

Today

If Theodore Were Here, Coolidge Will Go Through. Rockefeller on the Atom. Religion and Truth.

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Can you imagine what Theodore Roosevelt would be doing about now if that Teapot Dome scandal were uncovered in his administration? He would have all the liberal givers of cash before him, he personally, inspecting their satchels. He would have a battleship on its way to France to bring back Siegfried Wagner, the power back of it, as we know about the telephone the majority of religions would die off.

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The attorney general, declining with good taste to prosecute Mr. Fall, who was his associate in Mr. Harding's cabinet, suggests that President Coolidge select two "outstanding lawyers" to deal with the navy oil land scandal.

Senator Borah is a lawyer; why not make him one of the "outstanding" counsel? He would stand out as an individual that bribe-giving corporations and their representatives could not "get."

President Coolidge should be careful for the sake of his campaign in 1924, not to select two outstanding corporation lawyers.

The people have seen the big corporations buying navy oil lands with bribe money. Now they want to see somebody quite apart from corporations looking into the matter and punishing those that are guilty.

Hiram Johnson and Senator Borah, both lawyers, would make excellent "outstanding counsel" in this incident, Senator Reed of Missouri, added. Senators Johnson and Borah would lend a desirable nonpartisan touch, and please the public.

The important thing is not to have any of the "ladyfinger" type of corporation lawyer that begins to shiver and howl as soon as he comes within 50 feet of \$1,000,000.

The most interesting thing on earth at present for those that think at all, is the construction of the atom, bewildering marvel of the infinitely small.

Most enlightened is the Rockefeller contributing of \$40,000 to the laboratory in Copenhagen. Dr. Bohr, who leads in the study of atoms. His study may lead to release of a power more important to the world than the use of steam or electricity.

If the atom interests you get Bertrand Russell's little book, "The A. B. C. of the Atom." A few years ago, the atom, a word that in Greek means "not to be cut" was supposed to be the ultimate, possible smallest particle of matter.

Now we know that the atom is an infinitely small reproduction of our solar system. At the center, like our sun a nucleus charged with positive electricity, electrons charged with negative electricity, revolving around it like the planets around the sun.

The smaller the size the higher the speed, is the rule throughout the universe.

The earth goes around the sun once in 365 days.

One giant planet goes around the sun once in 50 years.

Inside the atom the electron goes around the nucleus. Conceive it if you can—7,000,000,000 times in one second.

What we call radium and other forces of radio activity represent tiny electrons breaking loose from the nucleus that hold them and shooting off into space.

The Rockefeller contribution indicates that the Rockefellers are not afraid of competition. If science could release for use in industry the power that keeps the electrons in a handful of atoms revolving around the central nuclei, we could make power so cheap that it wouldn't be worth while to draw oil from oil wells or gasoline from the oil.

Into the dispute between the

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modernist and the fundamentalist clergymen Mr. Guthrie injects this sound observation:

"Feeling, not truth, is the aim of religion." Religion represents man's longing to know what cannot be known, except through the test of faith, to substitute some established comfortable belief for everlasting doubt.

If the truth were known, religion, as we understand it, would not be necessary.

We don't need any religion about the telephone, because we know all about the telephone.

If we knew as much about this universe, its creation, the power back of it, as we know about the telephone the majority of religions would die off.

Siegfried Wagner, son of the great Wagner and of his wife, Cosima, daughter of Liszt, is here to raise money for the music festivals at Bayreuth. Help that if you can.

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Denby Refuses to Resign Post

Sinclair Commends Suit in Oil Lease But Delays Return to U. S.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Denby announced after today's cabinet meeting, at which the oil lease investigation was considered, that he had "no intention whatever of resigning at the present time."

"I am so convinced I did the right thing that I would do it again tomorrow, regardless of the consequences," the secretary said. "I feel that I carried out the will of congress and may activities served the best interests of the people. Accordingly, I have nothing to regret and no reason to resign."

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name also has been prominent in the investigation, was declared by Mr. Denby to be "entirely and absolutely in the clear."

"Colonel Roosevelt has nothing to be criticized for in the transactions. I approved them with full knowledge and I accept complete responsibility. Mr. Roosevelt is in no wise responsible for the action taken."

With reference to the Robinson resolution pending in the senate and calling for his resignation, Mr. Denby said he would like "to see the senator who in the senate would vote for a resolution besmirching the character of any man without having accorded that man an opportunity to be heard."

"I want a record vote in the senate on the Robinson resolution," he continued, "so that I may determine what senators are willing to besmirch and defame the name of an American citizen who is guilty of no crime, and who has never been charged, tried or convicted in any court."

Sinclair Cables. Paris, Jan. 29.—Harry F. Sinclair today cabled Senator Lenroot commending President Coolidge's action to institute legal proceedings over the Teapot oil leases, but reiterating his determination not to return to testify further until his European business trip had been completed.

Mr. Sinclair in his message says he welcomes "the judicial determination of these questions in the lawfully constituted courts of our country and at the earliest date possible."

He adds that having appeared before the investigating committee five different times and been discharged, he feels justified in remaining in Europe until his business negotiations are completed.

Larson Resigns as Commissioner of Omaha C. of C.

Office to Hold Post Till May —Suggests Larger Committee to Study Money Problem.

J. David Larson, commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce, resigned his position today following a meeting of the executive committee of the chamber, at which the annual financial report was submitted.

Larson's resignation is effective "whenever the pleasure of the committee so demands." It was agreed that he would remain with the organization until May 1.

No successor has been selected as yet, although the name of William Ellis, assistant to Larson, has been suggested. Larson has expressed no future plans.

The financial report submitted to the committee showed that the assets and liabilities of the organization for the year 1923 balanced. The losses were shown as coming chiefly from the dining room, while the loss of membership was declared to be only in proportion with the shrinkage of other Chambers of Commerce.

A suggestion was made that a larger committee be appointed to study thoroughly the finances of the organization and make suggestions for improving them.

Teapot Dome Counsel Named by Coolidge

Coolidge and members of his cabinet, finally brought into the discussion the name of President Harding. Defending Mr. Harding for transferring control of the reserves to the Interior department, Senator Willis declared the dead president would not knowingly have violated any law, and the statement was accepted on the democratic side.

Partisan charges and countercharges also figured in a brief house debate centering around a request by Secretary Daniels during the Wilson

administration for congressional approval of the drilling of offset wells in the naval reserves.

As the senate proceeds with its debate tomorrow in the hope of reaching a vote before adjournment, the house naval committee will examine Secretary Denby and other naval officials with a view to determining whether Sinclair and Doherty leases are in the best interests of the government.

A resolution similar to that offered by Senator Canaway, democrat, Arkansas, and proposing cancellation of the leases without going into the courts, was introduced by Representative Fairchild, republican, New York. The resolution declares the leases to be "fraudulent and against the public interest."

In all of this whirlpool of developments, the one element most frequently on the surface was the effort of the democrats to drive from the cabinet Secretary Denby, the one remaining officer whose signature is attached to the oil leases. In announcing he would not retire, Mr. Denby said he wanted a record vote on the Robinson resolution, and the democratic leader told the senate he would make every effort to obtain one as soon as possible.

He contended also he was carrying out the exact intent of congress in conserving the oil, which he said otherwise would have been completely, or to a very great extent, drained. Mr. Lenroot and other senators took an opposite view in the debate today, contending that the lease of the reserves was a question of policy which congress alone had the power to decide.

"The principal motive that actuated me," Mr. Denby said, "was that the oil was being lost to the government. Besides, it would have taken at least six months to deliver fuel oil to the navy from the ground to the coast-ship at sea-board, contemplated in the leases, was in order that there might be an instantly available war reserve of fuel for the fleet."

Because of the turn of events which has brought him under congressional fire, Mr. Denby has abandoned his projected trip to Panama to witness the conclusion of the winter maneuvers of the United States fleet. He said tonight he would stay in Washington, available for any call that might come to him from any congressional committee.

Bible Classes to Use Business Methods to Attract Omaha Men

MEMBERS of men's Bible classes in Omaha churches will introduce modern business methods into religion.

There will be card indexes, secretaries, form letters, stenographers and clicking typewriters.

All this as a result of a talk Monday night at Calvary Baptist church by Fred Anderson of Kansas City, vice president of the champion Bible class for men, the Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church of Kansas City, who told how business methods and advertising helped to gain members.

Pastors of the Dundee Presbyterian, Pearl Memorial, Calvary Baptist and First Baptist churches will lead off in Omaha in applying the new methods. They indicated that advertisements in newspapers will be a part of the proposed campaign.

"I was impressed with the idea as outlined by Mr. Anderson," said Rev. Donald MacLeod of Dundee Presbyterian church. "It is a matter of applying effective organization and publicity methods to religious activities."

Rev. A. A. DeLarme of First Baptist church believes that a city-wide effort will yield big returns.

Rev. Howard C. Whitcomb of Calvary Baptist church plans to have lists of prospects and to go after them.

Tax Cut for Wage Earner Is Urged

Mellon Plan for 25 Per Cent Slash on Incomes Under \$5,000 Endorsed.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Income tax payers got their first slice of the proposed tax relief today when the house ways and means committee adopted the recommendation of Secretary Mellon to allow a special 25 per cent reduction in the tax on incomes which are "earned."

All taxable incomes under \$5,000 were defined as earned for purposes of this reduction, while \$20,000 was set as the maximum amount of incomes on which the reduction could be taken.

Secretary Mellon's recommendation for special reduction in the taxes on earned income provided for the 25 per cent rate to apply on such incomes of any amount and defined earned income as that received from wages, salaries and professional services.

Representative Garner, author of the democratic tax plan, accepted the earned income proposal in his plan, but suggested a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent. The 25 per cent rate, however, will stand in committee.

Chairman Green said, because no amendment was offered to change it, the definition of Mr. Mellon will hold.

Mr. Garner moved to define "earned income" as "reasonable compensation or allowance for personal service where income is derived from combined personal service and capital in the prosecution by unincorporated persons of agriculture or in business." This was defeated by a strict party vote and the motion of Representative Mills, republican, New York, to declare all incomes under \$5,000 as "earned" adopted.

Treasury estimates show that about 13,000,000 taxpayers have incomes of less than \$5,000 and automatically could deduct 25 per cent of its total. Thus, a married man with two children who now pays a tax of \$28 on an income of \$4,000 would pay only \$21, this figure not taking into account any normal income tax reductions—a proposition still before the committee.

Disposition of this section of the bill cleared the way, with the exception of some odds and ends to be taken up today, for consideration by the committee of income rates themselves, including the surtaxes, the main point at issue in the tax revision program.

Ford Declines to Explain Bid

Washington, Jan. 29.—Henry Ford today informed the house military committee he thought it unnecessary for himself or any representative to appear before the committee to further discuss his offer for Muscle Shoals.

"Further hearings," said Mr. Ford in a telegram to Chairman Kahn, "would only serve to delay action and unnecessarily consume the time of a busy and important committee of congress already in possession of all the facts."

Mr. Ford's message was in reply to one from Mr. Kahn notifying him that the committee desired to wind up its hearings not later than today and that a number of members wished to question him regarding his bid.

Eppley Acquires Hotel Property

Buy Fontenelle Lease, Lincoln Hotel Furnishings and Three Others.

Litigation involving Hotel Fontenelle which has been pending in court for more than a year was settled Monday when Eugene Eppley, president of the Eppley Hotel company, purchased all of the property involved.

The lease on the Fontenelle, good for 30 years, together with the furnishings, was purchased for \$315,000. The fee title and furnishings of the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln, together with a small piece of real estate adjoining, were purchased for \$275,000. The Capitol hotel site, Lincoln, was purchased for \$85,000. The Lincoln hotel, Scottsbluff, was bought for \$30,000. The Lincoln hotel at Franklin was purchased for \$35,000.

The entire deal, sanctioned by order

York Minister May Be Called

Rev. E. E. Emhoff, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at York, Neb., may be called to the Wheeler Memorial Presbyterian church in South Omaha, according to officials of the church. He filled the pulpit last Sunday, and was guest of honor at a dinner in the Livestock exchange dining hall yesterday.

Albion Kiwanis Club Puts on Lectures in Schools

Albion, Neb., Jan. 29.—Chester M. Sanford, widely known educator and vocational expert, is spending the week in Boone county lecturing before high school students and school patrons. Mr. Sanford's lectures pivot around the subject which is so important and difficult to every young person, "What Shall I Do in the World?" Mr. Sanford was brought here by the Boone County Kiwanis club.



It sums up like this: First—the very best Burley tobacco that old Kentucky grows, then—every single bit of it thoroughly aged in wood to take out the raw strength and make it mild and mellow, and give it a fine flavor. That's what you get when you ask for Velvet Tobacco. Remember—aged in wood.

Leahy & Myers Tobacco Co.

of the court, involved the expenditure of more than \$750,000.

Advertisement for shoes featuring a footprint and the text: "Where is there a shoe store that sells shoes that would fit this foot... The facts are, ready-made shoes are always built over perfect lasts. That's why so many people are never able to buy shoes that fit."

99 Out of Every 100 Feet Are Said to Be Imperfect

is it then any wonder that there are hundreds of thousands of men and women in this country who suffer unbearable pains when they buy a pair of new shoes.

The people of Europe never buy ready-to-put-on shoes. They have long known that their feet will not permit of such treatment. Every man and woman in Europe have their shoes made to order... and sooner or later you will, too.

Advertisement for J. R. Phipps shoes: "Let J. R. Phipps take the 'print' of your foot. He will build your shoes just as nature has decreed that they should be built. They can be of any style, shade of color or trim that your fancy desires. The materials will be of excellent quality and the workmanship will surpass that of any factory made shoes—and comfort will add a new joy to good looking footwear." Includes price tag showing \$12.50.

Advertisement for CASCO: "CASCO KILLS COLDS Or Your Money Back 25¢. At All Druggists. HEALTH AND VITALITY FOR WOMEN. Health and Vitality can be yours without narcotics or drugs. Keeping well is largely a matter of keeping at bay those dread ailments peculiar to women as evidenced by headaches, nervousness, dragging-down pains, backache and irritability. For 35 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been overcoming such conditions and restoring sick and ailing women to health. It surely pays every suffering woman to try it."

Advertisement for "What To Do For Frail, Feeble, Old People": "Nuxated Iron, which contains iron like the iron in spinach, lentils and apples and like the iron in your blood. It is a true tonic, blood and body builder, and in my own practice, I have had aged people tell me that they felt years younger often in only a few weeks' time." Includes a testimonial from Dr. Emil Sauer.

Large advertisement for Red Crown Gasoline: "One way to save money on winter motoring. Right now, many motorists are paying an extra price for so-called 'quick-starting winter gasoline'. If they were really buying quicker starting, extra power or bigger mileage, the few cents per gallon extra would be money well spent. But as a matter of fact, service comparisons of these 'winter gasolines' with Red Crown—the balanced gasoline—have clearly proved that you don't have to pay an extra price for quick-starting gasoline for winter use. Red Crown is that and more. Not only has Red Crown—the balanced gasoline—the proper proportion of low boiling point fractions for quick starting in cold weather; it has those other higher boiling point fractions which your motor needs just as much in winter as in summer. Of course you use the choke to get started. But don't overdo the choke. Cut down your heat radiation and you'll get plenty of power and big mileage using a lean mixture of Red Crown—the balanced gasoline. Prove it in your own car. Pull up to the nearest Red Crown Service Station and get a filling of Red Crown. You'll save money on each gallon—and you'll get more power and mileage. Begin saving today." Includes image of a car and Red Crown Gasoline logo.