

The Weather

Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	44
Minimum today	30

Daily—Eighteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Third Year.

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum	41
Minimum	29

CRIMINAL ACTION ORDERED BY COOLIDGE

PRESIDENT IS AROUSED BY DISCLOSURES

Latest Evidence in Teapot Dome Investigation Stirs Chief Executive to Action—Reluctant to Believe in Guilt of Friends, But People Must Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In the face of new disclosures in the senate oil inquiry President Coolidge is preparing to initiate whatever civil or criminal proceedings may be necessary to protect the public interest.

The evidence already produced in the hearings is regarded by the president as pointing to criminal action, and if he fully is convinced that there has been fraud the government also will proceed to the annulment of the oil leases involved.

Mr. Coolidge is reluctant to believe that any of those connected with the lease are guilty of criminal intent, but holds that the evidence presented has been such as to require explanation and the government will undertake to ascertain where criminal action lies. Aside from the criminal action possibility, the government will proceed with a view to annulment of the leases to the oil reserves if the evidence of fraud is such as to stand in court action.

The whole course of the government as determined by the president will be to protect the interests of the United States and to proceed vigorously against any infraction of laws.

In following this course the department of justice will continue its observation at the hearings and review in detail the testimony presented to the committee.

Oklahoma Acts

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 25.—A resolution was introduced in the senate of the Oklahoma legislature today by Senator Courtland M. Penney, of Chandler, asking that the United States senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome oil lease testimony also in regard to a lead and zinc mining lease granted by former Interior Secretary Fall to the Eagle-Picher Mining company in the restricted Quapaw Indian lands in northeastern Oklahoma.

Stop Work Order Denied

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Dow Jones and company news ticker today said that officials of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport stated instructions had been received from Washington ordering all work stopped on naval reserve number one in California, leased to the company.

This report is denied by Secretary Denby of the navy.

McNary Bill Endorsed By More Dirt Farmers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Enactment of the McNary-Hopkins bill which would create an export corporation was endorsed by several witnesses from the Northwest before the house agriculture committee today. W. L. Stockton, president of the Montana Farm Bureau; Herbert Egbert, president of the Oregon Farmers' union and G. L. Mix, Moscow, Idaho, representing the northwestern wheat growers and bankers, were among those who testified.

15,000 AMERICANS KILLED IN 1923 BY AUTOS; SAFETY RULES URGED

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The National Safety council today, in announcing that 15,000 deaths were caused in the United States during 1923 by automobiles outlined three recommendations which it said could be applied in any city to bring a reduction in street accidents. They are:

1.—That traffic movement along main arteries and subsidiary channels be studied and traffic maps made so that traffic distribution and control may be effective.

Powell Faction of Ku Klux Klan Quits; Peace Is Restored

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—The allied Protestant Americans, which was recently organized in Oregon is no more. Today its incorporators, Luther I. Powell, J. A. Piltz and H. W. Giddings filed articles of dissolution with the corporation department here.

The articles dealt very briefly with the decision to disband.

The movement, the papers explain, was the result of a meeting in Portland, January 22, and probably marks the end of the inter-klan fight.

BOOZE CHARGE IS DISMISSED, EVIDENCE FAILS

The cases against Dennis Zimmerly, rancher of the Rogue River section, of selling booze and having it in his possession fell flat in Justice Taylor's court Thursday when Cliff Hickson who was recently bound over to the grand jury on the charge of possessing liquor, failed to testify that he had obtained it from Zimmerly, as the prosecuting prohibition officers had claimed he had told them after his arrest. In fact, Hickson testified that he had not gotten the booze from Zimmerly.

The arrest was made by Prohibition Enforcement Officer Sandofer and he and it is claimed that after Hickson told them, as they claim, that he obtained the liquor from Zimmerly, that while on another case in the same vicinity, they accidentally found a cache of 15 bottles of moonshine about 40 or 50 rods from Zimmerly's house.

It could not be demonstrated at yesterday's hearing that this cache was located on Zimmerly's ranch, hence the charges were dismissed for lack of evidence.

THOUSANDS PAY SILENT TRIBUTE AT LENINE'S BIER

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Moscow's mourning at the bier of Lenin, prolonged a day by the postponement of the funeral services from tomorrow to Sunday, has become a vast and solemn spectacle.

Down the two wide streets and several smaller ones that enter the square on which the House of Unions is situated, throngs of thousands of persons, many from distant villages who pass into the chamber where the body lies in state, glance at the face and then file out into the cold, perhaps to walk a dozen miles to the little outlying village from whence their pilgrimage began.

In the crowd also are delegations of factory women who sing communist songs as they march across the square into the building and here and there in a hotel employe and a house domestic, excused from duty to go to the hall.

Honored by the state in naming Petrograd in his memory, the dead premier is receiving the homage of communists in other cities and countries of Europe, many of whom are expected to the obsequies.

Moscow is in deep mourning. Theaters and motion picture places are closed and newspapers are bordered with black.

2.—That city spot maps showing the place of every traffic accident be made so that local centers of hazard may be identified and proper treatment of conditions prescribed.

3.—That the intelligent co-operation of every user of public streets be obtained through community organization and examination directed at the development of safer conditions and conduct everywhere.

Larger cities reporting increased fatal automobile accidents include: Oakland, Cal., and Los Angeles.

H. SINCLAIR ALSO GAVE FALL LOAN

Harry Sinclair's Personal Attorney Declares Oil King Sent \$25,000 in Liberty Bonds to Fall Shortly After He Resigned From Cabinet—Net Tightens.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—J. W. Zevely, Harry Sinclair's personal attorney, told the Teapot Dome committee today that Mr. Sinclair had loaned \$25,000 in Liberty bonds to Albert B. Fall in June, 1923, three months after Fall resigned from the cabinet.

Fall could not leave at the time Sinclair sailed, he said, because he had personal affairs to attend to and also felt obliged to go to Washington to ascertain whether the administration officials would approve his visit to Russia.

"Before Mr. Sinclair sailed," Zevely said, "I told him the secretary would need \$25,000. He called on his secretary, Mr. Wahlburg, and told him to let me have \$25,000 or \$30,000 in bonds. Mr. Wahlburg sent them to a bank in El Paso which Mr. Fall had designated."

Zevely said Mr. Fall gave him a note for the amount after his return from Russia; that he has the note but that he has not given any evidence of the debt to Sinclair except to promise he would pay the loan.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, recalled that Fall had told the committee that \$10,000 was all he got for the Russian trip.

"That was his expense money," the witness said. "The other was in addition."

The bonds were sent to El Paso for Fall, the witness said, after Sinclair had invited Fall to go to Russia with him to advise him on some business matters there.

Transaction Suspicious

In his testimony before the committee last Monday Wahlburg declared that in October or November, 1922, by direction of Sinclair, he placed subject to the order of Zevely, 3500 shares of Sinclair Consolidated and \$25,000 worth of Liberty bonds. Wahlburg further testified that the stock at least subsequently had been sold but that he did not know what became of the bonds. He added that the transaction seemed to him "suspicious."

Zevely said the loan of \$25,000 in Liberty bonds to Fall was arranged for when he went to Three Rivers to see Fall about the Russian trip.

Senator Walsh said it was odd that he would have made a trip to Three Rivers for that purpose instead of writing.

"It may be strange, but it's the fact," returned the witness.

Questioned about the sale of 3500 shares of Sinclair stock he had borrowed from Harry Sinclair, Zevely said he deposited the \$115,000 in the J. A. corporation in New York.

"What's the J. A. corporation?" asked Senator Walsh.

"That's a corporation I organized to do a general business," was the answer.

"Who are the officers?" asked Walsh.

"I'm the president, my wife is secretary, I think—I don't know; it's never functioned."

Chairman Lenroot led the witness into the story of the trip to Russia. Zevely said Sinclair had some concessions from the China government, but he did not know, in the disturbed state of affairs in Russia, "whether he had anything of value."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Mr. Fall was said today, at the home of Mr. Zevely, to be under orders of his physician, Dr. John Wharton, to remain in bed all day. Callers were denied admission. A slight throat infection, a return of an old throat infection, was said to have resulted from the change in climate and Mr. Fall's trip to Washington in unusually inclement weather.

The former interior secretary sent out word that he had made no statement regarding the Doherty testimony and would make none until he appears before the committee Monday.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 25.—Tom Johnson, foreman of A. B. Fall's ranch at Three Rivers, N. M., left yesterday for Washington where he has been subpoenaed as a witness before the senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome oil lease, according to a report here today.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 25.—The grant by former Interior Secretary Fall of a lease on Quapaw Indian lands in northeastern Oklahoma.

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New York State's "Dry" Chief Goes On Trial On Charge Of Extortion



WILLIAM H. ANDERSON

CAN'T FIND MAN WHO GAVE HEAD OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE \$20,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Assistant District Attorney Pecora today continued his cross examination of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, in an effort to learn more about the mysterious "John T. King," named by the league head yesterday as the man who gave him more than \$20,000 because he liked him.

Anderson, on trial on the charge of third degree forgery, declared that he had received the last of the "gift" while taking dinner with "King" at the Waldorf Astoria late in 1913 or early in 1914. He could not recall the exact date. At that time, Anderson said, his benefactor handed him an envelope which he opened after dinner to find about \$2,000—one \$1000 bill, and the remainder in hundred dollar bills.

Anderson, asked if he had taken dinner with his benefactor in the room next to the Waldorf, declared that he was not familiar with those rooms.

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Anti-Saloon league of New York today faces continuance of cross examination by Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who is prosecuting him on an indictment charging third degree forgery.

Cross examination yesterday brought from Anderson testimony that he had received from a mysterious benefactor about \$25,000. He said he loaned the league \$24,700 of this amount, which is involved in extortion and grand larceny indictments pending against him.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—Unsuccessful efforts have been made to find the John T. King, from whom William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, on trial for forgery in New York testified he had received about \$25,000 in Baltimore in 1912.

There are seven men of this name, listed in the city directory and all of them denied today ever having had any dealings with Mr. Anderson.

GEORGE HILTON IS SPEAKER, ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 25.—A group meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the Federal Farm Loan associations of Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, was held in this city today, over thirty delegates being in attendance.

President D. G. O'Shea of the Federal Land bank of Spokane was the principal speaker. Other addresses were made by C. A. Canthorne of Portland; George Hilton, Jr., of Medford; E. H. Hurd of Medford; J. G. Miller of North Bend; Mrs. L. H. Hague of Klamath Falls, and Miss Sylvia Brown of Roseburg.

A district organization is to be formed and officers elected this afternoon. Delegates will be selected to attend the convention to be held in Spokane soon.

Panama Canal Unprotected

COLON, Canal Zone, Jan. 25.—The Panama canal is at present open to aircraft bombardment and enemy naval raids, according to a report of the umpires of the recent maneuvers of the American navy.

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Prince Who Killed Rasputin, Sells Pearl Necklace for \$400,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Prince Felix Youssouff, Russian nobleman, famed for his part in the death of the monk, Rasputin, has through an agent, sold a string of pearls to Mrs. Peter Gerry, of Washington, D. C. for \$400,000.

JUDGE THOMAS SENTENCES FIVE TO SALEM PEN

Harry Tracy today was given a year in the penitentiary and the sentence suspended on good behavior by Judge C. M. Thomas.

Judge Thomas announced from the bench that anyone found guilty of manufacturing liquor for commercial purposes in southern Oregon will be given a penitentiary sentence.

Prison terms were meted out to four violators Thursday, who filed pleas of guilty, before Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas. Three of the lot were young men—drifters, the court called them—the other was a middle-aged bootlegger.

William Schultz, age 17 years, a farmer boy, whose father owns a ranch near The Dalles, Oregon, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for "burglary in the day time." Schultz entered a home at Rogue River last fall. Hunger impelled him to commit the crime, he told the court. When he left he took a shotgun, and was arrested an hour later walking down the Pacific highway.

"I only took some grub, and the gun to kill game with," the boy told the court.

The court imposed a sentence of three years, with the promise that a letter would be written to the state parole board recommending a parole at the end of one year, if his behavior was good.

"On account of your youth, I am making the sentence light," Judge Thomas said, in passing sentence. "I hope no bitterness comes into your life as a result. You are a young man and should resolve to get a new start. Whatever you do don't come out of Salem bitter against society."

Sentence of from two to five years, with promise of the court's aid at the end of two years in securing a parole, was passed upon John Ellis, 22, a "big town" taxi driver, and Jerry Kent, 24, a medical school student, 24, both former members of the navy in war time. They pleaded guilty to the stealing of a car.

Kent said his parents were dead, that he had been gassed during the war, and that when physical disability compelled the suspension of his medical studies it "took the heart out of him." Then he started wandering. His home is in Texas.

Ellis said his home was in southern Illinois, that he had no trade, but had driven a taxicab in St. Louis, and then became a tourist, being arrested once in Idaho for vagrancy, in the course of his travels.

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SALINA CRUZ RECAPTURED BY OBREGON

After 30 Hours' Fighting, Loyalist Drive Rebels Into Sea and Retake Important Port—Operations Start Near U. S. Border—Rebels Claim Victory.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 25.—Following thirty hours of severe fighting, loyal troops under the command of General Bravo Izquierdo have recaptured the port of Salina Cruz and compelled a part of the rebel force holding the port to embark on the gunboat Progreso, according to a wire message received here by Mexican Consul Roji.

Salina Cruz was attacked by rebel forces from the land and sea last Sunday, the gunboat Progreso bombarding the town. Commander Donato Bravo Izquierdo and his garrison of 200 men were forced to evacuate the place, but recaptured it with the aid of reinforcements under General Llanos Pineda. The rebels lost twelve killed and thirty wounded.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press).—The rebels lost 150 killed in the thirty hours of fighting which resulted in the recapture by the federal forces of the port of Salina Cruz, according to advices reaching the capital.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Jan. 25.—Continents of cavalry from Reynosa and other nearby border points were brought to Matamoros last night and it is said will be used in operations against rebel bands reported mobilizing near San Fernando, fifty miles south of Matamoros.

Rebels Claim Victory

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 25.—(Via Radio to the Dallas News)—Rebel forces commanded by General Salvador Alvarado, have taken possession of Silao, a railway town near Celaya in the state of Guanajuato and have also occupied railroad stations at Pedrito, state of Jalisco, says a rebel communique issued here.

In the action at Silao the insurgents captured abundant supplies of ammunition and rifles and also took prisoners.

At Pedrito they derailed a north-bound train, putting to flight the military escort. The armored cars guarding the train fell into the hands of General Alvarado's men, says the statements.

The U. S. S. Omaha and six destroyers anchored off Vera Cruz, yesterday, obtained permission to enter the bay.

"The warships," continues the communique, "expect to remain here for one or two days and then resume their trip, which began at the Panama canal zone."

JAPAN WILL BUY BIG ORDER, COAST LUMBER

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—That Japan will buy heavily of Pacific coast lumber to reconstruct consequent upon devastation of the Tokio-Yokohama district by earthquake in September was the word brought today by Major Everett G. Griggs of Tacoma and G. M. Clark of Portland, lumbermen who arrived on the Admiral Oriental liner President Grant after an investigation tour on which they left the United States in November.

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