

TAKING TIME TO READ TELEGRAMS

Oil Committee Goes Into Executive Session to Examine Messages Sent to Fall and McLean.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Presented with a sheaf of telegrams sent from Washington to Albert Fall and Edward McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, at Palm Beach, the Senate oil committee today went into executive session to examine them.

In ordering the room cleared, Chairman Lenroot said that any of the telegrams found to be relevant to the inquiry would be read in public.

The telegrams were presented by the divisional superintendents of the telegraph companies and apparently numbered several score, some containing hundreds of words.

A subpoena was issued for W. G. Wahlberg, former private secretary to Harry Sinclair, who will be questioned as to the identity of the Mr. "Hayes" to whom he had testified that he delivered \$25,000 in liberty bonds. At the time of his testimony the committee thought his reference was to an employee of the Sinclair interests but since then there have been reports that there was another Mr. "Hayes."

In this connection Senator Walsh announced that there was no present intention of summoning Will Hays, former postmaster general.

After remaining behind closed doors for nearly two hours the committee adjourned until tomorrow. It was explained that the examination of telegrams had not yet been completed.

SIX SQUADS OUT IN CHASE AFTER BANDITS

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Six squads of detectives armed with rifles and shotguns today sped to the southwestern city limits in search of five bandits reported to have broken into the state bank of Kinsman, Grundy County, and to have hauled away a 2,800 pound safe containing more than \$15,000.

GREEK GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED FALLEN

London, Feb. 26.—Dispatches received here indicate that the Greek government headed by Premier Kafandaris has fallen.

AYDLETT SENTIMENT STRONG IN AHOSKIE

Ahoskie, (Special) Feb. 26.—E. F. Aydlett passed through this city today enroute to Pitt after a tour of Hertford County in the interest of his candidacy for Congress. From all reports reaching here, indications are that Aydlett sentiment is strong in Ahoskie and Hertford County generally.

SPEAK TONIGHT ON CHURCH EFFICIENCY

Dr. J. M. H. Summerell and Rev. A. J. Crane will speak Tuesday night at Cann Memorial Presbyterian church on "Church Efficiency." All denominations are cordially invited, especially the officials of all churches.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED

The Parent-Teachers' meeting which was to have been held this afternoon was unavoidably postponed because of the bad weather and because of sickness among the children who were to present "George Washington's Sixth Birthday."

DR. HARRIS ENTERTAINS DENTISTS OF THE CITY

Dr. M. M. Harris entertained the dentists of the city at a delightful dinner at his home 311 West Main street, Saturday evening. Those enjoying the evening with Dr. Harris were: Dr. H. S. Willey, Dr. H. E. Nixon, Dr. William Parker, Dr. S. W. Gregory, and Dr. H. D. Walker.

OPPOSES WAR DEPOT SITE

Geneva, Feb. 26.—The free city of Danzig, which is under control of the League of Nations, has protested to the league against the site picked by the Polish government for a war depot. The site is too near the city and likely to endanger life in the event of explosions, declares the protest.

EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR DISTINCTIVE WOMAN'S WEAR

Pretty coats and dresses sold exclusively in this territory by Mitchell's Department Store, are featured in an advertisement in today's issue of The Advance.

The One Day Sale of last Saturday at Mitchell's attracted immediate attention, according to Mr. Gilbert, proprietor of the store. "Country people came to the city Friday afternoon to see these dresses," Mr. Gilbert said. The first announcement of the special offer was made in Friday's paper which reaches rural subscribers in this County early in the afternoon. adv

WHEN IS A CITY?

By Samuel H. Templeman.
Query: When is a man not a man?
Answer: When he becomes a corpse.

There is the same form that the man had. The clothes may be the same that the man bought and wore. But the man is gone and an inanimate piece of clay is all that is left.

What makes the difference? The soul is lacking in the corpse. A preacher was conducting a funeral one day and said: "Brethren, this corpse has been a member of this church for a number of years." That same thing might be said of a great many churches but it is just as true of a lot of other organizations. The body is there but the soul is gone.

Houses and streets, stores and banks will not make a city. A real city must have a soul or else it becomes an inert mass.

Has our city a soul? Is it alert and alive or is it a corpse? What do you think about it?

Are you helping to make your town a real organization or not? Some things in this world live on dead bodies and some people would rather see a dead town in order that they may get their living unhindered.

But I am appealing to the citizens to join the Chamber of Commerce and make this a live town. We do not want the soul of Elizabeth City to depart.

Brazil Preparing For Annual Festa

It's Christmas, New Years, Fourth of July, and Halloween All Rolled In One

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 26 (By The Associated Press) — All Brazil is preparing to celebrate its greatest "festa" of the year, the carnival, What Christmas, New Years, Fourth of July, and Halloween, all rolled in one, would be to the American, carnival is to the Brazilian.

Carnival is said to have been a pagan celebration, invented long before the Christian era, and to have come down in modern times modified by the restraints of civilization. On its way today it has added to the fame of some of the world's great cities, Venice, Rome, Paris, and New Orleans. The way carnival is celebrated in Rio de Janeiro every year, however, is a more spontaneous exhibition of popular enthusiasm and is played on a greater scale than ever seen in any other city of the world.

Mardi Gras, the final day of the carnival celebration in this city, falls this year on March 4. For the last two months preparations for the celebration have been under way. Hundreds of carnival clubs have been organizing their programs, their music, costumes and floats for the enormous street parades which will begin March 2 and continue to the dawn of March 5. Millions are being spent in these preparations and other millions will be spent by the people in masquerade costumes, fireworks, dances, parties, and every imaginable means of producing fun and hilarity.

During the three days and nights of carnival, the streets in an area of less than a square mile in the heart of Rio's business district will contain more than a million of fun seeking people, the vast majority being dressed in fantastic costumes, masked and enjoying themselves with an abandon possible only to Latin blood.

Street parades of wonderfully decorated floats, throbbing drums and blaring trumpets, miles of automobiles containing the youth and beauty of Brazilian society, clouds of confetti and serpentinas, stifling waves of perfumes, and crashing crowds of rainbow colored masqueraders are the elements that form carnival atmosphere. The frolics multitude creates a spirit that is as contagious as the fever of a revival meeting.

For weeks before the celebration begins in Rio all the railway and steamship lines will be taxed beyond their capacity bringing crowds from all parts of Brazil, other parts of South America, and even from Europe. Every hotel, rooming house, and home will be filled to overflowing with guests. Literally thousands will sleep in the streets rain or fair, during the celebration.

The grey dawn of the first day of Lent will find all Brazil in a properly penitential mood. The silken domino will be ramped and torn; the guitar strings will be broken, and Pierrot will have a dark brown taste in his mouth. But he will be satisfied to the marrow of his aching bones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Holloman, Jos Miles, Garland Leggett and Oscar Haywood of Norfolk spent Sunday here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Holloman of 32 Ehringhaus street.

CORN-HUSKER TO BE A GOVERNOR?



Petersburg, Ill., Feb. 26.—Menard County's champion corn-shucker is running for governor of Illinois. He is James H. Kirby, dirt farmer, who does all the work on his 250 acres, shucked 147 bushels of corn in a day. Kirby is bucking the regular state Democratic organization. He seeks the nomination on the Democratic and Farmer tickets.

Gives Greatest Private Library



J. P. Morgan, the banker, has given to the public his great private library, with an estimated worth of several millions of dollars. It contains about 25,000 volumes and paintings. Morgan gave it as a memorial to the memory of his father.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PUT ON A GOOD SHOW

The Girls Literary Society of the Elizabeth City High School presented a one act play, "The Mouse Trap," in the high school auditorium Monday evening to a good sized audience and did it so well that those attending declared it was worth ten times the admission fee of ten cents.

The members of the cast were Misses Elizabeth Thompson, Katherine Hathaway, Louise Outlaw, Evelyn Butler, Margaret Hollowell, Margaret E. Sawyer, and Dorothy Gard, and each girl acted her part so snappily that the audience was kept laughing through the entire comedy.

The girls got up the show and put it on all by themselves, and their initiative and skill has been greatly praised by those who saw the play.

SEVERE STORM ON WAY SAYS WEATHER BUREAU

The Weather Bureau at Washington sent out a warning Tuesday morning to the effect that a storm of marked intensity, central immediately south of Alabama, will move north eastward with further increase of intensity.

"This will probably be a severe storm," says the Weather Bureau, "along the entire Atlantic seaboard. Advise all interests."

KINSTON NEW STATION OPENS ON NEXT MONDAY

Norfolk, Feb. 26 — On Monday, March 3, the new union passenger station at Kinston, which will be occupied by the Atlantic Coast Line, the Norfolk Southern Railroad, the Norfolk Carolina Railroad and the Carolina Railroad companies will be opened for business. The use of this station will afford joint station facilities and consequently be of much convenience to the traveling public. This is a new building with all modern conveniences and the erection thereof will be of much benefit to the traveling public which is invited to inspect it.

J. S. Jones now in charge of the Norfolk Southern ticket office will be joint ticket agent at the new station.

LUDENDORF TRIAL OPENS AT MUNICH

Munich, Bavaria, Feb. 26 — The sanguinary events of last November became again the topic of intense public interest today with the opening of the trial of former Field Marshal Ludendorff and his nine associates, including Adolph Hitler, for their parts in the attempts to overthrow the government.

The proceedings are expected to consume but a few days.

Congress And President May Clash On Tax Bill

Presidential Veto Certain, Thinks Correspondent, If Provision to Make Income Tax Returns Accessible to Congress, Passed by House, Is Allowed to Get by in the Senate

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Feb. 25.—The Coolidge administration will never consent to the provision inserted by the House in the pending tax bill making income tax returns available to a special committee of Congress.

DANIELS FANS CALLED TO MEET

Raleigh, Feb. 26 — The first move to place Josephus Daniels in nomination for the Democratic candidate for President was made last night when a formal call was issued for Thursday night for a "Daniels for President" club to be formed to further his interests.

HOLD DISCUSSION OVER DAUGHERTY

Administration Officials Negotiate for Settlement of Row But Definite Decision Is Expected Soon.

Washington, Feb. 26.—During a truce in the open hostilities today, administration officials negotiated for settlement of the row over the retention of Daugherty in the cabinet.

Another succession of conferences including a cabinet meeting resulted in no surface development but gave increasing indications that some definite decision might be announced in the near future.

White House officials insisted after the cabinet meeting that the question of Daugherty's resignation did not come up for general discussion and neither the President nor Daugherty had any statement to make.

Meantime, on the Senate floor the Republican organization staved off consideration of the Wheeler resolution for investigation of the Department of Justice and the purpose of the delay was not explained.

CONFESSES SELLING STOLEN AUTOMOBILES

Hickory, Feb. 26.—Between 50 and 75 automobiles have been stolen by a gang operating around Danville, Virginia, and Hickory and Lincolnton, according to State Automobile Inspector Harris, who is here in the effort to round up the thieves.

Luther Fry, held in jail at Newton on a prohibition charge, has confessed, according to officers, that he sold the stolen cars.

REED MAKES VICIOUS ATTACK UPON McADOO

St. Louis, Feb. 26 — Senator James A. Reed in opening his campaign here yesterday for the Democratic nomination for President scathingly arraigned William Gibbs McAdoo, declaring that he received large sums of money from Morse, Doheny, and others for the political influence he had with the administration rather than as lawyer's fees.

BILL TO TRANSFER VESSELS FROM NAVY

Washington, Feb. 26 — A bill was introduced in Congress yesterday to transfer certain vessels from the Navy to the Coast Guard to enforce prohibition and also to increase the personnel of the Coast Guard.

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR AND PLAYWRIGHT DIES

New York, Feb. 26.—George Randolph Chester, author and playwright, died here today.

APPROPRIATION BILLS DISTURB PROSPERITY

Washington, Feb. 26.—The numerous bills pending in Congress calling for large appropriations are regarded by President Coolidge as disturbing to the prosperity and welfare of the country.

TEXAS TOMATO CROP GOOD

Houston, Texas, Feb. 26 (By The Consolidated Press) — Tomato growers in East Texas are enthusiastic over the prospects for the spring crop. Hundreds of acres now are being prepared to receive the young plants from the cold frames.

Mrs. J. Crawford Biggs of Raleigh who has been the guest of Mrs. H. D. Walker at her home, 100 West Main street, for a few days will leave Tuesday night for her home.

The opposition to the move from the Treasury is so emphatic that this together with other objectionable features in the tax bill may be the basis for a veto message from the White House.

Should Congress have the right to throw open to the public gaze the private affairs of the American people? Should one business concern engaged in sharp competition with another and possessed of influence in Congress sufficient to get at the income tax returns be enabled to get facts and figures on rival concerns? Should members of Congress be given new ammunition with which to attack private business? These questions are answered in the negative by administration officials who think that income tax returns should be kept secret. Indeed, the Treasury Department has heretofore refused point blank to furnish the income tax returns to any other branch of the Federal Government itself, even the Department of Justice. Time and again the latter has felt that without sufficient evidence to catch bootleggers under the provisions of the Volstead Act, a fraudulent income tax return might land the "bootlegger" in jail. It has been with difficulty and through roundabout court proceedings that any information has been obtained and usually the Treasury Department has preferred to do its own prosecuting of such cases upon information furnished by the Department of Justice.

So jealously guarded have income tax returns become in the last ten years that the thought of making them available to a committee of Congress goes against the grain here. There is some reason to believe that the Senate will throw out the amendment and that it will be lost in conference between the two houses. If it stays in the bill, it may force a veto.

While there are men on Capitol Hill who are saying President Coolidge will not dare to veto any tax bill that comes before him, they are likely to be surprised when they receive a veto message. Mr. Coolidge knows that the argument can work both ways, namely, that Congress cannot afford to kill tax legislation any more than can the chief executive and that if he sends back a bill to Congress urging that objectionable features be eliminated, Congress will change the bill or stand pat on the measure passed depending upon whether the objections are supported by public opinion.

On the issue of publicity of private affairs, the administration has no doubt of the ultimate support of the people. The business interests of the country will fight the proposal tooth and nail for if the income tax returns are made available to a congressional committee it will mean the use of the same information in a dozen different channels entirely apart from the income tax. The income of corporations, partnerships and all business concerns might have to undergo some day the scrutiny of tariff experts anxious to prove that certain tariff duties should be raised or lowered and other controversies may be stirred up by the use or misuse of information obtained from income tax returns.

On the whole, the administration is opposed to letting go of the confidential information given by the taxpayer to his Government.

RAILROAD ON BLOCK

Wichita, Feb. 26.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad will be sold to "the best and highest bidder" here March 27, to satisfy a Government lien of \$2,500,000.

FORM NEW ORDER CALLED NOBLE KLAN

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 26 — Officials of the Delaware Klan of the Ka Klux yesterday announced their withdrawal from the order and the forming of a new order named the Noble Klan of the North and stated that its organization would be perfected in several states within the next few days.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 26 — Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 45 points. Middling 29.00. Futures closed at the following levels: March 28.70; May 29.00; July 28.36; October 25.93; December 25.70.

New York, Feb. 26 — Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 29.00; May 29.40; July 28.92; October 26.25; December 25.80.