

Palmer to Be Called Into Oil Inquiry

Senator Dill Charges Attorney General Under Wilson "Go-Between" in McLean Messages to Probers.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 23.—A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general in the Wilson administration, will be called before the senate oil committee.

The committee so determined today before it resumed the reading of additional telegrams sent to Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, at Palm Beach concerning the oil inquiry.

Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, insisted that Palmer should be called, saying he had been the "go-between" in the delivery of McLean's messages to the committee.

On the senate floor, meantime, Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, introduced a resolution asking President Coolidge to forward to the oil committee the income tax returns of Doherty and Sinclair, for examination as to possible further payments to A. B. Fall. Action went over.

In addition to examining the McLean telegrams, the oil committee heard testimony from Karl C. Schuyler of Denver, who related again the details of Sinclair's agreement to pay \$1,000,000 to the Denver group holding conflicting claims in Teapot Dome.

By International News Service.
Washington, Feb. 23.—New light was thrown today upon the persistent but unsuccessful efforts to block the senate oil investigating committee from examining Edward McLean, wealthy publisher, about the famous \$100,000 "loan" which he made to ex-Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall in checks that never were cashed.

A fresh batch of telegrams, disclosing the attempted manipulation of political influences, were read into the record of the oil investigation.

They showed that every possible pressure was brought to bear in McLean's behalf, principally by A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general in the Wilson administration, but that all such efforts failed because of the "stubbornness" of Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, the dominant figure of the committee.

One telegram told McLean that it "was all off"; that Walsh was insistent upon examining him, and that McLean should prepare himself to come to Washington for testimony.

Walsh Explains
The messages also revealed that McLean's friends were attempting to have "Underwood" use his influence on Walsh. Walsh quickly denied that Senator Underwood, democrat, of Alabama, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, ever intervened on McLean's behalf. Walsh did say, however, that he raised no objections when Underwood asked him if he would allow Palmer's letter to the committee, explaining McLean's "loan," to fall to get into the congressional record. Walsh said Underwood told him he had been requested to have the letter inserted into the record.

The names of Francis H. McAdoo, and his father, William Gibbs McAdoo, were mentioned in a message which McLean sent to Washington from Palm Beach.

Most of the telegrams today were signed by John Major, W. F. Wiley and W. O. Duckstein, McLean's employees in Washington. At the request of Senators Lenroot and Dill, the committee decided that Palmer should be called for examination. Palmer phoned Walsh that he planned to go south tonight, and that he wanted to be advised if the committee desired him.

Tells Phone Talk
Before reading the telegrams, Walsh related a telephone conversation he had with Underwood this morning.

"Senator Underwood called on the phone, and said he had read in the papers that he had endeavored to persuade me from my purpose to examine McLean. That conclusion apparently was drawn from telegrams yesterday," Walsh said.

"Underwood never endeavored to influence my conduct," Walsh told the committee.

"He said further, however, that at the request of Bennett (editor of the Post) he asked me whether the committee was going to call McLean. He said I told him it had already been arranged for me to go to Palm Beach to examine McLean. If he said it, it must be true, but I don't recall the conversation," Walsh added.

The names of Senator Willis, republican, of Ohio and Curtis, republican, of Kansas were found in messages sent to McLean.

In Bennett, editor of the Washington Post, wired McLean January 3 "that Major and I saw Curtis, who advised us to see Underwood, but he hinted that we would get nothing from Walsh." The message spoke of Walsh's determination not to be swayed from his purpose to call McLean. Bennett advised against McLean showing any reluctance to testify, saying it might give Walsh an excuse to make trouble.

A telegram signed "John" said, "Willis saw party this morning. Will be reported 'the party in friendly mood.'"

Expects Something.
The first code message was signed by "John" and mentioned he had an appointment "eyed" who "expects something."

E. S. Rochester, employed in the Department of Justice, wired McLean on January 16, that "I have been informed that the senate committees investigating to determine whether you have \$100,000 in bank at time you said you wrote checks. Thought had better advise you."

"Battle of Wits."
On January 23 Major wired: "Willis in full possession of matters. After battle of wits between Lamber and myself, this was accomplished." In this wire Major advised not "to acquaint 'Duck' (Duckstein) with new secret code."

McLean told Major on December 23 to send Palmer's letter to "Francis McAdoo."

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EDDIE'S FRIENDS

Trying to Get Someone to Call



nections you must be absolutely careful. You can talk absolutely frankly to McAdoo."

On January 23 Bennett wired McLean that he had seen "the principal" who told him "there will be no rocking of the boat and no resignations."

The "principal" also said he "expected reaction from unwarranted political attacks," Bennett reported.

An indication of McLean's anxiety to keep in close touch with Washington while he was in Palm Beach was contained in the following telegram from Major:

"To expedite matters and the assurance of getting your messages absolutely correct, have arranged with Smithers at the White House to have our end of the private wire at 6 o'clock tonight. As a precautionary measure have also made appointment telephone call for 6 o'clock. Bennett will be here at that time."

Major to McLean, January 3: "Just finished talking with Palmer. He said that he told Lenroot you were ill. He said he pointed out that part of your letter that you had gone to Palm Beach for your own health and that of your wife. I did not see him this morning, as I was busy with Bennett, Underwood, Curtis and Zev, but I talked with him over the phone last night and he thoroughly understood what was expected of him. After leaving the senate office building this morning I talked with Palmer over the telephone and he said he had received a message from Walsh which he would transmit to you."

Bennett to McLean, January 3: "Major and I saw Curtis this morning, and he promised to see Lenroot and have your statement placed in the records. He advised us to see Underwood and ask him to see Walsh in your behalf. We saw Underwood, who promised to speak to Walsh, but he hinted it would not do any good. Walsh told the committee he wanted you to appear personally. Walsh was evidently determined to insist upon calling you. Chairman Lenroot said he thought a mere request would be sufficient without issuing a subpoena. Palmer says he thinks Walsh's attitude so determined that it is advisable for you to come without making it necessary for Walsh to demand a subpoena. If your health will not permit you to come at present, under doctor's certificate, Palmer thinks Walsh will merely postpone the hearing."

"Major and I have both studied the situation carefully, and agree that willingness on your part to appear will cause Walsh to drop matter without doing anything more than ask you one or two questions. But if Walsh finds it necessary to compel you to come there will be a disagreeable publicity, and Walsh may be encouraged to be disagreeable."

E. S. Rochester, a confidential adviser to Attorney General Daugherty, telegraphed McLean on January 16 that the oil committee was investigating whether McLean had \$100,000 in a bank at the time he claimed he gave A. B. Fall checks for that sum.

The Rochester message was a night letter and ended with the statement:

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"I thought you should be informed." Rochester was formerly managing editor of the Washington Post.

Several messages in code had reference to "apricots," "apples," "peaches" and "cherries." They were signed "the champion" and addressed to W. F. Wiley, a McLean employee, at Palm Beach.

McLean telegraphed to Major on December 27 to tell Palmer that Francis H. McAdoo "or his father," William G. McAdoo, "has been my personal attorney for seven years."

Major wired in an undated message to McLean a description of committee proceedings saying that "in my opinion today's events means finish."

"Questions are to be brought to you there at Palm Beach," the message continued. "It will probably take Walsh a day or two to prepare them. Will keep in close touch with situation and send you in detail what he wants to know over private wire."

"This is just a flash," Major wired to McLean on January 2 with a Western Union note to rush as fast as possible. "The questions are to be brought to Palm Beach. Lambert is to assist Walsh in his task of preparing questions" (Wilton J. Lambert is McLean's attorney).

The next telegram signed by a new name, that of "John" to McLean on January 18, said: "Willis saw party this morning. Willis said that the party was in a friendly mood and intimated that nothing further would be requested from your end. Harry out of city. I have appointment five o'clock with Eyed (correct). He expects something. Will also see party I returned with."

Theory That Man Loses Consciousness in Fall of 1,000 Feet Blasted

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 23.—Assertions sometimes made that a man falling 1,000 feet will lose consciousness in the terrific speed attained, stand disproved today by Corp. C. Eugene Conrad of Kelly Field who now holds the southern record for parachute jumping as a result of successfully leaping from an airplane at an altitude of 21,500 feet here yesterday.

Conrad retained consciousness in a drop of 1,100 feet from the plane before his parachute opened and counted the seconds and when eight had elapsed pulled the cord which opened the parachute. Less than 25 minutes later he had landed safely.

The plane in which he rode, piloted by Lieut. Leland Anderson, spiraled to its dizzy height in less than two hours.

Thief Takes Brooch and Pin, Leaving Silverware

Warren Switzer, 113 North Thirty-first avenue, reported to police last night that a prowler obtained a brooch and a bar pin worth \$50 from his apartment, but had left silverware and jewelry worth several thousand dollars.

Switzer believes the return of the family surprised the thief and he fled before he could take more. Entrance was made through a rear kitchen window.

Bellevue Road Bonds Issued

Total of \$80,000 to Be Spent for Paving Work.

Bonds amounting to \$80,000 have been issued by the county commissioners of Sarpy county to pay for the paving and graveling of a stretch of road from South Omaha city limits to the north city limits of Bellevue. One mile of the road is to be paved with brick and the rest will be gravelled.

The contract for the building of the road has not been let as yet. Bids will be requested in a short time, it was said.

New York --Day by Day--

By O. O. McINTYRE.

New York, Feb. 23.—In one of the outposts of the tenderloin the other morning sat a group of girls who once entertained in cabarets and on the stage. The cafe had emptied, but they remained rather than go to troubled sleep.

Dissipation had left its tarnish. The bloom of youth had faded. One was a red-haired musical comedy prima donna of yesteryear. Her blue serge suit was worn as a skin as a mirror. Another was a gin-busky comedienne.

Others had been in the chorus and essayed small bits. Not one was more than 30. At the suggestion of a "heavy-augured" wine buyer they did impromptu songs, dances and skits. The head waiter, anxious to close, characterized them as "a bunch of has-beens doing their stuff."

It was as though doddering ghosts were dragging their creaking bones across the floor. The prima donna tried an old aria—cracked on a high note and swore a vicious oath. The comedienne revived an old scene of a popular musical comedy. It was pathetic.

Their attitude was that of youthful and flippant toughness. Moral disintegration loomed through the broad jokes and coarse vulgarities of the dancing. Here were girls who came from farmhouses and villages to be tripped up by the killing pace.

As a rule they are undone by the white way brand of "good fellowship." There are always bachelor apartment haunts to welcome them after the theater. Here they are flattered, wine and alcohol do their work.

An old timer observes the theater is one place where girls do not "come back." It used to be that they slipped easily down to the Bowery beer halls. But these places are gone. The only thing left is polite caddling in cheap cafes.

Broadway's most popular after dinner speech: "Waiter, put it all on one check."

It is a vast estate in Westchester given over to the care of pampered hypochondriacs. It costs more to live there in a single room than in the most expensive hotel suite in New York. The head physician is a hand-

some, athletic type adept at honeyed flattery. He gives no medicine and the only rule is that each "patient" must walk nine miles a day. He was asked how many people in his sanitarium were really in poor health. "Not a one," was his reply. "Their only trouble is too much money."

There is a diet kitchen on Thirty-fourth street that advertises: "We welcome dyspeptics."

A shabby old man asleep in a subway express train had a sign pinned on his coat reading: "Please don't awaken me. I'm just tired." New York's heart was touched. A collec-

tion was taken up among the passengers and \$15 was raised. It was placed in an inside pocket and a kind-hearted subway detective agreed to ride with the old fellow until he awakened and ward off pickpockets.

One of the mysteries of New York is how the accomplished subway sleepers manage to awaken promptly as the train nears their station. They cannot explain it themselves. It just happens. One man who has been riding home at midnight for six years and never fails to drop off to sleep and never has failed to awaken as the train pulls into his station.

Gardner Touted for C. of C. Post

Charles R. Gardner, secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, has been unanimously recommended by the Concord club board of directors for the post of commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to fill the vacancy to be created by the resignation of J. David Larson.

Motion to this effect was passed at the meeting of the club Wednesday. A copy of the motion was sent to John L. Kennedy, chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

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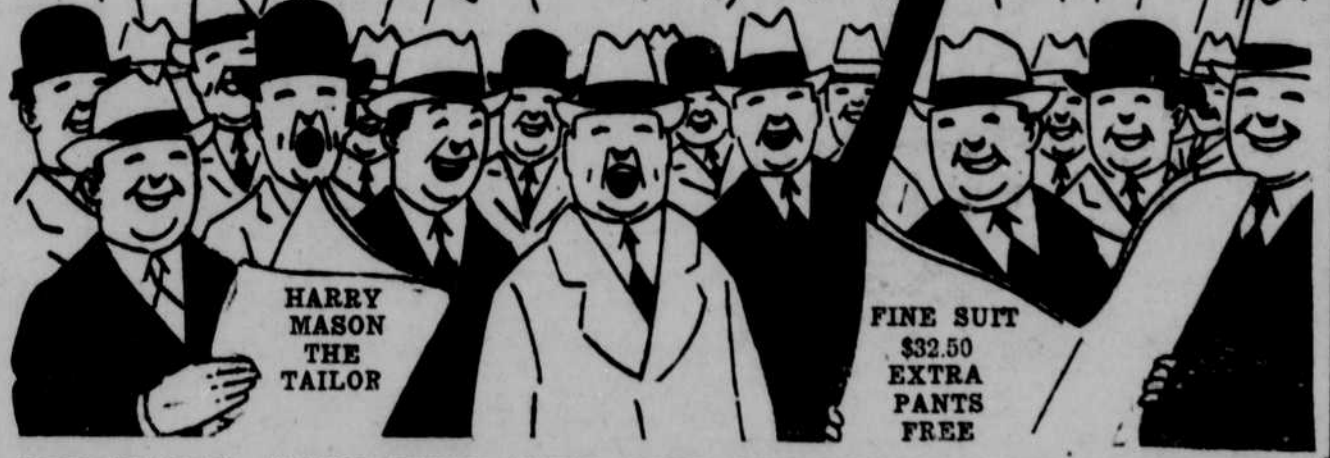
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