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WEEKLY NEWS NOTES

FROM WASHINGTON

(Special Correspondence)

Washington, May 2.—The conservation of natural resources which was a hobby of Theodore Roosevelt and a policy of President Roosevelt's administration is in danger of being completely overthrown, to judge by the violent assaults that are being made upon it in connection with oil and coal lands.

What promises to be a great national scandal is the alleged turning-over of the huge Teapot Dome oil fields in Wyoming to private interests. This is one of the fields held in reserve for the Navy to keep adequate reserves of fuel for its oil-burning ships. The naval oil reserves were recently taken over from the Navy Department by the Interior Department under an executive order by President Harding. The deal of the Teapot Dome district is with the Sinclair Oil interests, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil, and the latter company is said to be preparing to build pipelines to carry the oil to its refineries in the Middle West. The Sinclair oil stock has been more or less dormant for a year. Just prior to the time of the alleged closing of the deal with the Interior Department the market value of the stock increased more than \$30,000,000 in three days, as a result of huge transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, indicating that there was an inside tip on alleged deal.

If it had not been for the vigilance of Senator John B. Kendrick, who so represents Wyoming in the United States Senate, this deal which was made in secret and evidently without any competitive bids might not now be known to the public. Senator Kendrick introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information concerning this oil negotiation, and in speaking upon this resolution he pointed out the immense value of this great naval oil reserve, and also that it was of greater benefit to the nation to allow this oil to remain stored underground than to remove it across the country to be stored in surface tanks as was proposed.

Secretary Fall of the Interior Department has been a consistent opponent of national conservation. He is not the only member of the administration who has been identified with representatives of Standard Oil. Attorney General Daugherty was a

lieutenant of the late Senator Foraker in Ohio, and Foraker was known as the Standard Oil's representative at Washington. President Harding was also affiliated with the Foraker faction in Ohio in those days.

Recently when the independent oil people of Texas and Oklahoma were clamoring for a tariff on oil, the President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey called at the White House while the Fordney Bill was pending in the House, and oil is still on the free list.

One reason alleged for the sudden change of sentiment among Republican Senators who had previously opposed the ratification of the treaty with Columbia, when it was ratified in the early part of President Harding's administration, was that Standard Oil was interested in the acquisition and development of Columbian oil bearing territory.

The partnership between oil and the Republican party dates back to the early days when the Standard Oil Company was the ally of the corrupt Republican machine in Pennsylvania. With the revelations concerning the Teapot Dome district and the anticipated raid on government coal lands in Alaska there is every reason to assume a continued alliance between oil and the G. O. P. Friends of national conservation are naturally alarmed, and are already hinting that conservation may be one of the prominent issues in the coming campaign.

Republican primaries are beginning to give a line on how the people feel toward this administration, which supplements and confirms what was shown in the recent municipal elections in which the Democrats were so overwhelmingly successful.

A primary contest in point was that in the Eleventh Illinois District, where Frank R. Reid, a critic of this administration and the Republican Congress, defeated Ira C. Copley, a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, a multi-millionaire, and the owner of three news-

papers in his district. Mr. Reid in a signed statement tells exactly how and why he won, which in substance is that his campaign was directed against special interests controlling the Republican reactionary Congress. He says:

"The campaign was waged against the system by which a dozen men of great wealth dominate the action of Congress on matters of tariff and taxation, and use their great power to secure legislative protection to their own interests.

"I showed the financial and business interests of the seventeen Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, of which eleven, including Copley, are millionaires or multi-millionaires, and urged the necessity of having a 'people's bloc' to oppose this millionaires' bloc' to return the power of government to the people.

"I pledged myself to uphold the policy of progressive, independent men in Congress who believe that the interests of the mass of the people deserve first consideration. I campaigned against the present certificate form of Bonus Bill in favor of a cash bonus to be paid out of excess profits tax and surtax, or from foreign loans. Condemned Copley's action in supporting the repeal of the excess profits tax and in supporting the reduction of the surtax on incomes; also the action of Copley and the Ways and Means Committee on the dye embargo."

NOTICE

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between J. E. James and J. A. James, Jr., under the firm name of the Summerton Auto Supply Co., Summerton, S. C., has this day been dissolved. J. E. James will continue in business under the name of Summerton Auto Supply Company, but from and after this date J. A. James, Jr., in no wise will be responsible for any debt, contract or liability incurred or made by J. E. James.

Signed:
J. A. James, Jr.,
J. E. James.
Summerton, S. C., April 1, 1922. 3t-c

In other words, Mr. Reid defeated Mr. Copley by adopting in large part Democratic doctrine and policies, which independent and thoughtful Republicans are accepting, as shown by Mr. Reid's victory over his reactionary opponent.

Another significant defeat was that of Representative Ireland (Rep.) in the Sixteenth Illinois District, a consistent defender of the present reactionary administration and Confess.

SUMMONS

State of South Carolina,
County of Clarendon,
Court of Common Pleas.
Summons for Relief.
(Complaint not Served)
Mrs. Jessie M. Merrimon, Plaintiff,
against
Annie E. Webb, Minnie Rouse, Eliza Dunham, Amy Colclough, Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, James Frierson, Estelle Frierson, Maggie Frierson, Pretto Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson, Clarence Frierson, Clarence Webb, Estelle Webb Taylor, Minnie Webb, George Webb, Jefferson Webb, Annie Francis Ida Guess, and all other persons heirs and next of kin of John Webb, deceased, names and addresses unknown, Defendants.
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE Named:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the City of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

A. S. MERRIMON,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated March 9th, A. D. 1922.
To the absent defendants: Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, James Frierson, Maggie Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson, Clarence Frierson, Clarence Webb, Ida Guess, and all other persons heirs and next of kin of John Webb, deceased, names and addresses unknown; TAKE NOTICE that the complaint in this action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Clarendon County, in the Court House at Manning, S. C., on the 9th day of March, 1922.

A. S. MERRIMON,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the infant defendants: Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, and Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, and to their mother Irene Webb, with whom said infants reside; To the infant defendants: Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, James Frierson, Maggie Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson, and Clarence Frierson, and to their father James Frierson, with whom said infants reside; To the infant defendants: Estelle Frierson and Pretto Frierson, and to Eliza Dunham, the person with whom said infants re-

side; To the infant defendants: Estelle Webb Taylor and George Webb, and to Amy Colclough the person with whom said infants reside; To the infant defendant: Minnie Webb, and to Annie E. Webb, the person with whom said infant resides; TAKE NOTICE that unless you apply and have some person appointed as guardian ad litem for you in the above entitled action within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, the plaintiff will apply and have some suitable person appointed.

A. S. MERRIMON,
Plaintiff's Attorney.
Dated March 9th, 1922. 17-3t

SUMMONS

State of South Carolina,
County of Clarendon,
Court of Common Pleas.
Summons For Relief.
(Complaint Not Served)
Louis Levi, Plaintiff,
vs
Annie E. Webb, Minnie Rouse, Eliza Dunham, Amy Colclough, Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, James Frierson, Estelle Frierson, Maggie Frierson, Pretto Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson, Clarence Frierson, Clarence Webb, Estelle Webb Taylor, Minnie Webb, George Webb, Jefferson Webb, Annie Francis, Ida Guess, and all other persons heirs and next of kin of John Webb, deceased, names and addresses unknown, Defendants.
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at his office in the City of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the Complaint.

WENDELL M. LEVI,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated March 4th, A. D. 1922.
To the infant Defendants: Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, and to Irene Webb the parent and person with whom said infants reside; to the Defendants: Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, Maggie Frierson, James Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson,

some person appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for you in the above styled case within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, the plaintiff will apply and have some suitable person appointed.

WENDELL M. LEVI,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated April 4th, 1922.
TO THE ABSENT DEFENDANTS, Milly Webb, Lula Webb, John Webb, the younger, Isabelle Webb, Richard Roe Webb, name unknown, Samuel Frierson, John Frierson, James Frierson, Maggie Frierson, Mary Frierson, Mattie Frierson, Clarence Frierson, Clarence Webb, Ida Guess and all other persons, heirs and next of kin of John Webb deceased, names and addresses unknown.
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Complaint in this action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for Clarendon County in Manning, S. C., on the 24th day of March, 1922.
WENDELL M. LEVI,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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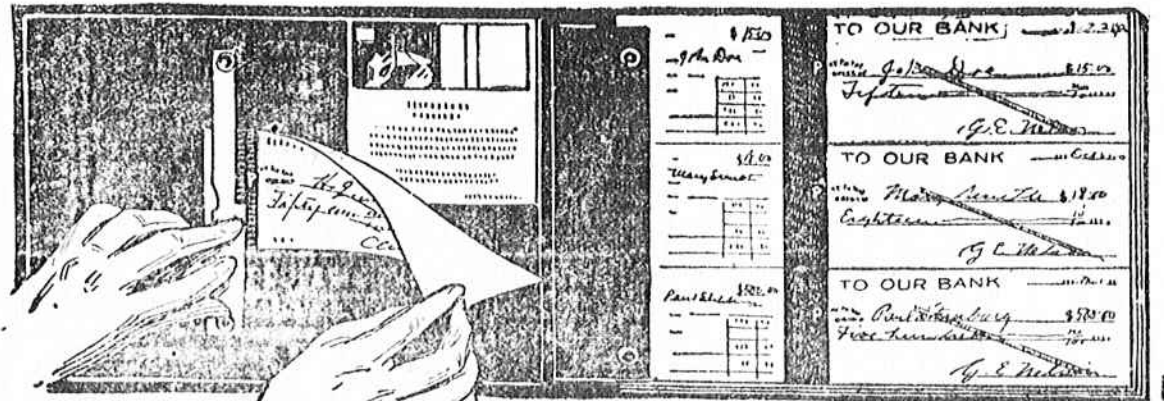
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