

## FALL AND SINCLAIR WIN OIL DECISION

### U. S. COURT HOLDS DEAL WAS LEGAL

Sweeping Victory Won By Defendants in Teapot Dome Case—Charges of Fraud Not Sustained—Fall, Denby and Teddy, Jr., All Cleared of Blame By Judge.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(A. P.)—Harry F. Sinclair's victory in the government's attempt to cancel the Teapot Dome naval oil lease probably will result in throwing that case as well as the one decided against E. L. Doheny, involving the Elk Hills reserve, into the supreme court of the United States.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 19.—(A. P.)—The leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil company was upheld today by Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy, who rendered his decision in the annulment suit brought by the government.

"The allegations of fraud in the bill have not been sustained," Judge Kennedy ruled.

Secretary of Navy Did Right.

The secretary of the navy was fully within his rights in acting as he did, having been authorized by the act of June 4, 1920, to "develop, conserve, use and operate" the naval oil reserves, Judge Kennedy held.

He ruled that the phrase "in his discretion," embodied in the law, placed no restriction on the manner in which the reserves were to be handled.

He further had "full authority to use, store, exchange and sell" the crude oil royalties, Judge Kennedy held, denying the government's contention that the secretary's action in dealing in commodities for the government was a usurpation of congressional authority for appropriating money for such dealings.

The act of June 4, 1920, was a special act and authorized the building of storage tanks at Pearl Harbor, Portsmouth and other places as designated under supplemental contracts between the government and Sinclair and Doheny, the ruling said.

Judge Kennedy struck from the record all exhibits and records of Fall's bank accounts and financial dealings with the Continental Trading company in sustaining a defense motion.

The government's bill of complaint was dismissed, every major contention in it having been denied in the decision.

Fall Erred in Judgment.

Former Secretary of the Interior Fall's neglect to get an opinion from the attorney-general on the legality of the case was "no more than an error in judgment in selecting attorneys," Judge Kennedy held, pointing out that Assistant Secretary Finney passed on the question.

The decision absolved Rear Admiral J. K. Robison, chief of navy engineering; E. C. Finney, assistant secretary of the interior; H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau of mines; former Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy and several subordinates involved in the leasing negotiations, of all blame.

"The defendant Mammoth Oil company was the creature of Sinclair and should be held responsible for all his acts," the decision said. The executive order of President Harding transferring jurisdiction of the reserve was held to be legal.

Oil Deals Bona Fide.

The decision assumed that the oil transactions involving the Continental Trading company, A. E. Humphreys, Texas oil operator; the Sinclair interests and the Midwest Oil company have been bona fide.

The government's contention that Sinclair was guilty of fraud because bonds of the Continental Trading company were found in the possession of a relative of Fall's cannot be upheld by the evidence offered, the decision asserted.

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### Aspiring Policemen Show Hazy Idea of Meaning of Law

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 19.—The traditional terminology of law has been badly shattered by a group of applicants for the police department here.

Bigamy was construed as an assault on members of one's family.

Petty larceny was defined as the act of inducing a young girl to leave home, grand larceny was termed a lie in court.

Arson was the act of stealing another man's wife.

### TRIBUTE IS PAID TO LA FOLLETTE BY PRESIDENT

Mr. Coolidge Sends Note of Condolence to Wife of Wisconsin Senator—Secy. of State Kellogg and Senator Borah Join Chief Executive.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(A. P.)—The body of Senator Robert M. La Follette was taken late today to Wisconsin to rest for a time in the capitol of the state he represented in congress during seven terms.

In a special car the body left Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Chicago. There the funeral car and another coach carrying members of the family and close friends will be made into a special train for the trip to Madison.

The Wisconsin capitol will be reached Saturday afternoon and on Sunday the body will lie in state in the capitol, where Mr. La Follette served three terms as governor. Funeral services will be held there Monday.

His passing brought from many other leaders who had stood both with and against him in his political battles, sincere expressions of sorrow and tribute. Among them was President Coolidge, who told Mrs. La Follette in a note that her husband had left a great concourse of friends who would comfort her "but my own experience tells me that nothing that mortal can do will be of very much help to you."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, who campaigned last year with the Wisconsin senator as vice-presidential candidate, declared the fight for the principles advocated by Mr. La Follette would be carried on by the people with the same courage shown by him. La Follette, he said, will be even more powerful than La Follette living.

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### Daily Report on the Crime Wave

PENDLETON, Ore., June 19.—Henry Krohn, 50, farmer of Stanfield, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday on a charge of kidnapping. According to Sheriff R. T. Cookingham, Krohn admitted being the father of a six weeks old baby, the mother being his 16-year-old step-daughter.

The girl in question with her baby and her sister, aged 14, were taken to the Louise home in Portland by a representative of the home who has been working on the case for some time. Krohn, with his wife, his own daughter and several step children, has been residing in the Stanfield area for about nine years.

The girl became suddenly ill Wednesday and late in the afternoon dropped into a coma which a physician pronounced death.

Funeral arrangements were made following the supposed death.

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### GIRL DECLARED DEAD COMES TO LIFE WHEN LID OF COFFIN IS RAISED UP

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 19.—(A. P.)—As Miss Bertie West, 15-year-old Wellston, Okla., girl, was about to be lowered into a grave near Wellston yesterday her mother asked to see the face of her child again. When the casket was opened, it was noticed sweat stood on the girl's forehead. A faint heart ac-

### AMUNDSEN DETERMINED TO TRY AGAIN

Famed Arctic Explorer Is Not Discouraged By Failure to Reach Pole in Airplane—Flew Back to Spitzbergen After 28 Day Struggle Against the Elements.

LONDON, June 19.—(A. P.) Roald Amundsen has once more come safely out of the merciless grip of the arctic. An abandoned seaplane, frozen in the ice some 150 miles from the north pole remains as his "farthest north" marker, but the great Norwegian explorer and his five intrepid companions are enjoying the comfort of bunks and warm meals after 28 days of untold hardships during which they tried the other machine out of the ice and flew it back to Spitzbergen.

Amundsen failed to realize his dream of reaching the pole by air, but the failure was magnificent and almost entirely lost sight of here in the great popular wave of relief at the news of his return and admiration at his heroic accomplishment.

Amundsen's two planes, one commanded by himself and the other by his American fellow adventurer and financial backer, Lincoln Ellsworth, disappeared over the northern horizon from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen on May 21.

The other members of the party were Hjalmar Riiser Larsen, Norwegian, and Leif Liechtenstein, Norwegian, the pilots; Oskar Omdahl, Norwegian, and Karl Feucht, German, the mechanics.

The planes carried no wireless and as the days passed without the fliers' return, hopes began to fade that even Amundsen (with all his arctic lore) could survive in the event of an accident to his machine.

As the hopes faded preparations were under way for relief expeditions although it was realized that looking for a small party of men in the great northern waste of ice and water was an almost hopeless task.

It lay with the men themselves either to fly back or trek by foot and folding boat on the stenderest emergency rations to the nearest cache or depot of supplies and there await their rescue.

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### Woman "Dream Book" Author Asks \$6,000,000 in Infringement Suit



Miss Eva Nieman, Cincinnati, author of books on dreams, "personal magnetism," character reading and fortune telling, under the name of "Black and White," is suing the Plough Chemical Co., Memphis, Tenn., for \$6,000,000 for alleged infringement of her works. Books given away by the company as advertisements have robbed her of her \$25,000 yearly income, she contends. The company denounces the charges as untrue and absurd.

### CHAN EGAN GETS A 74, TIES FOR SECOND HONORS

TACOMA, Wash., June 19.—Dave Ayton, Vancouver, B. C., professional, led the large field in the Pacific Northwest Golf association open event, which started this morning on the Tacoma Country and Golf club, course with a 73 for the first eighteen holes.

Six tied for second honors with 74's, the players being Mel Smith, Portland; Jack Houston, Seattle; Bill Dalgleish, Tacoma; Phil Taylor, Victoria, B. C.; Ray Ball, Tacoma, and Chandler Egan, former champion three times, of Medford, Ore.

Dr. O. F. Willing, Portland, amateur champion, was off form, turning in an eighty.

### Seneca Fouts, Member of Serpent Order, Is Bitten By Rattlesnake

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19.—Seneca Fouts, a member of the Malabon lair, Order of the Serpents, a Spanish American Veterans auxiliary organization, was bitten by a rattlesnake this afternoon while preparing to take part in the merrykhana parade, a Rose Festival feature.

Fouts picked up the reptile, but failed to get the proper hold and was bitten in the right hand. He was given emergency treatment.

### The "Daily" Bank Robbery

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 19.—(A. P.) Threatening to blow up the Union Savings bank in the business district with a nitroglycerine bomb he carried in his hand a robber today forced the teller to give him \$3500 in cash and then escaped.

Mickey Signs With Shade  
NEW YORK, June 19.—(A. P.) Mickey Walker, welterweight champion, today signed an agreement to meet Dave Shade of California at the Vernon, Cal., arena on July 21 for the welterweight championship of the world.

### BASEBALL SCORES

National.	R.	H.	E.
At Cincinnati—	5	10	0
New York	4	11	1
Cincinnati	4	11	1
Greenfield and Snyder; Donohue and Wingo.			
At Pittsburgh—	6	14	0
Brooklyn	6	14	0
Pittsburgh	9	14	2
Ehrhardt, Osborne and Taylor; Meadows and Smith.			
At Chicago—	5	11	1
Philadelphia	5	11	1
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Carlson and Henline; Bush, Cooper and Hartnett.			
At St. Louis—	0	7	2
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St. Louis	3	4	0
Graham, Marquard and Gibson; Dieckman and O'Farrell.			
American.			
At Philadelphia—	9	14	3
St. Louis	9	14	3
Philadelphia	13	11	3
Winard, Vangilder, Gaston, Grant and Rego; Gray, Rommel and Cochran.			
At Boston—	5	10	0
Detroit	5	10	0
Boston	3	8	3
Leonard and Basler; Ehmske and Pleinich.			
At Cleveland—	7	13	4
Washington	7	13	4
Cleveland	5	9	0
Batteries: Gregg, Ogden, Russell, Marberry and Ruel; Karr, Shaute and L. Sewell.			
At New York.			
Chicago	3	14	1
New York	4	10	0
Batteries: Cvengros and Schaak; Pennick and Bengough, Schang.			

### Passing of the Early Pioneer

SEATTLE, June 19.—(A. P.) Mrs. Francis Ellen Page, whose father, Joseph Gale, was a territorial governor of Oregon, died here today. She was 88 years old.

Mrs. Page left five daughters, including Mrs. Miles Poindexter, who is in Lima, where her husband, formerly United States senator from Washington, is ambassador.

The other daughters of Mrs. Page were Mrs. R. Lewis Rutter, Spokane, and Mrs. D. C. Clelland, Mrs. Sabina Morton and Mrs. May Jergensen, Seattle. Mrs. Page's one surviving son is Tom D. Page, a lawyer here.

Mrs. Page was the widow of Tom Page, who immigrated to Oregon from Baltimore. They moved to Walla Walla 60 years ago and Page farmed on the site of that city. Twenty years ago they came to Seattle.

Mrs. Page died in the home of Mrs. Jergensen and of Mrs. Morton. Mrs. Morton is the widow of Major General Charles Morton, who died in Washington, D. C., six years ago.

### Defendant in U. S. Suit Drops Dead On Witness Stand

TACOMA, June 19.—P. H. Hebb, 57, prominent Tacoma business man and manufacturer of patent medicine, whose product, Kar-Io, was the object of attack in federal court here, dropped dead shortly before noon today, from the witness chair.

The attack was not brought about by physical strain because of severe grilling, it was stated by court attendants, the questions being asked being only of routine nature.

### SAYS HE KILLED STEP-DAUGHTER TO PLEASE LORD

Los Angeles Religious Fanatic Confesses to Murder of 19 Year Old Girl Under Command of Divinity—Reenacts the Crime.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Thomas Gilchrist admitted early today to the police a representative of the district attorney's office that under command of the "Lord" he administered the wounds from which his 19-year-old step-daughter, Mrs. Olive Morris, had died a few hours earlier at the receiving hospital.

The young woman had been brought to the hospital during the night with her throat cut, her skull fractured and her body slashed and battered after neighbors had found her in a semi-conscious condition in a vacant lot across the street from the Gilchrist home. A few words the officers were able to obtain from her before she died enabled them to arrest Gilchrist when he appeared at his home an hour after the discovery of the crime.

In a bedroom of the house officers found overturned furniture, blood-spattered clothing and other evidences of a desperate struggle. Just outside the door lay a hammer with a blood marked handle.

Merville Morris, husband of the slain woman, said his wife had gone to the Gilchrist home to help her stepfather with his housework in the absence of her mother, who is visiting in Texas.

Gilchrist at first insisted he had not seen his step daughter, explaining he had been away from home all evening. Hours of grilling failed to shake his story and he had been placed in a cell when he called the officers back with the statement he wished to make a confession.

"The Lord ordered me to do it," the officers quoted. He then offered to accompany the police to his home to re-enact the crime.

### Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, June 19.—(A. P.)—A flood of buying orders for Sinclair Consolidated oil stocks and bonds poured into the stock exchange market today following the announcement that the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserves had been upheld. The Sinclair common shares mounted two points to above 24 and the company's 6 per cent bonds, which carry stock purchase warrants, soared almost five points.

Stock prices moved upward today with buying operations on a broader scale. Sugar shares gave one of the best demonstrations of group strength, but bullish operations also were successfully conducted in a number of motors, public utilities, oils and specialties. Total sales approximated 1,500,000 shares.

Painleve Wins Vote  
PARIS, June 19.—(A. P.) The chamber of deputies today voted confidence in the Painleve government by a ballot of 525 to 22.

### FIRST FOREST FIRE OF SEASON IN OREGON IS REPORTED NEAR BEND

BEND, Ore., June 19.—The first real forest fire of the season was reported in the yellow pine near Pringle Falls yesterday. It was quickly put under control, according to the forestry office.

The humidity yesterday dropped to 17, which is 13 below the danger point. It was six points lower this morning than at the same time yesterday.

### SHEPHERD TO LOSE MONEY REGARDLESS

Judge Olson Declares Miss Pope Will Secure Bulk of Million Dollar Estate, Regardless of Jury Decision—State Rests and Defense Is Started.

CHICAGO, June 19.—(A. P.) The state rested its case in the William D. Shepherd murder trial today after nine days of testimony upon which it bases its plea for the death penalty for the middle-aged lawyer charged with using typhoid germs to slay his young foster son, the millionaire Billy McClintock.

The defense began presenting its case in an effort to counteract any unfavorable impression left by the state's last witness.

The state's last witness, the man upon whom it depended for establishing the necessary "corpus delicti," the fact that a crime had been committed was Charles C. Falman, proprietor of a small school known as the National University of Science.

His accusation of Shepherd as the man who got from him three test tubes of typhoid bacilli and information how to use them in eliminating young McClintock before marriage would nullify a will he had made in Shepherd's favor, was attacked viciously by the defense, but in its essential points was not denied by Falman upon cross-examination.

Falman admitted that he could not say who at the Chicago health department gave him the germs, nor when, but contended he passed them on to Shepherd.

CHICAGO, June 19.—(A. P.) Chief court who has been the chief figure in the prosecution of William D. Shepherd, accused of causing the death of William N. McClintock, declared today that regardless of the outcome of the Shepherd trial "Isabelle Pope, McClintock's fiancée will come into possession of the McClintock fortune."

Judge Olson said Miss Pope eventually will be declared, McClintock's lawful heir on the ground that Shepherd "obstructed and held back the wedding contract."

"That wedding contract will be held binding, in my judgment," he said, "and when it is, Isabelle Pope will receive all the personal property, one-half of the real estate and a life interest in the other half of the real estate. All except about \$200,000 of the estate will go to her. She will receive the full rights of a widow."

"It was out of the kindness of her heart that she gladly agreed to divide the estate with the other heirs."

Testifying at the trial, Miss Pope admitted that the prosecution of Shepherd was preliminary to an attempt to break McClintock's will in which he made Shepherd chief beneficiary.

Falman Is Attacked  
The defense sought to reveal Falman as having a ridiculous story and as being a man unworthy of belief.

William Scott Stewart, chief of defense counsel, sought at the end of his cross examination to show that Falman had used his school and hospital as a depot for selling alcohol and "dope," in defiance of the law.

The first two witnesses called by the defense were Miss Eva Peterson, now stenographer for Stoll and Shepherd, the law firm of which the defendant is a member and Miss Isabel Anderson, who formerly held that position.

Miss Peterson testified that she never had seen in the firm's suite of offices John P. Marchand who testified two days ago that he went there as a salesman for Falman's school after Shepherd wrote a letter inquiring about a course in bacteriology.

It was Miss Peterson who typed (Continued on Page Eight)

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