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ELKIN DECLARES HE BOUGHT STOCK SINCLAIR OIL CO.

Willing to Give Details of Transaction to the Senate Committee

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Elkin, Republican of West Virginia, said today that he had purchased stock of the Sinclair oil companies and was perfectly willing to go before the Senate committee and tell all about it. His statement revealed that he is the Senator whose name appears upon the records of the Benkard brokerage firm presented to the committee.

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

The statement issued by Senator Elkin said:

"I purchased Sinclair stock without any knowledge whatever in respect to the oil leases. I bought much more Bethlehem and other steel stocks than I did oil stock. I am perfectly willing to go before the committee if the committee desires and tell them all about my transactions. There is no law against buying and selling stock. My many purchases were made solely upon my own initiative or on advices of my brokers. If you stop buying and selling the country will have to stop. The whole thing is a political drive by the Democrats but they will get the worst of it before the end. Already William G. McAdoo has been mentioned prominently as has been the late Franklin Lane and others."

The statement was issued after Whitney and his counsel Frank L. Crutcher had visited Senator Elkin's office. Whitney's examination by the committee was brief and Senator Lenroot said afterward that there were no other immediate developments in the oil scandal in prospect which would require an early meeting of the committee. Members would not say, however, whether or not they would hold another session before next Monday the time set for resumption of public hearings.

Coolidge Withdraws Christian's Name From the Senate

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senate opposition to the appointment of Geo. B. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission led to withdrawal of the appointment by President Coolidge today. The name was withdrawn at the request of the nominee. It is probable that he will be appointed to some other office. Opposition to him was expressed by a number of labor leaders and recently the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee was told by Houston Thompson, chairman of the Trade Commission, that Mr. Christian had called him to the executive offices early in 1923 to question him as to reasons for proceedings by the commission against Famous Players Corporation.

Midyette Accepts Judgeship of Third Judicial District

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Garland E. Midyette, of Jackson, North Hampton county, today accepted the appointment tendered him yesterday by Governor Morrison as Superior Court Judge of the Third North Carolina Judicial district to succeed Judge Thomas M. Pittman, of Henderson who resigned, it was announced at the governor's office this afternoon.

A statement from the governor's office said that either Frank Gibbs, of Warrenton or Hunt Parker, of Enfield, will be appointed by the governor to succeed Midyette as solicitor. The governor's selection may be announced late today.

Horses Cheap in County
Dublin.—So great is the glut of agricultural horses in County Clare that useful six-year-olds worth \$100 some years ago have been sold for \$15 or \$20, and some fairly good animals have changed hands at \$2.50.

WILL PROSECUTE AGENT WHO SHOT SENATOR.



Senator Frank G. Greene.

United States Attorney Peyton Gordon, of Washington, D. C., has announced he will prosecute Otis E. Fisher, prohibition enforcement agent, who shot U. S. Senator Frank G. Greene, Republican, of Vermont, during a pistol fight with bootleggers near the Capitol. If Senator Greene dies the charge will be first degree murder. Should he live—as expected—the charge will be assault with a deadly weapon.

Administration Betrayed Trust, Declares McAdoo

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—Betrayal of trust by high government officials presents a greater danger to Democracy than Bolshevism or any other alleged evil influence, William G. McAdoo, candidate for Democratic nomination for president, declared in an address on the train platform of the union station here today.

There can be no government with corruption in the high places, Mr. McAdoo said. This question means the life of the American nation, he declared and we must bring back honesty to the government. Investigation must go on until all facts were brought out and it was not his desire to see an attempt to whitewash anyone, he said.

Mr. McAdoo reasserted his stand for a soldiers' bonus and declared that the government had been unfair to those men who served in the war. "The Veterans' Bureau whose duty is to protect the disabled and sick has stolen money from these boys," he said. "What can be said of a government so bad as that? The Democrats didn't debase the government. Through the eight years of Woodrow Wilson's administration and in the eight years of Grover Cleveland's administration there prevailed no such corruption. It remained for the administration which promised the people that the best minds would rule, to betray the government."

Regarding the approval of the Democratic tax plan yesterday by Congress he said, "Yesterday a new and fresh break of cleanliness and patriotism came out in Congress. Republicans who would not give our service men a bonus would have reduced the taxes on the rich and made the burden of the poor man harder."

Major Smith Will Inspect 117th Field Artillery Feb. 22

New Bern, Feb. 20.—Major Gordon Smith, assistant Adjutant General of North Carolina will inspect the battery detachment of the 117th Field Artillery stationed here on February 22. Major Smith will be accompanied by Lieut. Colonel J. T. Joyner, commander of the regiment. Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, will go to Dunn on the 22nd to discuss the possibility of locating the regimental headquarters there.

KILLS SON-IN-LAW FOLLOWING FAMILY ROW

Philo, Ill., Feb. 20.—Following a family quarrel today, Louis Kowitz, butcher of Homer, Ill., shot and killed his son-in-law, Joe Whistle, Mrs. Whistle and the Whistle's 18-year-old daughter and then shot and killed himself.

Stie makers are thinking their heads off to make your last summer's suit out of date next summer.

Condition of Senator Greene Was Not So Favorable Today

Washington, Feb. 20.—The condition of Senator Frank L. Greene, of Vermont, was described by physicians as not quite so favorable at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Greene, of Vermont, continued his fight for life last night with attending surgeons announcing that while his condition remained critical, he was holding his own. A second operation was performed Monday night which resulted in checking a brain hemorrhage that followed the wound received by the Senator Friday night. The bullet which struck him was fired during a gun battle between prohibition agents and suspected bootleggers.

Youth Held on Charge of Murdering Parents

Saint Petersburg, Fla., 20.—Frank McDowell, 18, was arrested yesterday early today following the finding of his father and mother, Jr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, shot through the head at their home here. They had been shot as they lay in bed. Young McDowell, who called the police, said that he had been struck on the head and rendered unconscious and when he regained consciousness he found his parents dead. Police found the pistol which the youth admitted was his property. The police state that shortly after McDowell had been taken into custody he had told several conflicting stories regarding the tragedy.

A story, also told by Young McDowell, related how his two sisters had been burned to death at their home in a Georgia town a year ago. He said that the mattress upon which they were sleeping had been saturated with kerosene and then fired.

Decatur, Ga., Feb. 20.—Marion, age 18, and Willie, age 16, Magee, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell who were shot and killed in Saint Petersburg, Fla., were burned to death about a year ago when they were trapped in a room in the McDowell home here. Shortly after he fire the family moved to Saint Petersburg. The blaze has always been a mystery.

Escaped Convict Has Been Captured

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Ollie Fay, who escaped from the Wake County Road Prison in 1922, has been captured. Ray had served two months on a one year sentence when he made his escape from Camp No. 1. He located in a house in Newlight Township.

DAUGHERTY STILL DETERMINED TO STAY IN CABINET

Denies Charges of Senator Wheeler; Confers With Coolidge

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 and talked the situation over with the chief executive and returned to the Department of Justice to dictate a statement affirming his decision to stay in the cabinet. 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 and would neither affirm nor deny that the question of his resignation had been talked over in the conference with the president. His visit to the White House revived the belief by many that his retirement was imminent. Some of those in the Senate who have urged that he resign are withholding their fight with the idea that the resignation will be forthcoming and further fight will be unnecessary.

In his statement Mr. Daugherty denied the charges that Senator Wheeler made against him in the Senate yesterday and declared that he welcomed the opportunity to meet any charges against his administration which might be involved in the Senate resolution ordering an investigation.

"I have read the speech of Senator Wheeler delivered in the Senate yesterday," his 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 the Senator nor anyone for him has ever asked me or the department for any statement in reference to the charges made. He has been misled and in time the truth of all these matters will be given to the public. These charges were all exploited before the House Committee during impeachment proceedings against me and after careful investigation of same the committee in a vote of 20 to 1 declared them unfounded. Later the report of the committee was formally adopted by the House of Representatives and I was exonerated of every charge presented against me. The same influence that inspired the impeachment proceedings last winter is behind the present agitation in the Senate. If necessary for me to go through this ordeal again I welcome the opportunity."

Five Cases Given Hearing City Court

The following cases were given a hearing in city court today. J. C. Youngblood, white, exceeding speed limit, fined \$10 and costs. Ed Williams, white, allowing dog to run at large, paid costs. J. C. Gaskins, white, allowing cow at large, paid costs. Dr. Zeno Brown, white, allowing dog at large, paid costs. David Barnhill, colored, reckless operations auto, called and failed. Capias and continued.

Literary Society High School Holds Business Meeting

The Literary Society of the High School held its business meeting on last Thursday and the following officers were elected: President, Norman Winslow; vice president, Ruth Gardner; secretary, Ramona Ray; treasurer, Bessie Lee Summerell; critic, Esther Wayne; chairman of debating, Clifton Duke; chairman of miscellaneous, Elsie Zahnizer; reporter, Harvey Fleming. The outgoing officers were, President Harvey Fleming; vice president, Marie Hardee; secretary, Selma Madrien; treasurer, Elsie Mae Winslow; critic, Ramona Ray; chairman of debating, Esther Wayne; chairman of miscellaneous, Alice Foley; reporter, Clifton Duke. At this meeting definite plans were drawn up for the final term and the society is looking forward to even greater results.

DANIELS MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

North Carolina Editor Declares Report Is News to Him

New York, Feb. 20.—Political and personal friends of Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, are quietly sounding out sentiment in this state, as well as other sections of the east, as to the possible availability of the North Carolina editor as the next Democratic Presidential nominee.

The Daniels boom is a tiny one as yet, no bigger than a man's hand. It has risen out of the steam of the boiling Teapot Dome. It has much the same impetus as the movement which has been started in some localities calling for the nomination of Senator Walsh, of Montana, the man who has had the burden of the Dome investigation on his shoulders for more than a year.

It has been recalled the political career of Charles E. Hughes, now Secretary of State, grew out of an investigation, when he was special counsel for a New York legislative committee, which showed up some of the illegal practices of big insurance companies.

In the case of Mr. Daniels his friends have tentatively brought him forward before. They have considered him as Presidential timber long before the Teapot Dome disclosures showed him in such a favorable light. They have believed Mr. Daniels would have the backing of many of the best elements of his party.

Not the least potent of the influences claimed to be behind Mr. Daniels is that of William Jennings Bryan. When Mr. Bryan announced some time ago he had a "dark horse" under cover for the Democratic convention to be held in this city the latter part of next June, many persons felt he had Mr. Daniels in mind. He and the North Carolinian had served together in the Wilson Cabinet. As a matter of fact, it has been said it was partly due to Mr. Bryan's insistence Mr. Wilson named Mr. Daniels as head of the Navy Department.

NORTHERN CITIES VISITED BY STORMS

Snow, Sleet and Rain In Worst Weather of the Winter

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 20.—Snow, sleet and rain pouring over the ice covered streets and roads combined to give Pittsburgh and surrounding territory the worst storm of the winter. One death has resulted, a number of injuries from falls and automobile collisions have been reported and traffic generally is at a standstill as the storm that began yesterday afternoon continued today unabated.

For more than eight hours last night the city was without telephone and telegraph communications with places as far as 50 miles away though the cables to more distant places held up. Trains were many hours late for the first time during the winter.

At one time yesterday one of the incline planes carrying people to their hilltop residences was stalled half way up its climb and a score of passengers were marooned for several hours. Many risked their lives by climbing over the ice covered ties to reach their homes.

New York, Feb. 20.—Rain and sleet today turned last night's snow fall into slush and made brooks of the streets and sidewalks and impeded elevated and surface cars traffic. It was the winter's most severe storm in the Metropolitan district.

Four hundred snow plows and 14,000 men are today clearing the streets. Passenger trains have been delayed somewhat by the storm.

COUNTESS CARNARVON'S LICENSE CANCELLED

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 20.—The Egyptian government has cancelled Countess Carnarvon's license for excavating in the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen.

Elected Officials Are Restored in Herrin.



Carl Nail and John Ford.

After a reign of terror caused by a battle between "wets" and "drys," into which the Ku Klux Klan injected itself, troops have restored order in Herrin, Ill., and restored to duty Police Chief John Ford. Until the Mayor of Herrin could return Carl Nail was appointed Mayor pro tem, by direction of the commanding officer of the State troops.

WESTERN CAROLINA IN GRIP OF STORM

Communication Being Restored After 2 Days of Rain and Sleet

Charlotte, Feb. 20.—With the clearing of the weather after two days of rain which last night turned into sleet and ice in some parts of the state the telephone and telegraph companies are today at work in an effort to restore communication with those places that were cut off from the outside world as the result of wires broken by ice and falling trees.

The storm was heaviest in central and northern part of North Carolina and in the southern part of Virginia. Winston-Salem is cut off today all wire connection having been severed when the Associated Press wire, the last connecting link, snapped at 12:25 this morning. The Western Union Telegraph Company reports one shaky wire into Greensboro and High Point with all others down. Danville is also reported to be entirely cut off.

Radio was resorted to in an effort to protect the isolated points in Carolina and Virginia with news by the Associated Press. At 12:30 this afternoon the Atlanta Journal station broadcasted news from division headquarters of the Associated Press and at 2:30 station WBT of Charlotte was used. The wave length of the Charlotte station is 360 meters.

High Point, Feb. 20.—Every industry in High Point depending upon electric power is shut down today as a result of a breakage of wires last night caused by ice and falling trees.

Many elms, for forty years the pride of residents here, are completely denuded of limbs. Telephone and telegraph communication has been almost entirely cut off only one telegraph line remaining over which communication is possible.

The weather is breaking this morning and squads of workmen are busily engaged clearing the wreckage to restore communication. There is no indication as to how soon restoration of the service will be accomplished.

Such a brisk demand for youthful complexion is liable to cause a shortage in red house paint.

MELLON INCOME TAX RATE ELIMINATED BY DEMOCRATS TUESDAY

They Were Aided by a Group of Republican Insurgents

Washington, Feb. 20.—Aided by a group of Republicans, most of them insurgents, House Democrats yesterday eliminated from the revenue bill the Mellon income tax rates. By a vote of 222 to 196, a schedule advanced by Representative Garner, Democrat, Texas, was substituted.

The bill, as amended, fixes the surtax maximum at 44 per cent on \$200,000 under existing law and 25 per cent on incomes of more than \$100,000 as recommended by the Treasury. It also reduces normal income rates to a greater extent than Mr. Mellon recommended, and increases personal tax exemptions a feature not in the Treasury draft.

Before approving the Garner proposal, which received the support of 17 Republicans, one Farmer-Laborite and one independent in addition to 203 Democrats, the House went on record opposed to rates substantially the same as those recommended by Mr. Mellon and rejected an amendment by Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, an insurgent, to cut normal rates in half without altering the existing schedule.

Republican organization leaders had no opportunity to bring to a vote a compromise amendment which proposed a 25 per cent reduction in both normal and surtax rates.

Rules in effect today prevented a roll call on the Democratic substitute, which was approved by teller's vote. A record vote, however, on the amendment can be demanded before the bill comes up for passage and organization Republicans are planning to bring this about. Such a vote would bring a straight out test of strength between the Mellon and Garner rates. An opportunity also will be offered the Republicans to offer their compromise with roll call on the proposition in order.

After disposing of the income rates section, an amendment offered by Representative Garner proposing to make stock dividends taxable was defeated, 141 to 127, the House proceedings with readings of the bill in regular order.

Debate on the income tax sections, the main target of Democratic and insurgent Republican opposition to the revenue bill, terminated by agreement at 3:30 o'clock with House on the floor and the galleries filled with spectators.

A vote came first on the amendment offered at the last moment by Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee, who declared the House should record itself on the Mellon rates. With the Garner and Frear amendments pending, such a vote was not in order and to bring it about Mr. Madden proposed a surtax minimum of 20 per cent instead of the Mellon 25 per cent, the only point of difference in the two schedules.

The Madden substitute was rejected, 244 to 152, about 40 Republicans, including Chairman Green, of the ways and means committee, joining the Democrats in opposition.

By standing vote of 254 to 46, the Frear amendment was thrown out and then vote was taken on the Garner substitute, Representative Longworth, Republican leader, having announced that he would offer a compromise to fix the surtax maximum at 37 1-2 per cent only in the event the Democratic plan was rejected.

Class in Swine Production Gives Annual Barbecue

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The Junior class in swine production at State College gave its annual barbecue dinner Saturday evening in the Animal Husbandry building on the college grounds. Duroc-Jersey porker, raised by the students was served to the fifteen members of the class, their guests and the professors. Mr. K. C. Chang, a student from China, was the principal speaker of the evening, taking for his subject the "Pig Industry in China." Mr. Chang said that China was the greatest pork eating country in the world and that a first class cook in China had to know how to prepare pork in 300 or 400 ways.