

STEPS TAKEN TO STOP FLOW OF TEAPOT OIL

Coolidge Orders Special Counsel to Restrain Op- erations of Sinclair

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Washington, Feb. 25.—President Coolidge Monday issued new instructions to Owen J. Roberts and former Senator Pomeroy, special naval oil lease scandal investigators, to take court action immediately.

They are to go into the United States and state courts of Wyoming and California, to restrain the operation of the Sinclair and Doheny properties until the legal ownership may be established. With the filing of the temporary restraining orders, now a matter of hours, no more oil may be taken out of the former government reserves until the courts rule that the leases are legal and that there is no taint of fraud in connection with their procurement.

May Shift Inquiry

At the same time the president asked them to begin their investigation of the many other angles and persons conspicuous in government or public life who may be involved. This phase of the inquiry, it was stated, probably will be shifted from Washington to Chicago or some other central point which will be convenient for the witnesses and at the same time far removed from the political and insidious lobby atmosphere of Washington.

It was again emphasized that the president will act upon the investigations and recommendations of this special counsel instead of upon the "commands" of the Senate, and that he is especially anxious to have them begin to take drastic action so that attention may be diverted from what he is beginning to consider a "somewhat unofficial inquiry."

Will Not be "Stamped"

Those close to him declare that he will not be "stamped" into doing what his advisers in the Senate have demanded until the special counsel have submitted an opinion on the culpability or innocence of those involved.

This is said to refer especially to the status of attorney General Harry M. Daugherty.

The attorney general conferred with the president late Monday for upwards of an hour. It was rumored then that he had submitted his resignation with the suggestion that it be made effective at any date which the president might select. But from both the attorney general and the White House, it was stated that the conference was about matters within the department of justice and that Daugherty still is determined to make a vigorous fight to retain his portfolio.

CLEAR WAY FOR JOINT PROBE

Action on Wheeler Resolu- tion Aimed at Daugherty Expected Soon

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Washington, Feb. 25.—The way was cleared in the Senate late Monday for Senator Wheeler's resolution for an investigation of Attorney General Daugherty's alleged failure to prosecute in the oil lease, Veterans' bureau and other scandals, to be brought up Tuesday.

The Senate by adjourning instead of recessing, made it possible for the committee on audit and control, to which the resolution was referred, to report it out during the morning hour Tuesday. Should any member object, however, which is regarded as certain to be done by some opponent of the resolution, it will have to lie over for a day before it can be debated and a vote be taken.

Senator Wheeler sought to get the report before the Senate Monday, but was unsuccessful. He offered a unanimous consent motion for the chairman of the committee having the resolution in hand, Senator Keyes, to bring in its report. Senator Willis objected. He said he thought the chairman of the committee was competent to make his own request to report.

Senator Wheeler replied that he had talked with Senator Keyes, who had suggested that he, Wheeler, ask the unanimous consent for the committee's report to be read. Willis still would not consent. He said he thought it ought to come up in an orderly manner and not in the midst of consideration of other business with which the Senate was engaged at the time. He said that if it were brought up later he probably would offer no objection.

PROFITEERS TO GO FREE

Washington, Feb. 25.—Jobbers who sold coal during the World war at a profit in excess of the margin allowed by President Wilson and where the sale was made prior to the president's proclamation are not subject to prosecution under a supreme court decision today.

'MARRY IN AMERICA' CAMPAIGN URGED BY LONE STAR SOLON

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Washington, Feb. 25.—Congress was urged by Representative Blanton, democrat, of Texas, to inaugurate a "marry in America" drive to save the nation's beautiful heiresses from the clutches of titled fortune hunters.

The Texan proposed an amendment to the revenue bill placing a special levy to be collected after death, equal to 99 per cent. of any marriage settlement paid by any American father to any foreigner contracting marriage with an American woman and 75 per cent. of the amount of the remainder of the estate due to be transferred to the legatee living with foreign husbands abroad.

ROMANCE LEADS TO CAPTURE OF SIX S. C. MEN

Woman Arrested in Raid Staged Last Saturday Night

MEN ARE IDENTIFIED

Victims of Recent Robberies Recognize Prisoners at Police Station

Sioux City, Iowa, February 24.—An underworld romance, police said Monday, proved to be the stumbling block upon which the career of one of the most notorious gangs of bandits in the police history of Sioux City was brought to an end when six men were arrested late Saturday night and positively identified by victims Monday afternoon as the perpetrators of a series of robberies and holdups during the past two months.

Marie Murphy, 2008 Seventh street, and Robert Gilbert, one of the men arrested, and who said he had no address, were the leading characters in the love affair which ended so disastrously for the bandits. It was said by police. It was through Gilbert's faithful wooing of his sweetheart, police said, that the lair of the bandit gang was finally discovered.

The six men gave their names and addresses to the police as follows: Dennis Maloney, Clinton, Ia.; George Clark, Charlie Fay, Charlie Downs and Joe Kauch, all of 815 Sixth street, and Robert Gilbert, who said that he had no address.

Girl Refuses to Talk

It is not known just how much confidence Gilbert or the other members of the gang placed in the Murphy woman and it is not known whether she actually participated in the robberies in any capacity but the police feel sure that she was a confident of all the men, it was said. Like Gilbert and his pals, the girl has steadfastly refused to talk and has said nothing concerning her affections for Gilbert or her affiliations with the alleged bandits.

Gilbert was the first man under suspicion by the police and was "shadowed" daily in an effort to locate the "hangout" of the gang. It was found that he was in the habit of calling on his sweetheart almost daily at a house at 600 Wall street, but from there his trail was always lost.

Trail Always Lost

Several times he was followed to Sixth street, where the trail vanished into thin air. This was due to the fact that when about halfway between Jennings and Jones streets, on Sixth, he was seen to enter a certain house. However the close proximity of two houses at the spot where Gilbert was in the habit of turning in made it doubtful as to which one he entered, police said.

It was finally determined that the house in the rear was the one used by the holdup men and plans were made to make a clean sweep of the gang.

Gilbert was taken into custody Saturday afternoon when he was followed to 600 Wall street where he was calling on the Murphy girl. When the police entered the house and rushed into the room where Gilbert was, he jumped through an open window into the yard. On a chair where he was seated lay a revolver which he left behind him in his dash for liberty.

Captured Outside House

The house, however, had been surrounded and Gilbert soon found himself in the arms of Patrolman G. F. Wheelock. He was without hat or coat when he jumped from the window. The police put him under arrest and also took the Murphy girl into custody at that time.

The house at 815 Sixth street, in the meantime had been under surveillance all Saturday and no one had been observed entering or leaving. Late that night, police decided, was

Dr. Pearce, Methodist Leader, Dies Sunday

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. Linton Houston Pearce, 85, author, editor, and clergyman, for many years one of the outstanding figures in American Methodism, died Sunday at his home here. He had been ill several months. He was a native of Springfield, Ohio, and held pastorates in Virginia, Maryland and Michigan.

Millionaire of 80 To Wed Author



Mary Bliss Dickinson, 56, of Boston, prominent in the Mother Craft Movement and editor of the magazine, "Mother Craft," is soon to wed Leuel C. Kimball, 80, Boston millionaire philanthropist, whose first wife died many years ago. Both the Kimballs and Dickinsons have been prominent in Boston society for more than a century.

Daniels Says Fall Took the "Dough" Out of Doheny, but Left the "Sin" in Sinclair

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Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Harry F. Sinclair made an effort to sell oil to the German navy, according to Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy. He made the statement in an address before the Women's democratic club at the Bellevue Stratford here Monday.

The former secretary denounced the oil lease as a "national disgrace" and called for its immediate cancellation. He was most severe in his denunciation of former Secretary Fall, whom he said he would "like to see in the penitentiary." He said:

"When Theodore Roosevelt was president he was vigorous in his fight for conservation. Before he came in to office it was the fixed policy to hold private interest before public interest. He changed this policy and put public interest first."

"From the day he left the White House until Woodrow Wilson stepped in, Ballingerism flourished. Our coal and oil lands went to interests who wished to exploit them for their own selfish purposes."

"President Taft, who was imposed upon by Ballinger, set aside the oil reserve in California. Now it has been

the opportune time to strike and after throwing a cordon of patrolmen about the building, detectives, headed by Captain Fred Spencer, entered the house.

The six men had been occupying two rooms on the second floor and were not aware the police were in the house until the door of the room they were in was opened by Captain Spencer.

Detective Pulls Gun

Four of the men were playing poker while the fifth member was in the other room directly across the hall, police said. The detective captain opened the door quietly and leveling a gun at the men told them to "stick 'em up boys, and be nice about it."

Three guns were found. One of these, an automatic thought to have been taken from the home of Donald McKay, 807 Seventeenth street, on the night of February 21 when \$400 in valuables were stolen, was hidden in a hot air register beneath the floor. The numbers on this gun, as in the case of the weapon abandoned by Gilbert at the Wall street house, had been filed off.

Two other revolvers were found concealed in the upholstery of a couch in the room.

Maloney "Brains" of Gang

Dennis Maloney, who, according to police, served a 10 year sentence at Anamosa and who has been arrested and convicted on numerous charges in several cities in this part of the country, is thought to have been the "brains" of the gang.

That the men, although they have admitted nothing and refuse to talk, pooled their plunder, and worked their "jobs" in shifts is believed by the police. It appears from the list of robberies with which they have been identified that the men took turns at doing the "jobs" and it is highly possible that the card game

given to Mr. Doheny as a present. That was the day Mr. Fall took the "dough" out of Doheny. The same thing was done for Teapot Dome, which was set aside by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Fall could not take the "sin" out of Sinclair.

"I had been in office 10 days when the question came up whether our navy ships should be oil or coal burning. Since 1913 all ships have been oil burners. With the fear that oil some day would be scarce, we began setting aside oil reserves."

"They say they leased Teapot Dome because the oil would leak out. I understand Sinclair was in Germany negotiating to furnish the German navy with oil. Where was he to get this oil? Only by robbing our own reserve."

"It would have been bad enough if these leases had been drawn up in the open light of day. But it was done in secret. There is a long line of precedent that there must be publicity and competition in such matters but there was never a word heard of it until some man saw preparations made for the digging of the wells and brought the whole matter out into the open."

In which they were interrupted by the police was being played to determine which members or member was to stage the next affair, police believe.

It was recalled by police Monday that in 1920 Maloney was arrested, convicted and served a sentence when arrested with another gang of which he was reputed to be the "brains," and at whose doors a number of similar crimes had been laid. One of the members of the former gang was Ed Brady who was convicted about three years ago of having secreted guns to the men in the LeMars, Ia., jail, who had staged the holdup of the Westfield bank robbery, at Westfield, Ia.

The men, with the aid of the guns, succeeded in escaping at that time but were later recaptured. In the fight to escape Sheriff Maxwell's son was killed. Brady is now serving a sentence for his part in the affair.

No charges were placed against the men up until Monday evening, but it was said by the police that they would most likely be formally charged with robbery sometime Monday night or Tuesday. It has not been decided just what action will be taken in regard to the Murphy woman, as it cannot be determined whether she had any part in the affairs of the gang.

Under Secretary of State Named as Envoy to Belgium

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Coolidge Monday nominated William Phillips, under secretary of state, to be ambassador to Belgium. He will succeed William P. Fletcher, recently promoted from Brussels to Rome. Before becoming under secretary, Mr. Phillips made an excellent record as minister to Holland.

May Name Howard Head New Relief Corporation

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 25.—Possibility that J. R. Howard, Chicago, former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation would be selected president of the new agricultural credit corporation was seen here today when the board of directors of the latter organization met.

Jalapa, Mexico, gives citizens the privilege of shooting on general suspicion any horseman leaving the city at a gallop.

PASTOR ACCUSED OF TAKING CHURCH'S CASH FOR OWN USE

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Two civil suits against the Rev. Harry N. Ferguson, former pastor of the Holiness Association church, went to trial in district court here Monday afternoon. Ferguson is accused by some of his congregation of taking their money to buy property and deeding it to himself. They are suing to recover it.

Ferguson was dragged from his pulpit by a mob in the winter of 1922, who broke the ice in the Cedar river and ducked him. He fled next day and is supposed to be living in Chicago. Some exceptionally sensational testimony is expected to be given at the hearing.

HOUSE BOOSTS TAX PROVISION

Maximum Levy on Inheri- tances Increased From 25 To 40 Per Cent.

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Washington, Feb. 25.—The House Monday increased the inheritance tax from a maximum of 25 to 40 per cent. with a credit allowed for the payment of a similar state levy, and then took up a gift tax, designed to stop evasions of inheritance taxes by the distribution of large estates before death.

The gift levy will be voted on Tuesday. Indications Monday pointed strongly to its adoption by the same lineup that put through the inheritance tax advance. The latter amendment to the revenue revision bill was adopted 190 to 110, a number of middle west farm bloc republicans joining the democratic-insurgent coalition, while a few democrats voted with the "old guard" republicans against it.

Exemption Knocked Out

Exemption from inheritance taxes of the estates of veterans of the World war who die as the result of wounds or diseases contracted in the military service, was knocked out of the bill as an "insult to the bulk of the soldiers and an effort to take care of a small number of wealthy men who saw service." The motion to strike out this provision which had been in the revenue law since 1918, was offered by Representative Fairchild, republican, New York, and adopted by virtually a unanimous viva voce vote.

The third and final method of taxing state and municipal securities, by laying a special tax on their transfer as parts of estates of decedents, was rejected 132 to 141. This amendment was offered by Representative Dickinson, republican, of Iowa, chairman of the fifth bloc. A proposed constitutional amendment to reach these bonds and a proposal for a straight tax on income from them, under the 16th (income tax) amendment previously had met the same fate.

URGES ACTION TO SAVE LANDS

President Coolidge Asks Congress to Investigate Grant of 1864

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Washington, Feb. 25.—President Coolidge Monday requested congress to take action, as early as possible, looking to the "fullest protection of public interests" in connection with the 1864 grant of 40,000,000 acres of public lands in northwestern states to the Northern Pacific railroad.

His recommendation was contained in a letter to Senator Lenroot, chairman of the public lands committee, and explained that it was only through congressional action that the country could save valuable forests and timberlands from destruction.

The lands were originally deeded to the Northern Pacific railroad in 1864 when they were building their line to open up the vast western territory. Under the terms of the grant, the railroad was to dispose of the land at a certain price and turn the remainder into the treasury. This, it is charged, the railroad refused to do.

It is also declared that the railroad was not fair in dealing with the government, in that it declared certain of the lands which are barren, to be mineral lands so that it could obtain valuable timber lands in exchange.

DOG SAVES FAMILY

Hancock, Ia., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—A dog in the home of August Knackstead near Hancock aroused the family in time for the members to escape from possible harm from fire which consumed the residence and a portion of the contents.

Supreme Court to Pass On Nebraska Child Labor Law

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Whether it is a violation of the state child labor law for children to dance at moving picture theaters or other places where admission is charged, is for the supreme court to determine. An appeal from a ruling in the lower court of Douglas county, which declared the law had been transgressed, was filed Monday in the high court.

CABINET WILL VOTE ON FATE OF DAUGHERTY

President Expected to An- nounce Course Following Meeting Tuesday

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Washington, Feb. 25.—A definite pronouncement that President Coolidge will stand by or drop Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty is expected following his cabinet meeting Tuesday.

At least one cabinet member, Secretary of Labor Davis, has cancelled a pleasure trip to participate in vote on the fate of his colleague.

It was learned officially that the president still is far from a definite decision and will let the cabinet guide him. To date, it is said, he has turned a deaf ear to the entreaties of Senate advisors, among them Senator Borah, who held a Sunday conference with him.

The attorney general will himself sit at the cabinet table and plead his cause.

Monday's Developments

Outstanding developments Monday in the oil scandal were as follows:

Attorney General Daugherty, in a letter to Senator Willis of Ohio, admitted having bought and sold stock in the Sinclair Consolidated Oil company. With the exception of a few shares, the stock, he said, had been purchased prior to his taking office in 1920 and so prior to the signing of the Teapot Dome lease in 1922.

E. L. Doheny's statement that he had endeavored to secure the democratic presidential nomination for William Gibbs McAdoo in 1920, while the latter was under a retainer fee for him as counsel, inspired a renewed demand that the former secretary of the treasury withdraw from the present democratic contest.

C. Bascom Slamp, secretary to President Coolidge, told members of the Senate investigating committee that he had advised former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall to tell the "whole story" of the \$100,000 loan "as a matter of public duty." Slamp told of being a guest at the Palm Beach home of Edward B. McLean, Washington publisher, but denied having discussed the oil investigation with Fall or McLean except in a most casual way.

Bank Records Submitted

Officials of three Washington banks submitted testimony and records to show that the total accounts carried by McLean at about the time he is said to have given Fall \$100,000 in checks varied between \$6,000 and \$60,000.

Senator Walsh of Montana, moving aplit in the oil investigation, accused the republican national committee of "deliberate and malicious misrepresentation" in charging him with "falsifying" the oil leasing policy under which the Fall-Doheny-Sinclair contracts were signed. The committee replied by quoting pages from the Congressional Record and characterizing the Walsh statement as "a quibble for the purpose of misrepresenting the facts."

The committee will resume its public hearings Tuesday morning, when telephone and telegraph company officials will be called upon to produce records of messages exchanged between Washington and Palm Beach a few weeks ago in connection with the statements of Fall and McLean with reference to the famous \$100,000 loan. The committee is particularly desirous of knowing what advice, if any, was asked of or offered by high administration officials in connection with the situation.

Rum Runners Escape Amid Hail of Bullets

Officers Get Liquor, but Fail to Capture Al- leged Owners

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Warrants were issued Monday afternoon for the arrest of J. B. Ryan of Salem, S. D., and another alleged bootlegger of this city known as "Shorty" after the delivery of 35 gallons of alcohol to federal and state officials late Sunday night, and the escape of the alleged rum runners amid a rain of bullets three miles west on the Wall Lake road.

The officers, after making arrangements for the delivery of the liquor, met Ryan on the road, made the transfer to the officers' car and then informed Ryan that he was under arrest.

He eluded the officers, however, jumped into his car and sped away with bullets from the guns of the officers thudding into the rear of his car. After an exciting chase, in which the officers' car stalled, they found the car driven by Ryan abandoned. They traced him several miles through the snow, but could not locate him. The car and alcohol are being held.

Senate Investigation of Prohibition Unit Urged

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Washington, Feb. 25.—Investigation of the prohibition unit of the treasury department by the judiciary committee of the Senate was called for in a resolution offered by Senator Edwards of New Jersey, as a direct outgrowth of the shooting 10 days ago, of Senator Greene, of Vermont, by a prohibition agent.