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Wilson's Widow Seeks To Keep Letters From Public

Her Request to Saturday Evening Post to Refrain from Publication of Several of President's Letters Until She Can Establish Right Control Them Causes Comment

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, March 27.—Copies of the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post available today revealed that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson has asked that publication to refrain from publishing several letters written by the late President, the request being made, it was stated, because the widow "wished to establish her right to control or to prohibit the revelation" of her husband's correspondence.

The incident caused no little stir here for men in Congress promptly asked whether it is Mrs. Wilson's intention to establish a property right over letters written by Woodrow Wilson on Government stationery while he was holding public office.

President Taft, it is said, held that letters written while in the White House relating to public business were the property of the American Government and did not take them with him. An examination of the files when the Harding administration came into power showed that the Wilson family had taken away practically all letters of any importance.

There can be no test, of course, of the property rights of official letters until an effort is made by some one to sell them or to copyright them for it is held by competent authorities that no one, not even the widow, has a right to sell or prohibit the publication of letters written by a President of the United States.

The last occasion on which the subject was discussed was in connection with the use in a book by Ambassador Gerard of a letter written to him by the Kaiser. It was contended, at the time, that the letter was public property and that newspapers and other publications could not be required to recognize a property right of any individual in that letter. An effort was made to persuade President Wilson to authorize the publication of the document but he delayed action until after the Gerard book was made public.

The question of legal rights to letters written by Government officials is likely to become an important one, particularly if the courts should hold that anyone who is employed by the Government has a right to take his letters with him after he leaves office and restrain their publication.

It so happens that one letter written by President Wilson to Secretary Lane of the Interior Department which has never been made public gives valuable information on the attitude of Mr. Wilson toward some of the questions involved in the oil leasing policies of his administration. The letter is said to be favorable to Mr. Wilson because it is said he would have required the resignation of Mr. Lane had the latter insisted upon his viewpoint.

Letters of this kind could be obtained by any Senate committee simply by subpoenaing those who have them in their possession and all the correspondence of a President can be printed by a simple resolution of Congress calling upon the outgoing Presidents to deposit their official letters with the succeeding administration.

The letter which Mrs. Wilson asked the Saturday Evening Post to suppress was not official, but personal and political. It related to Mr. Wilson's advocacy of Joseph P. Tumulty for United States Senator from New Jersey. It was written not only after Mr. Wilson left the White House but after the break occurred between the late President and his former private secretary. The suppression of the letter is said to be within the legal right of any of the heirs of the late President but the substance of the letter has been made public by James Kerney, editor of the Trenton Times, who discussed the subject with Mr. Wilson after the latter had himself declined to be a candidate for the Senate.

The New Jersey political leaders urged Mr. Wilson to run for the Senate feeling that ample precedent for it was furnished by John Quincy Adams who served a long time in the Senate after he left the White House. The fact that Mr. Wilson urged Mr. Tumulty is considered significant of his esteem for the man from whom he had become estranged.

SPECULATES IN CEMETERY LOTS

California Realtor Capitalizes Land Craze to Point of Boosting Demand for Final Resting Place.

By L. C. OWEN
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 Berkeley, Cal., March 28.—On many occasions eminent writers with no intention of levity, have intimated that California is a place populated largely by real estate agents and that if any sacred spots are adorned by "for sale" signs, they are few, far between and hard to find.

There is no denying that the real estate gentry have never been conspicuous by their absence in California, but it also must be admitted they are both an aggressive and a progressive lot. If any evidence is lacking on this score it will be found right here in the effete super college city of Berkeley. Just now the state realty commission, which looks into and after the licenses and the moral qualities of realty vendors, is trying to determine whether the local "memorial association" shall be allowed to sell cemetery lots as a speculative proposition.

The concern, according to statements laid before the state commission, has been advertising that opportunity to buy realty holdings which in the next few years will double, triple and even quadruple in value. So far as is known, this is the first recorded instance even in California wherein efforts have been made to induce the public to gamble in future values of its eternal abiding place.

The so-called Memorial Association started an advertising campaign two weeks ago. Prospectus and display space dwelt heavily upon the opportunities and nice profits for those who, figuratively speaking, got in on the ground floor. Then, following protests by the local association of realty men, backed by the chamber of commerce, operations of the burial plot concern were temporarily halted. Considerable mystery surrounds the allegations which brought the stop order. The case is now under consideration and a decision expected within a few days. Pending a decision the state commission declines to make any statement for public consumption.

Locally, however, two different reasons are being advanced. One is that realty men contend there is still enough land in California to sell to Easterners without falling back on burial plots. The other is that Berkeley chamber of commerce, like many others all over the state, construe the scheme as a lack hand slap at California's wondrous climate, where migrating Easterners, as well as natives, are supposed never to have any use for burial plots.

Funeral J. G. Hollowell

The funeral of James Gatlif Hollowell was conducted Friday at noon at the home, Bayside, by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, an immense crowd attending.

The casket was borne to its last resting place by the colored men on the plantation, an' the honorary pallbearers were: G. R. Little, Cecil Garrett, Dr. John Saliba, Dr. C. B. Williams, M. B. Sawyer, L. B. Jennette, W. H. Jennette, S. B. Parker, Camden Blades, J. J. Morris, F. V. Scott, W. A. Worth, C. P. Brown.

Mr. Hollowell's death occurred Wednesday morning at 9:30 at Bayside, after an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Hollowell was business manager of Bayside, a Federal appraiser, and was associated with the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank.

His mother, Mrs. P. G. Hollowell; three sisters, Mrs. S. A. Graham of Salisbury, Mrs. John M. Parker of Baltimore, and Miss Margaret Hollowell of Bayside; two brothers, Frank Hollowell of Portsmouth and C. W. Hollowell of this city, survive him.

NARCOTICS FOUND TWO MEN ARRESTED

New York, March 28.—The source of narcotics shipped to Hollywood was traced here yesterday and the police broke up the den, seizing \$750,000 of dope and arresting two men.

TWENTY-FIVE MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE

Welch, W. Va., March 28.—Twenty-five men were entombed today in the mine at Yukon by an explosion, according to reports here. The men are believed to be dead.

HUNDRED PERISH IN LANDSLIDE THURSDAY

Salerno, Italy, March 28.—More than 100 persons perished in a landslide yesterday and thousands are homeless at Amalfi.

FISH SHIPMENTS ARE HALF NORMAL

Shad Business Slow This Spring But Is Picking Up and Will Probably Be Better Next Week.

A shipment of 550 boxes of shad and herring caught in Croatan and Pamlico Sounds received by the Globe Fish Company Wednesday night is considered by the company to be about half what the shipments should total if catches of fish were normal. The shipment is larger than any received by the company before the storm but for this time of year they say shipments of 1,000 boxes and over should be coming in on every boat night.

A representative of the firm told an Advance reporter Friday that there were very few fish in Pamlico Sound and fewer in the Albemarle, but with winds more favorable, they expected the shipments would increase steadily until normal shipments were reached.

U. G. Wise of Stumpy Point is credited with a catch of 200 shad Wednesday, thought to be the largest single day's catch since the storm that drove fresh water far down the sound, and prevented further shad for the time being from entering sound waters.

The shad business is still considered to be "slow" but the fair shipment Wednesday night, which the Globe Fish Company considers to be "mighty few fish" for this season, is thought to be the forerunner for larger cargoes next week and on through the season.

BROTHER OF WALSH BEFORE COMMITTEE

Washington, March 28.—John Walsh, Washington lawyer and brother of the prosecutor of the Senate oil committee, was called before the committee today and questioned at length by Senator Spencer, Republican, of Missouri. Regarding his activities and connections the witness said he never had been connected directly with any oil company, but was general counsel for the Holding Company. He denied this company had any "interest in Wyoming or any other Northwestern state."

Herbert Hoover Is The Judge Landis Of Ether

What Kennesaw Mountain Is to Baseball, Will Hays to Movies and Augustus Thomas to Drama, Hoover Is to Radio and Will Brook No Monopoly

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Washington, March 28.—Herbert Hoover has become the Judge Landis, the Will Hays, the Augustus Thomas of the air.

Judge Landis is the high commissioner of baseball. Will Hays is the czar of the movies. Augustus Thomas is the high priest of the drama.

Secretary Hoover is the new emperor of the ether. He announced today, however, that he would be a benevolent emperor, that he would not attempt to set up a censorship and would never consent to any scheme by which radio listeners shall be charged a fee by law.

The Government of the United States will always control the ether, but it will not be drawn into saying what shall and what shall not be fed to the radio audience.

"There are enough complaints now," says Mr. Hoover, "against the individual programs sent out by the various broadcasting stations."

"If the United States were to assume control of these programs, the kinks will be multiplied by the tens of thousands and the first thing we knew we would be having a senatorial investigation on our hands."

Like others who have studied the subject, Secretary Hoover believes that the great problem which confronts radio is the financing of the broadcasting stations. The expense of maintaining these stations today is at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year. Eventually it will be necessary to pay all of the artists who now are contributing their talents free. Eventually it will be necessary to pay royalties to composers and authors. Some means will have to be found to meet this necessary expense. Advertising announcements will not solve the problem, in the view of Mr. Hoover, for with too much advertising the radio audience he says will disappear in disgust.

Radio is making great strides in every other way except the financing of broadcasting, but Mr. Hoover is of the opinion that the air will never be used for the purposes of private conversation between individuals. It is perfectly true that thousands of wave lengths may be given impulses without one wave interfering with the other, but the receiving instruments probably never will be perfected to the extent of taking care of all these minute gradations. At present there are only from seven to ten practical wave lengths in a zone. Each wave

Attorney General Daugherty Resigns

RURAL SCHOOLS IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE

At Weeksville High School tonight at 8 o'clock Sallie Leary and Everett Burgess of Old Trap will debate on the negative side of the query, "Resolved, that the United States should cancel the Inter-Allied War Debts," while Glenwood Meads and Royall Brothers of Weeksville will uphold the affirmative.

At Old Trap at the same hour Louisa Brothers and Everett Beaman of Newland will debate on the negative against Ollie Mitchell and Andrew Heath of Old Trap on the affirmative.

At Newland the Weeksville negative team, Marguerite Brothers and Cora Reid will debate against the Newland affirmative team, Frank Sawyer and Lucille Brothers.

CHAMBER COMMERCE ENDORSES COASTAL HIGHWAY MOVEMENT

The Coastal Highway meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Community Building Thursday night proved an interesting one and resolutions were adopted endorsing the movement to bring this highway by Elizabeth City.

Secretary Job was asked to gather all available data on the subject and to be ready to present it to a special meeting called for next Tuesday night.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT BROKEN

San Francisco, March 28 (By The Consolidated Press).—The depression which has gripped many lines of business in California for the past three months as a result of the state wide drought is passing. Farm bureau's now report that the farm and orchard crops in many districts have been saved by the recent moisture and the agricultural output of the state promises to be 80 per cent of normal.

In the Midst of Constantly Increasing Storm of Criticism He Reluctantly Follows Denby Into Retirement and His Resignation Is Promptly Accepted by Coolidge.

Washington, March 28.—Attorney General Daugherty has resigned. Surrounded by an ever-growing storm of criticism and under pressure of many of his ranking party leaders, he today consented to follow former Secretary of the Navy Denby into retirement.

His resignation, promptly accepted by President Coolidge, clears the Administration of the last of those Cabinet members who have become the storm centers in the oil scandal.

His resignation was submitted at the request of the President, and in acceding, Daugherty said he desired it to become effective forthwith.

Daugherty declared that he tendered it "solely out of deference to your request and in compliance therewith."

Coolidge's letter requesting the resignation based the request on Daugherty's refusal to comply with the summons by the Senate investigating committee for certain papers relating to rum running on the Mexican border.

The incident, the President said in the letter "only illustrates the difficulties which are certain to recur with every increasing embarrassment and your inability to perform satisfactorily the duties of Attorney General under the present conditions."

Daugherty's letter of resignation was made up of three terse sentences, but in a second letter to the President he said any suggestion that he could "function as Attorney General and defend myself against these charges at the same time was hardly warranted by the facts."

He recalled that he had twice offered since Coolidge became President to retire but had been requested to remain.

He said he was aware that the argument of "party expediency" had been used to secure his retirement, but added that "courage and surrender of principle are never expedient."

Little Marjorie Davis Dies From Injuries

Funeral Will Be Conducted At Home Saturday Afternoon At Three O'Clock

Blithely riding her bicycle to school for the afternoon session of Thursday, Marjorie Davis, bright little eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urner G. Davis, 424 Cedar street, met death when she was thrown from her bicycle directly in front of the rear wheel of a Fordson tractor and when her skull was fractured, apparently by one of the iron cleats on the tractor's wheel.

Marjorie, it seems, had been home for lunch, and, third grade pupil as she was, was returning to the grammar school building on North Road street for the afternoon session.

Riding along Cedar street to Harney she had apparently crossed Harney to the primary school lot. At any rate she was riding through the school lot toward Dyer street when seen shortly before the accident by L. Frank Swain, 315 Cedar street, who happened to be passing the primary building at the time.

"She had just smiled at me in passing," says Mr. Swain, "and then I saw her start down the incline from the school ground to the Cedar street sidewalk about half way the block. The incline must have been steeper than she thought. At any rate, she did not seem to be able to stop when she reached the sidewalk but rode across it and was thrown at the curb directly in front of the rear wheel of the passing tractor. It happened so quickly that I can not be sure of it, but to my horrified gaze the rear wheel seemed to pass over the little body and stop at her head."

Physicians who examined the child, however, say that the wheel did not pass over her body—that except for the fatal wound, a gash from the mastoid region to the crown of the head, there was not a bruise on her. In their opinion the tractor came to a stop almost instantly but not in time to prevent one of the metal cleats on the wheel from cutting into the scalp and cranium. The weight of the tractor, in their opinion, would have crushed the little body or head to a pulp if it had passed over either.

At any rate, Tom Beaman, negro city employe driving the truck at the time of the accident, is exonerated of all blame in the matter. "He did as well as I could have done had I been driving the tractor and the child my own," is the verdict of L. Frank Swain, eyewitness of the accident.

It was Mr. Swain who first reached the child after she was hurt and, picking her up, took her into the school building. This was at 1:15. Later she was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wood, 110 Dyer street, where she died four hours later.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Daniel Lane, assisted by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson and Rev. C. B. Culbreth.

MORRISON URGES LITTLE PATIENCE

Charlotte, March 28.—Governor Morrison yesterday urged the Social Service Conference here not to condemn all prison officials because some inhuman guard beats a prisoner too much and declared that North Carolina is taking the greatest step forward in carrying out a comprehensive social service program.

SUBMARINE CHASER EXPLODES ON CHASE

Jacksonville, March 28.—The converted submarine chaser Ruse used by Sheriff Dowling to apprehend a rum runner, exploded at sea yesterday and sank. Those on board escaped in a life boat with slight injuries.

TAKES INJUNCTION OF BIBLE LITERALLY

Locust Grove, Ga., March 28.—Herbert Little, 17-year-old boy, cut off his right hand at the wrist here yesterday because he said he had to obey the Biblical injunction, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Saturday morning at 10:30 the County teachers will meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The regular reading circle work for the session will be completed at this meeting.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 28.—Spot cotton closed steady today, 60 points advance. Middling 27.40. Futures closed at the following levels: May 27.25; July 26.35; October 23.85; December 23.48; January 23.15.

New York, March 28.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 26.70, July 26.05, October 27.59, December 23.30, January 23.00.

Jerry Whaley is ill at his home, 207 Pearl street.

GLENNA COLLETT TO KEEP GOLF TITLE

Pinehurst, March 28.—Glenn Collett today retained the North and South women's golf title by defeating Louise Fordyce five and three.

DAUGHERTY COMMITTEE THROWN OUT OF STEP

Washington, March 28.—The Daugherty investigating committee was thrown out of step momentarily by the resignation of the Attorney General today but when the excitement caused by the announcement had subsided it plodded along its task of gathering data.

Life in Daugherty's apartments was gone into through the medium of Walter Miller, former valet, who told of whiskey being brought and kept there, of many visitors, including Albert Fall, Harry Sinclair, Will Hays, and a host of others.

"There has been no parallel to the development of the air as a means of communication since the invention of printing. The radio is the hand-maiden of the printer. The Government will see that nothing happens in the ether to interfere with or hamper its future."