

## The Weather

Prediction ..... Rain  
Maximum yesterday ..... 58  
Minimum today ..... 48  
Precipitation ..... Trace

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

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum ..... 40  
Minimum ..... 20.7

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## DENBY WILL NOT RESIGN, DEFIES FOES

Secretary of Navy Has No Intention of Quitting Under Fire—Did the Right Thing and Says He Would Do the Same Again—Coolidge Refuses Comment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Secretary Denby announced after today's cabinet meeting at which the oil lease investigation was considered that he had "no intention whatever of resigning at the present time."

"I am so convinced I did the right thing that I would do it again tomorrow regardless of the consequences," the secretary said. "I feel that I carried out the will of congress and my activities served the best interests of the people. Accordingly I have nothing to regret and no reason to resign."

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name also has been prominent in the investigation was declared by Mr. Denby to be "entirely and absolutely in the clear."

"Colonel Roosevelt has done nothing to be criticized for in the transactions. I approved them with full knowledge and I accept complete responsibility. Mr. Roosevelt is in no wise responsible for the action taken."

With reference to the Robinson resolution pending in the senate and calling for his resignation, Mr. Denby said he would like "to see the senator, who in the senate would vote for a resolution besmirching the character of any man without having accorded that man an opportunity to be heard."

"I want a record vote in the senate on the Robinson resolution," he continued, "so that I may determine what senators are willing to besmirch and defame the name of an American citizen who is guilty of no crime and who has never been charged, tried or convicted in any court."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President Coolidge asked a direct question by callers to his office today relative to the Robinson resolution requesting the resignation of Secretary Denby, replied that it was a matter he did not care to discuss.

The president considers the whole oil leasing investigation as having resolved itself into two majority problems for the executive branch of the government—first to determine whether there was criminal liability and second, to ascertain whether the leases are legal and to the best interests of the government. All other matters are of lesser importance in his opinion.

These two problems are to be worked out by the special counsel to be employed by the president and there is no indication that the executive at this time is contemplating any additional action. He discussed the matter today at a cabinet session lasting nearly two hours.

Reading Secretary Denby's statement to the senate later, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, declared the secretary was entitled to a "vote on the resolution."

"Let me say," he added, "that every effort which I can make to secure a record vote will be directed to obtaining it just as soon as it is possible."

"This is an issue that will not down. The record shows that after congress reposed the responsibility for these reserves in the secretary of the navy he acquiesced in, consented to and approved the transfer of these reserves to the control of a department where he knew the policy of congress would be deliberately and wilfully disregarded."

## SEC'Y MELLON'S TAX REDUCTION PLAN IS ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A rate of 25 per cent for the reduction in earned income taxes was definitely decided upon today by the house ways and means committee. Recognition of earned income taxes for special reduction as suggested by Secretary Mellon was approved yesterday by the committee.

Representative Garner of Texas, author of the democratic tax plan, proposed that the rate be placed at 21-1/2 per cent. His motion was defeated

## Senate Democrats Also Demand Atty. General Quit Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A resolution expressing the sense of the senate that the president request the immediate resignation of Attorney General Daugherty was prepared today by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, who said he would introduce it at the first opportunity.

The resolution declares that the president has lost confidence in Mr. Daugherty, as exemplified by employment of outside counsel to prosecute the annulment suits. It also asserts that Mr. Daugherty has lost the confidence of congress and of the American people and that the department of justice has "fallen into disrepute."

## SINCLAIR AGAIN DENIES HE GAVE FALL ANYTHING

Teapot Dome Magnate Cables Senator Lenroot From Paris That He Will Return Only When He Has Finished His Business in Europe.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Harry F. Sinclair today cabled Senator Lenroot commending President Coolidge's action in instituting legal proceedings over the Teapot Dome oil leases but reiterating his determination not to return to testify further until his European business trip has been completed.

Mr. Sinclair in his message says "he welcomes the judicial determination of these questions in the lawfully constituted courts of our country and at the earliest date possible."

He adds that having appeared before the investigating committee five different times and been discharged, he feels justified in remaining in Europe until his business negotiations are completed.

"On five different occasions," says the message, "I have appeared before your committee. I have given you every fact or circumstance you have inquired about from me and was thereupon discharged by you from further testimony. It was not until you told me that I was discharged from further testimony that I came to Europe."

"I came here on a business matter. As soon as I can expedite my business I shall return. I have stated before your committee that neither I nor the companies with which I am connected have ever given Fall or any other representative of the government any money or consideration whatsoever in connection with the Teapot Dome lease and I again repeat I have not done so."

"I have been advised that the president of the United States has directed the institution of legal proceedings for the purpose of determining the question of fraud, if any there be, and for determining the validity or non-validity of the leases. I commend the action of the president in so doing and welcome a judicial determination of these questions in the lawfully constituted courts of our country and at the earliest date possible."

"Under these circumstances I feel and respectfully insist that if the records and books of the Hyva corporation are pertinent to your inquiry, I and I alone am the proper person to testify regarding these records. Any other procedure, it seems to be, is entirely unfair and not in accord with the American idea of a square deal."

(Signed) "H. F. SINCLAIR."

## SENATE TO CANCEL TEAPOT LEASE

Passage of Resolution By Senator Walsh Regarded As Certain—Debate Continues Between Republicans and Democrats—Roosevelt Testimony Given to President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The senate failed again today to reach a vote on the Walsh resolution for cancellation of oil leases. After six hours of debate a recess was taken until noon tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Both the White House and congress proceeded today with plans to throw the whole Fall-Doheny-Sinclair oil lease muddle into the courts.

In another dramatic debate the senate not only pressed toward action on an annulment resolution, but heard renewed demands that Secretary Denby retire from the cabinet because of his part in the leasing program.

The immediate subject of the senate debate when the session began today was the resolution of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, calling on the president to employ special counsel and institute proceedings for cancellation of both the Doheny and Sinclair leases. Its passage before adjournment tonight was generally predicted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Meeting an hour earlier than usual the senate today plunged into its debate over the naval oil leases with action in prospect on the resolution of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, calling on the president to institute annulment proceedings.

Chairman Lenroot of the oil investigating committee revealed that the purport of Archie Roosevelt's sensational testimony relating to charges of a \$68,000 payment to the foreman of Secretary Fall's ranch had been known to President Coolidge in advance of Mr. Roosevelt's appearance on the stand.

Senator Lenroot said Mr. Roosevelt and his brother, Theodore, assistant secretary of the navy, had given this information to himself and Senator Walsh on the day before.

"I conceived it to be my duty to acquaint the president of the United States of the information which came to us," said Lenroot, "and I did so."

President Praised

"The president acted promptly and did everything that from that time on that any president, democrat or republican, could be expected to do and there cannot be any criticism of the president of the United States of any failure to act."

"Doesn't the senator know," asked Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, "that the country will judge the president's sincerity by the length of time he keeps Edwin Denby in his cabinet?"

"That is another matter," responded Senator Lenroot. "I am speaking now of the steps the president has taken to protect the country."

The committee chairman said it was but natural that democratic senators should make the most political capital possible out of the incident.

"But when we come to rectifying any wrong, if wrong there be," he said, "politics should stop. So I did resist and I resent now the criticism of the president of announcing his intention to do what they seek to compel him to do by this resolution."

"Every means possible is going to be taken by senators on the other side of the aisle to fasten on President Coolidge some culpability, some responsibility for this matter. I venture to say, however, that the effort will fail."

Roosevelt Testimony

The senator declared that the first "positive information of fraud," came before the committee a week ago yesterday in the testimony of Archie Roosevelt. It was on the basis of this information, he added that the president at once directed the department of justice to observe the proceedings before the committee, a duty for which the department detailed Assistant Attorney General Holland.

"If these leases are in fact legal and valid, if there be no fraud or corruption in connection with them, if the courts shall finally sustain all of these leases to the two great naval reserves," Senator Lenroot continued, "it will be due to the unfortunate language adopted."

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## Motherless Daughters Of Labor Premier To Preside Over No. 10 Downing Street



PREMIER MACDONALD WITH HIS DAUGHTERS; BELOW, THE MACDONALD COTTAGE ON THE SCOTCH MOOR.

LONDON—From this humble little stone cottage in Lossiemouth, Scotland, England's new premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will remove with his four motherless sons and daughters to No. 10 Downing Street, successively the home of British premiers since the time of Gladstone.

The Scotch labor leader spent the Christmas holidays with his daughters in Lossiemouth. Mrs. MacDonald died in 1911. Her two daughters have since managed their father's household.

## TIME TO HALT H. FORD REFUSES BAITING OF RAIL ROADS IN U.S.A. TO WASTE MORE TIME ON TALK

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Railroad baiting still survives "despite the fact that bull baiting has long ago been stopped by penal laws and bear baiting is no longer allowed," William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company said today in an address at the opening of the first mid-year western conference of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States here.

Paul Shoup, vice president of the Southern Pacific company, is presiding at the meeting.

"Like the bull and the bear, the railroads are on the defensive only because of their being baited," Mr. Sproule continued. "It is time that railroad baiting ceased to be a popular pastime."

"Do you know that in 1913, which year before the German war broke out and which was the year in which railroad rates were low, the class one railroads of the country paid their stockholders dividends amounting to \$322,000,000. In 1922, on the contrary, the dividends paid fell to \$271,500,000. The stockholders received \$50,000,000 less dividends in 1922 than in 1913, although in 1922 the railroads earned \$5,672,000,000 as against \$3,119,000,000 gross in 1913."

"The railroads should not be asked to sell transportation at a loss because some other industry is not prospering. The fact is that there is no industry in the country which could be made prosperous by a general reduction of railroad rates upon that industry, while the rate reductions themselves might at the same time total such amounts as to deprive the railroads of the means necessary to serve the public at large."

"In 1923 the railroads had but five cents left out of the dollar after paying their taxes and before they paid interest on money borrowed, generally known as fixed charges."

In calling the meeting to order, Chairman Shoup said:

"Taxation is the most important question before the American people today. For those who have incomes above a few thousand dollars per annum, the war will never be over. Surely our country will appreciate the necessity of taking advantage of the opportunity presented in a systematic and business-like way by Secretary Mellon for reduction of these burdens."

Prohibition Comes to An End in Turkey, Liquor Is Restored

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Prohibition in Turkey came to an end Sunday, says a Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Mail, when Premier Ismet Pasha's proposal to restore liquor as a state monopoly received the unanimous approval of the national assembly.

## "Hello Rastus!" Riles Negro, Ex-Football Star Is Badly Cut

TACOMA, Jan. 20.—Theodore (Ted) E. Faulk, former University of Washington football player, was severely cut about the head last night by William F. Thompson, colored janitor of an office building. The janitor surrendered to the police today and was lodged in jail. He disappeared after the attack.

Faulk said the negro attacked him with a large knife after he had greeted him with "hello, Rastus."

## FALL ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE IS LAWYER'S CLAIM

Levi Cooke, Fall's Attorney, Urges Committee to Visit Ex-Secy. in Sick Room—Walsh Refuses—Will Hear Doctors Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the senate oil committee was told today by his counsel, Levi Cooke.

"Senator Fall has been under a great strain for the past few weeks," said Mr. Cooke. "He traveled extensively and has been put to a great physical strain."

Urging that the committee as a whole or a sub-committee examine Mr. Fall in his sick room at the home of J. W. Zevely, Mr. Cooke told the committee that it was the opinion of the attending physicians that a delay in the examination tended only to aggravate his condition. He added that the doctors felt that any prolonged strain upon him at this time might have a most detrimental effect and read a statement prepared last night by Dr. John Wharton and three consulting physicians to that effect.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, who has had the predominant role in the whole oil lease investigation, said he hesitated to intrude himself in Mr. Fall's sick room and that he would prefer first to hear from the physicians as to when Mr. Fall would be likely able to come before the committee.

"I suggest," he said, "that the physicians appear and tell us under oath when he will be able to appear."

Chairman Lenroot suggested that the doctors come before the committee tomorrow but Mr. Cooke urged they be heard today.

After further discussion the committee decided to hear the doctors tomorrow morning. At the same time it also will examine Director Bain of the bureau of mines with respect to the disposal of storage oil from naval reserve number one in California and of royalty oil in the Salt Creek field.

Thomas Johnson, foreman of Fall's New Mexico ranch, was present today but Chairman Lenroot informed him that his examination would be deferred for a time. Meantime he is to remain in Washington at the call of the committee.

## Daily Report on the Crime Wave

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Two armed bandits held up and robbed Dr. H. L. Dowd and a party of friends here early this morning securing

about \$16,000 in money and jewels. Dr. Dowd and his friends were returning from a theater party and had arrived in front of the Dowd home when the robbery occurred.

## ENTRAPMENT DEFENSE FAILS, ROSEBURG MAN FOUND GUILTY ON BOOZE CHARGE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 29.—Col. Reed, charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor was today found guilty and fined \$500 and given ten days in jail. The case has been particularly hard fought, and attracted a great deal of attention because of the issues involved. Reed was arrested by two state agents, who claimed to have purchased liquor from him. The defense raised the question of entrapment, citing Oregon authorities tending to prove that where officers induced a man to commit a crime that no conviction could be secured. The

court, Judge C. M. Thomas of Jackson county, ruled, however, that where there was evidence to show that a person had been engaged in the violation of the law as was proven in this case, the officers were given authority under the law to purchase liquor from him as possible.

Entrapment, it was held, might only be a question of a person never previously engaged in law violation induced to commit a crime and then arrested by the officer devising the plan for the wrongful act. The case is to be appealed.

## ANTI-SALOON CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY

Trial of N. Y. Leader of Anti-Saloon League Ends—Court Refuses Directed Verdict—Also Refuses to Quash Indictment—Friends of Defendants Sure of Acquittal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The case of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, on trial on a charge of third degree forgery was given to the jury today at 5.55 p. m.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Motion by defense counsel for an instructed verdict of not guilty in the case of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, on trial for forgery, was denied by Justice Tompkins in supreme court today. Justice Tompkins also denied another motion to quash the indictment. Arguments then began.

In closing arguments to the jury attorneys for the defense claimed that Anderson was the victim of a conspiracy by the wet forces of New York to discredit the Anti-Saloon league and the Volstead act and that a conviction of the defendant would be taken as approval of the policy of law violation and encouragement of the boot-legger.

The state in closing the case maintained the evidence showed Anderson had used his position to extort money from the rich and that he had succeeded in amassing a private fortune through his activities as head of the Anti-Saloon league. The explanation of the defendant that he received \$25,000 cash from a friend of the prohibition cause, who had never been identified was designated as a hoax, while a number of witnesses for the defense were termed unworthy of belief.

Friends of Anderson were frank in their prediction that he would be acquitted promptly as they maintained no evidence had been submitted to show fraud or extortion.

## Oregon News in Brief

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 29.—The Clatsop county court has asked for bids to be opened February 9, on the clearing and grading of a road from the coast highway to Fort Clatsop, where the Lewis and Clark expedition had its headquarters during the winter it was on the coast in 1805-06.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—A traffic jam developed here this morning, delaying thousands on their way to the downtown district when the ocean steamer Monticello loaded with lumber became stuck in the mud just as she was starting through the open draw of the Hawthorne bridge.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 29.—A severe storm which was sweeping the Pacific ocean at the mouth of the Columbia river early today moderated during the morning. The wind which was seventy miles an hour at 8 a. m., had moderated to 48 miles at 11 a. m. The barometer was rising rapidly.

MORO, Ore., Jan. 29.—The Sherman county export commission league was organized and a resolution endorsing the McNary-Hagen bill was drawn up at a meeting of businessmen and farmers here yesterday.

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