

The Weather
 Prediction.....Fair tonight.
 Probable rain Saturday.
 Maximum yesterday.....48
 Minimum today.....32
 Precipitation.....10

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum.....49
 Minimum.....22

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DENBY RESIGNATION AGAIN DEMANDED

NAVAL SEC'Y UNFIT SAYS SEN. WALSH

Head of Senate Oil Probe Declares Denby Must Be Driven From Public Life—Convicted By Own Testimony—Oil Investigation Is Spreading Rapidly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—William G. McAdoo will be heard by the senate oil committee tomorrow.

Appearing at his own request he will explain fully his professional services with the Doheny oil interests.

Decision to hear the former secretary of the treasury in the Wilson administration was reached today by the committee after Chairman Lenroot had read into the record a letter sent to him last night by Mr. McAdoo asking for an immediate hearing.

Frederick G. Bonilla, publisher of the *Denver (Colo.) Post* appeared as a voluntary witness to tell of his efforts to assist Leo Stack to enforce a contract Stack had with the Mid-West and other oil companies supposed to own acreage in the Teapot Dome reserve before it was leased to Harry F. Sinclair by former Secretary Fall.

Before the committee adjourned until tomorrow Mr. Bonilla said that he had turned over to Senator Walsh the report and evidence of "what Mr. Stackback had found in New Mexico."

The story was cut short by adjournment of the committee, whose members hurried to the senate chamber to take part in the debate on the Denby resolution. Senator Walsh said before closing that it showed conclusively the unfitness of Secretary Denby to act as secretary of the navy.

Senator Walsh Erupts
 "Out of his own mouth is he condemned," Senator Walsh said. "He had every opportunity to defend his acts and failed to do so."

"A great crime has been committed. The very structure of our government rocks upon its foundations in view of the revelations in connection with it. There is but one way to restore that confidence which is indispensable to its stability and perpetuity, namely, to visit upon the perpetrators the punishment justly provided under the law and drive from public service forever one through whose connivance or supineness it became possible."

"Are you willing, my colleagues, to turn back these properties into the keeping of Edwin Denby? I am not. Are you willing to condone the flagrant faithlessness which has characterized his administration of his great office as revealed by his own testimony before you? I am not. Are you content to let him down easy, lest sensibilities be offended or political prospects be affected? I am not."

"I want to see him driven from office with all the odium that possibly attaches to his going that his fate may serve for all time as a warning to those who might otherwise fail the republic he has failed."

Oil Inquiry Widened
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The oil inquiry was widened still further today when the senate without debate adopted a resolution directing an investigation of the circumstances by which the Honolulu Consolidated Oil company secured extensive tracts in California.

The resolution, offered by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, reiterated that the company's claim had been re-opened and approved by Secretary Albert B. Fall, after having been denied by the preceding secretary.

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Prince of Wales Is Thrown By Jumper; Collar Bone Broken



Prince of Wales

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Prince of Wales broke his collar bone while exercising one of his hunters at Billington manor, near Ascot this morning.

The prince was putting his mount over a fence when the horse fell, throwing his rider heavily on his shoulder. The prince got up and was re-mounting with difficulty when his quarry said: "I believe you've broken your collar bone."

"Yes, I have," Wales replied. An express train which was stopped at Leighton Buzzard to take the prince on board brought him to London before noon. After receiving further surgical treatment he returned to St. James palace and went to bed.

The prince was taken to the surgery at Leighton Buzzard where he received treatment, and was driven back to Mentmore mansion. He wore no collar when he emerged from the surgery and his shoulder was in bandages, but he was still smiling.

The prince is a great lover of horseflesh and has frequently been thrown but has always escaped serious injury. In addition to following the hounds, the heir to the British throne is keen on racing both on the flat and over the jumps and he has taken part in competition with professional jockeys although with indifferent success.

A London dispatch on Tuesday told of his rising at an early hour and motoring to Epsom Downs, the historic British race course where he looked over the horses entered for the forthcoming meet and engaged in impromptu races with the jockeys.

Wales had eighteen hunters at Leighton Buzzard and was expecting to do much hunting with the Waddon chase hounds. He had gone overnight to Mentmore mansion with Lord Dal-

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LETHAL GAS KILLS CHINK 30 SECONDS

Gee Jon, Chinaman, First Victim of New Method of Execution in United States—Mexican Boy's Life Saved By Reprieve at Last Moment—Gets Life.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8.—Gee Jon was pronounced dead at 9:37 a. m. and physicians witnessing the execution said death occurred 30 seconds after the gas was turned into the death chamber.

The condemned prisoner was walked forty yards into the prison yard and eight minutes after he left the condemned cell he apparently was dead.

During the execution the witnesses could smell the poisonous gas, but it did not appear to have any harmful results or even bother anyone. After the execution the chemists ordered that thirty minutes elapse before the chamber was emptied of gas, but an hour passed before the physicians were permitted to enter.

While the gas was being pumped out its odor permeated the prison.

Might Revive Victim
 CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8.—Danger to spectators in the lethal gas execution at the state prison here today was seen by Major D. A. Turner U. S. A. medical reserve corps, as he prepared to take charge of the medical details of the event.

Major Turner said that he would, "if granted permission," endeavor to revive Gee Jon, the tong player, who was named as the subject for the first lethal gas execution in the state. Warden Denver S. Dickerson granted this permission.

The major explained that lethal was not a uniform and effective form of execution and wanted to demonstrate it. The hydrocyanic acid used in the execution, he explained, is deadly but the persons subjected to it may often be revived by science.

The warden would not discuss the probable reviving of the condemned man. He said that all medical arrangements would be left to the physicians.

Major Turner planned to enter the death chamber with a gas mask as soon as possible after the gas was admitted. He said he had revived other men subjected to this kind of gas.

Major Turner did not predict that the man would be revived, but said he thought the experiment should be made.

Dr. A. Huffaker, the prison physician, arrived later to aid Turner in his official capacity.

The condemned man was reported to be bearing up better than was anticipated as the death procession prepared to start.

Boy Gets Life
 NEVADA STATE PRISON, CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gee Jon, Chinese tong player, faced death this morning in the first execution by lethal gas in American history.

Until last night two men had been expected to die in this execution. At a special meeting of the state board of pardons it was decided, by the vote of Governor Scruggam, to commute to life imprisonment the sentence of the other condemned man, Thomas Russell, an American-born Mexican, convicted of killing his sweetheart, an Indian girl.

P. A. McCarran, a former justice of the Nevada supreme court, had made an impassioned plea on behalf of Russell, basing the argument largely on the record in the case, which, the attorney contended, failed to bear out the state's case. The mother of the Indian girl had testified that she saw Russell kill the daughter, but Russell had insisted all along, even yesterday as he saw death a few hours away, that he was innocent, that it was the mother who was the slayer.

Yesterday the district judge who presided at Russell's trial telegraphed Governor Scruggam expressing doubt whether it was a case of premeditated murder. The governor concurred in this doubt, while voicing the belief that Russell killed the girl.

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THE TEAPOT DOME INVESTIGATION



Washington—Above are pictured various oil leases. Archie Roosevelt, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, with his brother, Archie Roosevelt, who appeared before the Senate Land Grants Committee investigating

REVELATIONS IN INDIAN REPORT SHOCK HEARERS

Indian Rights Association Is Stirred By Shocking Charges Against White Men in Oklahoma—Tribes Once Rich in Danger of Starvation.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—A report stating that the estates of the members of the Indian tribes in eastern Oklahoma are being, and have been shamelessly and openly robbed in a scientific and ruthless manner, through the administering of the Indian probate law in that state, was presented last night to the 41st annual meeting of the Indian Rights association.

The report contains an "explanation" by way of preface by Herbert Walsh, Philadelphia, president of the association, in which he said the report of three investigators, "disclosed a situation that is almost unbelievable in a civilized country and makes it clear that a radical and immediate change of the system in vogue is necessary, if the members of the five civilized tribes are to be saved from pauperization and virtual extermination."

The investigators, whose names are attached to the report are Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin, a college bred Sioux, now living in Washington, D. C., research agent for the Indian welfare committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs; Charles H. Fabens, Salem, Mass., representing the American Indian Defense association and Matthew K. Sniffen, Philadelphia, secretary of the Indian Rights association.

The report contains a summary, a bill of particulars, and a remedy. In the bill of particulars it is stated that it would be unfair to say that the alleged practices complained of are condoned by all the citizens of Oklahoma.

Interior Department Scored
 After stating that congress, in 1908, took from the interior department jurisdiction over Indian probate matters and transferred them to the local county courts, and that the department had failed in its efforts to have the courts follow rules of procedure that would afford "a measure of protection," to the Indians, the summary says:

"That in many of the counties the Indians are virtually at the mercy of groups that include the county judges, guardians, attorneys, bankers, merchants—not even overlooking the undertaker—all regarding the Indian estates as legitimate game."

"The Indian children have been allowed to die for lack of nourishment because of the heartlessness and indifference of their professional guardians, who had ample funds in their possession for the care of the wards."

"That a woman, after being dead four years, was resurrected as a man and able to sign a lease—all attested by witnesses and a notary public."

"That the undertakers were solicited to see that the deceased Indian had a first class funeral and they

Oregon News in Brief

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—The crippled children's law, enacted by the last session of the state legislature, was officially put into effect in Portland last night when the school board received a report of the committee on education with a partial list of crippled children entitled to the benefits of the act.

The law is the first of its kind passed in the United States. It provides that crippled children who are unable to leave their homes shall receive instruction in their homes from teachers under the direction of the city school system. The local school district has set aside \$1431 for the work in its 1924 budget.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 8.—The Roseburg lodge of Elks last night voted to purchase Farquhar island, a beautiful piece of land within the city limits in the Umpqua river, which they plan to convert into a modern amusement park and children's playground.

The equipping of the park and purchase will cost \$20,000 and \$4000 will be expended at once in building a bridge to the island.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 8.—The first carload shipment of broccoli from the Umpqua valley was sent out today to Portland to be distributed to northwest points.

The harvest is just starting and carload shipments will be made at two day intervals for the next week or ten days, when the crop will begin moving faster. During the height of the season there will be between forty and fifty cars going out each day and it is planned to send one complete train to Chicago as a publicity feature.

The damage from frost, although heavy in a few exposed localities, is very light in percentage when the entire crop is taken into consideration. It is expected that nearly five hundred carloads will be shipped out of the valley.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Sixty-nine fruit growers of the Hubbard district in northern Marion county, members of the Oregon Growers co-operative association will disband at the expiration of the present year, have organized a local marketing association and will handle their fruit through that organization this year. While they are under contract with the Oregon Growers for the rest of the present year they are petitioning for immediate release from their contracts and it is believed here their request will be granted.

OIL CANCELLATION SIGNED BY PREST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The names of Siles H. Strawn of Chicago, and Atlee Pomeroy of Ohio, to be special counsel for the government in the oil lease cases were sent to the senate today by President Coolidge for confirmation.

Nominations were forwarded to the capitol after the president had signed the Walsh cancellation resolution. In attaching his signature, however, he appended a memorandum taking exception to the language of the preamble which declares the leases were made in violation of the law and under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption.

In a message of notification sent to the senate Mr. Coolidge declared that in signing the resolution he "expressed no opinion with reference to the facts which purport to be found in the preamble to the resolution."

Rumor Resignation Hell Maria Dawes Sends Marks Down

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Heavy selling of German marks took place in today's foreign exchange market on the circulation of unconfirmed reports from abroad that Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes had resigned as chairman of the expert commission on German reparations. The quotation dropped from 21½ to 18.75 a trillion. The bulk of sales originated in Berlin and Amsterdam.

FORD SUGGESTS OIL STREAK IN MEXICAN POLICY

Auto Magnate Asked to Help Secy. Denby, Asks for Deeper Probe As to Financial Aspects—Has Faith in Coolidge.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 8.—The senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome oil leases "might do well to look into the possibility of a connection between oil interests and our attitude toward the Mexican difficulty," Henry Ford said today in a statement.

Mr. Ford's statement issued in answer to a request that he join hundreds of Michigan citizens in urging a fair deal for Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, and Detroit, said:

"I have been asked to join other citizens of Michigan in securing a fair deal for Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy. It is alleged here that because he has less political influence than other members of the government, a pretext may be sought to make him a scapegoat. My reply has been that I am sure that we can repose full confidence in President Coolidge's sense of justice and will not permit him to condemn any man without justice or injure any man's reputation without good reason. The senate, also without doubt, will accord every man a full hearing and opportunity for self-defense. No one in Michigan who knows Mr. Denby has ever believed him capable of personal dishonesty in public or private affairs."

"Nothing in this statement, however, should be construed as desiring in any way to limit or weaken the investigation now in progress. It is not enough to know who are the immediate persons concerned. Let the people go deeper until the international banking houses who conceived and financed the deal are exposed, for in the last analysis, they are the sources of the corruption in which other men are caught. If the investigation is pushed beyond surface facts more than our rights in the naval oil reserves will be recovered; we may also gain a knowledge as to what inspires weakness in public office."

"The dangerous element in this matter is not alone greed and weakness of individuals, but their readiness to weaken the country's defenses by giving up the navy's fuel to private exploitation. The committee might also do well to look into the possibility of a connection between oil interests and our attitude toward the Mexican difficulty."

WARDEN REFUSES TO ELECTROCUTE 5 NEGROES BUT SUCCESSOR DOES THE JOB

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Feb. 8.—While Walter Monroe Miller, new warden at the Texas penitentiary here, was officiating at the electrocution of five negroes early today, the former warden, R. F. Coleman, peacefully slept at his home here because he chose to follow the dictates of his conscience. He resigned the post of warden last month when it became known that he would have to act as executioner in all death sentences in Texas. The state was searched for a successor. Miller, former sheriff of Johnson county, finally was decided upon. He accepted in time to assume his duties, which prescribed that he shall throw the switch at all electrocutions.

"It just couldn't be done, boys,"

U.S. CRUISER DISPATCHED TO HONDURAS

American Residents Appeal for Aid As Revolution Breaks Out—Fighting After Election Deadlock—Rebels Defeated by Federal Troops—Guatemala Involved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The cruiser Rochester of the special service squadron, now at Colon, has been ordered to LaCobla, Honduras, in response to an appeal to the state department from American residents who fear that revolutionary developments will jeopardize their interests. No actual outbreak has been reported but Americans in Honduras believe the prospects for an amicable adjustment of the Honduran election tangle are not good and that fighting may break out at any time. State department officials say dispatch of the cruiser does not mean there has been a decision to intervene.

SAN SALVADORE, Feb. 8.—Fighting is reported in Honduras following the presidential election deadlock and announcement that President Gutierrez would continue in office.

According to advices received by way of Amapala, Honduran government troops defeated revolutionary forces at San Pedro, in Sula, northern Honduras. The rebel leader, Jacobo Muniga, was wounded.

General Carias, one of the three unsuccessful candidates who proclaimed himself head of the government is reported to be at the Nicaraguan frontier with a revolutionary army.

The Guatemalan government has extended de facto recognition to the government of President Gutierrez.

PREMIER POINCARE QUILTS CHAMBER

PARIS, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare with all the cabinet ministers, exasperated by the opposition's attacks, walked out of the chamber of deputies today. The session was immediately suspended.

Death Toll of the Automobile

BROADACRES, Ore., Feb. 8.—George Pendleton, a local farmer, was instantly killed today when an automobile he was driving was hit by a southbound Oregon Electric car at the crossing just north of the town. The auto was hurled clear of the tracks, catapulting Pendleton to the side of the right of way. The machine broke into flames. The coroner of Marion county took charge of the body and said he would hold an inquest. Pendleton was born in this vicinity. He is survived by his widow and three children.

SIGHTSEERS CAST ADRIFT ON ICE BLOCKS IN ST. LAWRENCE ARE RESCUED

QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—All of the twenty persons whose lives were endangered yesterday by the breaking up of a long ice bridge across the St. Lawrence river escaped the authorities said today.

Five persons who floated for hours on the drifting ice and who were believed to have been lost, reached shore in safety.

QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—Three women and two men are missing and are believed to have been drowned when a mile long ice bridge across the St. Lawrence river broke up last night as sightseers were walking over the fragile span. Officials said early today

the death list might grow as their investigation proceeds.

The missing men and women were seen floating off in the darkness on a huge slab of ice. The careening ice craft, carried up stream by the incoming tide, it is believed, may have carried its human freight to a point where the five could reach solid ice connecting with the shore. Four of the missing persons are Miss Jeanne Gagnon, 31 years, of Lauzon; two sisters, named Hallé, 20 and 23 years old, residents of St. David, a nearby village and P. Couture, 32, also of St. David. The name of the fifth person, a man, could not be learned. At least fourteen men and women were saved, making their way to shore over the crumbling ice.

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