

SEC. MELLON TO FORE IN SENATE QUIZ

Whiskey Permits Probed at Harding Request—La Follette Also Under Fire—Gas-ton Means On Stand—New York Liquor Ring Involved—Activity Described.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—When asked about Senator B. Meins' testimony before the Daugherty committee today regarding whiskey permits, Secretary Mellon said he had no comment to make.

"It is merely a vicious piffle," added the secretary.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—A resolution broadening still further the powers of the Daugherty investigating committee, was adopted today by the senate.

Under it the committee can hold meetings outside the city of Washington whenever and wherever deemed necessary by its chairman; and any committee member can subpoena witnesses and papers, administer oaths and take testimony.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Another Pandora's box, brimming over with allegations of corruption in the department of justice, was opened today before the senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty.

Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, announcing that he expected no quarter and would give none, related an amazing story of collecting money for the late Jess W. Smith, Attorney General Daugherty's "bump and friend," of intimations calculated to prevent his testimony and of espionage of senators.

The most sensational of Means' testimony, if one sensation could be named as greater than another, was a charge that he (Means) in February 1922 received in the old Bellevue hotel here in Washington one hundred thousand dollars from a representative of the house of Mitsui and company, which he paid over to Smith and which he said was for the purpose of stopping government prosecution of the Standard Aircraft company against which the war department was claiming over-payments aggregating \$4,000,000.

On behalf of Smith, Means further alleged he had received large sums of money which he turned over and which he said were for the purpose of guaranteeing that there would be no prosecution for transportation and showing of the Carpenter-Dempsey fight films in interstate commerce.

Replete with details of his activities Means told a story alleging that for the information of President Harding, through Smith and W. H. Underwood, he had conducted an investigation of Secretary Mellon in connection with liquor permits in New York.

"He slipped through our fingers the first time," Means said, "but we got him."

The office of Senator La Follette, Means testified, had been ransacked by his agents soon after the senator from Wisconsin began agitating investigation of the Teapot Dome scandal in an effort to "find something damaging."

Senator Caraway, democrat of Arkansas, Means testified, also came under espionage after he began attacking Attorney General Daugherty and Mr. Harding. Senator Bruce of Maryland, also a democrat, and newly elected, Means testified, came under espionage, but Means didn't know much about it.

Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, interjected into Means' testimony at that point that he understood five men were "checking up on him in Montana," and Senator Brookhart, in-

(Continued on Page Five)

MURDER LAID TO RELIGIOUS FRENZY; ACCUSED LAYS BLAME ON "HEALER"

TAMPA, Fla., March 14.—The story of a sixteen year old girl who stam-ped upon her father until he was killed while the mother, according to the girl, urged her on, marked the second peculiar slaying in this vicinity within the last few weeks. The girl, John Eva Winchester, and her mother, Laura Eva Winchester, are held on a charge of murder in connection with the death of John Edwin Winchester, who was killed last Wednesday at Seffner, Fla.

The other killing was at St. Petersburg, Fla., last month, when Frank McDowell, 19, shot to death his father and mother while they slept. A year before, according to his story, he set fire to the family residence at Decatur, Ga., causing the death of two sisters.

John Eva Winchester described the killing of her father, declaring that she "stamped him dead," stopping at intervals to see whether he was still alive, while her mother held her arms and threatened to kill her if she attempted to stop "before the old devil" was dead.

According to officers, Mrs. Winchester said: "Jesus made me do it and I, queen of the universe, made John Eva do my bidding."

Some time later, Mrs. Winchester was quoted as having said she had regained her right senses and de-manded the arrest of Raymond Richey, a "healer evangelist."

"I was hypnotized," Mrs. Winchester told officers. "Richey did it. He is to blame for the death of my husband. I was under his power. It was his influence that spurred me on and directed my wild impulses."

She said her daughter was not to blame.

Shortage of Water In State May Be Serious, Says Luper

SALEM, Ore., March 14.—The shortage of water in Oregon, especially eastern Oregon, threatens to become serious this season, according to Rhea Luper, state engineer. He said there is a danger that irrigation projects that take their water from direct flow of streams may suffer.

M'ADOO TO RUN ON TARIFF AND WILSON RECORD

Opens Campaign in Georgia—Raps G. O. P. and Recounts Own Virtues—Progressive Democracy Is Slogan—Tells of Past Record.

MARIETTA, Ga., March 14.—William G. McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, in his first address in Georgia, here today, declared that "progressive democracy," and "corrupt republican misrule," would be the choice of the American electorate in the presidential election and asserted that the records of Woodrow Wilson and the Harding-Coolidge administration will be before the people for decision in November.

Reviewing the Wilson administration and his own services in the cabinet, the former secretary of the treasury pointed to the tariff reform, the federal reserve system, the establishment of the federal land banks, the enlightened policy of the government railway administration as evidence of the progressive principles of his party.

"Contrast this progressive democratic record," he said, "with what has gone on at Washington the past three years of reactionary republican rule."

"There has been an orgy of privilege and corruption. The Fordney-McCumber tariff bill was passed for the benefit of privilege and as a reward to those who furnished the enormous campaign funds of 1920."

"In the revision of internal revenue laws, the men of great incomes were favored at the expense of those who earn small and moderate incomes."

"We frequently hear it said there is no real difference between the two old political parties," he continued. "This is true only to the extent that the small reactionary element in the democratic party thinks like the dominant reactionary element in the republican party."

"Progressive democratic principles and republican reactionary principles are as wide apart as the poles."

"The fundamental progressive democratic principle is equal opportunity for all, special privilege to none."

"The cause for the progressive democratic principles of government is conclusive. This was demonstrated throughout the administration of that immortal statesman and democrat, Woodrow Wilson."

"In the application of this progressive democratic principle, sectional lines were not considered. Cooperation was extended to every part of the country. The south got her share of the benefit, and for the first time since the Civil war, received just recognition to which her importance as an integral part of the American union entitled her."

(Continued on Page Five)

MR. AND MRS. DUCKSTEIN AND JOHN MAJOR, EMPLOYEES OF PUBLISHER MC LEAN, AT SENATE OIL INQUIRY



Mr. and Mrs. William O. Duckstein were photographed as they were leaving the Senate oil inquiry building in Washington. They had been called to testify regarding the correspondence of Edward B. McLean, Washington newspaper publisher. Duckstein was mentioned in the telegram which passed between the publisher at Palm Beach and employees in Washington. Mrs. Duckstein is the "Mrs." mentioned in the wire messages. At one time she was the secretary of William J. Burns in the Department of Justice. John Major, shown at the right, is a confidential employee of the publisher. His telegrams to McLean are under investigation.

STATE UNITY ON RECLAMATION TO GET GOV'T. AID

Let Senate, Instead of Various Projects Booster Decide Action Is Resolution—Too Much Rivalry to Get Results for Any District, Condition Now.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14.—Oregon must unite on an irrigation program if federal aid is to be obtained for projects in this state, according to the unanimous opinion today of representatives of various irrigation projects seeking federal appropriations at a conference held here under auspices of the joint land settlement committees of the Portland and the Oregon State Chambers of Commerce.

Instead of the representatives deciding among themselves what project shall be selected as the most feasible or to permit an arbitration committee to make the selection as was suggested by the joint land settlement committee, resolutions were introduced to wait until the fact finding committee of the United States reclamation service has reported and then get all irrigation interests to unite in support of the project recommended by the federal government.

This resolution does not affect the projects which already have been declared government projects and which will continue to receive federal appropriations until they are completed.

These resolutions are to be acted on this afternoon.

E. P. Dodd, representing the Umatilla Rapids project said unity was necessary for the success of irrigation in Oregon, but that because representatives of each project thought their respective district best, there never could be any agreement. He said selection should be left to the fact finding committee.

This sentiment was reflected in talks by F. A. Stewart of the Baker project, B. G. Gallagher of the Owyhee project, and representatives of other districts.

HORACE PELTON, NATIVE SON OF VALLEY, IS DEAD

Horace Ish Pelton died in Oakland, California, on March 13, 1924, after an illness that had continued through the past year. He was sixty-five years, six months and twelve days old at the time of his death. He was one of the earliest of Jackson county's native sons, having been born on the Pelton ranch in Sams valley, Jackson county, Oregon, on September 1, 1858. His parents were among the county's earliest pioneers. His father, was Enoch C. Pelton, who was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1820, and came to Oregon in the spring of 1850. For the two years following he was engaged also in mining and in packing into the mines in Idaho, coming to the Rogue River valley in 1852. Horace Pelton's mother, Mary Stewart, (Howe) Pelton was born in the state of Missouri in 1837, crossing the plains to Dallas, Oregon in the year 1850. The immigrant train in which she came to Oregon transported its effects by boat down the Columbia river where various families made their first homes in different parts of the Willamette valley. In the early part of 1857 the parents of Horace Pelton were married in the Willamette valley, and shortly thereafter permanently located in Sams valley, Jackson county, Oregon. Horace Pelton's father engaged in the defense of this country against the Indians during the war with the Rogue and Sams tribes and Horace Pelton's life quite completely connects the early history and pioneer settlement of the Sams valley with the present. The father died in September, 1895, at the age of about thirty-five years. Afterwards, in 1897, the mother was married to the former partner of E. C. Pelton, John Sismore, now deceased. The mother died December 28, 1901.

Horace Pelton was educated in the local schools of Jackson county, Oregon, having completed this education in the year 1877 at which time he entered the Oregon Agricultural college, taking a three years' course there to better fit him for the occupation of farming and stock raising, which became his principal life work.

Horace I. Pelton was married January 5, 1902, at Ashland, Oregon, to Mrs. M. Martin, who survives him. There is one child the issue of this marriage, Gladys Mary Pelton, born October 3, 1906. Mrs. Pelton and the daughter were with Mr. Pelton at the time of his death. For some years past Miss Gladys Pelton has been in attendance at Miss Ransome's school for girls, Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Pelton was a life-long Mason of the York Rite branch and of the Mystic Shrine. He never had any interest personally in politics other than to assist in good government, though in his early youth he was by his friends forced on the democratic ticket for clerk. He devoted his time almost exclusively to farming and stock raising, and at his death was, and for many years had been a partner in these operations with his brother, James W. Pelton, generally under the firm name of Pelton Brothers. They own and operate a 1500 acre irrigated stock ranch at Fort Klamath, Oregon, as well as the properties in Jackson county. He was for many years the president of the Gold Hill bank and a member of the board of directors of the Medford National bank. His reputation in Jackson county, Oregon, was perhaps as good as that of any other citizen the county ever had. His word was absolutely to be relied upon, and none of his business transactions were spoiled by narrow views or small things. He perhaps did not have an enemy. There is no reason why he should have had an enemy, as everyone always knew where to find him and he was of a kind and lovable disposition. His passing removes one more fine pioneer link, and his loss will be universally felt.

Funeral at Oakland, Cal.

DEMOCRAT PLAN FOR MORE VOTES OREGON BLOCKED

Attorney General in Opinion Decides Against Increase in Number of Delegates at Large to National Convention—Half Would Be Women

SALEM, Ore., March 14.—A recommendation of the democratic national committee that the number of delegates at large to the national convention be doubled and half of them be women cannot be followed in Oregon, according to an opinion written by Attorney General Van Winkle today on inquiry by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. This was a proposal by the democratic national committee to give adequate representation to women, and it was proposed that each delegate have half a vote.

While the proposal is not thoroughly clear in the minds of Oregon officials, it would apparently have the effect of increasing the Oregon delegation from 10 to 14.

A prepared statement issued from the attorney general's office relative to his opinion says:

"I H. Van Winkle, attorney general, in an opinion addressed to the secretary of state, discussed the recommendation of the democratic national committee that in order that opportunity may be afforded the various states to give adequate representation to women as delegates at large to the democratic national convention, without disturbing prevailing party custom, there may be elected from each state four delegates at large for each senator in congress from such state with one-half vote each, and that one-half of the number of delegates at large shall be women. He held that such recommendation is too indefinite and uncertain to authorize the secretary of state to act upon it, since no authority is vested in that office to decide upon such substitution, and no other resolution or order of the national democratic committee has been received authorizing the same."

"It was further held that since the constitution and statutes of Oregon provide that in all elections authorized by the constitution unless otherwise provided by law, the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, it would be possible for eight men or eight women to receive the highest number of votes for delegates at large to the democratic national convention, thus defeating the purpose of the proposed change."

Risque Dances and Liquor Figure "Wild Parties" School Girls

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 14.—Five young men are under arrest, four others and a woman are being sought, and six young girls, three of whom have been attending a local high school, are in custody of the juvenile court, following investigation of reports of "wild parties" at the home of a woman who is alleged to have furnished the young persons with intoxicants. The district attorney's office announced that probably a dozen girls had participated in the parties at which liquor was given them and improper dances were staged.

CALIFORNIA JURIST FOR NAVY BERTH

Chief Justice Wilbur Drafted Into Cabinet—'13' Is His Lucky Number—Kenyon Declines—President Wires Appointment—Appointee Is Well Fitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 14.—Thirteen, shunned by many as a symbol of hard luck, is a number associated with the principal events in the life of Curtis D. Wilbur who was "drafted" last night to be secretary of the navy. An evidence that the "thirteen jinx is the bunk," as he remarked last night, Judge Wilbur explained:

He was married on the thirteenth. He took his bride to live at 1313 Winnifred street, Los Angeles. He was admitted to the practice of law on the thirteenth. He was inducted into office as chief justice of the state supreme court on January 13. He was appointed secretary of the navy on March 13.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 14.—Chief Justice Curtis D. Wilbur of the California supreme court today prepared to lay aside the ermine of his office to take up the weightier duties of the post of secretary of the navy.

Tendered the office by telegraph late last night, Chief Justice Wilbur responded by accepting the portfolio, surrendered by Edwin T. Denby last Monday. He will leave for Washington as soon as his appointment is confirmed by the senate.

President Coolidge's summons to the California jurist was terse.

"You seem to be the man I need for the navy," the president telegraphed. "I am drafting you today. Please answer."

Within ten minutes Justice Wilbur replied:

"I will accept the appointment and will come to Washington as soon after confirmation as possible."

He announced that he would not resign from the California supreme court bench until he had been sworn in as naval secretary.

Justice Wilbur for many years has been one of the leading lawyers and jurists of California, and a leader in child welfare and Sunday school work. He was graduated from the United States naval academy in 1888. He has never lost a love for the sea. Yesterday, before he was offered the navy portfolio, he declared: "There has always been something in my blood that responded to the calling of the sea and a love for the sea, for ships, for salt air is part of my makeup."

Born in Booneville, Iowa, May 10, 1867, he was educated in the public schools of that place and of Jamestown, N. D. Following his graduation from the naval academy he came to California, taught school for one year and entered an attorney's office to study law. In 1890 he was admitted to practice.

In Los Angeles while he was judge of the superior court he organized the juvenile court there and drafted several bills which later formed the basis for California's juvenile court law.

He was elected chief justice of the California supreme court in 1922 after having served since 1919 as associate justice. He is a brother of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford university.

Chief Justice Wilbur's appointment shortly before last midnight, came after he had spent a trying day on the supreme court bench. He frankly confessed himself tired and worn after he had announced his acceptance of the post. Until several hours after midnight, however, he was kept busy by scores of friends who telephoned to his home to congratulate him.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—The nomination of Curtis D. Wilbur, chief justice of the California supreme court and a graduate of the naval academy, was elected president of the federation.

(Continued on Page Five)

VANDERLIP CANCELS SPEAKING DATES

NEW YORK, March 14.—Frank A. Vanderlip today cancelled speaking engagements for tonight and tomorrow and took an afternoon train for Washington in response to what his secretary said had been a sudden recall. The secretary described the matter as of "great importance," but would not divulge its nature.

The Daily Bank Robbery

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 14.—Armed bandits this afternoon held up two clerks in the Saucon Valley Trust company at Hellertown, four miles from here and escaped in a green automobile with bags of money estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000 taken from a vault. A third man stood guard outside the bank.

DOUKABOR COLONY OPPOSED BY VETS

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 14.—Unanimous disapproval of the proposed influx of the Doukabor colony into Lane county was voiced by more than 125 members of the Lane county post No. 3, of the American Legion meeting here last night. The post went on record as favoring action to be taken at once toward keeping the Russian colonists from establishing themselves in Oregon or any other state in the United States.

The action was taken following a report read at the meeting detailing some of the beliefs of the colonists.

PILOT ROCK IS BEATEN; MEDF'D PLAYS THIS EVE

Eastern Oregon Team Defeated By Independence, 18 to 5 in First Game of Salem Meet—Four Contests Stated for Today—Interest High.

SALEM, Ore., March 14.—Independence high school last evening celebrated the opening of the annual state inter-scholastic basketball tournament, being held under the auspices of Willamette university here with a 18 to 5 victory over the Pilot Rock quintet and will tonight try cases with the fast five from Bend high school.

Other games scheduled for today are North Bend vs. McMinnville and Eugene vs. St. Helens in the afternoon and Medford vs. LaGrande this evening.

In last night's game Pilot Rock took an early lead over the Polk county lads but was unable to hold this advantage against the clever teamwork and accurate passing and shooting of the Independence five.

The defeat eliminates Pilot Rock from the tournament.

The Medford high school basketball team, backed by 150 rooters who have made the trip to Salem, will play its first game for the championship of Oregon tonight with the La Grande, Oregon tonight with the La Grande team and marks the first appearance of both teams in the series. Interest is keen in the game tonight.

The local five, will be composed of the five regulars who have battled all season: Knips and Chastain, forwards; Allen, center, and Williams and Reichstein, guards, with Demmer, White and Fabrick, substitutes.

NON-PART. LEAGUE OFFICIALLY DEAD

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14.—The non-partisan league of Minnesota ceased to exist yesterday when its state convention here voted to affiliate with the farmer-labor federation of Minnesota.

Similar steps were taken by the working people's non-partisan political league which has sponsored the federation.

It was explained the merging of the three forces was necessary to carry on educational and promotional work for the farmers and laborers for political success.

William Mahoney, labor leader of St. Paul, was elected president of the federation.

WORLD FLIGHT PLANES PROBABLY PASS THIS CITY NEAR NOON, NEXT TUESDAY

CLOVER FIELD, Santa Monica, Cal., March 14.—Three world cruiser airplanes will leave here at seven o'clock Monday morning on the start of the United States army around-the-world flight, it was announced here today by Major Frederick L. Martin, commander of the flight. The fourth airplane will start later in the week, its delivery by the manufacturers here having been delayed.

Major Martin, Lieutenant Lowell Smith and Lieutenant Leigh Wade will pilot the three first airplanes, Lieutenant Eric H. Nelson, engineering officer of the flight, will pilot the fourth starting later. Delivery of the fourth plane is expected tomorrow, but necessity of flying to Rockwell field, San Diego, to adjust its compass will prevent its being ready in time to fly north Monday.

A large number of army airplanes will accompany the world flight cruisers to Seattle, Major Martin announced. Overnight stops will be made at Sacramento, Vancouver Barracks and Seattle. The fourth cruiser will join the flight at Seattle, where pontoons will be installed on all cruisers.

The above schedule would bring the planes to this city Tuesday noon.