

# LANE INVOLVED IN SCANDAL OVER OIL LAND GRAB

Brother of Secretary of Interior Heads Lobby Promoting Interests of Oil Land Grabbers—Factional Fight May Reach Proportions of Ballinger-Pinchot Scandal.

By GILSON GARDNER  
WASHINGTON, June 1.—The present attempt of Standard Oil and other interests to grab the naval reserves of oil in California, as embraced in the Phelan bill, which was exposed in these columns a week ago, is now about to be consummated. A powerful lobby, headed by George S. Lane, brother of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, has been in Washington promoting the interests of the oil-grabbers. The relationship between the head of the lobby and the head of the government department which controls the oil fields has been commented on to an extent verging on scandal.

Brother Lane was not in the party which went to the White House last week to justify the Phelan bill, but a large number of senators, at Phelan's request, joined him in attempting to convince the president that Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Attorney General Gregory are wrong in denouncing this steal, and that Secretary of the Interior Lane is right.

**Cabinet Divided**  
The cabinet is divided on the subject. Secretary of Agriculture Houston has been looking into the matter and will probably support Daniels and Gregory in opposing the grab. President Wilson is inquiring into the question with an "open mind." He is naturally reluctant to see his cabinet embroiled in a factional fight over a question which may take on the proportions of a Ballinger-Pinchot scandal.

Another phase of the matter demanding the president's attention is that this legislation stands in the way of the naval program. Secretary Daniels declines to adhere to his original recommendation of five oil-burning battle cruisers if the supply of fuel oil is to be given away to private interests. At the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, Commander J. O. Richardson made a special study of the naval reserve oil fields of California and on the basis of his report Secretary Daniels has declared that it would be better to abandon the entire new building program of the navy if the government is to be held up by the oil trust and compelled to pay monopoly prices for fuel for the new ships. Under the proposed naval program the oil-burning vessels of the navy would consume nearly two million barrels of fuel oil a year.

**No Shadow of Title**  
The worst feature of the grab is that the courts have already declared that these claimants have no shadow of title and nothing except the power of the oil interests and the support they have received from Secretary Lane and the California senator, Phelan, gives the legislation any standing. This is sufficient, however, to make very probable its passage unless influences can be brought to bear to head it off. The plan at present is to bring it up immediately after the passage of the river and harbor bill in the senate and to jam it through at any cost. It is understood that Senators George W. Norris of Nebraska and Paul O. Hastings of Wisconsin are preparing a minority report which will expose this affair for the benefit of their colleagues. All the conservative senators are prepared to line up against it, but unless the president comes out against it, it is feared the democratic majority may put it through.

It is estimated that the oil deposits in the naval reserve No. 2 in California are worth at least \$20,000,000. This is the smaller of the two naval reserves in question.

The oil interests seeking to get titles have been trespassing on the naval reserves and the department of justice has secured court orders against them. On appeal the supreme court of the United States sustained the decision of the lower court against the claimants. The Phelan bill seeks to set aside these court orders and validate these fraudulent claims.

**ATTENTION A. E. & A. M.**  
Special communication of Medford Lodge No. 193, A. E. & A. M. on Friday evening, June 2nd, for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. Light refreshments will be served.  
A. S. BELDEBRAND, Secy.

# MEAT FAMINE GROWING ACUTE IN GERMANY

Prospects Good for Pork Production—Shortage of Fat in Empire—Meat Lines as Long as Butter and Milk Lines—Eggs Plentiful and the Chief Food Item.

BERLIN, May 16. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—For the first time since the outbreak of the war meat is hard to obtain in the capital and larger cities of the German empire. "Meat lines" have grown as long as the "butter and milk lines," and those forming them must sometimes wait for hours before they can procure the quota allotted by their cards.

Responsibility for this condition is the heavy demands of the army, an almost total cessation of imports and the government's new policy of discouraging the slaughtering of most animals before fattening has given them their maximum weight.

Cattle owners recently have shown a tendency to keep stock from the market because the maximum price arrangement has left them little profit.

**Pork Prospects Good**

Prospects for a good pork production are said to be excellent. Last fall the pork was poor in quality and quantity. In the winter of 1914-15 the government advised that all pigs in good condition be slaughtered and their meat preserved. This was done, but in many cases the meat was so poorly cured, owing to a lack of competent help, that it spoiled by the thousands of tons. The question is now whether it will be possible to obtain the foodstuffs necessary to bring this year's animals to a good weight.

A good potato crop would greatly facilitate this, as would also more Indian corn from Rumania, which it is believed, can be obtained.

There has been a slight improvement in the milk and butter situation, but it is considered out of the question that these articles will again be easily obtainable until several months after the war. Holland, Denmark and Switzerland cannot hope to make good the excess demand which the war has placed upon the dairy industry of Germany.

**Grain Prospects Good**

Eggs have been rather plentiful this season. In many cases they have been the principal food item. Fish also is easily obtained, although a lack of fat has robbed many of the dishes prepared with them of much nutriment.

The one bright ray in Germany's national cupboard is the fact that the grain prospects for the present year are exceedingly good. Rye and winter wheat are well advanced and the spring crops have been favored by timely rains and an early season. Potatoes have been planted early and while as yet little can be said on the crop outlook, there are those who say that Germany never has two bad potato crops—two years in succession.

Crop conditions in Austria-Hungary and in the territory occupied by the central powers' troops are also good so far as the Associated Press correspondent has been able to obtain information personally. The only danger now is that rain may interfere with the harvesting, as was the case last year. Now, as then, most of the able-bodied men are in the field and while the Russian prisoners of war have constantly increased as

# DAILY PARADE OF PREPAREDNESS TO CALIFORNIA

A preparedness parade is staged daily over the Pacific highway between this city and any California town old enough to possess a saloon. What it lacks in length and numbers it makes up in frequency, persistence and speed. The paraders return with liquid fire under cover, and a strong reserve force for use in case they are bitten by a rattlesnake while wandering up and down the boulevards of Medford. Never before has the majestic scenery of the Siskiyou held so much charm and never before have so many strangers slapped the hollow of their foot on the brass rails of the trolley at Holt, Hornbrook, Yreka, Weed and way stations. The simple announcement of a ball game on Sunday lures more people from Jackson county than usually attend a ball game in this city. Autos for hire have felt the thrill of prosperity that follows in the wake of big sales of war munitions.

Some of the travelers in love with Siskiyou scenery and baseball as she is played in northern California have returned, loaded inside and outside with the stuff supposed to be extinct by virtue of the prohibition law, and lead the outside supply concentrated by the police. One scenery and baseball fan thus treated threatens to repay the police to get back his five water.

The daily begins is not confined to Medford. Even Ashland, where the lulu water is supposed to quench every whim of thirst, furnishes a large section of the parade. Also Grants Pass and as far north as Roseburg, citizens finding themselves spitting cotton, advance by train and auto to the moist places of the golden state. Prohibition has brought to southern Oregon one of the most popular pastimes it ever knew, to-wit a journey to California.

The situation has reached the delicate point where it is highly un fashionable to mention in the papers that "So-and-So and So-and-So transacted business in Hornbrook Friday."

# DEMOCRATS ELECT CAMPBELL NEW COUNTY CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of the newly elected democratic county committee held at the Medford hotel Wednesday evening, W. N. Campbell of Medford was elected chairman of the county central committee over Mose Barkdull, the old chairman; Sid Brown of Medford was elected secretary over H. T. Pankey of Central Point, and Hal McNair of Ashland state committeeman over J. C. Barnard of Ashland. The contest was a spirited one.

That politics makes strange bed-fellows was demonstrated by the new alignments in evidence. The Phipps, Crews and Barkdull factions united to support the old chairman, who distinguished himself by rules that would make Czar Reed or Uncle Joe Cannon blush with envy. He appointed a secretary and, ignoring a committee on credentials, arbitrarily called all proxies barred and only the delegates present entitled to a vote, thus eliminating a considerable number present with proxies. The ruling precipitated a debate and a motion to sustain the chair was carried by a vote of 16 to 15. The vote, however, was no indication of the lineup on candidates, as future balloting proved.

## DEPARTS WITH MAID AND WIFE'S AUTO—ARRESTED

PORTLAND, June 1.—R. C. McElroy, an insurance broker formerly of Portland was arrested today at Missoula, Mont., on a charge of larceny by bailer.

It is alleged that McElroy drove away from his home last August in an automobile owned by his wife taking with him Daisy Hay, 18 years old who had lived with her parents up to that time. M. Hay, the girl's father, said today that he had been informed McElroy had married his daughter and that he did not know of the man's previous marriage.

## SUDDEN DEATH Caused by Disease of the Kidneys.

The close connection which exists between the heart and the kidneys is well known nowadays. As soon as kidneys are diseased, arterial tension is increased, the heart functions are attacked. When the kidneys no longer pour forth waste, uricemic poisoning occurs and the person dies, and the cause is often given as heart disease, or disease of brain or lungs.

It is a good insurance against such a risk to send 10 cents for a sample package of "Anurie"—the latest discovery of Dr. Pierce. Also send a sample of your water. This will be examined without charge by expert chemists at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. When you suffer from backache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired, worn-out feeling, it's time to write Dr. Pierce, describe your symptoms and get his medical opinion without charge—absolutely free. This "Anurie" of Doctor Pierce's is found to be 37 times more active than lithia, for it dissolves uric acid in the system as hot water does sugar.

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## WORRY, DEPONDENCY.

Kidney Disease is suspected by medical men when patients complain of backache or suffer with irregular urination, distended, too frequent, scanty or painful passage. The general symptoms are rheumatic pains or neuralgia, headaches, dizzy spells, irritability, despondency, weakness and general misery. Worry is a frequent cause and sometimes a symptom of kidney disease. Thousands have testified to immediate relief from these symptoms after using Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets.

# Public Opinion

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#### PROGRAM

PART ONE.

"Hail Bright Abode" Tannhauser. Warner Kyrle. "Mass St. Cecilia" Trio. Gounod. MRS. GEO. ANDREWS, E. W. HUNTER, WM. VAWTER.

Solo, "Elgie," Violin obligato. Massenet. WILLIAM VAWTER and W. CARLETON JAMES.

Gloria, "Mass St. Cecilia," with Trio. Gounod. MRS. GUY CHILDERS, FORREST EDMEADES W. F. ISAACS.

List the Cherubic Host, "Holy City." Gail. LADIES CHORUS AND WILLIAM VAWTER.

Song of the Triton. Molloy.

PART TWO.

Dawn Now on the Hillsides, "Samson and Delilah." Saint Saens. "O For the Wings of a Dove," Solo and Chorus. Mendelssohn. MISS FLORENCE HAZELRIGG.

Prize Song from "Die Meistersinger," Violin Solo. Wagner. W. CARLETON JAMES.

Sanctus, "Mass St. Cecilia," Solo and Chorus. Gounod. C. McCURDY.

Benedictus, "Mass St. Cecilia," Solo and Chorus. Gounod. MRS. GEORGE ANDREWS.

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