

FALL TELLS STORY OF OIL LAND DEAL

Declares Sinclair's Bonds Received for Interest in His Ranch.

El Paso.—Albert B. Fall, examined for four days regarding his leasing when secretary of the interior of the Teapot Dome oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair, closed his cross examination with the declaration that the senate oil committee was not constituted to be fair.

The end of the examination found the 67-year-old ex-senator in good spirits though weak from the strain of telling his story of the lease for the first time. He enjoyed, apparently, the cross-examination by Atlee Pomerene.

During the three days Fall has given his side of the story of the oil leases for which the government charged he accepted \$233,000 in liberty bonds from Sinclair, he has denied emphatically that there was anything unlawful or even unusual in the negotiations for the lease. He said that the lease arrangements were carried out by J. W. Zevley, now dead, and that the wealthy oil man himself did not come into the deal until the day the lease was signed, April 7, 1922. Even that day, he said, Sinclair rejected the lease because the interior secretary insisted on larger royalties for the government and accepted it only after considerable argument. The lease, Fall maintained, had nothing to do with the receipt by him of the liberty bonds from Sinclair. These, he said, were paid him by the oil man for one-third interest in his Tres Ritos ranch in New Mexico, where the oil man wanted to establish a breeding place for race horses and a country club for men only.

FRANCE SUGGESTS WORLD PEACE PACT

Washington, D. C.—France has announced her readiness to submit to the German, British, Italian and Japanese governments all the Franco-American anti-war correspondence along with the draft of a general treaty pledging them not to resort to war.

The purpose of these submissions, as outlined in a note handed to Secretary Kellogg by Ambassador Claudel, would be that the four governments might "join in seeking, in the spirit and in the letter of the last American note, any adjustments which in the last analysis may be forthcoming with respect to the possibility of reconciling previous obligations with the terms of the contemplated treaty."

Stripped of the argument that surrounds it, the French note proposes that the Washington and Paris governments agree upon a draft multilateral anti-war treaty, then join in presenting this as a working basis to the other four powers, accompanied by all the Franco-American exchanges on the subject.

OHIO FIGHT CONTINUED

Willis' Manager Says Contest For Delegates to Go On.

Columbus, O.—Although a temporary truce has been called in the Ohio contest for presidential delegates between Senator Willis' supporters and those of Secretary of Commerce Hoover because of Mr. Willis' sudden death at Delaware, the fight will go on unabated, Carmi A. Thompson, manager of the Willis campaign, declared.

To whom the Willis delegate candidates now will turn as their first choice may be decided by a meeting of the delegates themselves soon.

All doubt as to the legal status of the Willis delegates in the primary April 24 was removed by Secretary of State Brown, who ruled that names of all candidates must stay on the ballot. He also ruled that Senator Willis' name would stay on the presidential preference ballot along with those of Secretary Hoover and Olin J. Ross.

Federal Income Tax Collection Lower.

Washington, D. C.—Income tax collections for March have fallen below the corresponding period last year, the treasury statement for March 28 revealed. Collections to March 28 totaled \$502,204,314.04, which compares with \$504,614,145.23 up to March 28 last year. Total collections are now expected to be about \$510,000,000, which is \$6,000,000 below the treasury estimate.

Paper Firms Join in \$100,000,000 Deal.

San Francisco, Cal.—Consolidation of the Crown-Willamette Paper company and the Zellerbach corporation, with combined assets of about \$100,000,000, was announced here, subject to approval by stockholders. The merged concerns will be known as the Crown-Zellerbach corporation.

MRS. GIFFORD PINCHOT



Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the former governor of Pennsylvania, who has announced her candidacy for a Republican seat in the house of representatives from the Fifteenth district of Pennsylvania.

SENATOR WILLIS EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Delaware, O.—United States Senator Frank B. Willis died here suddenly. He had been sitting on the platform in Grays chapel where 2500 persons had gathered to hear him speak in his own behalf as a presidential candidate, when suddenly he arose, walked to an ante-chamber and succumbed.

A physician was called from the audience and pronounced Senator Willis dead. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of death.

Senator Willis was just preparing to give his speech when he became ill, it was at first believed, from the gas used in the torches in the torchlight parade which welcomed the senator home.

Mrs. Willis, who was on the platform, was called in as her husband was dying.

Drs. Dorrance James, D. T. McCarthy, Floyd Miller and O. W. Bonner attended him. As he was dying the senator called for his wife.

The senator's tragic end came at the largest political meeting Delaware ever had witnessed.

The whole city had turned out in homage to him. A band, a parade and red fire had been provided to make his appearance an auspicious occasion.

FLOOD BILL FAVORED

Senate Measure for Control of Mississippi Backed by Committee.

Washington, D. C.—The house flood control committee approved the Jones \$325,000,000 Mississippi river flood control bill passed by the senate.

After an all-day session the committee, by a vote of 20 to 1, approved the senate measure with a half dozen amendments drawn from the bill by the committee chairman, Reid of Illinois, who had drafted a bill of his own.

The amendments, however, would not effect any radical change in the Jones bill.

U. S. Commissions Biggest Submarine

Washington, D. C.—The submarine V-4, the largest in the world, was commissioned at Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard, April 2. This is the first mine laying submarine to be built for the United States navy.

Lindy May Take Trip Around World.

Washington, D. C.—The latest reports among close friends of Colonel Lindbergh here have it that the colonel will make a round the world trip in a plane but will span the Atlantic and Pacific by boat.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—B. R. bluestem, \$1.51; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.42; hard winter, \$1.34; northern spring, western red, \$1.35.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—50c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.90@9.25.
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$13@15.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.34; hard winter, \$1.35½; western red, \$1.37; northern spring, \$1.39; bluestem, \$1.54; dark northern spring, \$1.55; dark hard winter, \$1.52.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$24.
Butterfat—51c.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12.
Hogs—Prims, \$9.20@9.25.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.60.
Hogs—Good, \$9@9.10.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

W. J. Walker opened a new creamery and cheese factory at his ranch on Pistol river, Curry county, Monday.

Between 600 and 700 Shriners were in St. Helens last week for the quarterly meeting of the Columbia River Shrine club.

The first payment of 1928 to the Klamath Indians, one of \$300 to each of the 1274 members of the tribe, was made last week.

Mrs. Sarah Woodruff last week celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Babcock in Salem.

The Lane County Christian Endeavor union held its 13th annual convention at Creswell recently. A registration of 150 attended.

The Yamhill county Federation of Women's clubs will meet in Dayton Saturday, May 19, instead of May 26, as was previously planned.

L. L. Montague, representing a large bridge financing company, is asking for a franchise for a steel toll bridge across the Columbia river at Arlington.

Construction of a reduction plant this year at the Mother Lode mine near Baker, will be an immediate result of a recent refinancing of the property.

The city of Ashland has purchased the Balfour-Guthrie tract of 93 acres near that city to provide for the increasing demand for a landing place for airplanes.

Kicked in the temple by a work horse, Henry, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Eamond, died at Vale last week without regaining consciousness.

The University of Oregon Medical school received a check for \$35,599.39 from the General Education Board of New York city, according to Dr. R. B. Dillehunt, dean.

La Grande's city commission has authorized another bond issue of \$38,480.54 to take care of several improvement districts for which the citizens have petitioned.

Two and a half million young sockeye salmon will be liberated from the feeding ponds of the commercial hatchery at Enterprise, according to reports given out recently.

Platinum and other precious metals in paying quantities are reported to have been found on the 320-acre ranch of Ernest Bohna on the Big Nestucca river in Tillamook county.

Benjamin F. Craig, lifelong resident of the Weston county, dropped dead Saturday afternoon while walking along the road beyond Shiloh church on Weston mountain.

New street lights to be installed in the residential districts of Eugene will cost between \$12,000 and \$13,000, according to Carl A. McClain, superintendent of the water board.

T. F. Rea, pioneer mining man and a resident of Baker county since 1862, died in Baker last week, aged 75. Mr. Rea was a scout for General Howard during the early Indian wars.

Through a rejuvenation of the Marshfield chamber of commerce the membership has been built up to a total of 286, with a good prospect of reaching the set goal of 400.

Governor Patterson has extended the reprieve of James Willis up to and including April 12. This will make the date of his execution the same as that set for Ellsworth Kelley, Friday, April 13.

The cornerstone of the new Redmond hotel was laid Saturday in the presence of a large crowd. The building will be three stories in height, will contain 59 rooms and will cost \$150,000.

Although "lack of funds" will prohibit any construction of extension work in the Willowa forest this year, the forest service will be allowed \$7000 for the maintenance of roads and trails.

Approximately \$374,000 will be spent for improvements in Oregon by the O. W. R. & N. company this summer, it was announced by Walter H. Guild, superintendent. The largest job, \$187,000, includes widening of cuts and fills on the main line between Meachem and Huron, a nine-mile stretch.

Decision to submit a \$35,000 bond issue to the people of Coos bay to acquire an airport was made recently by a joint airport committee of North Bend and Marshfield civic organizations. The question will be voted on May 18.

Multitudes of golden daffodils marshalled in brilliant array before a background of palms and spaced by ivy-wreathed columns greeted flower lovers at the opening of Forest Grove's third annual daffodil show last week.

Roseburg residents have approved the issuance of \$25,000 bonds for the purchase and improvement of an airport. The vote at the special city election stood, 807 yes and 384 no.

The Soapstone bridge on the Roosevelt highway ten miles north of Wheeler was officially opened last week. The structure is of concrete and replaces a wooden bridge constructed in 1915.

With State Forester Elliott and Deputies King and McCarthy of Salem and several other out-of-town officials present, the Union County Fire association held its annual meeting in La Grande last week.

E. J. Dixon, Portland, manager of the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers' association, was elected president of the Oregon Co-operative council at the close of a two-day session in Eugene last week.

More than \$5000 worth of the delinquent land in the Medford irrigation district has been disposed of in the last two weeks since the land was placed in the hands of the Medford realty board for sale.

Residents of Butte Falls are seeking means of containing the local bank, owned and operated for two decades by George W. Barker, who ended his life last week as result of worry. Butte Falls is one of the busiest small timber centers in Oregon.

The Salem chamber of commerce went on record favoring the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$50,000 for the establishment of an airport there. The proposal probably will be referred to the voters of Salem at the time of holding the primary election May 18.

The new Tillamook National Bank will open Monday, April 9, according to an announcement made by H. H. Rosenberg, president of the institution. The quarters formerly occupied by the Tillamook County bank will be used and have been remodeled for the opening.

Columbia county has accepted the petitions for four new roads, two of them in the Nehalem valley, and two in the western part of the county. Two bridges will also be erected this year, one on the Nehalem highway market road, and one on the diked lands near Clatskanie.

Oregon taxpayers will be called upon to pay a total of \$49,943,568.06 this year, according to a summary of taxes just compiled by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. This is an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 over the taxes of last year, which totaled \$47,975,377.52 for all purposes.

The first Great Northern train out of Portland for Klamath Falls by way of the new Bend-Chemult-Southern Pacific route, is scheduled to leave Thursday night, May 10. The train, according to present plans, will run special and will carry members of the Portland chamber of commerce and other citizens to the new rail celebration to be staged at Klamath Falls, May 11 and 12.

Citizens of Rainier, in a closely contested special election, rejected a proposed amendment to the city charter changing the municipal government from its present form to the commission plan, and approved a tax measure providing for special fire protection for the DuBois-Kettenring sawmill. The charter amendment was voted down, 125 to 106, and the special tax approved, 107 to 74.

Following a number of meetings with ranchers who are raising sheep in the Marshfield vicinity, H. A. Lindgren, expert from the Oregon Agricultural college, and Harvey S. Hale, county agent, made a statement which showed the sheep industry had grown over 100 per cent in Coos county in the past year, there now being 13,000 sheep, other than lambs on the ranges, as against 5600 last year.

The past several weeks have provided one of the most favorable springs for lambing operations to be experienced in Willowa county in a number of years, according to sheep owners, the greater part of whom have finished lambing at this time. Even the large flocks are reporting percentages of better than 100 per cent while in the small flocks above 150 per cent has been reported by a number of farmers.

The fish ladder at the Winchester power dam five miles north of Roseburg was destroyed last week by a charge of dynamite, one whole section of the fishway being blown away, completely blocking the river to the progress of fish up the stream. It is believed that fish poachers were responsible for the crime, as the officers have had a great deal of trouble in the past few years over illegal fishing at Winchester.

Portland took sixth place in the United States for 1927 in fire prevention in class 2 cities, according to word received by E. N. Weinbaum of the Portland chamber of commerce from the United States chamber of commerce.

A council-manager form of government for the city of Salem will be proposed in a charter amendment to be referred to the voters at the time of holding the primary election, according to announcement made by Mayor T. A. Livesey.

SEN. FRANK B. WILLIS



United States Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio, a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, who died suddenly.

FEDERAL MEN RAID GANG LEADER'S HOME

Chicago.—Federal authorities raided the home of an alcohol gang leader in Blue Island, a suburb, and seized large quantities of dynamite which, it was believed, might lead to solution of recent Chicago political bombings.

United States District Attorney George E. G. Johnson, in announcing the raid, verified reports that federal authorities here were in the midst of a determined campaign to "get the higher ups" in the Cook county liquor racket.

The raid was on the home of Lorenzo Juliano, head of the Kensington-Chicago Heights alcohol gang.

Juliano apparently had been warned in advance, and had fled. Liquor, raw alcohol, and dynamite were seized.

Senator Charles Deneen, whose home was bombed Monday night, took personal charge of his republican faction's campaign against Mayor William Hale Thompson and States Attorney Robert E. Crowe.

Deneen in a speech before a political meeting, laid directly before Crowe blame for bombings, political assassinations and general crime conditions in Chicago.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The German reichstag has adopted the government bill prohibiting German firms from selling arms and munitions to China.

President Coolidge has signed the Jugo-Slav debt settlement bill, providing for the payment of a funded debt of \$62,850,000.

President Coolidge has signed the bill providing for federal participation in the industrial exposition of the Pacific Southwest at Long Beach, Cal., next summer.

Arthur S. Vandenberg, republican, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, was appointed United States senator from Michigan to succeed the late Woodruff N. Ferris, democrat.

President Coolidge signed the bill extending for another year the life of the radio commission and providing for the allocation of wave lengths among broadcasting stations in various sections of the country in proportion to the population.

Geo. Remus Wins Fight for Freedom.

Lima, O.—George Remus, former bootleg king and wife slayer, won his fight for freedom from the state hospital for the criminal insane when the third district court of appeals handed down a decision holding him sane. Remus killed his wife, Imogene, as she was riding through a Cincinnati park the morning of October 6, 1927. He surrendered himself immediately and entered a plea of "temporary maniacal insanity." After a trial of a month a jury returned a verdict of not guilty "by reason of insanity" 20 minutes after it had been given the case. The Hamilton county probate court, however, adjudged him insane and committed him to the hospital.

Oregon Man Heads Ways Committee.

Washington, D. C.—The house Saturday elected Representative Willis C. Hawley, republican, Oregon, as chairman of the ways and means committee, to succeed Representative William R. Green, republican, Iowa, who retired to become judge of the court of claims. Hawley, who is from Salem, Or., is serving his 11th successive term as a member.

New Quota System Held Back Year.

Washington, D. C.—Postponement for one year of the national origins quota system of United States immigration was approved by the house, which adopted a resolution previously adopted by the senate.

CONGRESS EXPECTS TO ADJOURN JUNE FIRST

Bolder Canyon Dam and Farm Bills Hold Chief Interest.

Washington, D. C.—Speeded on its way by the rapid fire action of the senate last week on the gigantic flood control measure, congress is working toward the end of its legislative tangle in a manner forecasting adjournment well before the opening of the first of the national political conventions in June.

Farm relief and tax reduction demand senate attention this week and with disposition of these two controversial issues, that branch of congress will have cleared its decks of its principal problems for the session.

Then comes the boulder canyon dam bill and with it the only present threat on the horizon against a smooth road to the end of the session. Senator Ashurst, democrat, of Arizona, whose state is battling the compromise measure of Senator Johnson, republican, California, for construction of the dam, has frankly given notice of a filibuster when that bill comes up.

Meanwhile the house will grind out during the next ten days the last of the regular appropriation bills for this session and may, before the end of the week, tackle the senate \$325,000,000 flood control measure which faces early approval with some modifications.

The McNary-Haugen farm bill, dressed up in clothes more to the fancy of President Coolidge, but still without his definite sanction, came up in the senate Monday. Chairman McNary of the agriculture committee and co-author of the bill, started the debate.

UMATILLA RAPIDS PROJECT FAVORED

Washington, D. C.—Favorable report on the Sinnott bill for development of the Umatilla rapids project was voted by the house committee on irrigation. It was amended only in minor respects and received nearly unanimous support, two votes being cast against it.

The action of the committee places it on the house calendar in the same position as the Columbia Basin and the Deschutes project bills.

A corresponding bill by Senator McNary is pending in the senate committee on reclamation.

The measure would authorize an appropriation of \$45,000,000 for the construction of a dam and power plant at Umatilla rapids, which are between the states of Washington and Oregon.

In addition, the Sinnott bill would provide for construction of locks for the improvement of navigation. Under the measure, title to the plant would remain for all time in the United States, and the federal government would retain control and management of the project.

ENDURANCE RECORD BROKEN

New Mark Set by Courageous American Fliers.

Jacksonville, Fla.—The world's airplane endurance record came back to America from Germany when Edward Stinson and George Haldeman set a new mark here of 53 hours, 36 minutes, 30 seconds.

The new record was 1 hour, 13 minutes, 59 seconds beyond that of 52 hours, 22 minutes, 31 seconds made last August by Johann Risticz and Cornelium Edzard, German fliers, using the Junkers monoplane Europa.

After jockeying their single-motored Stinson-Detroiter monoplane to take every advantage of breeze and altitude, the American aviators came down with five gallons of their original 550 gallons of fuel still in the tanks.

Brookhart Offers \$600,000,000 Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A \$600,000,000 farm relief bill was offered by Senator Brookhart, republican, of Iowa, as a substitute for the pending McNary-Haugen measure. He would meet the cost of exporting surplus crops by levies upon the treasury up to this amount.

Heeney Picked to Fight Tunney.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Selection of Tom Heeney, Australian champion, to meet Gene Tunney for the world's heavyweight boxing title in July and the possibility that the contest would be staged in London was announced here by Tex Rickard, New York promoter.

Oregon Debate Team Beats Missouri.

Columbia, Mo.—Presenting the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, that democracy is a failure," University of Oregon debaters defeated the University of Missouri team here by an audience vote of 112 to 80.