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GREGORY WAS EMPLOYED BY OIL INTEREST

Man Selected by President Coolidge to Prosecute Oil Lease Cases Was One Time Doheny Counsel

McADOO'S NAME LINKED WITH OIL COMPANIES

Chief Executive Decides Not to Retain Texas Attorney for Government Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—William G. McAdoo, candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, and Thomas W. Gregory, the Democrat selected by President Coolidge to assist in the prosecution of the oil lease cases, have had employment as counsel for oil interests, Edward L. Doheny, California oil magnate, testified today before the senate investigating committee. Mr. Doheny said he personally had retained McAdoo after his retirement as secretary of the treasury; that he thought his company had paid him "all told" about \$250,000 in fees and that he now pays him a retainer of \$50,000 a year. His company and a half dozen other oil companies employed Mr. Gregory after he quit as attorney general. Mr. Doheny stated, for the purpose of appearing before President Wilson or the state department in connection with Mexico oil matters. His company's share of the fee paid was \$2,000, he said.

Others Employed

Testimony also was given that companies in which Mr. Doheny has an interest had given employment to two other members of the cabinet in the Wilson administration after they quit office, Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of the interior, and Lindley M. Garrison, former secretary of war. Mr. Lane was assistant to the president of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company. Mr. Doheny said, while Mr. Garrison was associated with the New York banking firm of Blair & Co.

Reed's Request Granted

Evidence relating to the employment of former Democratic officials by oil interests was brought out in response to inquiries by Chairman Lenroot as a result of a demand made in the senate yesterday by Senator Reed of Missouri, who also is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mr. Reed insisted that the committee give Mr. Doheny a searching examination as to whether he had paid any money to men while serving as public officials or afterwards.

Mr. Doheny declared that he had not advanced any sums to any public official other than the \$100,000 which he has testified he loaned Albert B. Fall, then secretary of the interior, November 30, 1921, nearly a year before his firm obtained the lease for California naval reserve No. 1, which the government now seeks to annul along with that to the Teapot Dome reserve granted to the Sinclair interests by Mr. Fall.

Will Not Be Prosecutor

As a result of the testimony of Mr. Doheny that Mr. Gregory was employed by a number of oil companies and that he has been counsel for the Island Oil com-

GROUND HOG IS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE SHADOW

Weather So Cloudy That Storied Animal Is Expected to Stay Out for Awhile

Ground hog, woodchuck or Candemass day promises to come in this morning with prospects of an early spring, for according to the popular superstition, if the little animal sees his own shadow upon arising he becomes frightened and crawls back into his hole for another six weeks sleep, confident that winter has not yet passed.

If he fails to see his shadow, which in all probability he will, the little fellow will remain out and though a chilly wind and a drenching rain might discourage any other prophet, Mr. Ground Hog will not go back into the ground but romp around in order to be wide awake and greet the arrival of spring.

Based upon the assumption that the only likeness of himself that will be seen is his reflection in a puddle of water, which does not lend itself to the supposition that this can be called a shadow, it is generally believed that Mr. Ground Hog will stay out and that spring will be early this year, though the prediction may not materialize.

NEW TAGS MUST BE PUT ON CARS

Instructions to Watch Motorists Carefully Sent Out By Mr. Kozar

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, yesterday sent a general communication to the sheriffs of the counties, chiefs of police and marshals of the cities and towns, district judges and justices of the peace, and the police judges and recorders of the respective cities and towns of Oregon, advising them that the department was now up in the issuing of motor vehicle licenses and from after January 31st was and will continue to issue licenses for all motor vehicles, motorcycles, chauffeurs, operators and dealers in motor vehicles on the day of the receipt of the applications, except in those cases where by reason of some defect or correction to be made in the application it becomes necessary to return them to the applicant.

This notice is given to the officers to inform them officially so that they may govern themselves accordingly in the enforcement of the provisions of the motor vehicle laws within their respective jurisdictions. There is now no occasion for any motor vehicle owner attempting to operate his car without having a 1924 license, except in those cases where positive and affirmative evidence can be produced to the effect that application has been made to the secretary of state but the license plates have not yet been received by reason of some delay in the mails or some correction to be made in the application.

Of the 166,000 motor vehicles licensed in Oregon in 1923, applications have been filed with the secretary of state up to this time for about 110,000. This represents 20,000 more licenses issued in 1924 than in the year 1923 during the same period. Many motor vehicle owners do not take their cars out of storage until later in the year, but as these cars come out the owners will secure licenses for them before operating on the streets or highways. Where application has not been made up to this time, motor vehicle owners should submit their applications through the sheriffs of the respective counties and secure temporary tags from that official if they desire to operate the car between the period of submitting application for license and the receipt of the permanent plates from the secretary of state. Otherwise they can make application direct to the secretary of state and await the receipt of the permanent plates from his office.

Lane County Rancher Is Acquitted of Charges

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 1.—Neil Berkren, aged rancher living near Cape Hoeceta, was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court here this afternoon on the charge of aiding and abetting the three robbers of the Lane county state and savings bank at Florence in December. Berkren is the third rancher tried this week on this charge. Charles Blazier having been found guilty and John C. Herring having been acquitted.

BANDIT GRABS WALLET FROM MESSENGER

Purse With All It Contained, \$565,000— in Cancelled Checks — Recovered

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 1.—A bandit stepped out of an alley in the heart of the downtown business district today, thrust a shiny gun into the ribs of Leslie Williams, 19 years old messenger of the Iowa National bank, grabbed the wallet he carried and sped away in an automobile. The wallet and all its contents were found this afternoon by police. The wallet contained \$565,000 in cancelled checks.

ESSAY CONTEST BRINGS INTEREST

Robinson D. Day, County Chairman for Contests, Makes Statement

With \$350 in state prizes and the Frank T. Wrightman fund prize of \$50 for the best essays by the school children of the county, interest in the American legion essay contest upon the subject, "Peace Time Patriotism" is increasing, according to Robin D. Day, attorney who has been named chairman for the Marion county contests. Mr. Day is prominent in legion activities and is chief in charge, or president, of the Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the special order of the American legion. Though he is not married, Mr. Day speaks from the broad point of view when he says:

"It is in our children and our children's children that the future welfare of our country exists. We of the present generation must soon doff the mantle of government, and the child, who is now the student in the school, must take the wheel which guides the ship of state. The seeds of imported discontent, born of a union of anarchist and Bolshevism can only be suppressed by the patriotism of our loyal citizenship and that citizenship of the future is now the children of the public schools.

"Give these children every incentive that is within our power that they may make a study of these subjects pertaining to the patriotic duty of every American—the love of country and its flag—to study its needs and its well being," Mr. Day continued. "Every child that writes an article relative to a patriotic duty makes a study of the subject and therefore becomes inspired with the need that all who love this land must be on the alert against the insidious poison of the soviet of the honeyed words of an agitator, and see that there is not weakened one cord that binds together in harmony these great United States.

"We have but to look for example at the condition of the countries of Europe today to see what may be brought to a people by a lack of faith in a government; to see what was once a prosperous and contented country of a few years ago now ruled by riot. Such is the result of the lack of patriotism in both those who rule and those who are ruled."

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house adopted the Walsh resolution calling for annulment of oil leases.

A drastic immigration bill was reported by the house immigration committee.

Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer was reported to the house by its military committee.

Senator Ogden, Republican, Nevada, expressed dissatisfaction at what he described as "failure" of Director Hines to "clean house" in the Veterans' bureau.

The senate oil committee was informed by its own physicians that Albert B. Fall is able to appear and summoned him for tomorrow.

Secretary Mellon informed Representative Garner, Democrat, Texas, that the Democratic tax plan would cause a greater loss to the government than the Mellon plan.

The White House indicated that the selection of Thomas W. Gregory as oil counsel might be cancelled as a result of E. L. Doheny.

WILSON FIGHTS WITH DEATH AT CLOSE RANGE

War Time President Gathers Back Remnant of Vitality—Friends and Physicians Only Hope

"I'M BROKEN MACHINE" SAYS FORMER LEADER

Supreme Crisis Expected at Any Moment By Dr. Grayson and Other Doctors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Woodrow Wilson is fighting against death at close quarters.

With a tenacity born of the old indomitable spirit that carried him through so many desperate battles in the momentous day of his service in the White House, he clung to life tonight after those about him had all but abandoned hope of his recovery.

By nightfall he had snatched back a little strength that had ebbed away in the earlier hours, but his condition remained grave and the watchers at his bedside realized how insignificant a turn for the worse it would take to snuff out the flickering flame of his earthly being.

As the evening hours passed the broken remnant of his vitality reached the stage in which both friends and physicians were powerless to do more than hope for the best. No one knew what moment the supreme crisis might come or whether he again would emerge victorious. A conviction lay upon all of those without, however, that even should he live to see day, then end would be only a question of hours.

Relapse Came Monday

The immediate cause of his relapse was a minor digestive derangement which first appeared last Monday. In the beginning it was not in itself alarming; but it was enough to undermine the slender support by which his vitality has been sustained since lingering illness first took a grip upon him four years and four months ago. He took a sudden serious turn in the early hours of today, and ever since has lain between life and death.

While the great personages of Washington and the lowliest of his followers far and near were pouring in a flood of messages of sympathy or calling at his home to express their concern, he spent the long hours of the day and night sleeping fitfully and awakening to speak in faint whispers to those who were with him.

During the afternoon he was able to take some nourishment; his heart seemed a trifle stronger; his mind remained for the most part clear and alert; he suffered somewhat but bore it stoically. The sinking sun and the twilight hours saw him still fighting, but there were no signs that encouraged his physicians to believe that a material change for the better was in prospect.

Says "I'm Ready" He himself understood that the battle through which he was passing probably would be his last. "I'm ready," he said to his friend and physician, Dr. Grayson. "You've done all you could. I am a broken machine. It's better that I should go than remain a helpless invalid."

WOODROW WILSON IS LOSING GROUND SAYS BULLETIN ISSUED BY THREE DOCTORS; FAMILY GATHERS AT WASHINGTON HOME



WOODROW WILSON

HUSH OF IMPENDING SORROW FELT NEAR WILSON'S HOME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Up and down the steep, narrow street to Woodrow Wilson's home since he laid aside the presidency for the peace of private life, there flowed today a curious traffic marked by the rush of an impending sorrow.

It was not very great as numbers go, for "S" street, where the Wilson home stands shoulder to shoulder with a half dozen other mansions, its a byway of city traffic. But as word spread that the former president lay close to the end of his life's journey, a police cordon was necessary to free the street of motor cars that turned that way for word from the sick room.

Admiral Grayson was the spokesman from the house of sorrowful waiting. Once, early in the day, he came out, weary with his long vigil and his own emotion, while the reporters clustered close about him on the sidewalk. He could give them no word of encouragement. The end was only a matter of hours, it seemed, and Mr. Wilson himself knew that it was near. The other doctors who had counseled with Dr. Grayson in the morning hours, would not talk of the condition of the patient when they came out. But they were grave when they said the former president was sleeping and in no pain. It was plain they entertained no hope.

Opposite the Wilson home, where a high bank stands fronting a stretch of vacant, bush-grown land, a line of passers-by grew and thinned and grew again. For the most part they were people of the neighborhood. Among them were little groups of children caught in the midst of their play by the sight of the silent watchers and come to look curiously on. Most of them have seen other crowds before that house crowds of cheering, laughing folks come to wait patiently until the bent figure of Woodrow Wilson should emerge at the doorway and send back a smiling answer to the cheers and applause that greeted him.

There were bands to play and orators to speak those other times and the children who came today seemed at first to expect such an other moment of excitement and pleasure. But they caught the sorrowful expectancy of the gathering very quickly and drifted silently away. It was not necessary that any one should caution them to be quiet.

In the afternoon there began to arrive friends who stopped only to leave cards at the door. There were many of those, and many times messenger boys came speeding up or down the hilly street to leave messages of sympathy and hope for Mrs. Wilson. Among those who came afoot to leave a card Ambassador Alencar of Brazil and shortly afterward a small group of Filipinos from the Philippine independence delegation now in Washington.

Condition of Former Chief Executive of the Nation Remains Unchanged Throughout the Night—Old Friend Grayson Remains at Bedside While Others Go Away for Rest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—At 4 a. m., there was no indication of a change in the condition of Former President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—At 3:25 a. m. all remained quiet at the home of Woodrow Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—As the night wore on, the watchers at the home of former President Wilson saw no indications of a change in his condition. Shortly before 3 a. m. the quiet that had prevailed during most of the night continued.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—At 2 a. m. no change in the condition of former President Wilson was indicated. All was quiet at the S street home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The quiet vigil at the home of former President Wilson was maintained undisturbed in the sick room but soon after midnight Mrs. Wilson retired.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—At midnight there was no change in the grave condition of former President Wilson. The house was darkened except for the sick room.

M'ADOO REQUESTS HEARING AT PROBE

Former Secretary of Treasury Telegraphs Walsh for Chance to Testify

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—William G. McAdoo received \$150,000 not \$250,000 as stated today by E. L. Doheny before the senate oil lease investigation committee for legal services to the Doheny companies, according to a declaration made at McAdoo's offices here late today.

When shown a report of Doheny testimony, Mr. McAdoo first issued a statement characterizing as "wholly without justification of any sort" the dragging in of his name at the oil lease probe.

The next move was to telegraph Senator Walsh of the senate committee of inquiry asking that arrangements be made for him to appear before the committee and give his testimony.

Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo plan to leave for Washington tomorrow morning on account of the illness of Woodrow Wilson. Mrs. McAdoo's formal statement the ex-secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads declared that "never at any time had he been employed or consulted regarding any oil lease anywhere in the United States." He amplified this assertion with the explanation that his advice to the Doheny companies had been entirely in connection with their business in Mexico.

Washington Posse Seeks Man Who Killed Three

EPHRATA, Wash., Feb. 1.—At 9 o'clock tonight posse members seeking Owen Hudson, wanted in connection with the killing of his brother, Earl, and two neighbors, Ira Slaten and Glen Pugh, Wednesday night, reported they had found footprints indicating to them that Hudson had escaped from the Cordon drawn around him last night and was headed toward Stratford, nearby.

A new posse headed by deputy sheriff Morgan Porter of Grant county has gone out from here to take the trail.

Democrats Meet Today to Reorganize Committee

Marion county Democrats will meet today for a reorganization of the county central committee. There is some speculation that Brazier C. Small, young Salem attorney, may be selected as county chairman to succeed County Judge W. H. Downing. He is prominently connected with the American Legion. Another possibility is P. L. Frazier, who is a Democratic war horse of long service in the ranks of the party in this county.

ORMANDY WILL TALK AT LUNCH

General Passenger Agent of Southern Pacific at Chamber Monday

"The tourist and what the Southern Pacific is doing to bring people to Oregon," is the subject of an address to be given by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday. A. A. Mickel, district freight and passenger agent, will preside as chairman of the day.

Mr. Ormandy started in rail-roading as a telegrapher and climbed the long ladder of success, round by round, until he reached one of the important positions. After having quit "pounding brass," Mr. Ormandy was station agent, clerk in a large office, rate man, chief clerk and finally general passenger agent.

3 Under Death Sentence Make Escape in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 1.—Posse climbed the countryside about Little Rock tonight with the hunt centering about "Tobacco Valley," a rough and heavily wooded section, 15 miles east of this city, in pursuit of Emory Conant and Joe and Eulis Sullivan, who, after a spectacular escape from death cells in the Arkansas penitentiary today, forced Harry Martin, prison warden, to drive them through the penitentiary gates to liberty. The abandoned prison car later was found on the edge of the "valley."