

ALUMINUM PROBE MAY BE FORCED

Democrats Demand Congress Request President For Prosecutor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(United News)—Democrats have given a more serious twist to the aluminum case by their new demand that congress request the president to appoint special counsel to prosecute the Aluminum Company of America which is dominated by the family fortune of Secretary of Treasury Mellon. Hitherto the democrats have done little more than to heckle the department of justice for its failure to carry through the federal trade commission's charges that the aluminum company had violated the court decree restraining it from acts in restraint of trade.

But week-end conferences of democratic senators have led to more aggressive policies. The reply to the department of justice is the demand that congress request the president to appoint special counsel to prosecute as was done in the Teapot Dome case. They are willing to forego the senate investigation altogether now in favor of court action.

Plain Case
Senator Robinson, minority floor leader will present the resolution, calling for appointment of legal counsel to prosecute. The record now before the senate shows a plain violation of the anti-trust laws by the aluminum company, he said.

"I don't think there is any question but that the record against the company is made now. Everybody knows it and I see no reason for a further investigation when facts are already before us."

Robinson probably will present his resolution in the senate Tuesday. Debate will be warm and some days will elapse before a vote is taken.

This case derives its political importance from the fact that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and his relatives own most of the aluminum company and control its subsidiaries.

Might Suffer
If this case should get into the courts and go against the aluminum company, the administration might suffer some embarrassment because of the presence in the cabinet of Mellon and the refusal of the department of justice to prosecute.

Some democrats have already called attention to an old statute forbidding the appointment of any one engaged in business as secretary of the treasury. President Grant withdrew the appointment of A. T. Stewart, merchant, when this law was called to his attention. Because of his skillful effort to reduce taxes Mellon has been one of the administration's most conspicuous assets. Now it is possible that the irony of politics may convert him into the administration's most conspicuous liability. Anyway that is what the democrats are aiming at.

VOTERS GUESSING ABOUT E. L. ELLIOT

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now watching the pool halls to learn the various card games and to find out what is going on. There are some worse than poker, admitted to be so by the pool hall proprietors.

These deviant games of high percentages are allowed to run in some of the pool halls. The original announcements of Elliot's officers was to the effect that trade checks could be used. Use of trade checks is what makes the worst games possible for they are cashed at a discount. So the situation is high up in the air and will be until the officers can become apprised of what is what, and learn that "domino whiff" for instance, is a more vicious game than draw poker for it turns the player of small funds to whom poker would not be possible.

So Elliot continues the feature of local politics. Everyone else is crowded out of the picture. There is a little talk otherwise. Gene Hammond has refused overtures to have him accept a candidacy for the county court, which disposes for the time being of the possibility of a very interesting ticket. But there are rumors of a very strong ticket that is under consideration and which will be announced shortly.

KLAMATH VALLEY HOSPITAL. There is no better care in confinement than that given at this hospital. adv-7

Washington's Birthday Recalls Earliest Portrait Made of Him



Painting made in 1772 by Charles Willson Peale is earliest known life portrait of George Washington. It was completed in 10 days, Washington then 40, paying the artist 15 pounds, four shillings.

LACOSTE WINS IN GRUELING GAMES

SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMORY, New York, Feb. 22.—(United News)

—Whenever two young Frenchmen meet on the courts or in other sports they think of Verdun and so it was a matter of 28 games before either Jean Borotra or Rene Lacoste would yield in the first set of their final match in the national indoor tennis championship.

Borotra, the flaming Basque, who won the title in 1926 and conquered Big Bill Tilden last Friday, weakened first and Lacoste, the steady, won the set, 15-13, and finally ran out the match and became the indoor champion. The remaining scores were 4-3, 1-6 and 6-3, as grueling and desperately fought finale as ever has been played on the armory courts. When Borotra carried Tilden to 24 games in the first set of their match last week he showed grit and stamina, but in the even longer first set Monday he needed more than these to beat Lacoste. The latter's steady base line work and volleying, remarkably free from outs and hes, won from him against the occasionally more brilliant overhead game of Borotra.

CAPTURED SLAYER CONFESSES CRIMES

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have any money so I took his key and locked the door as I walked out."

Carter then intended to flee to Kansas City. But in the railroad yards at Council Bluffs, across the river, he saw a railroad detective and wounded him.

"I thought he was after me," Carter said.

It was this encounter that led to the sniper's arrest. The detective obtained a good description of the man and it was broadcast so that the section foreman near Bartlett recognized Carter when he came swinging along the tracks.

With the self-styled "minkie" behind the bars Omaha breathed much easier and authorities went ahead with plans to send him to the electric chair.

SABIN WEAKENS AS FORUM NEARS

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that was not fit to print. Sabin was assured that the scribbles were no consideration of the tender feelings of Klamath folk as was he, and that the chamber of commerce would be the only organization to be consulted. Late last night he was trying to get the board of directors together in an effort to call off the affair of Wednesday.

After the newspaper program raged the frayed nerves of Sabin he and the directors are to entertain the kids of an Ashland delegation who are approaching Klamath. That is, they are approaching Klamath on the idea of having Klamath forget about its pet plan to establish a tourist bureau at the junction of the Klamath-Ashland highway.

STILLMAN BUYS OFF FLO FIELDS

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by his father, and the James A. Stillmans are reunited in Paris.

Arrives in N. Y.

Mrs. Leeds arrived in New York last Thursday from Florida, where she has been spending the winter.

Announcement of the settlement was made exclusively to the United News by William M. Sullivan, who for five years has acted as Stillman's personal attorney. It was made at Sullivan's suggestion in his office in the Bar building "to silence false rumors concerning Mrs. Leeds."

The settlement "was made last November, and has been kept secret since that time."

"In November, 1925," the attorney informed the United News, "Mr. Stillman voluntarily made a settlement upon his son, Jay, whose mother is Mrs. Leeds. The settlement was a substantial one and payment commenced immediately."

"As personal attorney for Mr. Stillman I was appointed trustee and guardian for the boy and I intend to see to it that he is afforded every advantage and opportunity a youngster could have."

No Pressure

"The settlement," Sullivan continued, "was made upon Mr. Stillman's initiative and without the slightest pressure or suggestion upon the part of Mrs. Leeds."

"Moreover, the matter was concluded before there was any suggestion of a reconciliation on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Stillman, and has nothing to do with the latter eventuality."

In making the announcement, Sullivan emphasized the fact that his client and Mrs. Leeds were on the best of terms, and that the settlement was entirely spontaneous on the banker's part.

Slender, bright-eyed and alert the "other woman" in what was America's most sensational divorce case looked anything but the adventurous this holiday afternoon. She was rather as attractive but retiring a young woman as could be found. The suit for maintenance of her boy which some years ago she had suggested bringing, she had dropped voluntarily a year before she and Stillman became reconciled.

SLIPS ON SOUP

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(United News)—Spilled soup on the floor of Elmer J. Graham's cafe of Monrovia resulted in a judgment of \$2,932 against him here Monday.

Mrs. Bertie Farmer contended while working as a waitress for Graham she slipped on the spilled soup and injured herself, greatly impairing her earning capacity.

USED AFTER 62 YEARS

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—A pistol which Ernst Beckman's father gave him 62 years ago, was found clutched in his right hand when he was found with a bullet in his head. Five of the six bullets which had been in the gun 62 years ago were still there.

BORAH OPENS UP AGAINST LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(United News)—Senator William H. Borah believed his first peal of oratorical thunder against the world court has aroused enough sentiment to guarantee him success in his fight to keep the United States out of "conflicting alliances" with Europe.

Completing the first leg of a sweeping campaign that is to carry him from coast to coast, the Idaho Republican declared the people will not accept the League of Nations as a basis of world peace.

"The reception of our cause here has been most inspiring," he said. "I believe we will find conditions and sentiment the same everywhere."

Borah came to Chicago to open the battle which he regards as one of the most important in the history of the country. He intends to invade every state where senators are to be elected this fall in an attempt to defeat those who favor American adherence to the world court.

Attacks Treaty

Borah's last speech before leaving Chicago was delivered Monday night before a banquet tendered him by a local Republican organization. It was a bitter attack on the treaty of Versailles, the league and the world court. The treaties which made up the Versailles agreement, he declared, "were born of secrecy and greed."

"Peoples were handled about like chattels, and states were dismembered," he said. "Millions of people are held in political subjection under the revolting and remorseless treaty terms. Borah declared he believed the miseries caused by the treaties were second only to the miseries caused by the great war."

"When France invaded the Ruhr," he said, "the league was silent—not a protest. It is under a mandate of the league that the massacres are taking place in Syria."

"Humanity cries out against the whole sordid, brutal program."

"Yet into this satanic of imperialism we are asked to go, to become a part, to become a guarantor of its continuance. We have already elected to become a counselor in this program by becoming a member of the league court. There is just power to which we can now appeal, and that is the electorate of the United States, the people. It was the people who saved us from this danger seven years ago. It is more indirect and more subtle now. It calls again for your activity, your courage and your patriotism."

Borah has now gone to Wisconsin, where he will make two more speeches before carrying his campaign further west.

COOLIDGE SPEAKS ON GEORGE WASHINGTON

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one of the most practical of leaders. He was not emotional. He was possessed of that broad comprehension of a situation, which made his judgment eminently sound. With the possible exception of the field of Monmouth, when disobedience to his orders amounted almost to treachery: was losing the day, history always reveals him as calm, cool and collected. He always knew what he was doing. He was not a sentimentalist. But he was a man capable of deep and abiding affection and of exalted and inspiring ideals; he loved his country with an abounding devotion. He lavished upon it a wealth of genius.

"We are wont to think of him as a military commander and a civil administrator—as a man of public affairs. He was surprisingly great in all of that. But he was very much more. He wished to see his country not only materially prosperous and politically successful, but beyond that and above it, he wished to see the intellectual, moral, and spiritual life of the people developed. This is the side of Washington to which too little attention has been given. Our country has prospered, our government is secure, but that prosperity and that security flow from the school and the church. They are the reason for the character of the American people. Through and through Washington is the great example of character. He sought to bestow that heritage upon his country. We shall fail in our estimation and understanding of him, unless we remember that during his lifetime he helped to build a place of religious worship; in his will he provided for institutions of learning, and in his farewell address he emphasized the spiritual values of life. But what he did was even more eloquent than what he said. He was a soldier, a patriot, a statesman, but in addition to all these he was a great teacher."

SLIDE BLOCKS COOS HIGHWAY

Tons of Rock and Earth Cover Road and Stub Railway Line

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 22.—(United News)—Lassened by a heavy downpour of rain, thousands of tons of rock and dirt crashed down over the Marshfield-Coquille paved highway and the Marshfield-Powers railroad track, about 12 miles south of Marshfield, Saturday night, and Sunday other lines of communication were completely blocked and telephone lines were out.

It will be at least a week before the highway can be cleared, although the railroad track may be opened sooner. Marshfield will have no highway connections with other sections of the state until the road is opened, unless the route through Riverton and across a ferry is put in shape to bear traffic. Hundreds of Marshfield and Coquille people had their automobiles on the wrong side of the slide Sunday, as many had gone to the neighboring towns Saturday night for various social functions.

Expect Rum Law Modifications

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(United News)—The national prohibition law will be modified within the next three years, more than 500 delegates to the second "face the facts" conference have been told.

The optimism of the modificationists was reflected in every speech before the largest anti-prohibition gathering held since the Volstead law was enacted. Women and men—they were present in equal numbers at the afternoon conference, and the dinner, cheered these forecasts.

The law will be modified by 1928 at the latest," declared H. C. Hinkley, secretary of the association against the prohibition amendment, under whose auspices the liberalization rally was held.

"It probably will come sooner. We are expecting a great change in the next congressional elections."

"In the summer of 1924," said Julian Codman, vice president of the constitutional liberties league of Massachusetts, "I told the international conference against prohibition that modification would come in about five years. I have no reason to change that prediction."

William H. Stayton, chairman of the association, was even more optimistic.

"I think that the present congress will take definite steps toward liberalization of the Volstead law, although no definite plan has yet crystallized."

"Modification is at our door now," added Mrs. Mortimer W. West, president of the federation of Democratic women of Baltimore, "the increasing agitation and unrest is bound to bring a change. We must get more control over the morals of our youth."

Despite the anti-prohibition statements the senate judiciary committee shows less disposition than ever to hold hearings on the beer bills offered by several senators.

Try senators caused the committee to decide first to call in the authors of the bills and hear their reasons for desiring hearings. It is doubtful if the dry sentiment in the committee will permit any extended investigation this spring.

Prominent Speakers

The wet conference speakers, however, included United States senators, representatives of industry, and clergymen, agree that the nation rapidly is swinging toward modification.

"The campaign for common sense temperance as a substitute for hypocritical prohibition which does not prohibit, has reached what might be termed the second stage," Senator Waller Edge, New Jersey Republican, said.

"Now that the colossal failure of prohibition and the Volstead act has been clearly established it is no longer necessary to waste time arguing a situation which is perfectly obvious to every fair minded citizen."

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Countess Cathcart Permitted to Land

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—(United News)—Vera, Countess of Cathcart, whose detention on Ellis Island came to a mysterious conclusion through a release order from Washington Sunday night, has found New York such a pleasant city that she is willing to remain here three years if need be to fight the department of labor's effort to deport her.

"I am in America," Lady Cathcart told a dozen reporters when she left her room at the Hotel Ambassadeur Monday morning. "I am not going back to England. I'll stay here three years if necessary to fight my case."

transformed into barrooms, taught young boys and girls the use of the flask, unknown before prohibition, and ignited a general disregard for all law, cannot be successfully defended."

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