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Minimum today	38

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DAUGHERTY REFUSES TO QUIT POST

In Public Statement U. S. Attorney General Defies Critics and Denies All Allegations—Declares His Record Is Clean—Willing for Probe of Any Kind.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Coolidge was advised today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican senate leader, that there is a growing sentiment in the republican senate organization in favor of the retirement of Attorney General Daugherty.

Whether the advice of the senate leaders would be followed was not immediately apparent.

White House officials became increasingly reticent and refused to discuss in any way reports that Mr. Daugherty's resignation would be requested.

After Mr. Daugherty had publicly defied his critics in a formal statement Mr. Lodge and Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, went to the White House and talked over the whole subject with the president.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Attorney General Daugherty has reaffirmed to President Coolidge his determination not to resign under fire.

He visited the White House this morning, talked over the situation with the chief executive and returned to the department of justice to dictate a statement affirming his decision to stay in office.

It was insisted by those close to the attorney general that he and the president had found themselves in complete accord.

White House officials were silent. They would not affirm or deny that the question of Mr. Daugherty's retirement had been discussed at the conference.

The visit of the attorney general to the executive offices had revived a belief among those who have attacked him in the senate that his retirement was imminent.

It was even indicated that some of those demanding his resignation were withholding for the present any renewal of the fight in confidence that it would be unnecessary.

In his statement the attorney general denied the charges made in the senate yesterday by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, concerning his administration of the department of justice.

He said he welcomed the opportunity to meet any charge "against my administration" which might be involved in the senate resolution ordering an investigation.

Sen. Wheeler Misinformed

"I have read the speech of Senator Wheeler delivered in the senate yesterday," the statement said. "He makes certain charges against me in my official capacity as attorney general of the United States.

"These charges are made in general terms. I deny each and all of them, specifically and generally.

"I know the facts and they have at all times been available to the senator, yet neither the senator, nor anyone for him has asked me or the department of justice in reference to the charges made.

"He has been misled and at the proper time the truth in regard to all these matters will be given to the public.

"These charges were all exploited before the judiciary committee of the house last winter in the impeachment proceedings against me and after a

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Harry Sinclair Back; Refuses to Comment On Oil Situation

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Harry F. Sinclair, returning from Europe on the President Harding today said he had no comment to make on the Teapot Dome inquiry as he was unfamiliar with developments that had occurred since he left the country.

Mr. Sinclair declined to discuss the question of the possible return of the Teapot lease held by the Mammoth Oil company.

WORST STORM OF WINTER IS RAGING IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Rain and sleet today turned the night's snowfall into slush that made brooks of streets and sidewalks and impeded elevated and surface car traffic.

It was the winter's most serious storm. Four hundred snowplows and 1400 men were clearing the streets today. Passenger trains were delayed somewhat.

A severe blizzard was sweeping upstate New York today. Nearly a foot of snow had fallen before noon and in many places a heavy wind piled it high in drifts.

Buffalo was buried under the heaviest snowfall of the season. Main highways were impassable in many places because of high drifts.

Several small communities in western New York and northern Pennsylvania were reported practically isolated.

Telegraph companies were hard hit by the storm, which reports said was severe over the entire east.

Financial houses found their wires seriously restricted and communication with the south and west was difficult.

One death attributed to the storm was reported here.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 20.—Thirteen below, in the Great Falls section of the state was the coldest in Montana at 8 o'clock this morning. Brilliant sunshine flooded the city, giving no hint of any further drop tonight.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 20.—The worst blizzard in years was sweeping over Ontario today. Incoming trains were several hours late.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Rain followed the heaviest snowstorm of the winter, left this city struggling today in slush which made many thoroughfares impassable.

BECKLEY, W. Va., Feb. 20.—One death and property damage estimated at more than \$100,000 resulted from a sleet storm which swept over Raleigh and adjacent counties.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 20.—A sleet storm sweeping over northern Ohio, had Cleveland in its grip today and was blamed for injuries to twelve persons, either in falls or slippery walks or being struck by automobiles whose drivers had lost control of their cars.

The Daily Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Bank bandits resumed their work at noon today here. Two banks were robbed. The Security Trust and Savings bank branch at West Adams and Halldale was robbed of \$1000 by three men, who thrust a note demanding the money through a teller's window, held up two employees, then fled in a car. Shortly afterward the Merchants' National bank branch was held up and two police officers wounded in a pistol encounter with the holdup men.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Seizure of a carload of non-beverage wine by Denver prohibition authorities today was uncalculated for the prohibition enforcement headquarters for California said here today. The wine was shipped for sacramental purposes from the Beaulieu Vineyard company of San Francisco to its agents in Cleveland under proper authorization of the federal enforcement headquarters here, and should have been allowed to proceed to its destination without question, it was asserted.

BIBLE PLEA NEARLY ENDS LABOR GOV'T

Under Secretary of Air in Labor Cabinet Hooted When He Opposes Increase in Air Force On Christian Grounds—Speakers' Action Only Prevents Immediate Defeat.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The labor government escaped almost certain defeat in the house of commons last night only through refusal by the speaker to accept a motion for closure after debate on the government's air policy in which the teachings of the New Testament were invoked by one side and repudiated by its opponents.

Speaking on a motion by Sir Samuel Hoare, former air minister, demanding a strong air force, William Leach, under secretary for air and noted pacifist announced the government had decided to maintain the late government's policy and not increase the air force now. At this some of the laborites shouted "shame!" Mr. Leach demurred at the doctrine that to prepare for war was the way to insure peace, and said if peace was wanted, peace must be prepared for. What was needed, he said, were new excavations to raise the lid from the sarcophagus of the new testament in which 2000 years ago the Great Reformer had laid down the principles for solving the problem of national defense, but unfortunately nobody nowadays accepted those views.

Major General J. E. B. Seely, liberal, and Rear Admiral N. F. Souter, conservative, were among Leach's opponents in the debate, the former exclaiming: "If the empire is to be defended by sermons on the mount God help them."

The conservatives and many of the liberals were manifestly uneasy at the air under secretary's attitude and when Sir Samuel Hoare rose to move closure the defeat of the government seemed unavoidable. The speaker, however, ruled the discussion was too important to be curtailed.

Labor's Hands Tied

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—There is likelihood of the immediate resumption of negotiations between employers and striking dock workers with a favorable prospect of a settlement, says a press association statement revealing that a secret meeting of employers has been called for this afternoon. The Anglo-American business community is indignant over the holding up of 5000 bags of mail from the United States at Plymouth, resulting in the American consulate being besieged by protests.

The Plymouth consulate informed Consul General Skinner today that the consulate's mail had not been moved from the tenders at the steamship docks, the postoffice taking the position that the bags were not yet in its custody and therefore disclaiming responsibility. As soon as the mails are placed on the docks, the postoffice will rush them to London, it was stated.

Business men believe they are losing thousands of pounds of orders from America and this seems verified in part by the material drop in consulate invoices to America.

Passenger sailings on the big steamship lines have not been affected as yet by the nation-wide strike of dock workers. The liner Olympic left on schedule time today with about 6000 bags of mail and other prospective sailings to the United States and Canada seemed assured. Sir Esme Howard, new British ambassador, was on board the Olympic.

The government apparently is in a quandary as it wishes to observe absolute neutrality. Undoubtedly if orders were given to land the mails under conditions regarded as infringing on the rights of the strikers, it would immediately stir up a hornets' nest among the government's own supporters.

Difficulty also attends handling profiteering and distribution of food held up by the strike. Another government would probably avail itself of the emergency powers act of 1920 under which it could take drastic action, using the police and soldiers, if necessary, to safeguard the delivery of food. The labor party, however, is trying to repeal this act.

The most important development yesterday was the decision of the council of the trade union congress to give wholehearted support to the strikers.

Girl's Faith in Bullet-Proof Vest So Great She Powders Her Face as Policeman Fires Pistol



In the presence of police officials from several states, Leo Krause demonstrated his latest bullet-proof vest. In a test in New York City the inventor permitted three of the officials to fire simultaneously with 35 and 45 calibre revolvers. The bullets flattened against the vest. Then Miss Estrella Weintraub served as a target, as shown by the photograph.

CLAIMS FORBES GOT A THIRD OF FIRM'S PROFITS

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—A secret code used by contractors' agents in communicating with former Director Forbes of the veterans' bureau was brought to the attention of the federal grand jury investigating the Forbes administration today.

Merle L. Sweet, private secretary to Forbes during the latter's term in the bureau, was expected to follow his wife on the witness stand to tell of the code and its method of operation. Mrs. Sweet, who was examined for several hours yesterday regarding the details of an official inspection tour to the Pacific coast in 1922, was expected to resume her story today.

According to the testimony of Elias H. Mortimer, who acted as Washington agent for several construction firms in negotiations for veterans' bureau contracts, he was furnished a copy of a secret code by Forbes' secretary in June, 1922, when he was negotiating with Forbes and his staff for three hospital contractors. Mortimer's testimony was given before the senate committee which spent nine months investigating the administration of Forbes.

The three hospitals under consideration were at St. Cloud, Minn.; Livermore, Cal., and American Lake, Wash. According to Mortimer's story an agreement was reached under which the work was to be "equitably divided" between two firms which he represented. The profits, which, it was estimated would reach \$450,000, were to be split three ways, the remaining third going to Director Forbes, Thompson and Black of Chicago and St. Louis, and Hurley and Mason of Tacoma, were named by Mortimer as the two firms which were parties to the agreement. Both were provided with the secret code, he said.

Prior to this connection with the veterans' bureau, Forbes was for some time an employee and later a member of the firm of Hurley and Mason.

More than \$4,000,000 in hospital buildings was involved in the "agreement," according to Mortimer's testimony.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—The Oregon Growers Co-operative association announced today that it will discontinue its fresh fruit department as a selling and shipping agency on April 1, instead of waiting until January 1, when the present contracts with growers expire.

Robert G. McNary, manager of the department, will sever his connection with the association at that time.

The move is made in conformity with the association's newly adopted policy of retrenchment in overhead expenses.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—Alexander B. Robertson of Condon, this morning filed his petition for the democratic nomination for state senator from Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties with the secretary of state.

N. Y. Dry Conference Called

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Several score of municipal officials and law enforcement officers of New York state will be here tonight for a prohibition conference called by Governor Smith at the request of federal prohibition Director Palmero Canfield. The governor is expected to place some of the responsibility for enforcement of prohibition laws on officials of the counties along the Canadian border.

CHARGE DRY AGENTS WITH MURDER

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Feb. 20.—Upon warrant issued by Judge Wood, State Probation Officers Paul Mumfower and E. A. Neal were arrested today in Coquille and held on charges of murder in the first degree in connection with the fatal shooting of Lawrence Hare near Brookings on Thursday.

SENATOR ELKINS HIGHER UP IN OIL STOCK SALE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Elkins, republican, West Virginia, said today that he had purchased stock of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil company.

He added he was perfectly willing to go before the senate oil committee and tell all about it.

His statement revealed that he is the senator whose name appears on the records of the Benard brokerage firm, presented to the committee yesterday.

The West Virginia senator visited the committee room today during the examination of Harry Payne Whitney but was not heard. Members said if he were called it would be in an open session.

"I purchased the Sinclair stock without any knowledge with respect to the oil leases," Senator Elkins said in a statement. "I bought much more of Bethlehem Steel and other stock than I did of oil stock."

"I am perfectly willing to go before the committee if they desire and tell them all about these transactions. There is no law against buying and selling stock. Many of my purchases were made solely on my own initiative or on advice of my brokers."

"If you stop buying and selling this country will have to stop. This whole thing is a political drive by the democrats, but they will get the worst of it before it ends."

"Already William G. McDowell has been mentioned prominently as has the late Franklin K. Lane and others."

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 20.—Confession of the murder of his father and mother here last night and his two sisters in Decatur, Ga., a year ago, was made here this afternoon by Frank McDowell, according to Chief of Police Comlick and Detective John Trotter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 20.—Frank McDowell, 18, was arrested following the finding of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, who had been shot to death as they lay in bed.

Young McDowell, who called the police, said he had been struck in the head and rendered unconscious. When he became conscious he said he found his parents dead. The police found a pistol which the youth admitted was his property.

The police said that McDowell related how his two sisters had been burned to death at their home in a Georgia town a year ago, the mattresses on which they were sleeping being saturated with kerosene and then fired.

PHILO, Ill., Feb. 20.—The bodies of Joseph Whistle, 48, his wife and their 18-year-old daughter were found in the Whistle home four miles southeast of here early today. The body of Louis Kuntz, 45, and a butcher of Homer, Ill., and brother of Mrs. Whistle, was found a short distance away. Near his body was found a rifle with which, the police believe, all were slain by Kuntz.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The influence of Christianity upon the national life of Japan is recognized as on a parity with that of Shintoism and Buddhism in the program of an unprecedented series of religious conferences which began today.

The conferences were called by Premier Kiyouara to enlist the aid of religious leaders in an effort to raise popular morale from the depression into which the earthquake last September plunged it.

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Owners of Marion Star Sue Vanderlip \$600,000 Damages

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.) Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, joint owners of the Marion, Ohio, Star, filed suit today in federal court against Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, for \$600,000 damages, alleging slander and libel as the result of the banker's utterances in an address at Ossining on February 12.

Three separate causes of action asking \$200,000 damages each were cited in the papers served on Mr. Vanderlip. The action was taken, according to the papers, on account of Mr. Vanderlip's alleged statements in which he "implicated the sale of the Marion Star in the oil scandal."

KIDNAPPER OF PORTLAND GIRL HELD, ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Lena Jones, mother and alleged kidnaper of Anna Pauline Hansen, 8-year-old Portland girl, was arrested here this morning by Deputy Sheriffs A. C. Schirmer and J. C. Talley, of Multnomah county, and was taken by automobile back to Portland. The little girl was turned over to her grandfather, Captain William Hansen of the Portland fire department, in whose custody the child was placed several years ago by court order.

Mrs. Jones, it is claimed, seized the little girl yesterday when the child was on her way from the home of her grandparents to the Sellwood school.

Mrs. Jones and her sister, Mrs. Nora Nolan placed the girl in a car belonging to Emil Olsen, an old acquaintance, and drove to Salem, where Mrs. Jones procured tickets by automobile stage for herself and the child to San Francisco. They rode to Roseburg where the stage stopped for the night and were traced by Sheriff Starmer who guarded the hotel until the arrival of the Portland deputies this morning.

Mrs. Jones was placed under arrest as she entered the lobby of the hotel this morning and offered slight resistance. Captain Hansen, who accompanied the officers, took charge of his granddaughter.

According to Mr. Olsen, who also came to Roseburg with the deputy sheriffs, he has been acquainted with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Nolan for a number of years.

"Yesterday morning they called me and asked me to drive them to Salem," he said. "I met them at Eleven and Hawthorne, and Mrs. Jones told me she was going to take her daughter with her. She had a paper signed by Judge Gatens, which said that she might have custody of the girl. We went to Sellwood and when Anna came along Mrs. Jones got out and asked her if she wanted to go for a ride. She said she did not but Mrs. Jones put her into the car. She cried a little but by the time we reached the service station where I filled up the car with gas she was all right. I took them to Salem and left Mrs. Jones and the girl there and then drove Mrs. Nolan back to Portland."

Olsen went to a motion picture show and when he left the performance read a paper in which headlines announced that he was being sought. He immediately reported to the sheriff's office and gave such information as he possessed and volunteered the use of his car. A telephone message was sent to Sheriff Starmer who succeeded in locating the woman within a short time, and kept her guarded until the Portland deputies arrived shortly before daylight, with a warrant for Mrs. Jones' arrest on a kidnapping charge. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Nolan are jointly accused and bail is fixed at \$5000.

Mrs. Jones was the former wife of William Hansen, Jr., and when she and her husband were divorced the custody of the child, then only seven months old, went to the paternal grandparents.

Informal legal opinion here is that the cancellation of Cleaver's bond might operate to force him out of office. The thirty days' grace is intended, apparently, to give him opportunity to get another bond. If he cannot do so he would, under the law, be disqualified to serve as prohibition commissioner and in that case it doubtless would be incumbent upon the governor to declare the office vacant.

Further legal opinion is that an officer giving bonds is not liable under the bond for mere error of judgment. Malicious intent is believed to be necessary. However malicious intent is not necessarily ill will on the part of the official and seeming errors of judgment might be of such nature that they would be construed by the courts as maliciousness.

No notice has been filed by the surety company of the cancellation of Culbertson's bond.

Ann C. Smith, the other agent mentioned, is a son of Johnson S. Smith, one of the underwriters of his bond and former warden of the state penitentiary.

Governor Pierce was absent from the office today and could not be reached to ascertain his intentions relative to Cleaver. Ward A. Irvine, who is still acting as his secretary, though his resignation was intended to become effective February 15, said he knew nothing about the case.

No reason for the cancellation of the bond was given by the company.

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