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HARDEST TEST FOR AVIATORS YET TO COME

Planes Settle Down at Sand Point for 12 Days Preparation—Dangerous Part Ahead

PLAYING SAFE WILL BE WATCH WORD OF FLIGHT

Weather Conditions Will Control Every Move Made By Four Big Ships

SEATTLE, March 20.—Major Frederick L. Martin, commanding and three other officers, flying four planes arrived here today, and tonight had settled down to 12 days of preparation on Sand Point aviation field on Lake Washington, just north of the city, for the hardest test expected in an attempt of the United States army to circumnavigate the globe in the air.

The three fliers, Major Martin and Lieutenants Lowell H. Smith and Leigh Wade, traveled today from Vancouver, Wash., to Sand Point, 195 miles, in two hours and a half. They were joined later by Lieut. Erik H. Nelson, who came from Eugene, Or., today.

The flight, formally started Monday at Santa Monica, near Los Angeles, was halted here for adjustments to meet the difficulties of driving the machines from the United States to Japan. This, reckoned by far the most severe part of the course that is expected to conduct the fliers back to Los Angeles in September, led to decision to equip the machines here with giant pontoons.

Will Play Safe

On the journey from the states to Japan, 4183 miles on the course as mapped out along the coast of British Columbia, Alaska and through the Aleutian islands of the United States to the Kurile islands of Japan, the machines are not expected to touch land. They are to be tied to big mooring buoys that are being installed for them.

A policy of playing safe with the weather that has characterized the conduct of the flight since it began is to mark it in the north, according to information obtained here.

Mooring places have been or are being prepared at Prince Rupert, in the Canadian province of British Columbia, north of here; at Sitka, the old capital; at Cordova, the copper port of the north; at Seward, ocean terminus of the government's new Alaskan railroad and at Chignik, lone fish cannery station on the mainland of Alaska, at Dutch Harbor; at Nanai, and at Chichagoff, in the Aleutian islands.

Up to and including Dutch Harbor, radio or cable communication with Washington, D. C., exists at all these points, or has been especially provided for the world flight.

Nanai is on Atka Island, and Chichagoff on Attu Island. These islands, though desolate, inhospitable, are units of the Aleutians. There for reigns most of the summer and snow is scarcely ever absent. No communication exists with these two islands, nor has any been established. From the time Major Martin and his three co-adventurers leave Dutch Harbor or Unalaska, they will have to depend for communication on the cutters Haida and Algonquin of the United States coast guard, which are to patrol that part of the north Pacific ocean for that purpose.

At no stage is a hop-off to be made until the weather has been reported suitable on the course to the next stopping place. These reports must be gathered by one of the cutters on the west end of the journey across the Pacific and received by the other cutter, which will take its station by the planes for the purpose. This, it was ex-

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally fair Friday; moderate northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Thursday)
Maximum temperature, 50.
Minimum temperature, 36.
River, 1.3; stationary.
Rain, .02 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, southwest.

PRESIDENT'S LEAD MORE THAN 14,000; LA FOLLETTE SECOND

FARGO, N. D., March 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Calvin Coolidge tonight clung to his plurality of around 14,000 as belated returns came in from the republican presidential preferential contest of yesterday in North Dakota.

The "mopping-up" of scattered returns in the rural districts also serve to entrench Senator Robert M. La Follette in second place, more than 3,500 votes ahead of Senator Hiram Johnson, who had been runner-up in earlier returns.

When 1780 of the state's 2053 precincts had reported, the president had a plurality of 14,826 in a total vote of 111,321, the polling showing: Coolidge, 48,240; La Follette, 33,404; Johnson, 29,677.

Delegates Instructed

COULEE, Wash., March 20.—Grant county republicans here today instructed the county delegation to vote for Calvin Coolidge in the coming state convention. Resolutions urged members of congress to work for the passage of the McNary-Haugen grain export commission bill and endorsed a movement to raise \$100 in the county for the Harding memorial fund.

Senator Watson of Indiana, a republican member of the committee said such a move probably would be made this week and Chairman Smoot has said he believed it would be acted upon favorably. Both pointed out that it would be necessary for the committee to know what expenses the government would have to bear before deciding on the rate schedule of the revenue bill.

While democrats have taken no stand on the matter, no opposition has been voiced to the proposal to give the bonus measure priority.

Chairman Smoot, who yesterday introduced a proposed amendment to the bonus bill as passed by the house, providing for life insurance policies payable only at death instead of 20 year endowment policies, today asked for estimates on policies of slightly lower value than he at first suggested. The amendment called for policies based on 4-1-2 per cent interest compounded annually on the sum of adjusted service credit due each veteran.

LOVE ADVENTURESS FEARED VENGEANCE

Kansas City Osteopath Told Fears to Woman Just Before Murdered

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 20.—The fear of avenging death at the hands of four persons overshadowed the last few hours of Dr. Zoe Wilkins, pretty osteopath and love adventuress, whose mutilated body was found in her home early Tuesday night.

This developed tonight when the police found a woman to whom Dr. Wilkins communicated her fears shortly before the awaited end overtook her.

Dr. Wilkins called the "four avengers" with a mysterious sanitarium "deal" in Kansas City which is puzzling the police. "My life is threatened; four people are going to get me," Dr. Wilkins told the woman, whose name is withheld. Dr. Wilkins implored the woman, whom she had considered employing as a secretary to remain at her home. The woman remained with Dr. Wilkins most of last Friday and was at the house again Saturday night, leaving a short time before the hour at which police believe the slaying occurred.

Polk County Pomona Grange Meets Saturday

An all-day session of the Polk county Pomona Grange will be held at Brush college Saturday. The Grangers of Polk county and the speakers of the day and their ladies will partake of a feast at noon. The main program, which will be open to the public, will center on the subjects of the youth of the nation and corruption found in high places. John L. Brady of Salem will give the main address and E. E. Elliott of the state board for vocational education will speak on his specialty. Music will be furnished by the young people who are members of the Grange.

REPUBLICANS STANDING BY MELLON RATE

Approaching Fight Over Income Tax Apparent in Senate Committee—Democrats Make Plans

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN

Reports From Treasury Department Differ—Attack Is Launched on These

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Interest in the senate finance committee's consideration of the revenue bill turned again today to the approaching fight on income tax rates after the committee had agreed to some further treasury provisions on technical and administrative details in the bill approved by the house.

Democrats drew up some prospective rates today and submitted them to fiscal experts to determine their probable revenue yield, while republicans apparently continued to stand by the Mellon rates, displaced by the house for the Longworth compromise.

Meanwhile, attention was centered on estimates as to the probable amount of revenue to be required by the government next year.

A report by under Secretary Winston of the treasury showed that the treasury in its estimates as to probable revenue which would be collected next year, and on which it figures the surplus available for tax reduction, had used the lower figures of two definite estimates.

Lower Estimate Used
If the maximum estimates had been used, it showed that \$88,415,000 more would be collected in the fiscal year 1924 and \$248,415,000 (correct) more in the fiscal year 1925 than under the figures accepted by the treasury. The treasury had figured on the basis of the lower estimates that a surplus of \$329,000,000 would be available in the fiscal year 1924 and \$395,000,000 in the following year; the first in which the new revenue law would apply.

The higher estimates were prepared by Joseph McCoy, government actuary, the report showed. The accepted estimates were submitted by the commissioner of internal revenue.

The table showed that the estimates of Mr. McCoy and those of the internal revenue bureau had conformed in past years.

Discussion of the report with Mr. Winston was planned by the committee for a later date.

Loss Indicated
The revenue bill passed by the house, it was estimated by the treasury, would result in a loss of \$446,000,000 in the fiscal year 1925.

Representative Garner of Texas, ranking democrat on the house ways and means committee who previously had asked the treasury for tax rate estimates, declared today that the report submitted to the senate committee "shows conclusively the secretary of the treasury has several sets of estimates and uses those which will best suit his argument."

"These figures show," Mr. Garner continued, "that if the estimates of Mr. McCoy who always before has prepared the estimates, had been used, the actual probable surplus in the fiscal year 1925 would be \$561,000,000 instead of \$395,000,000. If Mr. Mellon had used the maximum estimates submitted to him, Mr. McCoy's, for tax collections and the director of customs for customs collections, the surplus would amount to \$643,000,000 which would be larger even than the treasury estimated would be cut off under my income tax plan."

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the senate finance committee, today refused to ask the treasury for estimates on the proposed rate schedules of the democrats and placed the work in the hands of other experts.

CLUB WOMAN DIES

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, March 20.—Mrs. Cora M. Fitzgerald, 59, corresponding secretary of the Western Federation of Women's clubs, died suddenly here tonight of arthritis. Mrs. Fitzgerald was a native of the state of Washington and had held office with the federation for the past three years.

HEMP FUMES MAKE BOYS IN CELLS HAPPY

Leaves Smuggled by Inmates to Smoke in Cigarettes Cause Some Annoyance

Peace and quiet reigns at the penitentiary, but whether or not this is the calm that precedes a storm is not known by officials.

Lacking but two weeks, Warden A. M. Dalrymple has completed six months service as head of the institution. During this time there have been but two prisoners escape, Walter D. Smith, colored, and Abe Rosstein, both of whom were returned after a short period of liberty. The last escape occurred October 26, according to prison records. During this time there have been no fights between inmates employed in the yard nor has Warden Dalrymple or Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie been called upon to settle disputes between inmates.

"Hemp is causing the greatest amount of trouble, not the kind used in the execution, but the raw product, with its dry leaves," the warden remarked yesterday. "The men will not leave it alone. They strip the leaves, smuggle them inside and use them in preference to tobacco. The dried hemp leaves have the effects of a mild narcotic or drug. No more hemp for me, as soon as we can dispose of that in the Lashby warehouse."

Warden Dalrymple told of one inmate being confined to solitary confinement for an infraction of regulations. As was customary, he was carefully searched before being locked up, and a quantity of leaves, cigarette papers and matches were found in the lining of his coat. The man, the warden said, had been in "solitary" before and had prepared for such an emergency, for when men are so punished they are denied the solace of tobacco and reading materials. This man was punished when he was found to have cut a prison blanket in such manner as to devise an impromptu smoking jacket, used while enjoying a smoke of hemp leaves.

TROLLEY SYSTEM DOES WELL HERE

Street Cars Make Money in Salem and West Linn, Lose at Eugene

While the Southern Pacific company was losing money last year in its street railway operations in Eugene it was making good money in Salem and West Linn, according to the annual report filed yesterday with the public service commission.

In West Linn the company reports as a result of its street railway service operating revenue of \$65,557.54, operating expenses of \$35,298.17, and net operating revenue of \$30,259.37.

In Salem the operating revenue was \$108,979.70, operating expense, \$88,642.30, and net operating revenue, \$20,337.40. The latter figure was \$384.23 less than in 1922.

In Eugene the company's operating revenue was \$72,167.36, operating expense, \$77,970.02, and its loss \$5,802.66. The operating revenue was \$11,421.50 less than in 1922.

M'ADOO IS SPEAKER AT SIOUX FALLS

Problems of Middle West Farmer Discussed By Democratic Candidate

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 20.—William G. McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination said tonight he was surprised at the strength of the endorsement he received in Georgia yesterday.

"This is especially gratifying," he said, "as it comes from the very heart of the territory in which the support of Senator Underwood was supposed to be the strongest."

In his main speech here today Mr. McAdoo laid special emphasis upon the agricultural problems, declaring that if elected he would call a special session of congress immediately after March 4, 1925, to consider the agricultural question and "do everything possible to reestablish those sound conditions of prosperity which are not alone vital to the farmers of the United States but indispensable to the welfare of the people as a whole."

He left tonight for Omaha, where he is scheduled to speak tomorrow.

SINCLAIR DUE TO TESTIFY IN OIL HEARING

Wide Range of Subjects Will Be Taken Up By Committee in Questioning Holder of Leases

FRIEND OF JAKE HAMON CALLED BEFORE GROUP

Subpoena for Will Hays Issued By Teapot Dome Investigators of Senate

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A succession of thrills is looked for tomorrow by the oil committee with the appearance before it of Harry F. Sinclair, upon whom a subpoena was served today at New York.

Then senate investigators are prepared to question Sinclair on a wide range of subjects, some of which have been gone into rather exhaustively through other witnesses and others of which have not yet been touched upon.

Among new phases is a story that the New York oil magnate turned over a large batch of securities to Will H. Hays, former postmaster general and Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty to wipe out the deficit of the republican national committee incurred in the 1920 campaign.

G. D. Wahlberg, former private secretary to Sinclair, who was to be questioned about it, committee men learned, had been ordered to Havana, Cuba, by his physician, because of ill health.

A subpoena for Will H. Hays has been issued by the committee and he is expected to be here Saturday. Carmi A. Thompson of Cleveland, Ohio, also is summoned for that day to tell what he knows, if anything, about rumors of oil "deals" at the republican national convention at Chicago in 1920.

Jennings Summoned

In connection with the Chicago gossip, the committee today issued a subpoena for A. Jennings, at Los Angeles, once famous train robber of Oklahoma.

Information reported to Senator Walsh of Montana, the committee "prosecutor" is that Jennings was a close friend of Jake Hamon, former republican national committeeman of Oklahoma, who was alleged to have offered his support to Major General Leonard Wood at Chicago in return for appointment as secretary of the interior.

Former Representative Thomas Jefferson Ryan of New York, appeared voluntarily to deny under oath that he ever had dealt in any oil stocks. The committee's auditor, Louis F. Bond read into the record a detailed account of the oil stock transactions of Jess W. Smith, confidant of Attorney General Daugherty, which were carried on under the entry of "W. W. Spald No. 3." Spald is a member of the Spald firm.

This account showed a purchase of 1700 shares of Sinclair and other oil stocks in 1922, the sale of 800 shares at a profit of \$1531 and 900 shares remaining "long" in the account at the end of 1922.

Gift in Question

Aside from questioning Sinclair about the rumors of a gift of securities to make up the republican national committee deficit, the oil investigators are prepared to question him specifically about three or four major subjects in the investigation.

The committee wants to know particularly about his loan of \$25,000 to Albert B. Fall within four months after the latter left the cabinet; the agreement to pay \$1,000,000 to J. Leo Stack and Frederick G. Bonfils for alleged claims in Teapot Dome; and the payment of \$1,000,000 to the Pioneer and Beigo oil companies for their claims in the Wyoming naval reserve.

Another new line of investigation may be gone into next week as a result of developments yesterday in a magistrate's court in Philadelphia. Subpoenas for the principals in the court matter were issued today and will be dispatched to Philadelphia tomorrow. They will request the appearance of Martin Powers, a lawyer and Charles E. Oelschlager, an architect.

End in Sight

According to information reaching Senator Walsh, Oelschlager swore in an affidavit that Powers had told him that through Hays

THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

Plans for a naval base at Alameda, Cal., were disapproved by the house naval committee.

Harry F. Sinclair was summoned to appear tomorrow before the senate oil committee which held only a brief session today.

A resolution calling upon Secretary Weeks for full information about sale of arms to Mexico was adopted by the senate.

Charges of dishonesty in the internal revenue bureau were inquired into by the senate committee investigating the bureau.

President Coolidge made plans to confer with house republican leaders tomorrow night in his drive to speed up legislation.

Representatives of western states concluded their argument before the interstate commerce commission for lower grain freight rates.

The senate adopted a resolution asking the shipping board whether it was a member of the north Atlantic and United Kingdom steamship conference.

Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, a member of the finance committee, predicted the soldier bonus bill would be given priority over the tax measure.

The senate finance committee approved changes in the revenue law advocated by treasury officials to tighten provisions for tax collections on gains from sales and exchanges by corporations.

Tex Rickard told the Daugherty committee he had been "bunked" when he arranged with Jap Muma, Will A. Orr and "Ike" Martin to exhibit motion pictures of the Carpenter-Dempsey fight with immunity from prosecution.

Thomas Spellacy was called to verify some of the testimony of G. O. Holdridge, former department of justice agent.

MRS. BURNETT PASSES AWAY

Wife of Justice Burnett of Supreme Court Yields to Illness

Mrs. George H. Burnett, one of Salem's pioneer daughters and wife of Justice George H. Burnett, of the Oregon supreme court, passed away at her home here at 5:30 p. m. yesterday after a lingering illness. She was born April 6, 1856, and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Belt.

On December 31, 1879, she became the wife of George H. Burnett. Three years later they established a residence at 385 North High, where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Burnett was the first marionette of Chadwick Chapter 37, Order of Eastern Star, which will have full charge of the funeral services from the Webb funeral parlors Saturday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. The remains will be sent to the Portland crematorium for cremation.

There are no children.

OAC WOMEN SERVE 500 OREGON FOLK

65 From School Home Economics Take Over Multnomah Dining Room

PORTLAND, Or., March 20.—Young Women students of the school of home economics, Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, tonight cooked and served a dinner to 500 guests at the Multnomah hotel.

About 65 girls participated in the work, and the hotel kitchen and dining room were completely turned over to them for the occasion. In connection with the event 40 other girls from the college gave a style show, exhibiting on living models gowns and hats made by themselves at the college.

FRENCH CANDIDATE

SPOKANE, March 20.—Edward L. French, director of the state department of agriculture today announced that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination as governor. He is here representing the farmers of the state at a hearing on grain rates.

2 WITNESSES TELL OF FIGHT FILMS "DEALS"

Daugherty Issues Nightly Statement Claiming Testimony Exonerated Him—Rickard Testifies

"WAS BUNKED" CLAIMS WELL KNOWN PROMOTER

Jesse Smith-Roxie Stinson Telegrams Corroborate Part of Story

WASHINGTON, March 20.—More reels of the famous fight film "Deal" were run off today before the Daugherty investigating committee by Tex Rickard, promoter, and Thomas G. Spellacy, a former department of justice agent.

Their testimony partly corroborated and partly conflicted with previous stories told the committee. In his nightly statement summing up the day's developments, Attorney General Daugherty declared that Rickard had "exonerated" him from failure to prosecute film exhibitions and that Spellacy's testimony mainly was "hearsay."

Made Little Money
Rickard, in two lively hours on the stand, told of his part in the contract for widespread exhibition of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight films in 1921, but said he had been "bunked" by his associates, had made little money and had been twice fined for his part in the exhibition.

Spellacy confirmed generally, the statement of Gerald O. Holdridge, another former department of justice agent, regarding the story told them by Jap Muma and its involvement of Mr. Daugherty, Edward B. McLean, the Washington publisher and others. He quoted Muma as saying Daugherty suggested that Muma should get a "cut" in the profits of the exhibitions, but disclaimed Holdridge's version, that the attorney general suggested a 50 per cent cut. Muma became an even more interesting figure tonight through futile efforts of the committee to locate him. He failed to respond today when his name was called, although Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, in charge of the testimony said Muma's lawyer had promised his appearance. Process servers are now on a fresh hunt for him, and Senator Wheeler expects him before the committee shortly.

Law Promised
Rickard said that Muma, telling of "influence" in Washington suggested exhibition of the fight films upon assurance that a law would be passed forthwith making their display legal. This action could be secured in two weeks, Rickard said he was assured, but said that on this, as well as other promises, he was "bunked."

Rickard said he had nothing to do, except receive his share of the profits, with the film exhibitions outside of New York and Illinois, where he was fined \$1000 and \$500 respectively. He denied any "conspiracy" in the agreement, but presented two contracts corroborating the agreement previously agreed to. He and Fred C. Quimby, New York film producer, were the parties on one side, with Muma, Ike M. Martin and Will A. Orr on the other, each group receiving 50 per cent of the proceeds.

Subpoenas recalling Orr and Quimby were issued tonight but

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