Leader Longworth announced yesterday.

MEAT PRICES LOWER

Rural Retreat, Va., Feb. 14.—Farmers in this section of Southwest Virginia are getting but 11 cents a pound for young hogs dressed, and seven for hogs on foot. Corn costs around a dollar a bushel, with the result that growers are not optimistic.

MRS. DANIEL LANE TALKS AT MOTHERS CLUB MEETING

The importance of forming good habits in childhood was the point strongly emphasized in a talk made by Mrs. Daniel Lane at the regular meeting of the Mother's Club held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Community House on Fleetwood street.

Mrs. Maggie Blount gave a "story hour" to the children which they enjoyed very much.

Answering the roll call were 14 members, including one new member, Mrs. J. M. Cartwright. There were 22 children present and of that number 12 were babies that were weighed during the afternoon, with the gratifying results that all showed gain.

A collection of \$1.16 was taken up to defray current expenses.

The four visitors of the afternoon were: Mrs. Daniel Lane, Mrs. Mable Blount, Mrs. Brad Sanders and Mrs. J. J. Topping.

The sick committee reported eight visits made during the week.

At the meeting next week Mrs. Frank Scattergood will speak to the mothers.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 14.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, middling 32.15 a decline of 105 points. Futures, closing bid, March 31.75, May 32.05, July 30.52, Oct. 27.20, Dec. 26.80.

New York, Feb. 14.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 32.85, May 33.37, July 31.75, Oct. 27.80, Dec. 27.30.

FALL CONSIDERED IT UNNECESSARY

Secretary of Interior Saw No Reason Why He Should Consult Daugherty, According to Testimony.

Washington, Feb. 14.—E. F. Finney, assistant Secretary of the Interior, was today quoted before the Senate oil committee as saying that Fall considered it unnecessary to have Attorney General Daugherty pass on the validity of the leases before they were made.

The testimony was given by Oscar Sutro, counsel for the Standard Oil Company of California.

He told the committee that he suggested to Finney that the Department of Justice should be consulted. "Mr. Finney's reply," continued the witness "was that it was not the wish of the Secretary of the Interior."

"No, I do not think that expresses it," he said. "The Secretary of the Interior considers it unnecessary to have the opinion of the Attorney General."

A letter to Fall from Director of Mines Bain transmitting the opinion by Sutro against the validity of the leasing policy put into the record said "None of us want Mr. Doheny to get into trouble and propose to do everything in our power to make it easy for him." The letter added that "objections had been raised and he would suggest that a formal opinion be obtained from Daugherty in accordance with what he understood had been "an informal and verbal opinion."

Bain then added that he "realized the objections to asking for such opinion."

Daugherty and previously notified the committee that no opinion was rendered by him. As the result of the testimony the committee instructed its secretary to search the files of the Department of Justice.

John Shaffer, publisher of the Chicago Post and other newspapers, today testified that Fall told him in March, 1921, the very month he entered the cabinet, that he was going to lease the Teapot to Sinclair.

At that time the Teapot was not under Fall's jurisdiction.

Finney testified that the legality of the leases never was even referred to the Interior Department's solicitor, and declared that discussions were conducted "in the manner of private negotiations," that Fall instructed him to formally deny that the leases had been signed the week after the Dome actually had been leased to Sinclair, and that the real reason was that the secretary wanted no publicity until the Doheny California lease, too, had been consummated.

IS WINNING MORE SUITS DEAD THAN WHEN ALIVE

Cleon W. Brown, dead, is winning more law suits than the negro attorney ever did while he was alive. Another was added to the list Wednesday afternoon when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant in the case of Mary E. Dixon, administratrix of M. O. K. Leigh vs. Catherine W. Brown, administratrix of Cleon W. Brown.

JANUARY COTTON REPORT

Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January amounted to 576,604 bales of lint and 40,281 bales lintless as compared with 461,560 lint and 49,892 lintless in December, the Census Bureau announced today.

Friends Of Warren Active In Behalf Of His Candidacy

They Believe He Would Make Reputation in Congress Equal to That of Claud Kitchin and Will Leave Nothing Undone to Secure His Nomination in Primary

By J. A. OSBORNE

Washington, Feb. 14.—The announcement that Lindsay C. Warren is a candidate for Congress while occasioning no real surprise, will at once be taken by his host of friends in the First Congressional District as the signal to show their activity in his behalf. It means that one of the most active campaigns the district has ever witnessed will be conducted in his interest.

The rise of Warren in District and State politics has been meteoric. Returning from the University in 1912, he was made chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Beaufort County and has held that position ever since. That office is considered a high honor in this county because there is always a strong fight in the elections. Every State chairman since that time has labeled him the best county chairman in North Carolina. At the same time he was elected county attorney, and the great interest that he has manifested is well known.

In 1917 he was elected State Senator from the Second Senatorial District, and was Chairman of the Senate Committee on Constitutional Amendments. In 1919 he was re-elected to the Senate and was chairman of the Committee on

FOURTEEN MUTILATED BODIES RECOVERED

(By The Associated Press)
Pirmasens, Bavarian Palatinate, Feb. 14.—Fourteen mutilated bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the government building and two of the wounded died last night, bringing the number of separatists known to be dead to 16.

Forty separatists were in the building when it was attacked Tuesday. Seven of the remaining 24 are in the hospital, some seriously wounded, but the others are unaccounted for.

WON'T PAY DEBTS UNTIL RECOGNIZED

Moscow, Feb. 14.—The Soviet foreign minister here issued a statement yesterday that Russia will not consider payment of the Czarist regime debts to other nations until those nations recognize Russia. The United States has all along withheld recognition because the debts were not considered as such.

HOPE FIND POTASH IN MICHIGAN MINES

By PHIL S. HANNA
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Detroit, Feb. 14.—Michigan state chemists have renewed their efforts to find a soluble potash in or near the salt deposits located in considerable numbers around this city. Samples taken from a deep shaft of Henry Ford's property are being analyzed, as traces of free potash recently were discovered while a salt test was being made of products there at a depth of 3,000 feet, and insoluble potash made its appearance between that and the 3,500 foot level. The Michigan salt basin is said by geologists closely to resemble the German salt district from which comes nearly all the potash supply of the world.

MELLON DECLARES CHARGES UNFOUNDED

Washington, Feb. 14.—Mellon in a letter to Coolidge today declared the charges by Charles Brewer, Justice Department attorney, unfounded, with regard to bond duplication in the Bureau of Engraving, and at the same time announced that Wallace Kirby of the Army Engineer Corps had been detailed as director of the bureau.

Mellon called the debt funding commission to meet Monday at which time the whole question of policy with respect to future dealings with foreign debtors will be considered.

FIVE NEGRO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Oranbe, Va., Feb. 14.—Five negro children of Richmond Poindexter were burned to death in their home here last night. Poindexter and the sixth child escaped by jumping from a window.

MIDSHIPMEN FAIL

Annapolis, February 14.—One hundred and three midshipmen were forced to resign yesterday from the Naval Academy when they failed to pass their mid year examinations. There were no seniors in the list.

LET OFF WITH COSTS FOR PASSING BAD CHECK

Arthur Padgett, in the recorder's court Thursday for passing a worthless check, was let off with costs on payment of the check.

Herrin Singing Swan Song Of The Illinois Frontier

Singing It Rather Raucously, It Is True, and Altogether Out of Time, but Capital of Bloody Williamson Is Singing Just the Same

By J. P. YODER
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Herrin, Ills., Feb. 14.—Bloody Williamson County will retain its uneivable name just so long as the unorganized majority of merchants, bankers and merely home folks continue to exercise their right of franchise nonchalantly or not at all.

AUTO PRICES ON UPWARD TREND

But Advance Slight And Made To Cover Such Refinements as Balloon Tires And Four Wheel Brakes

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, Feb. 14.—The increases just named by the Olds Motor works ranging from 30 to 45 dollars in the prices of its automobile models did not come unexpectedly to the automobile trade. Similar advances in other makes are known to be contemplated. The advances, however, are expected to cover the cost of additional refinements offered this year, such as four-wheel brakes and balloon tires. So many makers have adopted changes in equipment that men close to the automobile situation here believe the Olds move will be welcomed by the trade.

The price boosts on Oldsmobiles increase the price of touring car from \$750 to \$795 f. o. b. Jackson. The new price of the roadster is \$785, of the coupe \$1,075 and of the sedan \$1,135. The volume of sales so far this year seem to have had comparatively little to do with the upward price tendency. The Olds works are a part of the General Motors Corporation and that company sold more than 66,000 cars of its various types in January.

As to the trend of sales for the trade in general, nothing is more significant than the results of the Twin Cities automobile show which ended last week. The dealers and buyers who were attracted to this exhibition covered the territory supposed to have been most severely stricken by agricultural depression. Yet the winter and spring sales which were developed by this show are fixed by officials at \$20,000,000 on a basis of retail orders and agency contracts. This total includes \$2,000,000 worth of sales actually made on the show floor. The remainder is covered by orders given by Northwestern dealers.

Total production of cars and trucks in January totaled 343,600, an increase of 41 per cent over January, 1923. There is every indication this figure will rise well above 350,000 this month. The number of workers employed in the Detroit factories is at a record level.

There still exists a feeling of uncertainty in regard to the tire situation. Dealers have been waiting to see just how the public would take to balloon tires before stocking heavily. They have feared to lay in heavy supplies of the old high pressure tires for fear there would be a widespread trend toward the balloons, and have been equally afraid to stock the low pressure type for fear car owners would not go to the expense of changing tires all around when it came time for replacements.

The announcement just made by makers, however, that car owners will not have to discard their present wheels and rims, to which the first balloon could not be attached, has had an immediate and widespread effect. Tire makers now have made it possible to equip present wheels with balloon tires. Two large manufacturers now are offering two sets of these tires as standard, one for use with the regular wheels and one for the special wheels being placed on the new cars. Under this system, the Ford, Chevrolet and Overland size wheel—30 by 3 1/2—will take a balloon size 31 by 4 1/4 inches, while the ordinary 23 by 4 1/2 inch wheel will take a 24 x 5 7/8-109 inch low pressure tire.

Skies of crude rubber have increased this month, according to Fred B. Peterson, a large dealer here. The amount of rubber in the old and new types does not materially differ, he explained today, but factories are busy turning out tires of both types.

The activity of the automobile manufacturers is having a stimulating effect on the steel industry, and operations in the Youngstown, Sharon and Valley districts were increased this week.

However, many steel men would feel far easier when the age agreement now under consideration by the operators and mine workers of the central competitive field at Jacksonville is settled in spite of the conciliatory attitude shown by each side at the opening meetings.

Dr. William Parker left Thursday for Norfolk to see the war picture "Powder River."

That fact is perfectly obvious to an observer after even a brief delving into a condition of affairs that has twice in six weeks, and four times in something over a year, brought the state's armed forces down here to plant machine guns in windows and on street corners and to patrol the streets with bayonets fixed.

It has been so long a case of "let George do it," that George, living in a county that is the Breathitt County of Illinois, and that was indeed founded chiefly from the better element of that erstwhile gun totting Kentucky community, that George began to swagger about with a gun on his hip and imagine himself immune. Naturally trouble followed.

The fact was discovered by Major General Foreman, in charge of the militia, before he had been here 24 hours and he is today holding conferences with leaders of the heretofore unorganized majority in the hope of evolving a civil government that will be stable and effective until an election can go to the root of the disease with a real cure.

There is no question that C. Glenn Young, the young crusading raider, whose hobby of law enforcement amounts to an obsession, did much toward alleviating a bad situation.

But there was too much factionalism, prejudice and individual agrardism in the method of his fervid followers. True, the calling in of Young to clean up Williamson County was similar in many ways to Philadelphia's drafting of General Smedley Butler, but in one essential particular it was different.

The constituted authority of Philadelphia employed Butler. Here, a faction of more or less direct action citizens, most of them Ku Klux Klansmen, took the government in their hands and set up Young as a sort of super-authority. Youngism couldn't last, and Young said so to the writer in Chicago back in December. Nor can military rule last, as General Foreman is today telling prominent business men throughout the country, at the charge of six thousand dollars a day for the county.

Because employment of Young was really seizure of authority it was vulnerable to successful opposition and attack by the very elements against whom the better government efforts were directed. Dozens of business and professional men frankly

MINSTREL REVUE IS REMARKABLE SUCCESS

The S. R. O. sign could have been hung out at the high school auditorium Wednesday night at the first performance of the Minstrel Revue.

The show was all that could be desired in the way of harmonious melody, and the new songs made a decided hit, each singer being applauded for an encore.

Little Miss Rennie Williams charmed the audience with her graceful and artistic dancing and the sketch that followed was very amusing.

A great deal of new talent was seen in the revue and the audience was surprised and pleased by the good voices.

Miss Katherine Skinner was the first on the program, singing "Lovey Came Back" in a very pleasing manner. This was followed by "Say It With a Ukelele" by Mrs. J. B. Venters. Guirkin Cook, who is a favorite with the public, sang "It's a Man" in his usual style.

Miss Ruth White brought down the house with her rendition of "I've Got a Cross-Eyed Papa" and had to respond to several encores. "Schooltime" sung by Miss Pauline Skinner and assisted by the Romper Girls was a very pretty number and received appreciative applause. The next number was "Big Blond Mama of Mine" by Conrad Carl. "Some Day You'll Cry Over Somebody Else" was sweetly sung by Miss Mary Louise Skinner. Eddie Paul was a scream in "Cla-Wenee." Another at-Williams, "Happy and Go Lucky in My Kentucky Home." Mary Fearing then sang "It's Not the First Time You Left Me." The audience showed their appreciation by much applause.

The last and prettiest number was beautifully sung by Mrs. Mae McMullan. As she sang "When the Lights are Low," four little girls in nightgowns and with lighted candles came on the stage and surrounded her. All knelt as the chorus was sung.

The show is to be repeated tonight and those who missed Wednesday night's fun still have a chance.