

EVERYTHING SET FOR OPENING OF FEDERAL ACTION

With Confirmation of Owen J. Roberts, Govt. Is Ready to Start Criminal Action in Oil Cases—New Sensations Are Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Organization of the legal machinery to handle the oil lease suits was completed today by senate confirmation of Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia as special government counsel.

Mr. Roberts will serve with Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, whose nomination was confirmed Saturday. It is expected that legal proceedings to stop further work on the Teapot and California oil reserves will be taken in the very near future while preparations go forward to separate civil and criminal actions to permanently set the leases aside and punish anyone guilty of wrongdoing in their negotiation.

The vote on Mr. Roberts was 68 to 8. Both he and Mr. Pomerene had been opposed by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, the dominant figure in the oil inquiry, but both democratic and republican party leaders voted for confirmation.

Those recorded in opposition were Senators Brookhart, Iowa; Frazier, North Dakota; LaFollette, Wisconsin; republicans; Ashurst, Arizona; Shepard, Texas; and Wheeler, Montana, democrats, and Shipstead and Johnson, Minnesota, farmer-labor.

Senator Walsh was absent.

Predict New Sensations WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Despite the ten day recess of the investigating committee, development in oil scandal whirled along today at the customary break-neck speed.

Coincident with the resignation of Denby there were predictions among senators that important disclosures of a new and sensational character were imminent.

These predictions revolved on the most part about the inquiry that committee experts are making into the books of the various brokerage firms, in search of evidence of oil stock speculation by government officials.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, who has taken a hand in the inquiry, declared that Harry Payne Whitney and members of the J. P. Benckard brokerage firm in New York undoubtedly would be summoned before the committee as a result of information that has reached the capitol.

Mr. Wheeler also asserted that "important information" had been given senators by Winton J. Lambert, attorney for Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post.

Mr. McLean came to Washington from Palm Beach in response to a summons from the committee.

There were reports that those members of the oil committee who are in Washington might confer during the day behind closed doors with regard to the latest developments.

Chairman Lenroot however, said that no meeting had been called and that there had been no change in the plan to delay further hearings until next Monday.

Oregon News in Brief SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The interstate commerce commission will hold a hearing in Portland March 13 to investigate the question of shipments of box shooks from west coast points to Colorado points, the public service commission announced today.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—Claud Buchanan of Corvallis today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature from Benton county. His slogan is: "Conscientious service to the people."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—For the first time in four years the British embargo on hop importations has been partially lifted, according to advices received from London today by local hop dealers. A cablegram received by one firm from their London correspondents advises them that the hop controller has sanctioned the importation of 1922 hops from the United States that have been "sold on contract and only to brewers guaranteeing to buy their proportion of our (English) next crop."

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 18.—In an evident attempt to commit suicide, Col. Reed yesterday drank a large quantity of ammonia at his home in this city. Dependency over ill health is believed to have been the reason for his act. He was made quite ill but will recover, physicians stated today.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger Birth Control Expert Married Over a Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger, the birth control advocate, has been married for a year and a half to J. Noah H. Sice, 62, millionaire, it was learned yesterday.

Mrs. Sanger divorced her first husband within a few days. A resolution relating to him and somewhat similar to that adopted some days ago, asking for the resignation of Mr. Denby, is pending in the senate and its sponsors are pressing for quick action on it.

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EXPECT REPORT TO FAVOR A RAISE IN WHEAT TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The tariff commission neared the end of its work on the wheat duties today and is expected to make its report to the president within two weeks.

All data gathered by the wheat council of the United States and arguments in favor of a rate advance under the flexible provisions of the tariff act were presented to the commission by Representative Anderson of Minnesota, president of the organization, and former Senator McCumber of North Dakota, its attorney.

The commission, which has completed its independent investigation of production costs, will make no recommendation in its report to the president, but its information is said to indicate that an increase in the wheat rate will be found justifiable. The rate is fixed at 30 cents a bushel in the law and may be revised to the extent of 50 per cent of that amount by executive action.

Invisible Government Arouses Hiram Johnson

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 18.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California, who is seeking the republican presidential nomination, told newspapermen here today, while en route to Lincoln to deliver an address this afternoon that "the one big vital and uncapable question now before the people is how to make invisible government visible."

"Of course the Teapot Dome matter will enter into the campaign," he said in response to a question.

The senator, who left Chicago last night for a week's campaign tour of Nebraska and North and South Dakota, will return to Omaha tonight to speak before supporters who hope to help win for him the endorsement of Nebraska voters at the April 8 primary.

SECRETARY DENBY RESIGNS (Continued From Page One)

You have shown me and of your last great act in refusing to accede to the demand of the senate that you resign, with cordial regards to you and Mrs. Coolidge, and best wishes always, I am,

"Very sincerely, EDWIN DENBY"

Mr. Denby later said that his reasons for resigning were set forth fully in his letter to President Coolidge.

"My resignation is to take place March 10 which gives plenty of time for impeachment proceedings to be begun," he said. "Therefore, anyone that says I am resigning for fear of impeachment, simply lies."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Edwin B. Denby has resigned as secretary of the navy and his resignation has been accepted. After repeatedly declaring he never would quit the cabinet under the fire of those who have criticized his part in the oil leasing program the secretary notified President Coolidge today that he was ready to step out.

Recently a number of the secretary's friends also have been consulted by Mr. Coolidge and they are understood to have advised the president that they fully understood the embarrassment that might result in retaining Mr. Denby in the cabinet while the oil annulment suits are in progress.

His decision followed a telephone consultation between the president and Mr. Denby in which all of the latest aspects of the situation were talked over in the light of information passed on to the White House by republican leaders in the senate.

Despite Mr. Denby's repeated declarations that he had no intention of retiring, it has been manifest that some of those in a position to know the administration's position have expected him to leave the cabinet coincident with the filing of the government suits in the oil cases.

Not only is he a party to the oil leases, having affixed his signature along with that of Albert B. Fall, but he repeatedly has defended his part in the proceedings and has declared publicly since the present controversy arose that he believed the contracts legal and would be willing to pursue the same course again.

It has been pointed out to the president that it might appear inconsistent to have a member of the administration holding these views remain in office while the administration itself, through its counsel, was moving in the courts to annul the leases on the ground that they were made without authority of law.

The first step in these legal proceedings, injunction suits to prevent further work on the Teapot and California reserves, is expected soon after the senate completes confirmation of the oil counsel, probably today.

For the same reason, there have been reports that Theodore Roosevelt also would retire as assistant secretary under Mr. Denby.

Mr. Roosevelt also had a part in the framing of the oil leases.

Daugherty May Quit. The retirement of Mr. Denby also revived rumors that the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty would

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hand, William Sanger, an artist. They had three children. Mr. Sice, also divorced, and the father of three children, refused to discuss their wedding last night and Mrs. Sanger said, "the story is too old to discuss."

Their romance was understood to have originated in their interest in the birth control movement.

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Railroads under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission cannot compel the commission to furnish them in advance of the formal hearing the data upon which the tentative valuation of the railroad property has been based, the supreme court ruled today in a case brought by the St. Louis Southwestern railway.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Eastern Texas Railway company cannot be prohibited by the state of Texas from abandoning its line of railway, the supreme court decided today in two cases, one brought by the state and the other by the Texas railroad commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Taxes imposed by King county, Washington after the street railway in Seattle had been sold by the Puget Sound Power and Light company to the City of Seattle, were approved by the supreme court today in affirming the decision of the state supreme court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The supreme court today denied the motion of the First National bank in St. Louis for a rehearing in the branch bank case recently decided.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A tract of land 3 1/2 miles wide and 30 miles long on the western boundary of Mexico grant in New Mexico held by the government since 1848, is not the property of the United States, the supreme court decided today. The State Investment company and Edward B. Wheeler claimed the land and their contention was sustained.

Eleven Women Killed. ERITH KENT, England, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Eleven women and one man were killed today in an explosion which followed the outbreak of fire in a cartridge filling factory.

MOTHER OF 5 ARRESTED AS HOBBED-HAIR BANETT



Mrs. Mary A. Cody was arrested in Brooklyn, N. Y., following a series of hold-ups in stores and pharmacies by a young woman with hobbed hair. The girl bandit always pretended that she wished to make a purchase and when the proprietor or clerk turned his back to wait on her she would say "Hands Up!" and cover her victim with a revolver. Mrs. Cody, although only twenty-five years old, has five children, all of whom are in an institution. She denies she is the much-sought bandit.

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