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The Weather
Prediction..... Probable rain
Thursday.....
Maximum yesterday..... 64
Minimum today..... 31

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

HARDING'S PAPER ENTERS OIL SCANDAL

BOMB SHELL IN OIL CASE IS EXPLODED

Frank Vanderlip, N. Y. Banker, Introduces Sale of Marion Star Into Attack On Oil Graft—Subpoenaed at Once to Testify—All Washington Is Agog With Excitement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—A subpoena for Frank A. Vanderlip to appear before the senate oil committee was issued today by Chairman Lenroot. He will be asked about references he made in a speech at Ossining, N. Y., last night to the oil inquiry and to the source of funds used last year to purchase "a certain Marion newspaper."

Mr. Vanderlip has given circulation to the story about the Marion Star, Senator Walsh said. "Moreover, he has charged that the committee declined to hear Mr. Fall further because he was ready to 'peach' and to lead to acts of high officials which the committee did not dare go into."

Mr. Vanderlip is summoned for 10 a. m., tomorrow, but Chairman Lenroot said he did not know whether he would be the first witness called.

Senator Walsh said that those who purchased the Star from President Harding would not be called before the committee at least until after Mr. Vanderlip had been heard. Other senators were disinclined to discuss the statements made by Mr. Vanderlip, but the news went like wildfire throughout the senate and official quarters generally with the result that the story soon was on every tongue and the long list of other developments that have entered into the oil investigation were almost forgotten.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Frank A. Vanderlip when informed today that he had been summoned to appear before the senate oil committee said: "I'll be glad to tell what I know about the circumstances surrounding the sale of the late President Harding's newspaper."

Mr. Vanderlip said today, discussing his speech of last night that he had no proof of the rumors that were current for months regarding the Marion newspaper. "My purpose," said Mr. Vanderlip, "in bringing it to public notice is to encourage an investigation of gossip concerning a dead president; gossip which is outrageous if untrue. I have made no formal request to President Coolidge for such an investigation. He might say it is none of my business and it may not be but it seems to me a newspaper could best conduct the inquiry—if the publishers abandon their policy of silence toward gossip which they have heard. I have no unusual sources of news."

"But I have profound faith in the honesty and courage of President Coolidge and his ability to clean a very dirty house. We should give him our sympathy and patience and not criticize him yet. He probably felt that he came to his office by an accident of death and that he should continue the cabinet and policy to which he fell heir."

"The committee failed to call Fall to testify, not because they were afraid he would not talk, but because they were afraid he would talk too much. I do not think Senator Walsh was a party to this and do not include him in my statement that several of his associates were undesirable investigators of any moral question. I think he is extremely acute and almost fanatically high-minded."

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Is Granted Divorce Because Her Hubby Demanded Accounting

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Divorce from James C. Costello, wealthy real estate operator, formerly of Seattle and Cheyenne, Wyo., was granted to Mrs. Costello today by Circuit Judge Evans because she had been required by her husband to account for carfare, postage stamps, and other multitudinous items expended in the arrangement of a household. The court awarded the wife one-third of Costello's fortune, estimated worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Cash alimony of \$37,080 was also allowed.

GOLDEN EFFIGY OF KING TUT IS AWESOME SIGHT

A. P. Correspondent Is First Newspaper Man to View Gorgeous Mummy Case—First Sight Declared to Be Overwhelming.

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 13.—The correspondent of the Associated Press was the first newspaperman admitted today to view the gorgeous mummy case of Tutankhamun which was disclosed yesterday by the raising of the massive lid of the sarcophagus. The first view of this wonderful bizarre and golden coffin with the face, shoulders, breast and arms of the Pharaoh standing out in bold relief on the metal, one realized that this discovery was indeed among the great annals of Egyptology.

Nothing has ever been found in Egypt approaching the colossus of gold with its strangely natural, oddly captivating face and supreme dignity of line. The only parallel one can call to mind is the great stone effigy carved on the lid of the sarcophagus of Merneptah, the reputed Pharaoh of the exodus.

It now seems clear that the effigy of Merneptah, whose sarcophagus lies in his tomb a scant hundred yards from that of Tutankhamun and hitherto regarded as unique in Egyptology merely represents the habitual form of mummy case of Egypt's kings.

The case found today readily explains why of Egypt's old rulers only Tutankhamun's has been left inviolate. When the correspondent entered the tomb he found a sheet of glass laid across the open sarcophagus beneath the crooked granite lid which hung from its tackle some three feet above. The first sight of the dead king's effigy was overwhelming. It might have been a huge golden idol. An incredibly bizarre effect was lent by the solid, folded headress, the long curved golden beard, the thickness of a ship's cable and the gigantic flail and crook grasped in the great hands.

PORTLAND VESSEL IS BLOWN ASHORE IN JAPAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—The sailing vessel Reuce was reported blown ashore in Shimidzu bay, Japan, today but is in no danger, according to a message received by C. K. West of Portland, who with a group of associates purchased the vessel some time ago from the Columbia River Packers association. Several other boats were also blown ashore, according to West's advices. The vessel is now used in the lumber trade.

WORK ON KING TUT'S TOMB CALLED OFF, CARTER TIRED OF EGYPT'S DISCOURTESY

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Owing to what he characterized as the "discourtesy" of the Egyptian public works department, Howard Carter, in charge of the excavation work, closed Tutankhamun's tomb today and abandoned operations. It is understood the crisis was precipitated by the refusal of the Egyptian government to permit the wives of the excavators to visit the tomb. The following notice was posted in the hall of the Winter Palace hotel this afternoon: (Signed) "HOWARD CARTER."

COOLIDGE TO CHANGE HIS OIL COUNSEL

Nomination of Silas H. Strawn to Be Withdrawn Is Report—Pomerene May Also Go—James R. Garfield Expected to Be Final Choice—Oil Scandal Spreading Fast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Coolidge apparently is preparing to withdraw from the senate the nomination of Silas H. Strawn of Illinois as special government counsel in the oil lease cases.

It is possible that the name of Atlee Pomerene, Mr. Strawn's colleague, also will be withdrawn. James R. Garfield of Ohio who was secretary of the interior under Roosevelt, may be chosen as counsel in place of Mr. Strawn.

Confirmation of the two men chosen by the president, Silas H. Strawn of Illinois and Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, is opposed by some democratic senators who have taken leading parts in the oil inquiry and there is a disposition among the republican senate leaders to believe that Mr. Strawn at least, will fall of confirmation.

Whether Mr. Pomerene also will be denied senate approval is more uncertain. The committee probably will not act before tomorrow. Those opposing confirmation take the position that the two men selected by the president lack the specialized legal experience needed to prosecute the oil suits. In addition, the committee has been told by Mr. Strawn that he is a director of the First National and First Savings and Trust banks of Chicago, both of which have been referred to in committee testimony as "Standard Oil banks."

Lawyer Wants to Testify WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Karl C. Schuyler, a Denver attorney, telegraphed Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, today that he has in his possession correspondence which he thought the senate oil committee should have. Senator Walsh said he would be summoned.

At the same time the Montana senator received a communication from D. F. Stacklebeck of the Denver Post, saying he had good reason to believe that the correspondence in Schuyler's possession was "sensational."

Stacklebeck's telegram follows: "Have good reason to believe that Karl C. Schuyler, Denver attorney, has sensational correspondence in his possession regarding Teapot Dome matter. Suggest he be subpoenaed and asked to bring any correspondence in his possession."

CALKINS SUSTAINED BY SUPREME CT.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—The supreme court today handed down its written opinions on the county tax supervising and conservation commission cases on which it passed orally several weeks ago. The written opinions confirm the oral opinion which held that the county tax supervising and conservation commission act was void because of defective title. The opinions handed down today include: Elizabeth N. Anderson, et al. vs. George A. Morse, et al. appellants; appeal from Jackson county; suit to foreclose contract for sale of land. Opinion by Justice Coshaw. Judge F. M. Calkins affirmed.

This case involved the sale of the Royal Orchard tract of land on Anderson creek by George A. Moore on contract with the owner to E. M. Thompson, J. W. Stock, Earl Jones, M. J. Emerick, C. J. Emerick and others. Mrs. Anderson, the owner of the land sued Moore when he refused to make payment for \$5,275. Judge Calkins decreed this to be the amount due. The supreme court decision sustains this decree.

Heroic Statue of Wilson Figure In War Memorial At University of Texas



COPPINI AND HIS NEWLY COMPLETED STATUE OF THE LATE PRESIDENT
NEW YORK—An heroic bronze figure of the late Woodrow Wilson, barely finished before the ex-president's death, is one of the central figures in the great war memorial to be placed on the campus of the University of Texas. Pompeo Coppini is the sculptor. The figure of Mr. Wilson is nine feet high.

J. F. HALE WEDS PORTLAND GIRL; THIRD MARRIAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—J. F. Hale, victim of the alleged Ku Klux Klan night riders outrages at Medford a year and a half ago was married last night to Miss Montia Cecelia Maegly, 184 Kingston street, Portland. The wedding was solemnized by the Rev. W. G. Elliot, Jr., at the home of the bride's parents. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Honolulu and will later live in San Francisco. Hale was chief witness against the night riders of Medford. He testified that they put a rope around his neck with the other end thrown over a limb of a tree and forced him to promise to leave the city. The riders were found not guilty by a jury.

The above is the third marriage of J. F. Hale, former local piano dealer and capitalist, and victim of a night riding outrage on the night of March 17, 1922. By the first union there were two sons—the oldest a former student in the local high school. The first Mrs. Hale died in 1918, in this city.

In 1922, after the acquittal of the accused night riders, Hale was married to Miss Ruberta Pierce, an employee of the county clerk's office, and a witness at the trial. They moved to San Francisco. Last fall a divorce was secured, a settlement of \$7000 being awarded to the second Mrs. Hale, according to friends. She moved to Seattle, Wash., afterwards, and is now in Arizona according to reports. She was born and raised in Jackson county, and her relatives are residents of the Eagle Point district.

President Back at Desk. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Coolidge returning from New York where he addressed the Lincoln birthday dinner of the National Republican club reached Washington at 7 a. m. today, having been absent from the capital less than twenty hours on the first trip of more than a few miles he has made since becoming president.

DAUGHERTY DENIES IMMUNITY GIVEN IN WAR CONTRACT CASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Attorney General Daugherty denied in a communication sent to the senate that the department of justice had made any settlement in war contract cases by which immunity from criminal prosecution was promised provided the civil liability was met. Many cases had been settled without criminal prosecution, the attorney general said, but these included in the main overpayments by the government through mistake of law or facts or other contentions which would not warrant criminal prosecution. In the settlement of civil liability, in the matters and cases referred to, Mr. Daugherty wrote, "there has never been in any instance or case any agreement, whatever, direct, or indirect, immediate or remote, expressed or inferential, by the department of justice not to prosecute for any criminal liability where there was such liability."

OREGON'S PRIMARY LAW IS ATTACKED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Results of Oregon's primary election law were attacked at a meeting here yesterday of forty Portland residents who gathered at the "Oregon republican union conference." The conference adopted the following resolution: "We favor legislation to meet the strong and growing demand for a method that will strengthen the present primary laws by promoting an orderly selection of candidates after a deliberate discussion of the merits of qualified persons who might be induced to become candidates at primary elections." U. S. Crew Rescued. GIBLALTAR, Feb. 13.—The crew of the five-masted auxiliary schooner Republic which was burned at sea, have been rescued by the Spanish steamship Roman.

Oregon Woman Is Mother of Triplets, Portland Hospital

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—Triplets, all girls, were born here early today to Mrs. Adolph Skoubo of Boardman, Ore., at a local hospital. The first, weighing five pounds, arrived at 1 a. m., the second, three pounds and six ounces at 4 a. m., and the third, two pounds and seven ounces, at 4:20 a. m. Mother and babies were reported doing well this morning.

FRANCE ORDERS OUT TROOPS TO QUELL RIOTING

14 Separatists Killed in Attack By Bavarian Citizens On Pirmasens Govt. Building—State of Siege Is Declared By Allies.

COBLENZ, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Two companies of French troops have been sent to Pirmasens where officials estimate fourteen are dead in fighting with the separatists. The inter-allied commission has ordered the dissolution of gymnastic societies at Pirmasens and a delegation of the commission has instituted strict regulation of street traffic.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Fighting between separatists and inhabitants of Pirmasens, in the Bavarian Palatinate, last night resulted in the killing of seventeen persons and the wounding of twenty, according to dispatches received from Pirmasens this morning. The casualties occurred during fighting for the government building, which was eventually set on fire. Of those killed, fourteen were separatists.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The separatists at Pirmasens, thirteen miles south of Zwickbrücken, were besieged over night in the government building which was finally set on fire. The inter-allied high commission today declared a state of siege in the Pirmasens district and ordered the dissolution of certain nationalist organizations.

Dispatches to the Mittag say the leaders of those who attacked the government building had previously served an ultimatum upon the separatists demanding that they evacuate the city by five o'clock in the afternoon. The separatists ignored the ultimatum and the attack was launched and continued all night. Various buildings are said to have been taken by assault in bloody hand to hand fighting. The besiegers finally set fire to the government building where most of the remaining separatists had gathered.

Airplane Service to Africa to Shorten Mail By Nine Days

PARIS, Feb. 13.—A new airplane service between Toulouse, France, and Dakar, West Africa, is to be started in April. Working in conjunction with the steamship lines it will shorten the time for transmission of mails between Europe, South Africa and South America by nine days. The service will be carried out by sixty planes, a like number being held in reserve.

M'ADOO URGES CONFERENCE TO SETTLE HIS FATE AS DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The question of William G. McAdoo's availability for the democratic presidential nomination is to be put up to a conference of state leaders fostering his candidacy, to be held at Chicago at his own suggestion. In a letter to David L. Rockwell, campaign manager in charge of his national headquarters at Chicago, Mr. McAdoo last night asked him to call the conference to determine whether his service as counsel in the handling of the Mexican interests of E. L. Doheny "is prejudicial in the cause of progressive democracy." He also recommended that "progressives outside the democratic party, representatives of labor, representatives of the farmers" and many others you may think advisable, be invited to participate "in order that we may get as far as possible a true index of public opinion."

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President Coolidge in Lincoln Day Speech Gives Formal Promise to Country That Guilty Will Be Prosecuted Regardless of Politics—Reiterates Bonus Opposition.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The country today has the definite promise of President Coolidge that there will be immediate, adequate and unshrinking prosecutions, criminal and civil, in the oil land leasing disclosures. Speaking last night at the national republican club's Lincoln anniversary dinner during his first visit to New York since he entered the White House, Mr. Coolidge declared he was "intent on the enforcement of our laws without fear or favor, no matter who is hurt or what the consequences."