

MYSTERY MAN IN GRIFFIN TRIAL

Spotlight on Fall in Pact Bribe

Senator Intimates Oil Interests Rewarded Ex-Secretary for Part in Treaty With Colombia.

Norris for Denby Ouster

Washington, Feb. 8.—A bombshell was dropped on the senate floor this afternoon by Senator Dill of Washington, who introduced a resolution aimed at uncovering Fall's possible reward for his active aid in inducing the United States to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 in April, 1921, a month after Fall entered the cabinet.

In the highest oil circles in the country it has long been understood that \$5,000,000 of this sum stayed in this country, in the pockets of the little inside clique who engineered the Colombia treaty.

At the White House a statement issued on behalf of President Coolidge announced he had signed the Walsh resolution, directing him to hire special counsel to prosecute for cancellation of the Doherty and Sinclair leases, on the ground that they were made illegally and under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption.

The names of Sinclair, H. Strawn, Chicago, and Allee Pomeroy, Ohio, nominated as special counsel, were sent to the senate for confirmation.

No Cabinet Resignations. While the senate was rocking with the debate on the Robinson resolution, requesting the president to dismiss Secretary of the Navy Denby from the cabinet, the White House announced that no cabinet resignations had been received, and none was "impending."

Senator Walsh demanded Denby's removal in an exhaustive address on the floor of the senate, during which he scored Denby's incompetence and met the arguments of Senator Pepper, who denied the senate's authority to act.

When the senate recessed tonight it was generally understood that the Robinson resolution calling upon the president to oust Secretary Denby will be passed at tomorrow's session with about 10 of 11 votes to spare.

Norris for Ousting Denby. Passage of the resolution was made certain by the switch of a number of republican senators whose attitude was not previously known. Among these are Harrell, Oklahoma; Capper, Kansas; and Norris, Nebraska, all of whom intend to support the resolution.

Other republican support favoring the resolution are La Follette, Frazier, Ladd, Norbeck, Hiram Johnson, Shipstead, Brookhart and Magnus Johnson. Howell, republican, Nebraska, also may support it. Thus far only one democrat, Bruce, Maryland, is known to be opposed to the resolution.

Other outstanding developments in the oil scandal today were: 1. Fred G. Bonfils, testifying before the Walsh committee, asserted his belief that Doherty, in withdrawing from competition for the Teapot Dome lease, had reached an understanding with Sinclair dividing between them the prospective Wyoming and California naval oil land leases.

Demands Public Statements. 2. Senator Frazier, North Dakota, introduced a resolution calling upon all congressmen, senators, cabinet officers and other government officials with salaries of over \$3,000 a year, to file with the federal trade commission full details of their purchases and holdings of stocks and bonds in industries, railroads, public utilities, oil and mining and other corporations. The return must also include their near relatives and it is retroactive to cover the last 10 years.

3. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, candidate for the democratic nomination for president, will appear before the Walsh committee Monday and explain his connection with Doherty, whose \$25,000 annual retainer he has just relinquished.

4. Senator Dill introduced a resolution calling upon the State department for all information it had with respect to concessions secured by American oil men in Mexico, Persia, Venezuela and a dozen other overseas sources of oil supply. It is understood that the Walsh committee intends to extend further than Mexico its investigation of oil influence upon our foreign policies.

Clark Indicted as Slayer of George Schick, Broker

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 8.—E. Drew Clark was indicted by the San Diego county grand jury today charged with the murder of George E. Schick, broker, February 7, last year. The only witness summoned by the grand jury was John V. Hendrix, already sentenced to hang in April for murder. He told the grand jury Clark confessed to him in the county jail January 22, that he had choked Schick to death and dismembered the body.

Wilson Carried \$20,000 on Life

New York, Feb. 8.—Life insurance of \$20,000 was carried by Woodrow Wilson in one New York company, it was learned today. The former president took out two \$10,000 policies, one at the age of 37 when a professor at Princeton university, and the other in 1899, six years later, his occupation at that time being given as lawyer and lecturer.

Coolidge Back of Inquiry Into Treasury Case

Will Order Probe of Graft Charges if Report Fails to Clear Up Affairs.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Coolidge has determined upon a thorough sifting of Charles B. Brewer's charges that spurious liberty bonds totaling millions are in circulation and that graft and mismanagement have been frequent at the bureau of engraving and printing.

It was made known to the president today that, if the Treasury department cannot make satisfactory answer to Brewer's allegations, the Department of Justice, where he is employed as a special attorney, and other branches of the federal government will take action.

Congressional developments in a situation which some progressives in the house claim will be productive of a scandal rivaling the oil lease mess came quickly on the heels of the White House announcement.

A special meeting of the committee on expenditures in the treasury was called for 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Representative LaGuardia, New York, will appear and urge immediate action upon his resolution calling for a full statement from the treasury as to all liberty bonds, certificates, etc., issued during and since 1917, the amounts redeemed, the numbers canceled and destroyed, and by whose authority such destruction occurred.

It became apparent today that republican regulars, from the president down, are anxious to have full light thrown upon the whole affair, and to establish at the earliest possible time whether Brewer's sensational charges are well founded.

The Treasury and Justice departments have filed answers to a petition entered by Brewer in the District of Columbia supreme court Monday asking for a restraining order on officials of these branches to prevent their seizing alleged spurious liberty bonds and coupons aggregating more than \$1,000,000 face value.

They enter a plea that the securities be removed from the vaults of the Union Trust company and placed in custody of the register of the court, accessible to authorized departmental representatives and to Brewer.

A hearing on Brewer's petition will take place next week.

Two Iowa Farmers Ask for Bankruptcy

Charles T. Dean, farmer, living near Missouri Valley, filed petition in voluntary bankruptcy in federal court at Council Bluffs today. He lists his liabilities at \$454 and his assets at nothing.

Bankruptcy petition filed by Martin J. Puley, case county farmer, lists his liabilities at \$2,936.96 and his assets at nothing.

Crete D. A. R. Observes Fourth Anniversary

Crete, Neb., Feb. 8.—Crete chapter D. A. R. celebrated its fourth anniversary with a cafeteria supper at the home of Mrs. Estel Spadt. The program was given by members of the children's auxiliary of the chapter, who were celebrating their first anniversary at the same time, and who were the guests of their mothers.

Retired Blacksmith Dies.

Beatrice, Feb. 8.—Chris Johnson, 80, retired blacksmith at Filley, Neb., was found dead in a chair at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Hill, here, about 11 o'clock today. Death was due to heart disease. Five children survive.

"Sunny Side Up"

Look at the sunny side of life with Maupin. There is always a silver lining to every cloud. The program was given by members of the children's auxiliary of the chapter, who were celebrating their first anniversary at the same time, and who were the guests of their mothers.

Dry Chief Sentenced to 2 Years

William H. Anderson Out on Bail Pending Hearing on Motion in Forgery Case.

New York, Feb. 8.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, today was sentenced from 1 to 2 years in state's prison for third-degree forgery.

Mr. Anderson was permitted to retain his seat while the sentence was being imposed. He sat with arms folded and betrayed no emotion. The sentence was imposed by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins who declared that Anderson's crime was a deliberate one and that perjury had been committed on the witness stand.

Former Gov. Charles S. Whitman, counsel for Anderson, made an impassioned plea for clemency, asserting that his crime had not harmed anybody and that he had many enemies throughout the country who would profit by his being given a heavy sentence.

Justice Tompkins said: "It has been suggested that I suspend the sentence. Usually where sentences are suspended the defendant has pleaded guilty and expressed sorrow for his crime. This defendant, however, has maintained his innocence throughout the trial and does so now. His crime was a deliberate one, the evidence shows. In addition, there were conflicting stories told on the witness stand. One of them was untrue and that was perjury."

Mr. Whitman did not file a motion for an appeal, but asked the court to grant a certificate of reasonable doubt. This was refused.

Mr. Whitman then asked for a stay of execution pending an attempt to get an order to show cause why the motion for certificate of reasonable doubt should not be granted. This was allowed and Anderson was released in continued bail of \$5,000 pending a hearing on the motion next week.

Many Rumors Afloat on Neville Candidacy

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—Keith Neville of North Platte, about whom little has been said politically until recently, is rapidly taking the center of the stage in political discussions.

Rumor here has it that Neville intends to file for governor in opposition to Bryan; that he will be a candidate for the democratic congressional nomination from the Sixth district; that he will be a delegate at large to the national convention.

No one has any definite information and no one can trace the source of the many rumors, but it is probable that Neville, if he does file for anything, will be a candidate for delegate-at-large. His filing for that position would complete the democratic quartet, T. S. Allen and Gilbert Hitchcock already having filed, and J. J. Thomas of Seward having announced his candidacy.

Incidentally, Thomas is another around whom rumor circulates, it being said that his friends are urging him to be a candidate for the United States senate. As a matter of fact, the one outstanding probability of the democratic party to contest the primary election with Tremor Cone is Congressman John H. Morehead, who is the only one of the democratic trio in the house of representatives who has not filed for reelection.

Plans for \$150,000 Hotel at Falls City Approved

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 8.—Final plans for Falls City's proposed \$150,000 hotel were approved at a joint meeting of the boards of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Falls City Hotel association. Architect James Craddock was instructed to advertise for bids, which will be opened March 12. The plans accepted call for either four stories complete with 109 rooms, fourth floor unfinished, or three stories complete with 71 rooms, depending upon the amount of funds on hand on the date of opening bids.

Arthur Mullen Petitions, With 3,914 Names Filed

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—Petitions bearing 3,914 names, that the name of Arthur P. Mullen, Omaha, be placed on the ballot for democratic national committee, were filed with the secretary of state today.

John Gumb, Fremont, democrat, filed for state senator from the Eighth senatorial district.

Guilty of Chicken Theft

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 8.—After delirating almost nine hours, the jury in the district court found Rollo Church of Aurora guilty of stealing chickens in Hamilton county. The conviction, if sustained, calls for a sentence to the penitentiary.

James Gannon, who was charged with illegal possession of a still, has disappeared and his \$1,000 bond has been forfeited. The bond was paid by his brother, George Gannon.

House Rejects Iowan's Bill on Tax-Free Bonds

Motion to Deny States Right to Levy Farm Loan Securities Likewise Defeated.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The house today defeated the resolution of Representative Green, Iowa, proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit issuance of tax exempt securities. The vote, which came after two debates, was 247 to 133, or seven less than the required two-thirds.

Republicans, with 17 exceptions, voted for the resolution, as did 69 democrats. Before the final vote the house rejected, 268 to 167, a motion by Representative Steagall, democrat, Alabama, to recommit the measure for an amendment which would have deprived states of the right to tax bonds issued by the federal farm loan board.

The only amendment adopted was one by Representative Moro, democrat, Virginia, to require ratification by state within seven years.

Wallace in Favor of Pool Marketing Plan

Washington, Feb. 8.—The executive committee of the national council of farmers' co-operative marketing associations in session here, voted today to present to Secretary Wallace a "bill of particulars" embodying causes for criticism of the Department of Agriculture in its dealings with the co-operative marketing movement.

Secretary Wallace, in reply, said he had pledged support to the co-operative marketing movement "within its legitimate scope" and had declared that criticism of the department was due to "lack of knowledge of legal and moral limitations that surround it."

He said the department could not support any specific form of contract, but could pass on to the farmer the information it had compiled.

At the close of the address, Aaron Sapiro asked if the secretary would spring a surprise entertainment at which there will be several educational speakers.

Thursday night the guests will be awarded prizes at the dance at the Auditorium.

Funeral Services Held for Son of Late Clark Perkins

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 8.—Funeral services for Vance Perkins, son of the late Clark Perkins, Nebraska newspaper man who died here more than a year ago, were held Friday from the family residence on North South street, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hankins of the Methodist church. The high school closed during the funeral service, Vance having been a member of the senior class. The De Molay had charge of the services at the grave, the body being laid to rest beside that of his father.

Relatives Are Creditors of Defunct Grain Company

A schedule of the Merriam & Millard grain company, recently adjudged bankrupt, was filed in federal court yesterday, showing assets of \$314,166 and liabilities of \$472,491.

Among the creditors are Jesse Millard, who holds a note for \$15,000, secured by a property mortgage; and W. B. Millard, Jr., who holds notes for \$48,600, secured by warehouse receipts.

Higher Wheat Tariff and Export Bill Urged

Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Washington, Feb. 8.—Two methods of obtaining immediate relief for wheat growers were outlined today by George E. Duis, president of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' association, in an address before the annual conference of farmers' co-operative marketing associations. They are: An increase in tariff to at least 50 cents a bushel; passage of the McNary-Haugen bill now before the senate agricultural committee.

"We now raise a surplus of approximately 200,000,000 bushels," Duis said. "Yet where I live thousands of cars of wheat are coming into this country passing our office regardless of the fact that we have wheat to export.

Plan Busy Week for Visiting Merchants

The amount of real, honest to goodness work which will be accomplished during the Spring Market week, March 16 to 14, has not been decided, but that there will be plenty of entertainment for everybody is agreed.

Monday night a reception and entertainment will be given at the Chamber of Commerce. There will be a later party and dinner-dance on Tuesday.

Wednesday the committee will spring a surprise entertainment at which there will be several educational speakers.

Thursday night the guests will be awarded prizes at the dance at the Auditorium.

Johnson Delegates Will Be Nominated

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—A full set of candidates for delegates to the republican national convention who are friendly to the presidential candidacy of Hiram Johnson will be placed in nomination in Nebraska, Frank Harrison, manager of the Lincoln campaign, announced today.

Four years ago, Mr. Harrison said, "a bunch of Nebraska delegates, who pledged themselves to support the choice of the voters as expressed at the primaries, went to Chicago and worked for the nomination of another candidate. This year there will be a complete list of delegate candidates favoring Johnson's nomination and voters who want him as a candidate for president will be given a chance to vote for men and women who are committed to his support."

Taft Is Able to Be at His Desk at Home

Washington, Feb. 8.—Chief Justice Taft has recovered from his recent attack of indigestion and was at his desk at his home today attending to correspondence.

Jury Discharged in Auto Theft Case at Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 8.—After deliberating for 19 hours, the jury which heard the evidence in the trial of W. R. Hendrickson, an automobile salesman, charged with receiving stolen automobiles, was unable to agree to a verdict and was discharged. The accused man at the last primary election was a candidate for the office of sheriff.

Somewhat Cloudy Today, Weather Man Predicts

Somewhat cloudy in the official weather forecast predicted for Saturday by M. V. Robins, government meteorologist. Omaha for the next few days will enjoy warmer weather, stated Mr. Robins.

Woodrow Wilson Eulogized in Sidney C. of C. Speeches

Sidney, Neb., Feb. 8.—The chamber of commerce at its weekly luncheon eulogized Woodrow Wilson. The speakers were Judge Oberfelder and Rev. Samuel Light.

"Know Omaha." Yes! But Know America, Too

In The Omaha Sunday Bee will appear the first article in a series by E. G. Pinkham, entitled "What of America—Shall This Government Live or Die?"

Pioneer Day for Aurora.

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 8.—The Business Women's league and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce are planning a pioneer and homecoming day for Aurora sometime next fall. At this time all early settlers of Hamilton county and former residents will be invited to return to Aurora to renew acquaintances.

Conclusive Proof

HUH! THAT DARN MACHINE'S NO GOOD! I'VE FIGURED IT OUT BY HAND 116 TIMES AND GOT 116 DIFFERENT ANSWERS - AND NONE OF THEM CORRESPONDS TO YOURS.



Bryan Candidate on 2 Party Tickets

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—Governor Bryan will be a candidate for renomination on both the progressive and democratic tickets.

Mayor T. J. Ellsbery of Grand Island today filed with the secretary of state petitions bearing 886 names of persons in Douglas, Hall, Lancaster, Nance, Greeley, Howard, Lincoln, Cheyenne, Kimball, Scotts Bluff and other counties, asking that the governor's name be placed on the progressive ticket.

In a letter accompanying the filing, Mayor Ellsbery said that Governor Bryan has "not only kept his campaign pledges of reducing taxes, but has saved the common people of the state an enormous sum on their coal purchases for the winter."

"He has proved himself a fine and worthy governor and his friends throughout the state are in greater number than ever before," the letter stated.

Two weeks ago the governor made a personal filing for renomination on the democratic ticket and so far his is the only filing for governor on either of these parties.

Missouri Pacific Reports January Business Increase

Increased business during the month of January is indicated in the monthly report of L. W. Baldwin, president of the Missouri Pacific railroad. Total loadings and receipts from connections are 118,827 cars, an increase of 17.4 per cent over January, 1923. Daily average of cars loaded locally along the lines of the Missouri Pacific for the month was 4,562.

G. O. P. State Convention Set for May 1; 999 Delegates

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—The republican state convention will be held May 1, with 999 delegates in attendance, based on one delegate for each 250 votes for Harding in 1920. Although Griffin has not yet gone out from state headquarters here, this was made public today in the office of Secretary T. W. Bass of the state committee. This will give Douglas county 114 delegates and Lancaster county 62 delegates.

Panora Woman Dies Here.

Mrs. Pearl Caldwell, 44, Panora, Ia., died at the Clarkson Memorial hospital yesterday. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. L. Weldner, San Antonio, Tex.

Ranks Drib Gun.

Davis said he chased Banks, who was in the car with Griffin, into a yard, and that Banks drew a gun. The detective took the weapon away from him, he testified. The revolver was introduced in evidence.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 8 p. m. February 8, mean, 25; normal, 24. Total deficiency since January 1, 131. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: the call has been since January 1, 9.81; deficiency, .83.

Griffin Says Brunson Fired Shot That Killed McAdle

Griffin's story is that he was an innocent bystander and that Brunson fired the shot that killed McAdle. He says it was an accidental shooting.

Griffin was jovial and smiled a greater part of the time. When his attorney smiled he did likewise. His smile wore off when County Attorney Beal started a vigorous cross examination. The witnesses had to be cautioned to answer only the questions asked by the prosecutor.

"Smithy" Is Said to Have Taken Body

Griffin Says Brunson Fired Shot That Killed McAdle —Motor Trip Is Described. State's Charges Denied

A mysterious "Smithy" has entered the James Griffin murder case. This mysterious stranger entered District Judge Fitzgerald's filled court room yesterday afternoon while Griffin testified in his own behalf.

He disappeared just as mysteriously as he entered. No one but Griffin and probably his associates, Joyce Banker and William Welter, ever saw him.

This mysterious "Smithy" is the man whom Griffin testified asked to take Henry (Hank) McAdle either to a hospital or a morgue.

Shooting Accidental. Griffin's story is that he was an innocent bystander and that Brunson fired the shot that killed McAdle. He says it was an accidental shooting.

Griffin was jovial and smiled a greater part of the time. When his attorney smiled he did likewise. His smile wore off when County Attorney Beal started a vigorous cross examination. The witnesses had to be cautioned to answer only the questions asked by the prosecutor.

Griffin Describes Tragedy. Griffin's testimony described his actions at the time of the tragedy, and told of his whereabouts up to the time he was arrested by police.

His story in detail is the same as that of Brunson and other state witnesses except that Griffin denies that he was the aggressor in the fighting as Brunson stated.

He denies that he was angry over the hijacking of alcohol. He denies that he burned McAdle's body. He denies that Brunson's feet were tied by a piece of barbed wire.

Denies Kidnaping Brunson. He denies that Brunson was kidnaped and kept prisoner in the automobile, while they drove over country roads in the night.

He denies that he pointed a revolver at a woman and said, "If you don't get away from here, you will get it."

He denies that he fired a shot. He denies that he told Brunson, "If you want to return home, you had better give me my alcohol."

He denies that he was in the vicinity of a haystack. He denies that he or his friends intimidated state witnesses.

Griffin testified that he was unable to recognize "Smithy" never saw him before and never saw or heard of him since.

"Why didn't you tell the jury that you tried to phone the hospitals and see if McAdle was taken to one," queried Beal.

Hesitates at Question. Hesitating for the moment, Griffin replied that he answered the question put by his counselor that he went into a house to phone some parties, but that one of the parties called was not at home and one of the other phones was out of order.

Griffin stated that he went to the Taylor battery station to fix a battery. He says he saw Brunson in the car with McAdle seated on the right side with him.

Dr. S. McInnes, coroner's physician, called by the state, testified to examining McAdle's body. McAdle apparently had been dead about 48 hours at the time the examination was made, he said, and the body was badly burned.

X-ray examination, he said, showed a bullet wound extending from a point three inches to a point back of the eyesocket. The bullet severed the jugular vein and an artery, he said. No man with such a wound, he declared in response to question, could live for more than a few minutes.

Griffin Shortest. Lieut. A. C. Andersen of the police Battalion bureau, took the stand to testify that Griffin, according to measurements made by his department, is the shortest of the three men held in connection with the slaying. Griffin is five feet four and one-half inches tall, he said. Joyce Banker is five feet nine and three-eighths inches tall and Ernest Welter five feet six and seven-eighths inches. Testimony of several witnesses referred to the "shortest" of the three men, as a means of identification.

Recognizing Griffin in a Taxi, and Giving Chase from Twenty-fourth Street and Ames Avenue to Twenty-fourth and Saratoga streets, where the taxi was forced to the curb.

Detective Beck to a taxi, and giving chase from Twenty-fourth street and Ames Avenue to Twenty-fourth and Saratoga streets, where the taxi was forced to the curb.

Detective Beck to a taxi, and giving chase from Twenty-fourth street and Ames Avenue to Twenty-fourth and Saratoga streets, where the taxi was forced to the curb.

Judge Fitzgerald refused to allow an automatic pistol and a shotgun found in Griffin's car to be introduced in evidence.

Griffin appeared nervous as he was led from the court room as recess was called.