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Senate Daugherty Committee Told Detective Story of Extraordinary Quality By Witnesses

ESPIONAGE SYSTEM LAID TO DEPT. OF JUSTICE

"Shadows" and Mysterious Events are Blamed on Operatives

WASHINGTON, May 21.—A detective story of extraordinary qualities was related today before the senate Daugherty committee.

A purported explanation of the mysterious disappearance of the private records of Gaston B. Means, the committee's most noted informant, which attracted attention some weeks ago, came as an incident to the account of "shadows" set by the department of justice to follow Means by day and night. From the same witnesses Mrs. W. O. Duckstein, once stenographer to Jess Smith and now secret service operative of the department of justice and her husband, a confidential agent to E. H. McLean, Washington publisher, the committee heard allegations also that a system of espionage had been flung around the committee itself.

Two agents of the department of justice who participated in the enterprise of shadowing Means, said they had been on the assignment, with four assistants from March 18 to April 1. The detective himself, whose claims to knowledge of secrets about Daugherty's administration of the department of justice have varied with his war spy records to gain him notoriety, sat and grinned as E. J. Burrus and Mrs. Alaska B. Davidson of the "shadow" group testified to having followed him and checked his visiting list. He became grimmer a few minutes later when, sitting behind Senator Wheeler, the committee prosecutor, he heard the Duckstein family tell how Pettit and O'Brien, two New York detectives, leading a "crew" of operatives and "wire-tappers" got away with his day by day diaries of spy work.

Her husband related that he heard the two operatives tell of plans to "frame up" Senator Wheeler and Chairman Brookhart of the Daugherty committee; of investigations now on foot in their home states; of the employment of women in the senate office building and of their attendance on the hearings.

At another point of the day's hearings Mrs. Duckstein stated that as stenographer to Jess Smith when the dead companion of Mr. Daugherty had "a private office on the sixth floor of the department of justice building" she took a letter he dictated to her "for the signature of President Harding" which authorized Means and W. T. Underwood to "investigate prohibition agents in New York."

METHODISTS AT SEA

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 21.—With the third ballot for Bishop being counted the delegates to the Methodist Episcopal conference were still at sea tonight as to who their new Episcopal leaders would be.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy Thursday; gentle southwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Wednesday)—Maximum temperature, 78. Minimum temperature, 49. Rainfall, none. Wind, S. by E., falling. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, North.

SEEK MEN WHO TRY TO BLOW UP AQUEDUCT

Los Angeles Hot on Trail of the Dynamiters of City Water Supply Ditch

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—Fragments of a love letter, a piece of fuse and the tire tracks of two automobiles were clues city officials tonight predicted would solve the mystery of a spectacular but unsuccessful attempt to blow up the Los Angeles aqueduct between Owens lake and Lone Pine, about 200 miles north of here.

The explosion, which occurred between midnight and 1 o'clock this morning, heaved up about 50 feet of the concrete lining of the aqueduct which is an open ditch at that point and pulverized some sections of it, but did not destroy the ditch.

Meanwhile the city council authorized a reward of \$10,000 for apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for the dynamiting and the sheriff and chief of police rushed squads of investigators to the scene.

PARTY LEADERS AGREED ON TAX

Reduction Bill Has Unanimous Support of Conferees—Is Compromise

WASHINGTON, May 21.—A tax reduction bill endorsed by leaders of both parties and virtually every faction in the senate and house was molded into final shape today.

Early approval of the unanimous agreement of the conferees on the differences between the senate and house reached today by both branches of congress was predicted, and the hope was expressed by republican leaders that the bill would be signed by President Coolidge.

The conferees report will be taken up by the senate tomorrow or Friday and if approved it is expected the house will be able to act on Saturday. Little time is expected to be taken in debate in either body and there were indications tonight that practically no opposition would be offered.

Elements of both the senate and house provisions were approved and leaders of both parties tonight were claiming credit for the bill.

The conferees accepted without change the democratic income tax schedule proposed in the senate by Senator Simmons, North Carolina, but turned down the other major amendments gained by senators, providing for full publicity on tax reports and a substitute corporation tax carrying a surtax on undistributed profits.

The Simmons income schedule similar to the Longworth compromise, supported by house republicans in its adoption by this body, provides for a revision of the surtax rates with a maximum of 40 per cent applicable to incomes of \$500,000 and over.

It would cut the present normal rates of four per cent on incomes to \$4,000 and 6 per cent above that amount to 2 per cent on incomes of \$4,000 and under; 4 per cent on incomes between \$4,000 and \$8,000 and 6 per cent on those above.

WORLD FLIERS COMPLETE TWO LAPS IN DAY

American Airmen Reach Minato and Continue on to Kasumigaura, a Distance of Over 704 Miles

FIRST TIME AMERICANS HAVE FLOWN OVER JAPAN

Planes Expected to Stop at Naval Base Near Tokio for Repairs and Rest

KASUMIGAURA, Japan, May 22.—(By The Associated Press)—The three American army aviators flying around the world arrived at Kasumigaura, Japanese aviation naval base, 509 miles northwest of Tokyo at 5:40 p. m., today.

MINATO, Japan, May 22.—(By The Associated Press)—The three American army airplanes which arrived here this morning at 10:40 today from Hitokappu bay, Yotorofu island, Kuriles, on their flight around the world, hopped off at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon for Kasumigaura.

The aviators required seven hours and forty minutes to fly to Minato from Yotorofu, a distance of about 354 miles and spent only sufficient time here to rest and eat their lunch. The planes being in good condition, the Americans expected to reach Kasumigaura, the Japanese naval station near Tokio in good time for dinner.

The distance to Kasumigaura, by air, is about 350 miles, and the airmen did not anticipate any difficulty in making the jump toward the capital. It is expected several days will be spent at Kasumigaura before the globe encircling flight is continued.

MINATO, Mutsu, Japan, May 22.—(By The Associated Press)—The three United States army around-the-world airplanes arrived here today from Hitokappu bay, Yotorofu island.

The fliers arrived here at 10:40 a. m., seven hours and 40 minutes after taking off at Hitokappu. The distance flown is about 354 miles. Owing to erroneous transmission messages received Monday by the Associated Press were interpreted to mean that the American aviators had hopped off from Yotorofu island early Tuesday morning and had landed shortly after at Minato.

The landing at Minato, a little fishing village in the extreme north of the main island of Japan is the first time American army aviators have ever flown over the empire of Nippon.

MILLER GAINS 17 VOTES HERE

Error in Marion County Figures Corrected by County Clerk Yesterday

An error, the correction of which adds 17 to Milton A. Miller's vote in Marion county, was discovered in the Marion county election returns yesterday by U. G. Boyer, county clerk. The correction gives Miller 495 instead of 378 votes. Strayer's vote was 781.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21.—Milton A. Miller, maintained his lead over W. H. Strayer for the democratic nomination for United States senator in last Friday's primary as belated returns were tabulated today.

A block of late precincts mainly from Clatsop county came in this afternoon, bringing the total number of precincts reported to 1705, with figures as follows:

Miller	10,565	Strayer	10,376
Miller	389	Strayer	389

Most of the precincts still to be heard from are in Coos county, where earlier returns have been favoring Miller.

FORTY GALLONS OF MOONSHINE FOUND TO ACRE

Dalles Sheriff Cultivates Field for Illicit Whiskey Buried There

THE DALLES, Or., May 21.—Land which literally yielded forty gallons of moonshine whiskey to the acre was tilled by Sheriff Levi Christmas and a force of deputies on the ranch of Willard Quinn, in the southern part of the county. Quinn is held in jail here on a charge of cattle stealing. A big still, thought to be his property, was recently found in a cave along the Deschutes river, but none of the finished product could be located. Yesterday the sheriff hitched a team to plow and started to work. The first half acre tilled brought 20 gallons of buried liquor to the surface, and one barrel of liquor was demolished when struck by the plow, the sheriff said.

COOLIDGE TO GIVE JAP BILL APPROVAL

Modified Measure Said to Have Presidents Reluctant Sanction

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The fate of the immigration bill with its provisions for Japanese exclusion appeared tonight to be approaching determination with "an arrangement" in the making which may lead President Coolidge finally to approve the measure.

Action by the president on the measure before the end of the week was forecast after the executive had conferred with several members of congress including Representative Longworth, Ohio, the republican floor leader in the house and Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania who had charge of the immigration bill in the senate.

The congressional callers at the white house were not told definitely by Mr. Coolidge what action he planned to take on the bill but all left with the impression that the legislation finally would receive executive approval. All developments during the day seemed to remove further the possibility of a presidential veto.

The bill still is before the state department awaiting preparation of a report. The nature of this report is understood to have been conveyed informally to the president by Secretary Hughes and at the white house today it was said that Mr. Coolidge and the state department head were in complete accord.

AN OREGON BURBANK WHO PERFORMS REMARKABLE FEATS OF WONDERFUL VEGETABLE MAGIC, NEAR MOLALLA

(By ELLA McMUNN)

That Oregon has the equal of Luther Burbank, is the belief of many who know of the work of W. J. Wheaton, of route 2, Molalla, Oregon.

Mr. Wheaton is a plant scientist devoting himself to propagating new fruits, flowers, vegetables and trees, and all for pure love of the work, since he has made no effort to commercialize his products, but interested friends plan to draw the attention of Secretary Wallace of the U. S. department of agriculture to some of his creations, notably the potato.

For 40 years he has grown potatoes from the seed pod, and has now become so adept that, the third year from seed, he has a marketable product.

A noteworthy experiment he has just completed is perhaps the most remarkable of his kind on record. Four years ago he planted 14 potato seeds, putting two plants in a hill, and from the increase of those 14 seeds he harvested 2000 pounds of large potatoes the third year with 600 pounds of small ones. He grafts roses upon Dogwood

trees; grafts different varieties of potatoes together, and is constantly doing some sort of vegetable magic. He has one plant of Wandersing Jew (a houseplant), with streamers 25 feet in length, and coaxes his climbing roses to run 35 feet in a season. He raises tobacco, and even people who do not smoke are finding it valuable as a spray and for placing in hennest. From one plant he secures sufficient seed to plant 40 acres of ground. He can also raise teasel and ginseng, and has found a sure method of eradicating moles by the use of coal oil.

Mr. Wheaton owns one acre of land which was formerly school property, and, except for plowing, he does all of his cultivating by hand. His wagon is a wheelbarrow with which he carries fertilizer to his place from a distant rotted cleyer stack.

He is not rich in the world's goods, but is extremely generous with his wonderful fund of information, which is worth gold to anyone who can use his ideas on gardening.

MAY APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR WORLD COURT

Senate May Be Forced to Act at This Session if Advocates Can Agree on Definite Proposal

WOULD INCLUDE HUGHES PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT

Conferees Think Reservations Should Be Made Part of the Protocol

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The senate foreign relations committee devoted a two hour meeting today to a general discussion of the world court question with results which several members predicted would lead to an agreement among advocates of the proposals before the committee and assure a report to the senate before adjournment of the session.

Belief was expressed by some senators that agreement could be reached upon the Harding-Coolidge proposal for membership in the present court, with the so-called "Hughes safeguards" included not as reservations but as definite amendments to the court statute, to be specifically ratified by the signatories to the protocol.

The draft along the lines of the Harding-Coolidge plan, introduced by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, was brought incidentally before the committee which gave special attention to the section by the Virginia senator providing that American reservations or amendments must be agreed to formally by the other adherents.

There was said to be practically unanimous agreement that the United States could not agree to any court plan which would bind her to recognize the authority of the tribunal to render ex-parte advisory opinions.

A "reservation amendment" regarded by some senators as probable, would deal with the alleged discrepancy in voting power between Great Britain and the United States. Of the self governing British dependencies only the Irish free state has failed to sign the protocol with the result, it was contended, that Great Britain might have an advantage over the United States in any difference subject to ballot.

M'NARY'S BILL OFFERS NO AID SAYS CHAMBER

Claims Relief Bill Would Result in Curbing Private Enterprise

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill now before the house was opposed as "hopeless of administration and futile as an aid to the farmer" in a circular sent to members of the house today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The circular, signed by Elliot H. Goodwin, resident vice president of the chamber, attacks the bill as a price fixing scheme which "would immediately bring to a halt all private enterprise."

"With a government agency which fixes the price, citizens cannot compete," it was said. Even cooperative enterprises of producers would have to cease operating, as in fact some of them have already recognized by voting to dissolve if the bill is enacted. Organized markets on which there is dealing in the commodity would cease to function, and agencies which now sell abroad would go out of existence."

\$25,000,000 IS CALIFORNIA LOSS

Veterinarian Tells Rotarians of Ravages of Foot and Mouth Disease

California business interests have suffered a \$25,000,000 loss as a result of the foot and mouth disease, according to an estimate made by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, who spoke at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday. In addition it has cost the state about \$2,000,000 for indemnities and another \$1,500,000 to combat the epidemic, he said. The Standard Oil company reported that gasoline sales had dropped fully 30 per cent during the epidemic.

"The foot and mouth disease is one of the 'kitchiest' known," Dr. Lytle said. "Instances are known of it having been carried 40 miles by an automobile tire. Only 40 per cent of the infections are traced. At present the disease is active in nine counties in California while it is under control in six other counties. No new outbreaks have been reported during the last five days."

Had a meat market in Oakland inspected hogs purchased from one man the disease might have been checked at the starting point, Dr. Lytle said, and it was prevalent for nearly two months before the country became alarmed. Since the disease started there have been slaughtered a total of 50,000 head of livestock, of which 50,000 were dairy cattle and hogs, 20,000 hogs and about 10,000 sheep and goats. The mortality is not high, being about 3 or 4 per cent.

Following the report of an outbreak the ranch or property is placed under strict quarantine for three months, and no one allowed to leave. All animals are killed and the barns fumigated. After two months have passed test animals are placed on the ranch, generally hogs, for these are rooting animals and dig up the earth, where the disease may be dormant.

"Precautions have been taken that have never been found necessary in the United States prior to this time," Dr. Lytle said. "In many instances these might be unnecessary but no chances are being taken. It has been found that 90 per cent of the disease is carried by persons. Sunlight will kill the infection in about 24 hours, and in the case of tourists, the chief danger lies in packed clothing that has not been exposed to the sun and air."

Some idea as to the amount of work necessary to bury the dead animals was pointed out by the speaker, who said that in one field 1,000 animals were buried in a trench nearly a mile long, 10 feet deep and 14 feet wide. In Kern county "everything was in readiness, including an appropriation board and steam shovels, and the livestock was underground 30

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LOCAL RESTAURANT WORKERS WALK OUT; TO START PICKETS

Secretary of Local Union Orders Night Crew Off Duty at White House Restaurant—No Action on Gray Belle or Spa—Restaurant Men Stand For Open Shop.

The first gun in the culinary workers' strike was fired shortly after midnight when the White House restaurant crew was ordered out by William Killpatrick, secretary of the local union. One waitress and the proprietor, W. P. George, were left on duty while a number of prospective customers wondered what it was all about. Picketing of the White House will begin this morning with local pickets. Trained pickets will be held in readiness in Portland.

SENATE REPORT UNDER ATTACK

Recommendations of Committee on Wheeler Case Assailed by Sterling

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The senate was urged today by Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, not to "prejudice" the court trial of Senator Wheeler, Montana, by adopting the majority report of its investigating committee exonerating him of the charge in an indictment returned in Montana or having accepted a fee to practice before the interior department.

Reviewing at great length the evidence before the committee to support his contention in his minority report that the grand jury was justified in its action, Senator Sterling held the floor for more than three hours and was subjected to a running cross fire from senators on both sides of the chamber. Several members were prepared to reply as the senate recessed until tomorrow.

Senator Sterling declared adoption of the report would give Senator Wheeler an advantage no private citizen could enjoy. He added that as it was the effect of the report of the committee majority would be to prejudice the trial in advance, and affect "public sentiment against the government and in favor of the senator."

Chairman Borah remarked that he was afraid Senator Sterling by arguing so "earnestly for the guilt of Senator Wheeler would prejudice the court trial." The South Dakota senator declared he was not contending either for the guilt or innocence of the senator, but reviewing the evidence solely to support his conclusion that the grand jury was justified in returning an indictment.

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WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

An agreement was reached by senate and house conferees on the tax bill.

Hope of a vote this week on the McNary-Haugen bill was dispelled in the house.

The house commerce committee began hearings on bills to amend the transportation act.

Consolidation of railroad properties was endorsed by Secretary Hoover before a senate committee.

The Wheeler case was debated in the senate, with Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, defending his minority report.

A story of extensive detective operations reaching eyes to the shadowing of the committee itself was told the Daugherty investigators.

LAUGHARY HERD IS AUCTIONED

Fifty-Seven Head of Standard Breds Go for Total of \$14,685

Fifty-seven head of standard-bred Jersey cattle were sold at an auction sale of Laughary & Son near Monmouth, Or., yesterday, for a total of \$14,685. Buyers were represented either in person or by mailed bids from Vermont, Iowa, Illinois, Utah, Minnesota, Montana, California and Washington, and Iowa, Illinois, California, and Montana buyers made purchases. The top price was \$1060, paid by Howard Hollenbeck of Hood River, Or., for St. Mages Lad's La Belle, a 4 year old.

The sale was promoted by E. A. Rhoten of Salem, who was in charge.

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