

### SECRETARY LANE EXPLAINS NATURE OF NEW OIL LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Leases of great value on "proven" oil lands are not to be had by the mere filing of an application, Secretary Lane said today in a statement explaining the oil land leasing bill signed yesterday by the president.

Proven oil lands of the government are largely covered by claims which must be adjusted before such lands can be leased, Mr. Lane said, adding that when the government grants a lease for either oil or coal land except under the relief section or by permit, it will be by competitive bidding, ample notice of which will be given.

"The only part of the act which is self-operative, and with respect to which a person can take any steps leading to the procurement of any right, before the regulations of the department are issued or before the department has taken the necessary preliminary steps to offer the lands for lease," continued the secretary, "is that portion which provides for securing a preference right for an oil prospecting permit, by posting a notice on the ground; and this applies only to lands not in the geologic structure of a producing oil field. These regulations are in the hands of the printer and will be issued immediately they are off the press.

"There can be no doubt as to the very great importance of the legislation; it marks a wide departure in public policy. It opens to development and use large resources that have been virtually locked up as a result of withdrawal or inadequate laws, and will offer a means of settling litigation that has been pending for years, with fairness to the litigants and the public interests."

### THREATEN TO DESTROY LEGION HEADQUARTERS

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 26.—Letters written in lead pencil which threaten the destruction by explosives of the American Legion post No. 5 here unless it suspends its campaign against radicals and its support of the prosecution in the trial of the alleged Industrial Workers of the World now progressing at Montezano, Wash., were given to the police here today. Walter J. Peterson, captain of police inspectors, is commander and George E. Price is secretary of the post. The lives of both were threatened, according to a statement given out by Peterson.

### ASKS WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

was in charge of apricot production during the war, according to the testimony of Britt Smith and Bert Bland, two of the defendants, who took the stand after Pierce. Britt Smith said Roberts had claimed he had been "framed" and that he did not like "Disque." "He said," Smith testified, "that he heard the guards at the Centralia jail make threats to put his mother in jail also."

Bland, who has known Roberts about two years, said Roberts had told him that the guards at Centralia had some sort of a machine in his cell which kept repeating to him "you're guilty, you'll confess." Roberts does not like Vanderveer, Bland said. "He thinks Pierce is actually Vanderveer, and that Vanderveer is Colonel Disque."

"He told me once," Bland testified, "that he thought Disque had a lot of nerve to defend us."

Mrs. Edna Roberts, mother of the defendant, and Dr. A. C. Calhoun, Seattle dentist, were expected to take the witness stand this afternoon.

Mrs. Barnett Testifies  
The defense of Eugene Barnett, one of the defendants, was concluded

today, Barnett's wife being the principal witness called to testify in an effort to prove the defendant's purported alibi. Mrs. Barnett gave testimony corroborative of that given by her husband. She said he did not return to Centralia the night of the shooting because she would not let him. He had told her, she said, that he expected mob action in Centralia that night and that he wanted to go back and help the boys protect themselves. On cross-examination Mrs. Barnett said her husband ran from the house at the time a posse came to arrest him "because he had a red card."

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It is not recalled when any attraction booked to play this city has aroused more genuine interest and curiosity than the coming of the Great Blackstone, which promises to take on the proportions of a public event. Every man, woman and child in the city, it would seem, has read or heard of the engagement of the master of magic, Superman of mysticism, American ace of amazing, astonishing, astounding achievement. The box-office phone was kept busy all day with inquiries about the details of the Blackstone production, the prices and the days on which the principal advertised sensations would be presented.

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