

WEATHER FORECAST  
Nebraska—Fair Tuesday; hot-much  
change in temperature.

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TWO CENTS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Our grand business undoubtedly is  
not to see what lies dimly at a dis-  
tance, but to do what lies clearly at  
hand.

—Thomas Carlyle.

# SENATOR VOTE TO OUST DENBY

## Haystack Murder Is Given Jury

Verbal Clashes Between Attorneys Feature Closing Arguments—Griffin Is Bitterly Assailed.

## Defense Pleads Accident

Twelve men are locked in a jury room in the criminal division of the district court, deliberating the fate of James Griffin, charged with the haystack murder of Henry (Hank) McArdle on November 23, 1923.

## "Smithy" Takes Stand at Jimmy Griffin Trial



## Griffin Story Is Tangled as Evidence Ends

Defense Rests in Haystack Murder Case and Arguments to Start This Afternoon.

James Griffin, on trial for his life in district court in connection with the haystack murder of "Hank" McArdle, was tangled up in his testimony in several instances by County Attorney Beal Monday morning while the prosecution was conducting a vigorous cross examination of the witness.

"Smithy" Is Attacked. Both Beal and Gross assailed Griffin for injection into the case of Mr. "Smithy" to whom Griffin testified he gave the body of McArdle to take to a hospital.

"I don't remember." On motion of attorneys for the defense, District Judge Fitzgerald refused to allow the jury to inspect the "death car" which was brought to the south entrance of the court house this morning.

Griffin, on cross-examination, reiterated his testimony about the mysterious "Smithy."

## Five Conventions Here This Week

Five conventions will meet in Omaha this week. The conventions are expected to attract more than 1,600 persons.

## Pre-Auto Show Sale

Omaha Auto dealers, in co-operation with The Omaha Bee, are selling used cars at special prices for this week only.

## Baby on Farm Near Winside Chokes to Death on Bean

Winside, Neb., Feb. 11.—Dale Podell, 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Podell, who live on a farm several miles south of here, choked to death before assistance could be summoned when he swallowed a hard bean which lodged in his throat.

## Klansmen Prepare to Raid Herrin

9,000 in Southern Illinois Under Orders to Mass in Case of More Ku Klux Bloodshed.

## Strips Leader of Power

Murphysboro, Ill., Feb. 11.—Nine thousand klansmen in southern Illinois, in the district between Cairo on the south and Tamaroa on the north, are minutemen under a klans order passed this morning, and under orders to mass and go to Herrin in the event of further klans bloodshed, according to an announcement here today by klans leaders.

## Sinclair Will Sail for America Today

Paris, Feb. 11.—Harry F. Sinclair is expected to embark on the steamship President Harding at Southampton for New York tomorrow. He and his party left Paris last evening for London and the steamship company is sending a courier to Cherbourg with tickets for them, meanwhile telegraphing an authorization to the steamship officials at Southampton to permit the party to board the steamer without the usual passage papers.

## Chief Justice Taft to Stay Home Week

Washington, Feb. 11.—Chief Justice Taft, who was taken ill with indigestion last Wednesday, probably will be confined to his home throughout the coming week. It was announced by his physicians.

## Horticulture Specialist to Speak in Douglas County

E. H. Hoppert, expert on horticulture at the University of Nebraska Agricultural college, will be in Douglas county for meetings and demonstrations February 14 and 15.

## Sydney, Mont., Bank Closes

Helena, Mont., Feb. 11.—The First National bank of Sydney, Mont., failed to open its doors for business today, according to report to the Helena branch of the Federal Reserve bank. The last statement of the bank gave its capital as \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits \$51,000 and deposits, \$743,000.

## Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

## Third Village Store Robbed Within Month

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Feb. 11.—Loss estimated at \$250 was suffered at the Arnold & Cahoon merchandise store at Fontenelle when thieves at an early hour this morning forced an entrance into the place and plundered the shelves.

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## Harold Caldwell Files

A warm primary campaign in South Omaha is assured by the filing yesterday of Harold Caldwell for democratic nomination as state representative from the Fifteenth district. He will oppose the present incumbent, G. S. Collins. Representative Collins was a leader of those opposing the bill to put the Douglas county jail feeding on a cost basis.

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## Officers Joint Fight

When it became evident that the guards in the yard were not faring so well, a call for help went out to the city and the county and these officers were soon in the thick of the fight.

Back to Him and Yet Make Great Progress



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## 5 Slain in 6 Hours at St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—A new criminal record was said to have been established in St. Louis yesterday when five apparent murders were reported to police in six hours.

## Sydney Chamber Visits

Sydney, Neb., Feb. 11.—A delegation from the Sydney Chamber of Commerce visited the Commercial club of Sterling, Colo., today in the interest of good roads. Speeches were delivered by President King of Sterling, Martin Dimery, Paul Marzeller, the Sterling chamber will be here on February 21 to establish more reciprocal relations.

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## Insurgents Unite With Democrats to Push Bill Across by 47 to 34 Count

## President Is Urged to Dismiss Secretary



## Labor Head Says McAdoo Unfit

## Connection With Doherty Renders Availability Doubtful, Says Rail Union Chief

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—William G. McAdoo's association with the Doherty oil interests renders his availability as a presidential candidate doubtful, according to William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists. Mr. Johnston presided at the opening session today of the three-day convention here of the national conference for political action.

McAdoo did have the support of a considerable portion of organized labor but there is now a very serious question of his availability as a candidate, said Mr. Johnston.

"There seems to have been nothing illegal in McAdoo's service for the Doherty interests but there is a question of the propriety of a former cabinet officer, after leaving his post, accepting employment with such interests and then asking to be nominated for president," said Otto F. Branstetter, secretary of the socialist party national committee.

The socialist party delegates to the conference will urge a union of all organizations represented in formation of a third party, it was said.

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## Ten Republicans, Two Farmer-Laborites for Dismissal

Howell for Retention, Norris Opposes It.

## Quick Action Is Urged

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Robinson resolution asking President Coolidge to call for the resignation of Secretary Denby was adopted today by the senate.

Democratic senators supported the resolution almost solidly and enough republicans joined them to override the opposition of the republican leaders.

Some response from the White House is expected shortly. Heretofore, officials close to the president have taken the position that the question of cabinet resignation is not one falling within the province of the senate.

The resolution as adopted says: Resolved, That in the sense of the United States senate that the president of the United States immediately request the resignation of Edwin M. Denby as secretary of the navy.

Republicans: Yes, Adams, Ashurst, Bayard, Broussard, Copeland, Dial, Dill, Edwards, Ferris, Fletcher, George, Gerry, Harris, Hefflin, Kendrick, King, McKellar, Mayfield, Neely, Overman, Pittman, Ralston, Randall, Reed, Mims, Robinson, Shephard, Shields, Simmons, Stephens, Swanson, Trammell, Underwood, Walsh, Massachusetts; Walsh, Montana, and Wheeler, Montana—35.

Republicans: Yes, Brookhart, Capper, Frazier, Harrell, Johnson, California; Ladd, La Follette, McNary, Norbeck, and Norris—10.

Farmer-Labor: Shipstead, Johnson of Minnesota—2.

Total, 47.

Republicans: Nays, Ball, Borah, Brandegee, Bursum, Cameron, Colt, Couzens, Cummins, Curtis, Dale, Edge, Fess, Gooding, Greene, Hale, Howell, Jones, Washington, Keyes, Lemroot, Lodge, McKinley, Moses, Oddie, Papp, Phipps, Reed, Pennsylvania; Shortridge, Smoot, Wadsworth, Warner, Weller, Willis—33.

Democrat: Nays, Bruce—1.

Total, 34.

Others Also Responsible.

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Coolidge and members of his cabinet "must bear full measure of responsibility" with Secretary Denby and ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall for the leasing of the oil reserve scandal, it was said in the senate today by Senator R. M. La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, leader of the insurgents, in the first speech he has yet made in the "Teapot Dome" "mess."

The oil lease scandal, La Follette said, was but one of a large number of "raids" on the public treasury perpetrated by a minister system of private monopoly.

He urged the dismissal of every public official connected with any of the alleged "steals," the criminal purporting of all "bride takers" and the enactment of new laws to throw a stronger cloak of protection around the public domain.

Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan, joined the opposition to the ouster resolution.

"I submit that a reasonable doubt exists as to whether Secretary Denby is authorized to lease the reserves," Couzens said. "Even if he is corrupt and dishonest, which he is not, he should be given a decent chance to reply to charges made against him."

Couzens warmly praised Denby's war record as an indicator that he has the best interests of the country at heart.

By International News Service.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Belief that Edwin Denby will not resign as secretary of the navy—at least for the time being—even should the senate formally demand his resignation, was strengthened here this afternoon, following a conference between President Coolidge and Secretary of War Weeks, one of the president's closest political advisers.

Weeks lunched with the president at the White House, and it is understood the whole oil leasing matter was gone over.

"I don't believe," said Weeks later, "that there will be any cabinet resignations for the present. Of course, I speak for myself, and not for the president."

The 10-minute rule was in effect when Howell spoke and his remarks were not concluded at the expiration of the 10 minutes. He introduced his amendment again and asked to conclude his remarks, speaking on the amendment.

The presiding officer ruled that Howell could speak 10 minutes longer on the amendment. The democrats objected to the ruling and demanded a vote to appeal from the president's ruling. The vote overruled the president's ruling and Howell's speech was never completed.

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