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Maximum yesterday 52
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CHARGE ATTY. GEN'L BOUGHT OIL STOCKS

Senate Oil Committee Is Probing Report That Daugherty Traded in Sinclair Oil—Move to Oust Atty. Gen'l Grows Stronger—President Keeps Own Counsel.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—A report that Attorney General Daugherty has bought and sold Sinclair oil stock is under investigation by the senate oil committee.

Such a report was submitted by a special investigator and was laid before the committee in executive session.

A check-up of brokers' books to establish whether it is true is in progress.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, author of the resolution proposing an investigation of Mr. Daugherty's administration, said today that he understood information indicating the attorney general had dealt in Sinclair stock had been laid before the president.

"Information came to me through a special investigator," said Senator Wheeler, "indicating that Mr. Daugherty had dealt in Sinclair oil stocks, and I understand that these facts were laid before the president."

It now can be disclosed that this information formed the subject matter of last Sunday's conference between Chairman Leonard and Senators Wheeler and Walsh, democrats, Montana and Allee Pomerene, a special government counsel in the oil case.

What Mr. Coolidge replied is not revealed. Both Mr. Lodge and Mr. Pepper declined today to discuss even the purpose of their long conference with the president, and White House officials remain silent.

The story as it has reached senators is that the investments were comparatively small and resulted ultimately in a loss of the stock at a loss.

What attitude President Coolidge may have taken toward the report that a member of his official family dealt in oil stocks remains a mystery. Those who have discussed with his refusal to make any statement of his opinions or his intentions and White House officials likewise decline to comment.

In some other administration quarters, however, it is known to be the view that no inherent wrong can be established from the mere fact of a stock investment by public officials, as there is no proof that confidential information was the basis for the purchase. Should a public accusation be made, the defense is expected to follow these lines.

Officials who take this attitude follow the reasoning of Senator Elkins, republican, West Virginia, who said yesterday that although he had bought and sold stock, he was conscious of no wrongdoing.

His trading, he said, had been on the same basis as that of men engaged in all branches of industry, who depend on fortunate investment to preserve and increase their capital.

Nevertheless many republican senators are convinced that the public will not accept such an explanation.

VERDICT NOT GUILTY IN BEND CALF CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—A verdict of not guilty was returned today in the second trial in federal court of K. E. Helleman, defendant in the Bend "calf case."

Helleman was charged with signing the name Ole Hanson to letters ordering calves, and, when the calves were unclaimed, buying them at reduced prices.

A jury previously found Helleman guilty of the charge, but he obtained a new trial.

ATTORNEY CONVICTED FOR ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL BARBARA LA MARR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—Herman L. Roth, Hollywood attorney, was in the county jail today awaiting sentence for attempted extortion of hush money from Arthur H. Sawyer, manager for Barbara LaMarr, motion picture actress. A jury in the superior court late yesterday convicted him after a scant eight minutes' deliberation. He will appear next Monday for sentence, at which time, he announced last night, an appeal will be filed.

Egypt Grants New Concession to Wife Of Earl Carnarvon

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—The Egyptian government has granted the Countess of Carnarvon a new concession for excavations at Tut-ankh-amen's tomb, according to information from a responsible quarter today.

(This, it seems probable, would permit the resumption of work at the tomb by Howard Carter, who has been acting for the countess.)

CHARGES SENATOR PHIPPS VOTED TO FILL POCKETBOOK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A charge that Senator Phipps, republican, Colorado, had voted as a member of the appropriations committee "to put money into his own pocket," was made in the senate today by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona.

The Arizona senator was protesting against the reduction by the commission from \$765,000 to \$515,000 for the Yuma irrigation project in California and Arizona. Asserting that the Southern Sierra High Power company now supplies electric current in the district which could be served from a plant to be erected in the Yuma project, Senator Ashurst said:

"One of the stockholders of this company sits on this committee, how did he vote?"

"I voted to cut this item out," returned Phipps.

"Ah, that's what I thought," thundered Senator Ashurst. "You voted to put money into your own pocket."

"I warn the senator not to go too far," said Senator Phipps.

"I don't care anything about your warnings," returned Ashurst.

Senator Phipps said he would make a statement in his own time explaining.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—W. C. Culbertson, Portland hotel owner, was this morning named by Governor Pierce to succeed Arthur C. Spencer, resigned, as a member of the World War Veterans' state aid commission, the change to become effective immediately.

Mr. Spencer, Portland attorney, is resigning on account of the press of private business matters.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Justice O. P. Coshov of the state supreme court yesterday filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the democratic nomination in the primaries next May to succeed himself. He was appointed by Governor Pierce two months ago to succeed Justice L. T. Harris.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—The Southern Pacific company has denied application of the Umpqua Valley Broccoli association for a reduced freight rate on broccoli shipped from Roseburg to Portland, according to information received today at the offices of the public service commission.

It was contended by the petitioners that the present rates are excessive when compared with the charges for water transportation between lower California points and Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have decided to hear arguments on the McNary Haughton bill providing for an export bounty on wheat. Decision was reached yesterday to invite members of the Oregon export commission league of other grain growers to appear at the general discussion of the bill now pending before congress.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—The steamer West Nomentum, docked here, sent a wireless call to summon the harbor fire boat when fire broke out on the vessel. The blaze was soon extinguished, doing little damage. Fire boat officers said the fire was probably caused by a cigarette.

GHASTLY CRIME CONFESSED BY 19 YR. OLD BOY

Murder of Parents and Burning to Death of Two Sisters Admitted By Frank McDowell—Victim of Strange Hallucinations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 21.—The burning to death of two sisters last year to atone for a "blasphemy" against the "Holy Ghost," when he was 12 years of age, and the murder of his mother and father Tuesday night as a sacrificial penance for the killing of his sisters, confessed by Frank McDowell, 19, and his weird tale of "hazy spells" and hallucinations during which he believed his family aligned with "the anti-Christ," stood forth today as related details of one of the most gruesome murders in the history of southern crime.

McDowell, held at Clearwater to await trial on charge of murdering his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, who were shot through the head while they slept Tuesday night, talked readily. Confessing to the shooting of his parents, McDowell further revealed he had started the fire in which his sisters, locked in their bedroom, perished on February 19, 1923, in the McDowell home, then in Decatur, Ga. The origin of the fire had remained a mystery until cleared up by McDowell's confession yesterday.

Aligned with "Anti-Christ" When he was twelve years old McDowell told officers he blasphemed the "Holy Ghost." This occurred on February 19, and every year, as the date approached, his mind, he said became "hazy," and he believed his family to be aligned with "the anti-Christ."

These hallucinations occurred annually, he said, until last year he felt impelled to kill his sisters as atonement for his "blasphemous" sin, McDowell, when asked what this sin was, refused to answer.

After his sisters had perished in flames, McDowell said, his mind again became clear and he realized the seriousness of his crime, but did not reveal to anyone what he had done.

On last Tuesday, February 19, the anniversary of his "sin" he felt that he must kill his parents as a sacrifice, as penance for the murder of his sisters, he said.

On Tuesday night, McDowell told officers, he went into the bedroom adjoining that in which his father and mother slept, without any thought of violence. He dreamed that he was commanded by voices to kill his father and mother. So vivid and realistic was the dream, he said, that he awoke, went into the adjoining room and fired five shots at his mother and father.

Good Record in School DECATUR, Ga., Feb. 21.—Authorities and friends of the McDowell family who knew them while they resided here, today advanced the theory that Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, shot to death in St. Petersburg, Fla., by their son Frank, suspected he had started the fire in which his sisters were burned to death on February 19, 1923, and had moved him to Florida in the hope that his mind would be restored to health in a new environment. Young McDowell, according to relatives and neighbors, had been regarded as "Queer" and an infidel. He was a close student of the works of Robert G. Ingersoll.

While regarded as peculiar, young McDowell is said to have made an enviable record in the schools he attended. He attended the Decatur high school, the commercial high school in Atlanta and Emory university as a freshman. He then went to Washington, D. C., where he attended school. After working a while in the congressional library, he returned to Decatur, where he assisted his father in the publication of the Dekalb New Era, a weekly newspaper.

CLEVER NOT WORRIED BY BOND HOUSE ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director, said today that he was not disturbed because notice had been filed that his bond was to be cancelled. He said he would be able to furnish a personal bond.

"I suppose they are doing it because they had to defend that \$10,000 suit," he commented, referring to a damage suit recently filed against him by Mrs. M. Peterson, who alleged that her home in Portland had been illegally entered by Cleaver's men.

After Cleaver had been informed recently that the suit was to be brought he filed in court here a petition in voluntary bankruptcy "to protect his creditors."

CHARLES H. LEVERMORE, BOK PEACE PRIZE WINNER



Dr. Levermore of New York City, Secretary of the New York Peace Society and former President of Adelphi College of Brooklyn, N. Y., was disclosed as the winner of the Bok prize at a meeting at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. At that time the initial prize of \$50,000 was handed to him. If the plan is approved by a national referendum he will receive an additional \$50,000.

PIERCE FORCES ATTY. GEN'L INTO W. TOOZE CASE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Whether or not it wishes, the attorney general's office will represent the state at the trial of Walter Tooze, Jr., and J. M. Templin, prominent McMinnville men charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. It found this out shortly before noon today.

To newspapermen this morning the attorney general's office announced it would not interfere in the Yamhill county case.

Shortly afterward the governor's office made a statement to the contrary. This afternoon I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, was interviewed.

"Are you, or are you not going to conduct the prosecution?" he was asked.

"The statute," Mr. Van Winkle replied, "says that the attorney general shall represent the state when commanded to do so by the governor."

"Then you will proceed?" "It would seem so."

Previously, attaches of the attorney general's office had said their department had concluded to have nothing to do with the case. It was said that no reason could be found for sending a special prosecutor into Yamhill county.

It was stated at the governor's office that the special prosecutor had been requested by R. I. Conner, Yamhill prosecutor.

OWNERS MARION STAR CLAIM THE PAPER DAMAGED

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, joint owners of the Marion Star, are plaintiffs in federal court against Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, for \$600,000, alleging slander and libel as the result of the banker's purported utterances in an address at Osnating on February 12. Three separate causes of action, each asking \$200,000 damages, are cited in their petition on file today.

The papers assert Mr. Vanderlip wickedly and maliciously charged Brush and Moore with bribing the late President Harding "to fail to perform certain of his official duties as president and that the bribe consisted in the payment to the late president of \$550,000 in the purchase of the Marion Star, which was more than twice its fair value."

The Vanderlip speech, it was charged, was an attack upon the integrity of the late president by implying the sale of his newspaper was involved in the naval reserve oil lease investigation.

It was further charged the Vanderlip statements accused the plaintiffs of "being financially irresponsible and insolvent and not able to meet their financial obligations and not entitled to credit."

In consequence, "the market value of the preferred and common stock (of the newspaper) has been greatly reduced and the plaintiffs have suffered great damage because thereof."

The second cause of action was based upon the charge that Mr. Vanderlip caused his speech to be printed in the New York Tribune.

The third cause is based upon the admission of Mr. Vanderlip before the senate investigating committee that he approved the copy of the speech which was presented to him in the office in New York February 13 by a representative of the Associated Press and that the speech was later transmitted to the Associated Press members.

STATE TO TAKE HAND IN CASE AT GOLD BEACH

Murder Charge Against Dry Agents Who Killed Alleged Bootlegger to Be Handled By Assistant Attorney General of Oregon.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 21.—Paul Mumpower and A. Neal, special state prohibition agents, held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Lawrence Hare, in Curry county, were taken today from the county jail at Coquille, in custody of Sheriff Huntley to Gold Beach, where they will be confined in Curry county jail without bail. A preliminary hearing will be held Saturday.

District Attorney Ben S. Fisher of Coos county was asked by State Prohibition Director George L. Cleaver and Attorney General Van Winkle to defend the men. He had planned to arrange for bail of \$2000 each, or if bail was not available, to arrange with Sheriff Huntley to have the men held in the Coos county jail pending the hearing.

Word came by wire this morning, however, from County Judge Wood of Curry county, that charges against the men had been changed to first degree murder from second degree murder and directing the sheriff to have the men brought to the Gold Beach jail. The sheriff started at once with the prisoners.

District Attorney Fisher said Mumpower admitted to him that he had shot Hare, but claimed he acted in self-defense and that Hare had a gun. He said he and Neal, and not Hare's friends, took the wounded man to the Brookings hospital where he died. The shooting occurred when the agents were arresting Hare on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

Fisher will investigate a report that Neal is the same man who was selling I. W. W. newspapers part of his time in this section of the state, and feeling of Curry county citizens is reported to be aroused over the case.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Miles H. McKee, an assistant attorney general of Oregon is en route today to Gold Beach, Curry county, to assist in the investigation of the killing of Lawrence Hare, alleged prohibition law violator, in connection with which Paul Mumpower, and Ed Neil, state prohibition agents have been charged with first degree murder.

The special prosecutor was sent in response to telegraphic requests from District Attorney J. C. Johnson of Curry county and citizens of Gold Beach.

One telegram, received from Dr. J. W. Wheeler, a physician and James D. Fay, chairman of the chamber of commerce, branded the killing as murder and declared that Mumpower and Neil were under the influence of liquor.

A telegram from District Attorney Johnson says that the coroner's jury justified the killing, but that the county judge, acting as committing magistrate, has entertained information against the prohibition agents; charging them with first degree murder and issued warrants for their arrest. Johnson said circumstances are such that he does not feel qualified to act.

LOS ANGELES BANK BANDIT CAPTURED, PATROLMAN DIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—In the receiving hospital where Patrolman Glenn E. Bond last night died of bullet wounds received in a gun battle with bandits who attempted to hold up a branch of the Merchants National bank here, Louis Parry, alleged bandit participant in the shooting affray, today was under treatment for a gunshot wound in the chest.

Parry was captured less than twelve hours after the attempted holdup when Patrolmen and detectives, following a clue furnished by a physician who said a wounded man had come to him for aid, closed in on their quarry and cornered him in an apartment.

Three other men and a woman who fell into the net that closed in on Parry were held as material witnesses. They gave their names as George A. McBride, his wife, Lucille, and Charlie Thompson and Leon Lion.

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Ex-Governor Geer of Oregon Passes Away At Portland Home

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—Theodore T. Geer, former governor of Oregon, born March 12, 1851, died here this afternoon after several days illness following a stroke of paralysis. He served as chief executive of the state from January 9, 1899 to January 14, 1903. He was born in Oregon as a son of one of the state's pioneers. His early life was devoted to farming. Later he entered the political field, and served several terms in the legislature before being elected governor.

HARRY SINCLAIR IN JOVIAL MOOD, SEES PROSPERITY GROW

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Expressing willingness to appear before the senate oil investigating committee in Washington "if they want me," but declining to discuss the Teapot Dome inquiry until he familiarized himself with the situation, Harry F. Sinclair arrived yesterday from Europe aboard the President Harding. He was met by members of his family and Colonel J. W. Zevely, his attorney.

Mr. Sinclair was in a genial mood, smilingly posed for photographers and questions of reporters—on every subject but Teapot Dome. When the newspapermen came aboard he sent word that he had "a very sensational statement," which proved to be a discussion of the prospects for consumption of American petroleum products in Europe during 1924.

The oil man gave assurances his race horse Zev would meet Ipinard, French champion, next summer, although details of the match have not been arranged. Increasing popularity of small motor cars in France, Germany, Belgium and England—the countries visited on his trip—is increasing consumption of gasoline and other petroleum products, Mr. Sinclair said. America, he added, will be called upon for large quantities of oil this year despite the mounting quality of Russian oil going into the European market. In his opinion Russian production, however, will have to be taken more seriously than at any time since 1914.

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"If this country were invaded by an alien foe and I were a young man I believe I would offer myself for its defense. It has been attacked by something more dangerous than a military invasion by a foreign foe. Corruption has attacked the government at its heart. I believe I am a patriotic citizen and I propose to offer the same service in fighting this danger that a young man should offer in fighting a military invasion. I am really enlisted in this matter because of profound conviction."

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DOHENY DEFENDS HIS OIL LEASES, SCORES 'FRIENDS'

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Edward L. Doheny, in a statement to the Wall Street Journal today defended his lease of the Elk Hills oil reserve and explained his declaration that his oil companies should make a profit of \$100,000,000 from the reserve.

"There were two hearings," he said, "and only the latter seemed to attract attention. It was in the hearing previous to my going to California that I testified concerning the possibilities of a \$100,000,000 profit from this California lease."

Giving his impressions of the investigation in Washington, Mr. Doheny said: "It reminded me of old times in the west when one of our dogs at mating season joined the wolves. The wolves would surround our camp at night and I could hear my own dog barking among those wolves as they howled around us. It seemed to me when I was on the stand in Washington that I could hear the bark of my own friends in the pack of political wolves."

Comedy Fatal to Auditor READING, Pa., Feb. 21.—A hearty laugh resulted in the death of Emmet Crowell, 64, in a theatre here last night. With a neighbor, Crowell was enjoying a comedy and laughed uproariously. Suddenly he slumped in his seat. He was taken to a hospital where physicians pronounced him dead.

HUMAN HEART BEAT BROADCASTED BY RADIO THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—The sound of human heart beats, broadcast last night by station KSD (Post-Dispatch) was heard in Marshall, Texas, 500 miles by air line from here, according to a telegram received by the Post-Dispatch today signed by Charles S. Welch.

In his demonstration Professor Abbott walked to and fro on the platform before the physicians and fluctuations of his heart, like the ticking of a clock could be heard plainly, increasing or diminishing in measure as he moved rapidly or slowly.

LIBEL SUIT WELCOMED BY BANKER

Frank Vanderlip Says He Is Prepared to Spend Over \$600,000 to Get News Before People—Regards His Action As One in Defense of Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, in a reply today to the \$600,000 libel suit filed against him yesterday by the owners of the Marion Star, declared he welcomed the suit and expressed the hope that it would be the forerunner of "court proceedings that would make public some of the news that the great newspapers did not see fit to print."

"I am prepared to spend quite as much as has been asked for in these court proceedings in an effort to make public this news," the statement said, adding that "there is nothing this country needs so much at the moment as some court proceedings initiated by grand jurors and pressed by incorruptible prosecuting attorneys."

The statement continued: "Twenty-two months ago, in April, 1922, the senate, by unanimous resolution, called for the facts in the Teapot Dome leases. That resolution was so framed that the red flag of suspicion was run up."

"For weeks no answer at all was received and none was pressed for and thereafter until quite recently the search for the facts was made without vigor."

"What were the newspapers doing for twenty-two months? What was Senator Walsh doing? It looks as if somebody had been asleep at the switch—or perhaps asphyxiated at the switch. At least no court proceedings have yet resulted from the Teapot Dome situation."

"Nor have there been, so far as I am aware, any court proceedings initiated as a result of the criminal mismanagement of the veterans' bureau. The wholesale dishonesty there is not a matter of rumor; it is a matter of official record in the committee proceedings and proceedings of congress, and Mr. Forbes and his friends have as yet encountered no court proceedings."

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