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VANDERLIP UPHOLDS HARDING

Secretaries Denby and Fall Named in Alaskan Coal Scandal

LETTER IS
SENT CHIEF
BY BALLIANERailroad Engineer Says
Alaskan Development
RetardedNEGOTIATIONS IN
1921 ARE CHARGEDMethods Used in Alaska
Coal Reserves Said
Similar to Those in the
Tea Pot Dome Case.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Secretary Denby were declared in a letter given President Coolidge by John E. Balliane, Alaskan railroad constructor, to have entered into negotiations in July, 1921, for the transfer or lease of the rich Matanuska coal reserves in Alaska, using methods similar to those taken in the Teapot Dome matter.

The letter was not executed but the letter said that the navy department, through the efforts of Rear Admiral Robinson, has refused ever since to permit the use of Alaskan coal by the navy.

Balliane presented the letter as a supplement to previous charges that powerful interests were working to hinder Alaskan development. He also presented charges to several senators, including Senator Lenroot.

The official files show that Fall and Denby negotiated an early in July, 1921, for the transfer of coal reserves from the navy to the interior departments and for the leasing of the reserves for a period of 50 years, said the letter.

CANDIDACY OF 2

FILED IN SALEM

SALEM. (By the Associated Press).—Two candidates for the democratic nomination for the United States senate filed their declarations of candidacy with the secretary of State Rogers Thursday. They were W. H. Strayer of Baker and Milton A. Miller of Portland. J. M. Biesse of Myrtle Point filed as a candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention. Others who filed as candidates for nomination in the May primaries were Gustav Anderson, republican, Baker circuit judge, George W. Hayes, republican, Vale, district attorney for Malheur county.

BREAD TRUST
IS IMPENDING

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A report charging a nation-wide profiteering in bread and the creation of a "colossal bread trust" impending, was submitted by Paul M. Mantey, director of the People's Legislative society, to Senator La Follette, chairman.

The report recommended congressional action to deflate bread prices and check the growth of a bread trust.

House Debate Opens
On Tax Revision Bill

WASHINGTON (AP).—The House of Representatives agreed today to take up the income tax rates of the revenue bill.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The fight over the tax bill, centering on the revision of income taxes, Thursday reached the floor of the house.

General debate was begun on the measure, which substantially carries out the recommendations of Secretary Mellon, under an agreement for its termination at 4 p. m. Monday. Thereafter amendments will be in order, with the income tax section expected to be disposed of first.

Members of the ways and means committee which framed

Bonfils



Frederick G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver Post, testified before Senate committee investigating oil land frauds that Harry F. Sinclair paid \$250,000 in payment for an alleged prior claim to the Tea Pot Dome oil reserve.

B. F. WILSON
IS CANDIDATEUnion Man, Formerly
County Judge, to Seek
Democratic Congressional
Nomination.

B. F. Wilson, of Union, has announced his candidacy for the nomination at the primaries for representative to Congress from the Second District on the Democratic ticket.

Judge Wilson, who has been prominent in public affairs for many years and was at one time county judge, has been practicing law and is known by his acquaintances as one who takes a firm stand on political matters.

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DISASTROUS
FIRE TAKES
HEAVY TOLL

MONTPELIER, Vermont. (By the Associated Press).—Two persons were killed and nine are missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the Lawrence building here today.

The nine missing are believed by authorities to be dead.

Several others were seriously injured and the total loss in money is estimated at approximately \$300,000.

The known dead are Walter Washburn and Mrs. J. E. Washburn, who were both fatally injured when they jumped from windows, missing the life net.

BACK WALSH FOR PRESIDENT

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—State Representative A. S. J. Stoval today issued a call for a meeting February 18th to consider the advisability of entering the name of Senator Walsh for the democratic presidential nomination in the Georgia primary. He said he had authoritative information Walsh would not oppose such steps.

EGGS LOWER TODAY.

PORTLAND, (AP)—Eggs are 1 to 2 cents lower on today's markets, priced at 24 to 24½. Cattle and sheep nominally steady. Hogs and butter steady.

JURY'S VERDICT
GIVES \$124.25
TO PLAINTIFF

The case of Fitzgerald vs. Security Construction company and others, which went to the jury yesterday, was completed when the jury brought a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and against the first named defendant and The National Security company for a total of \$124.25.

The case of Ralph Butler vs. W. J. Townley, started late yesterday, is still being tried. Testimony was being heard today.

Other cases appearing on the circuit court calendar are: State of Oregon vs. Malchuk, charged with larceny by bailor; Charles Walsh vs. E. R. National Bank et al.; First National Bank of Baker vs. Neal, Gaskill, Security Construction company et al.; and State of Oregon vs. Mosley.

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Will Probe
Rumored Oil
Slush FundThree to Be Quizzed on
Fund—Coolidge With-
draws Strawn's Name.

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, was selected by President Coolidge today as the Republican member of the special counsel in the oil lease investigation. He succeeds Silas H. Strawn whose nomination was withdrawn from the Senate yesterday. Roberts' nomination was sent to the Senate today. Roberts' selection was suggested by Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Out of another day of lightning developments in the oil scandal there emerged Thursday night a definite decision by the investigating committee to go to the bottom of a rumor that a \$1,000,000 oil slush fund had been deposited in Washington for distribution among men in high places.

Edward H. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, was summoned for questioning regarding the slush fund report and committee members said Otto H. Kuhn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Benjamin F. Yankum, retired president of a western railroad, information reaching the committee was that the story had been a subject of discussion among New York financiers and that some of its details had been brought to Washington by Mr. Yankum after he had talked to Mr. Kuhn.

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HUSBAND SAID
WIFE SLAYER

REID'S Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Olive Hutchinson, aged 26, whose body was found at her home west of Kelso Wednesday, was slain by her husband February 3 "in premeditated murder" according to the verdict of a coroner's jury returned late Thursday.

Relatives arrived to take the body to Reed Rock for burial. No trace of the husband, Albert Eldon Hutchinson, aged 25, has been found.

HOPELESS

4 BUSINESS
HOUSES ARE
ENTERED

A series of petty robberies and attempted robberies in La Grande during the past two days was announced by the police department today.

Chief Haynes asserted that Max Thurninsky's second-hand store Pearl Stiles' coal and wood establishment, the Grande Ronde Lumber company and the Standard

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BULLETINS

CARTER IS HELD BACK. LUXOR, Egypt. (AP)—Howard Carter was refused admission to Tutankhamen's tomb today by the police who presented a written order from the government accounting for their actions.

There is reason to believe the question of the proprietorship of the tomb's treasures played a part in the long dispute preceding the split between the government and the excavators. According to the excavator's license if the tomb is accepted as a "violated sepulchre" the treasure is to be divided between the Cairo museum and the excavators. If found intact all goes to the museum.

Carter is reported to claim half on the former grounds and the government opposed his action.

TO TAKE RELIEF STEPS.

CHICAGO. (AP)—Financial machinery, designed to relieve the credit situation in the northwest, when wheat belt, is to be started soon as the result of an organization yesterday by bankers and business men of a ten million dollar agricultural finance corporation. A maximum of \$100,000,000 will be available and the corporation is eligible to borrow ten times its capital from the war finance corporation.

The relief is to be started as soon as necessary arrangements to administer the fund has been made.

FOUR MEXICANS EXECUTED.

NUEVA LAREDO, Mexico. (AP)—Four officers of the rebel army, captured by the federal troops Wednesday, were executed by a firing squad today following a court martial.

Victim of Gay White Way



Pretty Louise Lawson, music student from Texas, was found murdered in her 3-room apartment in up-town New York, near Broadway.

Police are trying to solve the mystery of the girl's death, and believe robbery was the motive.

The girl's apartment was ransacked. The robbers and murderers had bound the girl's hands and feet and gagged her. She suffocated to death.

The case recalls the mysterious death of Dorothy King some months ago.

CUPID FAILS
AS 'TRAITOR'Attempt to Break Up
"The Lion and Mouse"
Cast Foiled by Principal
in Wedding.

Cupid turned traitor to the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association yesterday, only to be foiled in his cunning manipulations to break up the cast in the Grande Ronde Chautauqua production "The Lion and the Mouse" to be presented next Tuesday and Wednesday, and for which seats are now on sale. Cupid brought a valentine to Justice of the Peace Hugh E. Brady when he took him self Miss Anna Koech as his wife. "Delightful! Many happy returns to them both! A charming match! But why, oh why just now?" yelled the other members of the cast. With weariness and discouragement the director and the dozen or so others wended their way to rehearsal rooms, each downhearted over the chaos and the embarrassment that a new "Judge Stott" the difficult role the local justice has typified up to date, would occasion to all concerned. The first curtain had a few hours away—a leading character married and away on a honeymoon.

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INVALID FATALLY
BURNED IN HOME
AT ONTARIO, ORE.

ONTARIO, Edward A. Taylor, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Taylor, died at the Ontario hospital at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon from burns received when his clothing caught fire as he was sitting near the kitchen stove. Taylor was an invalid.

The accident happened about noon Thursday. His mother was near at the time and managed to extinguish the flames. The young man was rushed to the hospital, but he was so severely burned that efforts to save his life were unavailing.

AUTO CAMP LEVY
IS PLANNED BY
PENDLETON NOW

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—Acting on a report that a plot of ground in the east end of the city has been purchased for use as a tourist camp to compete with the municipal camp, the city council authorized the city attorney to draw up an ordinance requiring any private operation of such a business to pay a minimum annual license fee of \$1000.

Sherwood Williams, president of the city of La Grande, purchased 52 lots from the Byers estate. It became known today. He said he has purchased ground in La Grande Baker, Boise, and Pendleton and is negotiating for the purchase of similar tracts in Twin Falls and Pocatello, Idaho, to establish a chain of camp grounds from Salt Lake City to Portland.

MEMORIAL IS
HELD IN COURTEulogies Delivered by Local
Dignitaries Honoring
the Late Turner
Oliver and C. D. Huffman.

Memorial exercises were held yesterday afternoon in the circuit court with Judge J. W. Knowles presiding, honoring the late Turner Oliver and C. D. Huffman.

Eulogies were delivered by Judge Knowles, Colonel F. S. Ivanhoe, Judge Robert S. Eakin, George C. Cochran, Colonel H. Eberhard, R. J. Green and H. E. Dixon.

The exercises were held at three o'clock in the afternoon at which time regular court was adjourned until completion of the memorial.

ANNUAL BANQUET
OF CHAMBER TO
BE HELD MARCH 4

The annual installation banquet of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, which will be held March 4, will take place in the Bayview hotel building in the room formerly occupied by the Oregon Hardware & Implement company, according to announcement today by Earl C. Reynolds.

The annual meeting will feature "Oregon Products" and plans are being made to accommodate a total of 300 at the dinner.

Legion to Play.

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TESTIMONYVanderlip's Speech Said
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ory" of HardingSAID HE WANTED
TO KILL RUMORSBacks Up on Statements
That Committee Didn't
Push Fall Questioning.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Frank A. Vanderlip told the senate oil committee today he had no facts regarding his speech in bringing Harding's name into the oil scandal.

Vanderlip said the speech was made because he thought it his "public duty" to call attention to "rumors."

Vanderlip thought the statements would bring out the truth and kill rumors.

The late President Harding had been his lifelong

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GIRL TOSSERS
MEET TONIGHT

With Earl Reynolds at the blow ing end of the whistle, Pendleton and La Grande will take part in a basketball fray this evening in the high school gymnasium when the girls' teams of both schools meet in the final game of the season for the local girls.

The La Grande sextette, under Miss Mina Murchison, coach, have passed a very successful season with only one defeat to their credit. Last week the pendletonians won a preliminary game to the boys' game played in the Round Up City.

Uplier high school has been defeated twice by the La Grande girls and the Union girls lost on their home floor. The alumni girls also took the small end of the score in a contest with the high school girls.

Reserve tickets for tonight's contest are on sale at Glass Drugs, Inc. The game will be called at 7:30 o'clock.

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Late News Flashes

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