

HIGHER UP TRADED IN OIL STOCK

Oil Committee Refuses to Make Public Name of Official Who Traded in Oil—More Revelations Promised—Govt. Attorneys to Start Action at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Owen J. Roberts and Allee Pomerene, special government oil counsel, announced today that no time would be lost in diligently and promptly presenting the claims of the government or in the prosecution of any individuals criminally guilty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) The name of at least one public official appears on the list of stock brokerage transactions presented to the senate oil committee today by broker officials, according to members of the committee.

They declined to say who this official was. Attention was called to this list was only a partial one and that it was determined to have the committee auditors make a thorough examination of all of the books of the company.

Committeemen said that it was their desire to have the closest possible co-operation with the government counsel and to leave to them the questions of law from time to time necessarily to come before the committee.

One of the subjects discussed and finally referred to counsel was a request from one witness who is under subpoena, for assurances whether he would be given immunity if he appeared and made a full statement. The committee has been told that this witness has much valuable information bearing on several phases of the investigation.

The president feels that from now on it would be necessary for him to refrain from discussing in a public or semi-public way the oil issues and their attendant circumstances. He is convinced the government should not tip its hand.

For that reason he has taken the attitude that it would be better for attorneys who have charge of the prosecution to take over the responsibility of directing what information should be made public.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Renewed selling today carried French francs down 4 1/2 points to a new low quotation for all time, 458 cents. The decline gained headway after a somewhat firmer opening. Belgian exchange continued to decline in sympathy, but sterling held firm.

CONFIRMED CONVICT EXCUSED FROM JURY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Selection of jurors in a criminal case here yesterday was interrupted suddenly when Mrs. Ida C. Davis told the court she would not sit on the same jury with Moses W. Neal, drawn just ahead of her.

"He's a confirmed convict," she said.

"You bet I am," retorted Neal. "I only wish there were more criminals to convict." He was excused from further jury duty.

NEW ANTI-SEPTIC DISCOVERED AT JOHN HOPKINS; CURES SEPTIC POISON

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 19.—Septic poisoning, considered one of the most dangerous enemies to life, is being successfully combated by mercurochrome, an anti-septic developed by Baltimore physicians through experiments at Johns Hopkins.

Medford Woman in Los Angeles Missing; Police Start Search

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Ruth Garnett, 21, who arrived in Los Angeles from Medford, Ore., last Wednesday night, is said to have disappeared immediately after her arrival here and has not been seen since. Last night her mother, Mrs. Helen E. Curtis, appealed to the police to try to locate the missing woman.

Mrs. Curtis said her daughter came here from Medford for her health and she fears she is a victim of amnesia.

Mrs. Garnett, the wife of Merle Garnett, is well known in Medford. For some time she has been suffering from ill health.

BARTLETT SALE TO CANNERY IS RECOMMENDED

At this morning's session of the Horticultural group, after a discussion of "What are your recommendations in regard to eastern shipments of green fruits, a resolution was adopted that growers should sell a large percentage of their Bartlett pear crop to canneries, provided grading rules are made equitable—and that a permanent committee be appointed to gather information each season regarding Bartlett pears, then to call growers together and place before them results of their investigations.

The feasibility of cooperating with California and Washington in the advertising of pears in eastern cities was discussed.

DECISION LATER IN RATE RAISE, ELECTRIC RATES

At the conclusion of the public hearing here before the public service commission late yesterday afternoon on the application of the California Oregon Power company to raise rates on several of its schedules, the commission took the matter under advisement and will announce its decision later. The hearing was just concluded in time for the members of the commission to board the north-bound train en route to Marshfield, where a hearing of the body will be held tomorrow.

In addition to the details of the hearing related in Monday's Mail Tribune the only objection from Medford and Jackson county to the proposed raising of rates came in the afternoon from Gates & Lydard when their attorney, E. E. Kelly appeared before the commission and voiced their protest on the proposed raise in commercial heating, which would affect their electrical bakery.

Considerable time was spent at the hearing in discussing financial and capital investment statements of the power company.

The California Oregon Power company made a showing of earnings of 5.124 per cent on capital invested last year, it was declared.

The power company contends that only heavy users of electricity will be affected by the asked for raise in rates, and that only 32 out of approximately 300 will be affected; and that in the combined light, heat and cooking class but 160 customers out of a study of 455 characteristic cases would have a total increase of 95 a month, an average of 60 cents each a month should the increase be allowed.

China Enters Football Team

PARIS, Feb. 19.—China has entered for the association football competition in the Olympic games bringing the entries for this event to 32.

CHILDREN DIE LIKE FLIES IN TENEMENT FIRE

13 Lives Snuffed Out in Few Minutes in Incendiary Blaze New York East Side—Five Boys Two Girls and Baby Among Victims.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Thirteen lives were snuffed out in a few minutes in a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, which early today swept from basement to roof of a five story tenement in the heart of New York's lower East Side ghetto. Seven of those killed were children.

The blaze, unequalled in rapidity in the annals of the fire department flared up the staircase, blocking escape of the eight families who occupied the building.

Some of those in the two upper stories, awakening to find the flames at their bedside, met death before they could even try to dash through the roaring furnace with which they were confronted. Terrified on opening their hall doors to find a vortex of flame mushrooming down through the smoke-filled corridors, the families on the lower floors retreated to the windows from which they managed, in some cases, by seemingly impossible means to reach safety. Several were severely burned; others were injured in falls.

Of the dead, five were boys and two girls, four were women, and two men. One of the children was an infant, whose charred body was found at the breast of its dead mother.

The fire was discovered by a passing policeman who saw smoke and flames rising against the inner side of a window. He rushed into the house and up the staircases, hammering with his fists on doors and shouting a warning. Flames stopped him before he reached the upper stories.

The front door had been open as he entered, and as he dashed out he saw Louis Choenfield, a news vendor, running from the entrance with three men at his heels. He took all four to a police station where Choenfield who appeared to police to be mentally deranged, babbled in answer to all questions: "I haven't got any matches; you can search me."

Choenfield and three men later were released, the police being satisfied the four had nothing to do with starting the fire.

Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The following opinions were handed down today by the supreme court:

1. W. B. Brees vs. Frank C. Bramwell, superintendent of banks, appellant; and bank of Prineville, defendant; appeal from Crook county; suit to share pro rata in money paid to creditors of Crook county bank. Opinion by Justice Coshaw. Judge T. E. J. Duffy affirmed.

2. Charles J. Hanzlik vs. Julia Hanzlik, appellant; appeal from Clackamas county; suit for divorce; opinion by Justice Rand. Judge J. U. Campbell affirmed.

3. First National bank of Shreveport, La., appellant, vs. State Bank of Portland, appeal from Multnomah county; suit to have claim for \$3000 made a preference claim. Opinion by Justice Rand. Judge Walter H. Evans affirmed.

4. J. H. Cummings vs. Central Oregon bank, appellant; appeal from Deschutes county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge T. E. J. Duffy affirmed.

5. In re Tom Demitro; appeal from Multnomah; appeal from claim allowance by state industrial accident commission. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge Robert C. Morrow reversed.

6. J. K. Bell vs. Fred Spain, et al., appellants; appeal from Union county; motion to re-tax costs and petition for re-hearing; re-hearing denied and costs re-tax in opinion by Justice Bean.

7. Jacob Kaski, et al., appellant vs. Matt Kempainen, et al.; appeal from Clatsop county; suit to enjoin defendants from selling or mortgaging or otherwise incorporating the premises of the Suomi Temperance society; opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge J. U. Campbell affirmed to the extent of dismissing suit without prejudice.

8. Peter Raber, et al., vs. E. L. Clark, et al., appellants; appeal from Deschutes county; suit for cancellation of mortgage. Opinion by Justice Brown. Judge T. E. J. Duffy affirmed.

9. L. A. Martin vs. Glenbrook Farms corporation, appellant; appeal from Douglas county; suit to collect money; opinion by Justice McCourt. Judge J. W. Hamilton affirmed.

10. W. L. Spitzer vs. "Annette Rolph," a vessel, et al.; appellant, appeal from Multnomah county; suit to recover damages for personal injury. Opinion by Chief Justice McBride. Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed.

11. Glen G. Anderson and Minnie Anderson, appellants, vs. J. U. Burgess, appeal from Lane county; action to liquidate stock in corporation. Opinion by Justice Coshaw. Judge G. W.

BONFILS, DENVER EDITOR, GOT SINCLAIR'S \$250,000 IN TEAPOT DOME OIL DEAL



Frederick G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver (Col.) Post, testifying before the Senate Committee that has been investigating the oil lease scandals, said that by a contract with Harry F. Sinclair the latter paid him and three men \$250,000 in cash and handed over 320 acres of Teapot Dome oil land which could be repurchased March 15 next for \$750,000. The Denver newspaper, partly owned by Mr. Bonfils, started an investigation of the Teapot Dome oil lease two years ago.

RUMOR STRONG THAT DAUGHERTY WILL DROP OUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Attorney General Daugherty remained silently defiant today in the face of the new attack on him and the Tuesday cabinet meeting passed without announcement of his resignation.

Department of justice officials insisted that he had no intention of surrendering to his critics but senators who have taken the lead in advising the president to ask him to retire, remained confident that their advice would be followed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The demand for the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty suddenly has become one of the most acute of all the questions growing out of the oil scandal, and there were indications today that some important development could be expected shortly.

Protests against Mr. Daugherty's continuance in office have come to the White House from several new sources and were before President Coolidge when the cabinet met. In some quarters it was believed that a statement would be made after the meeting.

All of those in closest touch with the latest turn in the situation steadfastly refused to talk about it or reveal just what new information had entered into the campaign to drive Mr. Daugherty out of the cabinet. It was entirely apparent, however, that in its newest phases the attack was a direct outgrowth of the oil investigation.

Those opposing his continuance as a member of the president's official family have redoubled their efforts since new information in the oil muddle was brought to Washington Sunday and on the basis of what they now know, they seem perfectly confident today that the attorney general would resign almost immediately.

MINISTERS ENDORSE PIERCE, SCORE PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—In endorsement of Governor Pierce and pledge of support in his efforts to enforce the prohibition laws, reiteration of charges that the press has suppressed news of enforcement activities and adoption of resolutions by W. J. Herwig of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, urging more stringent enforcement activity, were the products of the meeting of the Ministerial association which met at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon.

The Noted Dead

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 19.—Funeral services for Right Rev. Alexander C. Garrett, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, who died here last night, will be held Friday, according to tentative plans announced by Dean Robert S. Chalmers of St. Matthew's cathedral here.

The body will lie in state in the chapel at St. Mary's college for women which the bishop founded and where his cottage home was located, until Friday, when it will be removed to the cathedral.

Skipworth reversed and case remanded.

Roy Adams, et al vs. William Kendall, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; on motion to dismiss; opinion by Justice Coshaw. Case dismissed.

OIL CLINGS TO M'ADOO, SPITE OF WHITWASH

Opponents of Democratic Candidate Point Out Fact That Walsh Endorsement Was Made Through Continental Oil Company Employee.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Thomas Arthur of Great Falls, Mont., delegate to the conference which endorsed William G. McAdoo for the democratic presidential nomination here yesterday and to whom T. J. Walsh of Montana, member of the Teapot Dome investigating committee sent his endorsement of Mr. McAdoo, is an employee of the Continental Oil company, according to the Chicago Daily Tribune.

"I'm an employee, not an executive," the Tribune quotes Mr. Arthur. "My job is to go around wherever I am sent negotiating for leases and rights of way."

He said he was a small stockholder in the Mutual Oil company, recently taken over by the Continental.

"Democratic leaders opposed to McAdoo expressed surprise that Senator Walsh had sent his message through an oil man after so earnestly protesting against Attorney Silas Strawn and Thomas Gregory in Washington because he scented oil on them," said the Tribune.

Platform Outlined

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Stated by his friends as pre-eminently available for the presidency and the "hope of the progressive thought of the nation," William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, today is in the race for the democratic presidency to stay and has outlined needs of the nation.

These are some of the things "that need to be done to protect the rights of the people and satisfy the demand of progress," he said:

1.—Drive corruption out of Washington.

2.—Call a new world conference to deal with political and economical problems.

3.—Submit the question of American foreign policy to a national referendum.

4.—Take the grip of Wall street off the treasury department and the federal reserve system.

5.—Repeat the Fordney-McCumber tariff act.

6.—Prompt railroad reforms.

7.—Cut agriculture on its feet again.

8.—Strict enforcement of eighteenth amendment.

9.—Reduce taxes.

10.—Adopt a constitutional amendment prohibiting child labor.

11.—Establishment of a national labor code.

12.—Clean out the veterans bureau, and pay a soldiers' bonus.

"Until the government is purged and made clean and honest and efficient again no progress can be made in the settlement of the great problems confronting the American people," McAdoo said.

ROOSEVELT TO STAY COOLIDGE EXPECTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Coolidge has given no special consideration to the selection of a successor to Secretary Denby.

Neither has he given any consideration to the possibility that Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will resign and to the contrary, he expects Mr. Roosevelt to remain in office.

Senator Operated On Again; Condition Is Still Very Serious

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The condition of Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont, who is suffering from a bullet wound in the head was declared at 3:30 o'clock today by his physicians to be the same as during the morning. They said he was in a "very critical" state.

A second operation for the removal of bone splinters from his brain was found imperative last night, was followed for a short time by a favorable turn in his condition, but he soon suffered a grave relapse due to a hemorrhage. The latter complication was quickly overcome, however, and he was described at 6 a. m. as being very slightly better.

G.O.P. DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE ON MELLON PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The democratic substitute for the Mellon normal income tax and surtax rates carried in the revenue bill was approved today by the house.

Action on the democratic proposal came after the house had voted down in quick order a plan offered by Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee which paralleled the Mellon rates and the substitute of Representative Fear, Wisconsin, republican insurgent.

The vote on the democratic substitute was 222 to 196.

Democrats voted solidly for their substitute. Sixteen republicans, most of them insurgents, also voted for it.

A teller's vote, requiring members to file through the center aisle to be counted was taken, rules preventing a roll call.

Before a final vote on the bill is taken, however, a roll call on the democratic substitute can be demanded.

The substitute would cut normal tax rates to two per cent on incomes under \$5000; to four per cent on incomes between \$5000 and \$8000 and to six per cent on incomes above \$8000.

The present rate is four per cent on incomes under \$4000 and eight per cent on incomes above that amount.

Tax exemptions, under the substitute approved would be increased from \$1000 to \$2000 for single persons, and from \$2500 to \$3000 for heads of families. The Mellon bill proposed no such increase.

K. P. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of the diamond or 60th anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, Monday, was attended by about 300 knights and their families and friends. A ritual ceremony was given in which H. H. Williams, chancellor commander; E. E. Gore, vice-chancellor; E. W. Jacqua, prelate; W. I. Crowson, director of work; E. F. Robinson, keeper of records and seals and Lloyd Williamson, master-at-arms, assisted.

Short addresses were made on the principles of the order by W. B. Gaylord, Rawley Moore and Aubrey G. Smith. The D. O. K. K. band played several numbers which were enthusiastically received.

A four-piece orchestra furnished music by which the company could dance till late hour. During the dance refreshments were served by a special committee. The Pythian Sisters helped prepare the refreshments.

Whitman Beats Pacific

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 19.—Whitman college basketball team defeated Pacific university here in a fast game last night 35 to 15. Whitman maintained the advantage throughout, outclassing the local quintet.

GIRL PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE CAP AT DALLAS KILLED, BROTHER BLINDED

THE DALLAS, Ore., Feb. 19.—Ellen Munn, 7, died early today from injuries suffered when a dynamite cap with which she was playing exploded. Her brother, Orville, 9, is in the hospital at Wasco on the verge of death from injuries suffered at the same time.

The boy has both eyes blown out and his body is riddled with particles of metal which covered the cap.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON REPARATIONS

General Dawes and Experts Agree On Main Features of Plan to Solve Reparations Tangle—Mortgage On German Railroads to Be First Step.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) The expert committeemen examining into Germany's resources have reached a general agreement on their report to the reparation commission according to information from authoritative quarters today. They have decided, it was stated, that instead of the formidable loan to be placed on the international market previously suggested, a mortgage of approximately 10,000,000,000 gold marks on the German railway system and other sources of revenue of the German government shall form the basis of a plan by which the allied countries, especially France, will derive regular payments of interest.

The mortgage bonds to be issued would be a first lien on the railways and be divided among Germany's creditors on the basis of the percentage adopted at the Spa conference in 1920—France 52 per cent; Great Britain 26; Italy 10; Belgium 8, with the remaining four per cent divided among the other allies.

A relatively small interest loan will also be recommended to help Germany set up the proposed national gold issue bank. In this loan American financiers will be asked to invest. Its amount remains to be fixed, but it will probably not exceed \$500,000,000. If the plan is accepted by the allied governments part of this loan will be offered in the American markets.

The proposed mortgage on German resources would not involve the advance of any money to Germany by the holders of the mortgage securities, but it would be represented by the issue in Germany of marketable German paper guaranteed by those resources. The interest rate probably will be six per cent.

On the basis of the proposed France whose share of the mortgage bonds would be 5,200,000,000 gold marks, would receive 312,000,000 gold marks yearly.

The mortgage securities, according to the plan, would be transferable by endorsement of the receiving governments, if they saw fit and if a market could be found for them.

Experts express belief that this plan would create a real asset which would be received with accumulating confidence as the quarterly interest payments were made.

The bond issue is involved to some extent with the occupation of Ruhr and France would be expected to withdraw her civilian organization there, if the military occupation continued it would be of the slightest character.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TONIGHT

There will be a big meeting of the land settlement group of the agricultural conference at 8 o'clock tonight in the basement of the Hotel Medford at which a number of prominent speakers and experts on land settlement problems will be present and make addresses. No other group meetings will be held tonight, thus affording everyone attending the conference an opportunity to attend this gathering.

Among the speakers will be Whitney L. Boice of Portland, chairman of the Oregon State Land Settlement commission; Mr. E. E. Faville, chairman of the marketing committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and "Farmer Smith" of the land settlement department of the Union Pacific railroad.