

MISSING \$100,000 HEIRESS SOUGHT

Farm Relief Measures Near Action

Tariff Commission Concludes Hearings—McNary-Haugen Export Bill Is Reported for Passage.

Urge Wheat for Germans

Washington, Feb. 26.—Two important steps were taken here today in the program for the relief of the farmers.

First, the tariff commission completed its hearings in the matter of the Canadian wheat schedule, and it is preparing to make a prompt report to President Coolidge.

Second, the McNary-Haugen agricultural export corporation bill was reported by the senate committee which has had it in charge.

If these two important steps are added to the efforts of Gen. Henry T. Allen, who is urging the purchase of surplus wheat for starving women and children in Germany, it may be said that this is one of the most important days since the real efforts began to bring up the price of farm products to the level of the prices of the things the farmer must buy.

The tariff commission's report on the Canadian wheat situation, which it seems certain will carry a recommendation for an increase in tariff rates, is based upon an examination of the differences in the costs of production in the two countries.

In the final stages of the matter, both before the tariff commission and in the senate, Senator R. B. Howell was instrumental in bringing matters to a prompt conclusion.

The commission's report to President Coolidge will be made as soon as possible and by March 1 it is expected, a proclamation will be issued from the White House increasing the wheat tariff. The president has the power under the law to add a duty of 15 cents to the present rates of 30 cents a bushel.

The president has several times expressed his intention of acting promptly on the report of the commission.

Relief by Export Bill. The McNary-Haugen bill covers a number of staple agricultural products in addition to wheat as reported. The bill contained one amendment which limited activities of the measure to five years instead of 10, as provided in the original measure.

Senator Norris stated he believed the McNary-Haugen bill would furnish more immediate relief than his measure. Numerous amendments are to be proposed when the bill comes up on the floor of the senate, it was stated.

It is understood that the representatives of farmers co-operative elevator associations will propose amendments and that particularly as to cattle and other livestock amendments will be necessary to make it practical and workable.

General Allen is continuing his efforts to get congress to appropriate money to buy wheat for use in Germany. It is understood he has been assured considerable support.

Copeland for President. Petitions in Nebraska. By Associated Press. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—Petitions asking that the name of Dr. Royal S. Copeland, United States senator from New York, be placed on the ballot for presidential nomination in Nebraska, will be circulated in this state, W. B. Eastham, who has been circulating petitions for Charles Graff for governor, announced today.

C. W. Sears, Omaha, former state senator, filed nonpolitically for judge in the Fourth district.

Bryan Rejects Road Builders' Offer to Pay Legislative Cost

Contractors Willing to Stand Special Session Expense if Solons Fail to Pass Deficiency Appropriation Covering Back Pay.

By R. H. PETERS, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—Road contractors who have deficiency claims against the state of Nebraska today offered to pay the expenses of an extra session of the legislature should it fail to pass a deficiency appropriation after being called together by Governor Bryan.

The offer was made after the governor had declared that he had no assurance that members of the legislature would see fit to appropriate a sufficient amount to meet whatever deficiency exists.

"I told the governor that should the legislature meet and not give us our money, we would bear the expense of the session ourselves," J. J. Kelly, of the allied contractors said in discussing the meeting with the governor this afternoon. Kelly has been active in working to get the deficiency claims paid, and his company is one of the several with large bills outstanding against the state.

Kelly estimates that the eventual deficiency will total approximately \$350,000, which is slightly over \$50,000 more than that anticipated by federal engineers who checked road claims some weeks ago.

More than 30 contractors with claims met with the governor in an endeavor to find some solution of the problem which is severely taxing the financial resources of some of them and banks who are carrying their paper.

When an extra session was suggested, the governor declared that he had talked to half a dozen democratic members of the legislature who had signified their intention of voting a deficiency appropriation should an extra session be called, but said he knew nothing of the intentions of republican members.

Republican members, the governor insisted, were not likely to favor the extra session, since they would not care to admit that they had erred in declaring no deficiency would exist after all federal money had been received.

Nothing short of an extra session, he said, would provide the money within a short space of time, since the supreme court had ruled no money could be paid out of the present appropriation.

Offer Rejected. The contractors then made the offer to bear the expenses of the extra session, should legislatures see fit to reject their claims, but, according to Kelly, the offer was rejected by the governor.

"He told us that he couldn't let us waste our money that way," Kelly said. "But I don't see what difficulty that makes. It's our money."

Several prominent contractors whose claims are outstanding did not hesitate to express their dissatisfaction at the outcome of the interview.

"Playing politics," was the terse way in which one of them put it, and another declared he was told the same thing he had heard many times before.

Vet Observes Prison Release Each Year. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 26.—During the winters of 1861 and 1862, James L. Grant, who resides at 103 South Tenth street, this city, was a prisoner in Libby prison. On February 22, 1862, he, with other prisoners, was paroled to the north. As the Yankee prisoners passed over the gang plank between the two blockades, each was handed a large glass of beer and a sandwich.

Every year on Washington's birthday anniversary, since the gang plank incident, there has been a celebration in Jim Grant's home. The family gathers about the festive board and the veteran of the civil war sits at a sandwich and drinks a glass of beer.

He did it on Friday, February 22, 1924, and declares the viands tasted almost as good as they did on the gang plank in the south on February 22, 1862.

Pioneer Madison County Civil War Veteran Dies. Madison, Neb., Feb. 25.—Joseph Nichols, pioneer resident of Madison county, died at his home here. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. Little officiating. Military honors will be paid. Mr. Nichols having been a civil war veteran of company R, Seventy-sixth Illinois volunteer infantry. Burial will be in Crownhill cemetery.

McAdoo Is Revealed in Wire Report

Committee Seeks Whether the Name Is of Presidential Candidate or of Son Practicing Law in New York.

Probe Is Opened Wider

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate oil committee began a still hunt today for more sensations in the oil scandal, but no startling information was unearthed.

The quest will be continued tomorrow at another secret session with the inspection of additional records of the Western Union Telegraph company and those of the Postal Telegraph company.

Upwards of a hundred telegrams exchanged between Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post and his employes in Washington, many of them having to do with development in the oil inquiry, were examined today and senators said "interesting, but not sensational information had been obtained."

The committee is seeking to establish whether administration officials or individual members of the committee had communication with McLean or Albert B. Fall after they had misled the investigators as to the source of the \$100,000 loan Fall obtained while secretary of the interior.

No evidence of such communication was brought to light in the telegrams examined. Chairman Lenroot told the committee he had sent a formal and official telegram to McLean at Palm Beach on last January 9 informing him that Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, had been authorized to take his testimony. He made the telegram public.

McAdoo's Name Mentioned. There was rather frequent mention, senators said, of a Francis McAdoo, a New York lawyer, as consultant of the publisher in matters which were not public in the messages. Committee members want to know whether this is Francis H. McAdoo, son of William G. McAdoo, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, who is a member of the New York law firm of Miller and Otis.

Fall was variously referred to in the messages as "the man at Wardman Park," "the secretary," and finally as "Fall."

The name of A. Mitchell Palmer, former attorney general and counsel for McLean, also appeared frequently in the messages, committee members said, adding that his advice apparently was sought on many occasions.

Chairman Lenroot, a former Chairman Smoot of the oil committee, also was mentioned, it was stated, some of their statements at the public hearings being quoted in messages sent to McLean.

The name of J. W. Zevely, personal counsel to Harry E. Sinclair, also appeared, senators said. Zevely was reported to have been in New Orleans to confer with Fall and upon returning here disclosed to the committee that Sinclair had loaned the former secretary \$25,000 three months after he retired from the cabinet.

Leased Wire Disclosed. The McLean messages disclosed, according to senators, that a leased wire was established between the publishers' cottage at Palm Beach and the Washington Post here at about the time Fall reached the Florida resort. This was a few days before Senator Walsh went there to question McLean.

Announcing that a subpoena had been issued for Henry Woodhouse, New York, Senator Walsh said he desired to question him about an article he wrote saying the Doherty interests were under contract to supply British interests all or a great portion of the output of oil from naval reserve No. 1 in California.

Immediately after the committee adjourned today, the senate initiated another inquiry by adopting in rapid succession a series of resolutions by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska. They call upon the state and navy interior and treasury departments and the shipping board for information as to what former cabinet officers or former members of congress have practiced before any of these agencies in the prosecution of claims since January 1, 1918.

Physician at Beatrice Drops Dead in Office. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 26.—Dr. C. C. Stiver died in his office at 510 1/2 Court street from heart disease. Mrs. Stiver, who happened to be in the office at the time, heard him fall and called a physician, but the doctor died before medical aid could be given him.

He came here last fall from Lincoln and formerly was located at Wilber, Neb. He was 62 and leaves a daughter, Mrs. Harry Barnes Orr, of Salt Lake City, and a sister, Mrs. C. A. Sautter, Horton, Kan., to which place the body will be taken for burial.

Yes, Yes! But the Oil Leases! Were They Good or Bad?



Daugherty Visibly Agitated After His White House Visit

Confers With President Two Hours—Situation Believed Leading Up to His Resignation.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Attorney General Daugherty today had decided to go from the cabinet if he can do so gracefully and at the same time secure a public hearing of the charges against him.

Throughout the last 48 hours he stood between a crossfire of the republicans in the senate and his colleagues in the cabinet, who have advised him to eliminate himself.

On the best of authority it is learned that he has put his case in this definite statement to the president: "If you ask me to, I will resign. If my presence in the cabinet embarrasses you, I will resign. If the situation in the cabinet is so grave that it must be sacrificed, the request must come and with it the assurance that I will be given every opportunity to vindicate myself."

Coolidge Sees Howland. Early today the president called into conference Paul Howland, Cleveland lawyer, who defended Daugherty in the former impeachment proceedings before the senate. He, too, it is understood, told the president that Attorney General Daugherty would demand the right of vindication or conviction before a high court of impeachment.

The attorney general declined to make any statement. After the cabinet meeting he told the correspondents quite frankly that his status is still undetermined except that he is going to "fight and fight hard."

Has Two-Hour Conference. Late tonight he returned to the White House to confer with the president privately. The situation itself took on many of the aspects of the day before Secretary of the Navy Denby tendered his resignation.

Those who were in the confidence of the president cautioned newspapermen to carefully observe developments and indicated that a decision on the part of the president is imminent.

Daugherty was with President Coolidge more than two hours tonight. He was visibly agitated when he left after the conference. When asked if he would continue his fight to remain in the cabinet he said: "It looks like rain."

The Day in Washington

The tariff commission closed its hearings on wheat and wheat products.

President Dennohy of the Northern Pacific denounced the pending attack on the road's land grants.

The quarantine in California counties against the foot and mouth disease was extended by the Department of Agriculture.

The senate passed the Interior department appropriation bill.

The White House announced that President Coolidge regards the numerous bills in congress calling for large appropriations is disturbing to prosperity.

Western senators were informed by President Coolidge that the government stands ready to assist banks in the northwest provided local conditions warrant.

Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, read in the senate the attack of Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, on William G. McAdoo and stirred up a political debate.

The senate oil committee spent two hours looking over telegrams sent from Washington to A. R. Fall and E. B. McLean while they were in Florida.

A series of conferences, including two between the president and the attorney general failed to show surface developments in the row over Daugherty but indication pointed to a definite decision soon.

The house placed a gift tax in the pending revenue bill and approved a section repealing the 10 per cent tax of theater admissions of 50 cents and under.

House Approves Repeal of Theater Admission Tax

Cigarette Revenue Increased—Eliminating Auto Tax Is Favored—Session Marked by Near Violence.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Two major amendments were incorporated in the revenue bill today by the house amid storms of debate involving a series of personal exchanges, threats of republican organization leaders to vote against passage of the entire bill and a warning from representative Mills, republican, New York, of the possibility of a presidential veto.

The session, ended in a row over reduction of the automobiles taxes, final action on these proposals going over until Thursday.

A gift tax, imposing levies beginning at 1 per cent on total amounts of gifts in one year in excess of \$50,000 and running up to 40 per cent, was voted 191 to 65.

The tax on cigars was raised from \$2 to \$4 per thousand by a vote of 117 to 55.

A provision of the bill granting exemption from the 10 per cent theater admission tax on all tickets of 50 cents and under withstood several assaults to lower or raise this exemption.

Robbers Loot Hardware Store at Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Neb., Feb. 26.—The hardware store of Jennings and Spalding was robbed Sunday night. The thieves entered through a back window. Revolvers, shotguns, rifles, razors, knives and ammunition were stolen. A reward has been posted for the thieves capture.

County Board Can Decide Salaries, Court Asserts. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—The county board is the tribunal to decide the population of the county and therefore the salaries to which the various officials under the board are entitled, according to a ruling handed down today by the supreme court in the case of L. Baker, former county clerk of Buffalo county, who sought to recover excess fees of 1920, to make up for loss of fees from the previous year.

Madison-Antelope Crow Shoot Contest Extended. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 26.—Because of bad weather, the annual crow shoot contest between Madison and Antelope counties has been extended until March 19, according to announcement made by Webb Rice, captain of the Madison county shooters, who declared this decision was reached after a conference with Arthur Smith at Clearwater. The hunters are asked to continue shooting crows until that time.

Coolidge Club at Fairbury. Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 26.—A Coolidge for President club will be organized in Fairbury within a few days. The preliminary steve have been taken.

Girl Faces Insanity Charges

Denver Woman Disappears When Officers Come to Remove Her to Hospital for Observation.

Vanishes After First Test

Denver, Colo., Feb. 26.—Sheriff's deputies today are searching for Miss Rosalind Elsner, heiress to the \$100,000 estate of the late Dr. John Elsner, against whom insanity proceedings were instituted last week. The disappearance of Miss Elsner from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cotton, where she has been living recently, was made known today by the sheriff's office.

First word of her complete disappearance came yesterday when a deputy sheriff called at the Cotton home with a commitment writ against Miss Elsner. Under the court order he was to remove Miss Elsner to the general hospital where she was to be placed under the observation of the two alienists.

Already the alienists have questioned Miss Elsner and the investigation was continued over the weekend.

The order committing Miss Elsner to the hospital was issued by the court following the request of the alienists.

As a result of her disappearance Mr. and Mrs. Cotton today were ordered to appear in county court this afternoon and explain the mystery of the disappearance, but are reported to have said they knew nothing of the whereabouts of the woman.

Family in Every War of U. S.

Judge I. L. Albert Tells on Omaha Visit of Unique Record of His Ancestors. Judge I. L. Albert, who seeks a position on the supreme bench of Nebraska, from the Third district, was in Omaha Tuesday. And while here he proudly showed some friends a copy of the Phillipsburgh (Pa.) Journal of February 15, containing an account of the decoration of three revolutionary soldiers by the American Legion post of that city.

One of the graves was that of Judge Albert's great-great-grandfather and the other two the graves of great-grandfathers. The bodies of six generations of Alberts lie buried in the cemetery at Phillipsburgh.

"There has been one or more Albert in every war fought by this country since the revolution," said Judge Albert, including the world war, in which I had two sons."

Judge Albert was born in Pennsylvania. Owing to family reverses he had to quit school and go to work as a lumberman. He worked from 6 in the morning until 6 at night, and after supper attended night school until 10:30. In two years he qualified as a teacher. After teaching a short time he worked his way through college and qualified for admission to the bar.

Since then he has served as district judge, supreme court commissioner, member of the constitutional convention and a state senator. Judge Albert is the author of the state guaranty law, which eastern publications assert to be a model. It has been tentatively adopted by the legislature of Montana.

While on the supreme court commission Judge Albert's opinions were marked by clarity and brevity. Occasionally his keen wit flashed in them, just as it continually flashes in his conversation. Judge Albert has been a resident of Columbus for many years.

"The ambition to sit upon the supreme bench of the state is a laudable one," said Judge Albert, "it is a position of high honor, second only to that of a seat upon the supreme bench of the United States. Such an ambition is worthy of any lawyer, and no one would appreciate the honor more than I."

Six justices of the supreme court are to be elected this fall, one from each of the six congressional districts. The election is nonpartisan. Two candidates from each district will be selected in the nonpartisan ticket at the April primaries, and choice made between them at the November election.

Osceola Man Dies Here. John A. Swanson, 49, retired farmer of Osceola, Neb., died this morning at a local hospital of heart disease. He is survived by his mother and two brothers. The body will be sent from the Johnson & Swanson funeral home on Wednesday to Osceola for burial.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. February 26, 1924. Temperature. Highest 41, lowest 17, mean 29, normal 28. Total precipitation since January 1, 47.

Hourly Temperatures. 8 a. m. 34, 9 a. m. 35, 10 a. m. 36, 11 a. m. 37, 12 m. 38, 1 p. m. 39, 2 p. m. 40, 3 p. m. 41, 4 p. m. 42, 5 p. m. 43, 6 p. m. 44, 7 p. m. 45, 8 p. m. 46, 9 p. m. 47, 10 p. m. 48, 11 p. m. 49, 12 noon 50.