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EXPLANATION OF ENGRAVING MIXUP GIVEN

Mellon Writes Letter to President Answering "Once and For All" Charges of Brewer

TELLS HOW PAPER USED WAS CHECKED IN BUREAU

"Treasury's Record Invites Fullest Inspection," Is Word of Secretary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Charges brought by Charles B. Brewer, department of justice attorney of bond duplication in the bureau of engraving were answered "once and for all" today by Secretary Mellon, who in a letter to the president asserted the accusations were unfounded and the integrity of the public debt undisturbed. The letter to the chief executive was "a clear statement of facts and the secretary said that public uneasiness may be dissipated.

In making public the letter to Mr. Coolidge, the treasury secretary also announced that Major Wallace with Kirby of the army engineer corps would take charge as acting director of the bureau immediately relieving Louis A. Hill, the director named when President Harding ousted James L. Wilmett and 27 other officials of the plant in 1922. Hill's resignation was tendered some weeks ago, upon announcement by the treasury of a decision to restore the ousted employees to their places but acceptance was withheld until his successor could be selected.

Statement Published

In making known the selection of the new acting director, Mr. Mellon made public a statement by the president which explained that Major Kirby would retain his commission in the army and that when the bureau is "put once more in good working order, a permanent director will be appointed."

Mr. Mellon's letter to the president dealing with conditions in the bureau related to details of the investigation conducted by the treasury in running down each charge presented by Mr. Brewer. Most of these the secretary said concerned affairs of the bureau under previous administrations and related to the great war time issues of federal securities. But the treasury agents went back to check over these also, Mr. Mellon said and added that the treasury's record of guarding against fraud in the handling of the securities invites the fullest inspection.

The charges, in Mr. Mellon's opinion were based largely on "misinformation and misunderstanding" and the secretary declared emphatically there was no evidence at any time to substantiate the charges of fraudulent issue of federal bonds.

Answer Held Final

Mr. Mellon said the Brewer charges in fact, related principally to the temporary issues of securities, nearly all of which were exchanged into permanent bonds as rapidly as conditions permitted. That exchange in the secretary's opinion provided a good check upon the integrity of the issue of the temporary bonds and it "furnishes a conclusive answer to the charges of the duplication."

There are now only about thirty seven million dollars in temporary bonds still outstanding out of a total of more than fifteen billions issued, the secretary asserted.

"In other words," the letter said, "the liberty bonds now in the hands of the house are practically all permanent bonds which are not in any way affected by the charges, so that there is no occasion for any public uneasiness in this regard."

FRANK WRIGHTMAN IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGESHIP



FRANK T. WRIGHTMAN

THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

The tariff commission made public tentative figures on the cost of producing wheat in the United States and Canada.

The tax revision bill was taken up by the house under agreement to close general debate by 4 p. m., Monday.

Denial that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan was made in the senate by Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama.

Secretary Mellon called a meeting of the debt funding commission for next Monday to consider future dealings with debtor nations.

Chairman Johnson called a meeting for tomorrow of the house immigration committee to consider objections of Secretary Hughes to the pending immigration bill.

Nation-wide profiteering in bread was charged in a report of the peoples' legislative service submitted to Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin.

Charges that there had been duplication of government bonds were denied by Secretary Mellon in a letter to President Coolidge.

Major Wallace W. Kirby was named head of the bureau of engraving and printing.

Nomination of Silas H. Strawn of Chicago to be a special government counsel in the oil cases was withdrawn from the senate by President Coolidge.

The senate oil committee heads sensational testimony from John Schaefer, the publisher, and others and deferred until tomorrow examination of Frank Vanderlip. It summoned Edward B. McLean to testify later regarding a million dollar "slush fund."

Frank Wrightman, deputy in the tax department of the county sheriff's office, yesterday filed his declaration of candidacy for nomination for county judge in the Republican primary.

Mr. Wrightman gives his platform as follows:

"I will stand for and administer economy in public affairs; strict enforcement of law; reduction of taxes to the lowest limit possible without injury to the county's welfare; careful administration of estates; justice tempered with humane spirit in juvenile cases; will use every effort to relieve the citizens from the excessive burden of taxation they now bear and give to the people an administration of justice and economy along business lines with fair treatment to all and special privilege to none."

The slogan which will appear opposite his name on the ballot is as follows: "Strict economy on business lines; with fair treatment, lower taxes and enforcement."

Mr. Wrightman has been associated with different offices in the county court house for a number of years. He served as Marion county sheriff and as deputy sheriff under E. M. Croisan and his successor. He worked in the county assessor's office while Ben West was assessor and is now deputy sheriff in the tax department of the sheriff's office.

He studied law at Willamette university finishing in the class of 1898, the same year as the late Judge W. M. Bushby.

Mr. Wrightman also served a corporation commissioner in Oregon and has had much experience as an auditor, having audited the county officers' books several years in addition to similar work for business firms and organizations.

He is a member of the Salem Elks lodge and was appointed deputy district exalted ruler of Oregon by the grand exalted ruler of the lodge.

Dentist Forcibly Removes Bridge From Mouth, Claim

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Enrichetta Raschio told a jury in circuit court today that when she confessed to Dr. A. D. Stephanov, a dentist, that she had not the money wherewith to pay for bridge work which he had just installed for her, the dentist threw her on the floor and forcibly tore out the bridge.

Canadian Mounted Police Exonerated of Dope Charge

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—Members of the Canadian mounted police in British Columbia were exonerated in a report received here today from J. P. Smith of the Vancouver bar.

STRAYER AND MILLER BOTH FILE PAPERS

Two Democratic Aspirants for United States Senator Now on Record at Kozer's Office

MYRTLE POINT MAN FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

Several Seek Posts as District Attorney and in State Legislature

Milton A. Miller of Portland yesterday filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator. W. H. Strayer of Baker filed earlier in the day.

Mr. Miller submits the following as a platform:

"Favor strict immigration laws, a nonpartisan tariff commission, law enforcement, a soldier bonus, excess profits tax, extending our foreign commerce which will increase the marketing of the products of our fields and factories, a constructing program which will give substantial relief to the farming and agricultural districts. Favor tax reduction, but not in favor of reducing taxes on those best able to pay, and leaving it upon those least able to pay. I am in favor of anything that will bring world peace, preferably the league of nations, and of all government business being done in the open." His slogan is: "Nobody to serve but the people."

Strayer States Platform

State Senator W. H. Strayer of Baker yesterday filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator. His platform reads as follows:

"Devote myself to the service of the best interests of the nation and my state; will constantly strive for a reduction in the cost of government; will endeavor to make this state felt in national affairs and in all matters will protect the interests of the state of Oregon."

Senator Strayer's slogan is "Only by spending less money can the cost of government be reduced."

Other candidates filing yesterday were:

For District Attorney

Ira M. Peterson of Moro, for republican nomination for district attorney for Sherman county.

George W. Hayes of Vale, for republican nomination for district attorney for Malheur county.

"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, enforce all criminal laws and statutes without fear or favor, and conduct the office in an economical manner."

Francis E. Marsh of Metolius, for republican nomination for district attorney for Jefferson county. Platform, "If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, conduct the same fairly and impartially, and without fear or favor."

Budsoe Seeks Convention

J. M. Budsoe of Myrtle Point is a candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention in New York city next June. His slogan is "America for Americans; restricted immigration; tax reduction, and strict national economy."

Vine W. Pearce of Madras is a candidate for the democratic nomination for district attorney of Jefferson county. His slogan is "Do my full duty."

A. H. Burton of Portland is seeking the republican nomination for state senator from the 12th senatorial district, running under the slogan, "Strict prohibition enforcement. My past record for economy. No retroactive statutes."

Judge Anderson Files

James H. Hazlett of Hood River wants the democratic nomination for representative in the legislature from the ninth representative district. His slogan is "Favor the income tax."

Judge Gustav Anderson wants to succeed himself as circuit judge in the eighth judicial district. He is a republican. His slogan is "Present incumbent. Obedience to and impartial application of the laws."

GOVERNOR ILL, RETURNS HOME

Dr. M. K. Hall of Portland Called — Trouble May Be Gallstones

Governor Pierce became ill early yesterday with what was announced later in the day as acute indigestion. He was compelled to leave his office and return home after he had been at the capitol a short time in the morning.

Dr. M. K. Hall of Portland was called and after a consultation last night between him and Salem physicians it was stated that the governor probably would remain at his home for two or three days.

FALL GOES SOUTH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 14.—Albert B. Fall rested in St. Louis for several hours this evening on his way to El Paso, Texas.

53 DESIGNS ARE SENT IN AS STICKERS

Contest to Choose Windshield Ad. for Salem Ends Tonight; Prizes at Stake

Fifty-three designs for the automobile windshield sticker to advertise Salem have been turned in to the chamber of commerce during the week. The contest will close at 6 o'clock tonight.

These stickers are very artistic in the main and present some very creditable designs. Such words as Cherry City, Capital, Salem, are the most general, while nearly all of the stickers used the cherry, state house and fruit as the chief theme. The horn of plenty and fruit baskets are also used. Colors used by the artists are as varied as the design, which are of nearly every conceivable shape.

Members of the board of directors will meet early next week to consider the designs and make a selection of a number of the best. These will be turned over to a special committee who will select the three best designs. Prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be given to the winners, the design of the first winner being the one to be used on the windshields.

In making the awards the designs will be put to a practical test, that of observing their effectiveness from a distance of about 40 feet. Those making the decisions will not know the name of the artist, as all designs will be considered by number only.

Nearly every art student in the city has submitted a design, while through the efforts of Miss Hazel I. Baden, art instructor at the high school, a majority of her classes entered the contest.

SLUSH FUND RUMOR TO BE FULLY SIFTED

Day's Developments in Oil Scandal Move With Lightning Speed — Publisher Among Those Summoned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Out of another day of lightning developments in the oil scandal there emerged tonight a definite determination by the investigating committee to go to the bottom of rumor that a \$1,000,000 oil slush fund had been deposited in Washington for distribution among men in high places.

Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, was summoned for questioning regarding the slush fund report, and committee members said Otto H. Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Benjamin F. Yoakum, retired president of a western railroad, would be called later.

Information representing 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. Yoakum after he had talked to Mr. Kahn.

Strawn Withdrawn

The oil committee continued to hold out tonight against approval of Silas H. Strawn and Altee Pomerene as government counsel in the oil cases and after being advised of this President Coolidge withdrew the name of Mr. Strawn. He took the position, however, that no conclusive evidence of Mr. Pomerene's ineligibility had been produced.

Throughout the day's hearings Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York banker, waited in vain in the hearing room to be called to the witness stand for questioning regarding his recent references to the sale of President Harding's Marion Star. He and other witnesses on the same subject will be heard tomorrow.

The testimony given during the long session related largely to the methods by which former interior secretary Fall got into operation his leasing policy and provided the investigators with several new sensations.

John C. Shaffer, publisher of the Chicago Post and several other newspapers, testified that Fall told him in the same month he entered Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair.

He himself, Mr. Shaffer said, got a one-eighth share in the \$1,000,000 Sinclair paid the Pioneer Oil company in connection with the Teapot deal and through an advance agreement with Fall was promised in addition 200 acres in Teapot Dome.

Negotiations Private

E. C. Finney, assistant secretary of the interior, testified that the Fall leases were negotiated privately, and that not even the department's own solicitor was asked for an opinion as to their legality.

FINAL FLASHES

WHITESBURG, Ky., Feb. 14.—Bob Bates, 32, and Sam Bates Jr., 17, brothers of the late Bob Bates of Rockhouse creek, met on a lonely path on Troublesome creek on the Letcher county border today and fought a duel. Both are dead.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—General Estrada, chief of the rebels on the Jalisco front, has been decisively defeated and is in flight, the Mexican embassy announced.

HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—All troops in Williamson county with the exception of one battalion of the 130th regiment under command of Col. A. L. Culbertson, have been ordered to their homes and will leave at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—The American National bank at Forsyth closed its doors today, according to report to the federal reserve branch at Helena.

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government will concentrate 1700 troops in Vera Cruz. Three battalions of Yaquis are expected tomorrow to help safeguard the railways.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 14.—Ervin Liverman, salesman for a Rochester, N. Y., jewelry company, reported to the authorities that he had been robbed today of diamonds valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000, by three men who pretended to be officers.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 14.—"Unbounded faith," in President Coolidge was expressed in resolutions adopted at the republican state convention here.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—More than 10,000 cases of liquor, five barrels of alcohol and a completely equipped "cutting" plant were seized, by federal prohibition agents tonight in a downtown warehouse. The building is on Water street, a few blocks from city hall.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, whom the senate oil committee decided today to question with reference to rumors of a \$1,000,000 oil slush fund, announced in a telegram received late tonight by his newspaper that he was leaving Palm Beach, Fla., immediately for this city.

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NEW YORK MAN SLOWLY RETURNS STOLEN JEWELS

Small Packets Returned From Hiding Places Half Paralyzed Broker

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—John Mahan, who has returned to the police all but \$223,000 of the \$300,000 collection of gems sold to him by handits who robbed Mrs. Hugo C. F. Schoellkopf on New Year's eve, 1922, tonight set out to recover the last packet—diamonds weighing 87.68 karats.

Police said there was no parallel for the manner in which the loot has come back. Mahan, indicted, but free from surveillance while locating the gems, wanders out each nightfall to secret haunts. He has returned stones worth \$223,000 in separate collections. The police ask no questions.

Past 50 and half paralyzed, Mahan is convinced that he is dying and is obsessed by the desire to return all of the jewels before death comes.

PIERCE REQUESTS COOLIDGE'S HELP

Governor Asks Presidential Support of McNary-Haugen Measure

Governor Pierce yesterday sent a lengthy telegram to President Coolidge, requesting that the president lend his support to the McNary-Haugen bill for the relief of American farmers. The governor urges the president to use the power of his office to lighten the tax and cost burden of the farmer, and avers that remedies suggested by the president in his Lincoln day address fail to reach the root of the present difficulty.

Pertinent Facts Cited

"I have read with deep interest press reports of your Lincoln day speech and particularly that portion respecting agriculture," said the governor. "I have for more than a third of a century been in the active business of raising wheat. Based on that experience and the knowledge of farming conditions today, I am taking the liberty of calling your attention to pertinent facts relative to the agricultural situation which I fear have been overlooked. It is not more credit that the producers need. It is not a change to diversified crops alone. Nor is it within the power of the producers to work out their own salvation as has been suggested. These plans fail to reach the root of the problem. The producers need above everything else a reasonable price for their products.

Cost Exceeds Receipts

"Today prices in most cases are far below the actual cost of production. For everything the farmer produces he has to pay exorbitant prices owing to high tariff and transportation charges. On the other hand, the prices of articles he has to sell are depressed by reason of a surplus that must find a foreign market. In other words, the farmer is buying under a protective tariff and is compelled to sell on a free trade basis. By his purchases in the protected home market the farmer has made industry prosperous, but by sale of his own products at a price fixed by world markets, many of which are now closed to him, the farmer is reduced to near ruin. The economic structure can no more be maintained half prosperous and half depressed than a nation can live half free and half slave.

Should Cut Tariff

"As governor or one of the great economic commonwealths of this union, I petition you to use the power of your high office for the reduction of taxes on consumers by reducing the tariff on articles of common consumption and for the reduction of freight rates to a point such that the farmer can dispose of products at a profit.

"On behalf of the producers of America's bread, I petition you earnestly to support the McNary-Haugen bill which permits the growers of wheat to sell their surplus in foreign markets at what over price can there be obtained—the losses to be sustained by the wheat producers themselves. We ask the authority of the law for that which is done today by large manufacturing concerns throughout the United States. Direct and effective action on your part as the nation's chief executive for the McNary-Haugen bill will I believe go far toward saving a situation which if allowed to drift will surely lead to the serious injury of the country's entire economic structure."

Names of Wagon Senior and Junior Mentioned in Portland Case

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 14.—legation that a conspiracy has been entered into between owners of the stage lines operating out of the Yamhill street depot in Portland and insurance companies issuing auto stage insurance to prevent competition from other lines operating out of the new Central State terminal on Salmon street, was made before the Oregon public service commission this afternoon by Milton R. Klepper, attorney for the Salmon street terminal.

Still further allegation was made that one of the two insurance firms, Boyle, Freeman & Wagon, promised immunity from trouble with the commission to the stage line operators using the Yamhill street terminal. Testimony was entered by Klepper in an effort to prove that such immunity had been gained from the commission.

CITIZENS ASK FINANCES TO IMPROVE PARK

Need of Better Camping Facilities for Auto Tourists Stressed at Mass Meeting Last Night

REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND WOMEN ARE HEARD

Big Social and Financial Opportunity Seen if Authorities Act

That the city council and the park board should be permitted to spend any money necessary, as far as available, even to the extent of a tax levy, in order to improve and maintain the Salem automobile tourist camp ground in the proper condition was the unanimous opinion expressed by representative men and women who met at the chamber of commerce last night to discuss the camp grounds.

Though several of the speakers severely criticized published reports regarding the condition of the grounds last summer, all took the view that there were certain things that should be remedied and that something should be done to better the location.

"Money was lost last year by ill-advised articles in the papers," declared Mayor J. B. Giesy, who called the meeting. After giving a summary of attendance and receipts for the last two or three years, he said there was on hand a surplus of \$868.30 from last year.

Harley O. White, president of the chamber of commerce, presided at the meeting. He urged the necessity of providing grounds that would entice the tourist to remain for a few days at least. Forty per cent of the people touring the country in the summer time are looking for a permanent location, he said.

With the aid of a diagram on a chart, Gideon Stolz explained how the creek should be cleaned out, taking this material to fill in low places throughout the grounds and the necessity of forcing the creek to follow the channel instead of cutting away the banks and overflowing. Before this can be accomplished trees must be cut, he said, and roots blasted. The city is contemplating a permanent bridge over the creek on Winter street, he said, but the creek must first be cleared in order to prevent this from being washed out. The long strip between the creek and Bellevue street can be utilized if given proper treatment, and a temporary bridge built, he said. This bridge could be stored during the winter months.

Fine roads are not wanted unless the camping sites are harmonious with these, was the opinion expressed by Thomas B. Kay. He told of the competition between cities for tourist trade and said that the city which could offer the most would obtain the majority of the trade. Cities said to be judged by their camp grounds.

"Salem is the most beautiful city in the state, and the second largest in size," Mr. Kay said. "We cannot afford to maintain a camp ground inferior to those of other cities which are smaller."

Following Mr. Kay's talk, the meeting went on record as favoring a tax levy, if necessary, to promote the camp grounds.

Several of those attending participated in the general discussion of the meeting. Sentiments expressed were as follows:

Fred Erickson—Salem wants a first class campground. A small percentage of the tourists stop in the city. Make the grounds attractive so that the visitors will stop over for a few days at least.

P. M. Gregory—The need of a good camp ground is proved by the experiences of the past seasons. Business men should not be called upon to finance the grounds. He recommended that the city council and park board should make of the place a campground of which the city could be proud.

Mrs. Richard Cartwright, president of the Womens' Civic club—Her first impressions of the camp ground were poor and she found the equipment inadequate. "Primitive" was the application to conditions as she found them. The greatest need is more than one shower bath each for the men and women. The women are going to stay with the movement until they

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Occasional rain Friday; cooler east portion; moderate winds, mostly westerly.

LOCAL WTATHER (Thursday)

Maximum temperature, 53. Minimum temperature, 45. Rainfall, trace. River, 5.3 feet above. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southwest.

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