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### WHY NOT LOUIS D. BRANDEIS?

**S**ENATOR DILL'S suggestion that furlough be arranged so Justice Brandeis can take charge of the naval oil mess and all its ramifications, comes as a ray of light in the darkness.

Speaking in the United States Senate, Mr. Dill said:

"Sitting in this chamber we are likely not to realize the gravity with which the great mass of the people of this country are considering the relations being made regarding these oil leases. I believe it is a national crisis, and no political party or its future can be considered in this situation."

A national scandal that demands a national prosecutor who will recover these reserves which have been stolen and place the guilty men in the penitentiary.

The testimony this morning shows that Mr. Doheny has had in his employ, since they left President Wilson's Cabinet, four of his Cabinet officials. What do these things mean to the country? They mean that the whole country is beginning to wonder whether anybody can be found who is clean and who can be trusted.

In the face of this situation I want to make on this floor a suggestion as to the prosecutor in this case. There is one man who, I believe, could be chosen, and who, if he would accept the appointment, would have the confidence of the entire people. That man is a man who sits on the Supreme bench, Mr. Justice Brandeis, who successfully prosecuted the Ballinger case and who has the confidence of all men everywhere.

If it be possible, I think he would be wise if he, the President, could reappoint him for his service. I make this suggestion, Mr. President, because I believe that unless the officials of this Government, from the President down, select men who have the confidence of the country to prosecute this case, and unless it is carried to a successful conclusion we shall endanger the very existence of this Government.

The American people are aroused over this thing. They believe that public officials are for sale in Washington; and it behoves all of us, from the President down, to see that there is appointed in this matter somebody of such national reputation, of such unsullied character, of such great ability as a prosecutor, that every one everywhere will say that if anything could be done to return these oil reserves to the Government and to put these men in the penitentiary that man can do it.

I believe that in this emergency the President should call upon Mr. Justice Brandeis, who is the outstanding prosecutor of the Nation; and I believe that in a patriotic spirit he could be induced to accept the position, and prosecute this case as it ought to be prosecuted by the most able, the most fearless, and the most aggressive counsel that the country has ever produced.

Senator Dill is right. If the politicians and leaders of either party think they can play politics with this thing they are mistaken. It is too big and the public feels too deeply.

President Coolidge received his greatest hurt, thus far, through the Gregory fiasco. President Coolidge's greatest danger is in the group of Old Guard advisers who surround him.

He wanted two prosecutors—one Republican and one Democratic. The Republican was chosen from Chicago stockyards environment and the Democrat chosen as on what the Old Guard thought was a shrewd political play.

Were affiliations or fitness considered? No. The counsel of Lodge and Curtis and Lenroot and Smoot and the rest was taken—and the counsel of the party chairman. The same men who for years have kept the lid on this oil scandal until, when it did explode, it shook the country from end to end.

At least two presidential aspirants—Coolidge and McAdoo—are gravely endangered. Coolidge, if he can break away from the counsels of the stupid, may yet save himself. McAdoo may satisfactorily explain any employment he has had with the Doheny outfit.

But this thing is bigger than candidates; bigger than Presidents; bigger than political parties.

Unless the thing is met squarely the public temper will continue to grow hotter. It is hot enough now.

Why not intrust Louis D. Brandeis with the matter? Give him free hand and funds and let him go to it without regard to persons rich or poor or political parties in or out.

### YOUR EXPENSES

**C**OST of living now is about 65 per cent higher than when the war started in 1914, according to the National Industrial Conference. It arrives at its figure by striking an average for the whole country.

Bear in mind the 65 per cent figure is for a wage earner with five in family.

In simpler terms, according to the "figgerers" it now costs \$1.65 to buy what cost \$1 before the war. Also, a man must make \$1.65 now to have an income equivalent to what \$1 was in pre-war days.

Interesting, for the individual to figure up and find how his income compares with "what should be" on this basis.

Do you live on the budget system—divide your income in advance, allowing so much for rent and food, and so on? Here are the N. I. C. board's figures showing how spending should be scientifically divided:

Out of a \$10 bill \$4.31 for food, \$1.77 for rent or other shelter, \$1.32 for clothing, 56 cents for fuel and light, \$2.04 for "sun-dries." These figures cover only the income actually spent. They do not include the 10 or 20 per cent which experts say must be saved to provide properly for old age and success.

Which recalls that recently the Family Welfare Society of Indianapolis asserted a family of five could live on \$9.60 a week by limiting the menu to certain foods of high nutritive value.

Here's one bit of consolation:

While the board reports it now takes \$1.65 to buy what cost \$1 before the war, an outlay of \$2.05 was required in purchasing the same stuff at the price peak in July, 1920.

IF DOHENY keeps on testifying about men he's hired, where'll we find a man for public office who hasn't been connected with the Doheny pay roll?

GREAT BRITAIN recognizes Soviet Russian government unconditionally. Shows that when you know what you want there's nothing so effective as sitting tight and waiting for it.

IF ANY of those Harding Administration insiders did get rich quick speculating in Sinclair oil stocks, as La Follette charges, bet they wish they were poor but honest right now.

NOBODY asked him about the legality of the oil leases, Daugherty says. 'Course not! Harry wasn't made Attorney General to give legal advice. His job was passing out jobs.

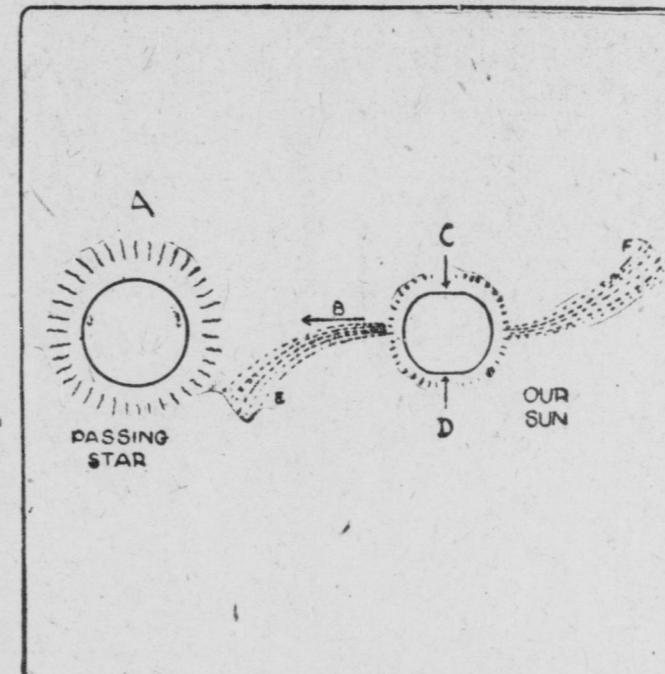
WHILE at target practice, Oklahoma college students killed one woman and wounded two others. Apparently, they don't need much more practice before participating in a war.

SO KING TUT died of appendicitis, scientists now say. If he'd have lived long enough to see his doctor's bill, he probably would have died of heart failure.

SENATE doctors say Fall was really sick. No, probably he just felt that way after reading Roosevelt's testimony.

## EARTH FORMED BY ACCIDENT TO SUN

This Is Theory Advanced by Many Scientists—Another Star With Greater Gravity Pulling It Out of Shape.



THE DIAGRAM SHOWS THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH AND PLANETS ACCORDING TO THE PLANETESIMAL HYPOTHESIS. A PASSING STAR, A, EXERCISED A PULL ON THE SUN AS SHOWN BY THE ARROW B. THIS HAD THE SAME INTERNAL EFFECT ON THE SUN AS PRESSURE APPLIED AT C AND D. AS A RESULT THE TWO STREAMS OF MATERIAL E AND F WERE SHOT OUT OF THE SUN. THESE FORMED THE SECONDARY NEBULA OUT OF WHICH THE SOLAR SYSTEM GREW.

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**T**HE planetesimal theory assumes our sun developed from some primary nebula, but at this stage there were no planets in existence.

Then it supposes at some later time—probably billions of years after this initial development—a great disaster overtook the sun.

It is supposed another star passed near the sun, so close to the sun it exerted a great gravitational force upon it.

Since this force would be greater upon the side of the sun which faced the star, its effect would be to pull the sun out of shape, elongating the equatorial region and flattening the polar regions.

This flattening would increase the

pressure upon the center of the sun until it became so great it would force the molten material in the center of the sun out through the surface. In consequence one stream of material would be shot out in the direction of the disturbing star. The other stream would be in the opposite direction. It would be just like squeezing a rubber bulb which had a hole at each end, but a bulb which instead of containing water, contained an explosive material at high pressure and temperature.

The motion of the disturbing star would exert a second influence upon these two streams of matter. It would cause a sideways pull that would start them revolving around the sun.

As a result we would have the formation of what has sometimes been called a secondary spiral nebula. At the center would be the great flaming sun and around it a revolving spiral of nebulous matter stretching out for millions and millions of miles.

**Cause Revolving Motion**

It is assumed in this spiral nebula there would be knots of matter or nuclei denser than the rest of the material.

Within a short time, from the standpoint of astronomy, the spiral nebula would have lost its heat due to the intense cold of empty space.

It is thought the nuclei would have contracted into fairly large bodies and the rest of the nebula into little chunks of matter which the geologists have named planetesimals.

The motion of the planetesimals must have been very irregular. Collisions would have been frequent. Due to gravity, the nuclei would begin to attract the planetesimals.

In this way each nucleus grew into one of the present planets or satellites.

**Difference of Opinion**

There is a difference of opinion among geologists as to just how the growth of the planets from these original nuclei took place.

According to one theory, the planetesimals were dust-like particles. The adherents of this theory believe the earth assumed its present general contour when only one-fourth its present size and that it grew slowly to its present size by the accumulation of these dust-like particles.

The other group, which includes Prof. Joseph Barrell, Prof. Charles Schuchert and many of the other most eminent geologists of the day, believes the growth of the earth was very rapid and the planetesimals were very large, many having a diameter of several hundred miles.

This group believes the planetesimals must have struck the nucleus with great force, liquifying both themselves and their surroundings by the impact. They believe so much heat developed from these continuous collisions the earth, at the close of the formative period, had a molten surface.

Next article in series: The Molten Earth.

## The Daily Smile

### LETTERS SWEET AND FRESHING

**A** SOFT drink millionaire who won't be 100 years old for a long time yet, not for twenty-three years, is being sued for breach of promise by a young girl of fifty-seven.

Our expert guess is he wrote those crazy "sweeties" letters to her after tanking up on his soft drinks.

SPORTS

There is talk in golf circles of making the golf ball lighter. And we hear talk in Washington of making the suitcase lighter. The lighter golf ball wouldn't go so far, and neither would the lighter suitcase.

**DEATHS**

Chamber of Commerce convention on Pacific coast killed a resolution calling for stronger beer. Webs can't even drown their sorrow now.

**BEAUTY SECRETS**

A girl who is the picture of health needs a good frame.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

One at school's worth two at pool.

**TAX NOTICE**

Portland (Ore.) man is suing for \$1,410,000. If he gets it where will he get enough money to pay the taxes on it?

**SOCIAL**

Should mothers select their daughter's husbands? That is a question of a few years older than Ann, our answer is: "No." A woman did it in New York. Her daughter had a husband and mamma ran away with him. Mothers should not select their daughter's husbands.

**EDITORIAL**

Oregon City (Ore.) Democrats are using teapots for emblems. They are small and made of aluminum. If they were large and made of copper they could be used for stills after election. Then the teapots could continue brewing trouble.

**CONTEST**

Princeton professors are seeking the six most important words in the English language.

Just to help them along Dan Dobb offers three valuable prizes: First, one reliable bootlegger's address; second, nomination for President; third, good 1923 calendar.

Dan Dobb thinks the six most important words are: "The income tax has been reduced."

**HOME HELPS**

Our Government has published a booklet on the care of parrots. We hasten to assure you the parrots mentioned are not Congressmen. Some Congressmen are parrots, some are wild birds, some are smart birds and some are bears.

But they take care of themselves.

**FICTION**

"There is no cause for alarm in the oil scandal."

**Heard in the Smoking Room**

**A** WELL-KNOWN business man, a Mr. Smith, remarked the physician among the smokers, "came into my office the other day greatly disturbed. 'Doc,' he said, 'we have at our house a miserable epidemic of fever sores about the mouth and are all looking like frogs. See mine, here! Lips like raw liver. It first appeared on Mrs. Smith's maid. I got it. Mrs.

Smith next. Then her music teacher. Nobody can come to the house without breaking out with these infernal sores. What should I do about it?'

"Looking him in the eye, I replied:

"It is a trouble that spreads by contact. Fire the maid and that music teacher. Five dollars, advisory fee, please."

"Smith reddened, gave me half a look and laid down a five-dollar bill."

**Family Fun**

**Describing Grandpa**

"Grandfather was a big lumber man, wasn't he?"

"Well, he had a wooden leg."

**Judge**

**Son's Self-Defense**

"Abe, give me a sentence containing the words 'self-defense.'"

"After my fodder heard from the carpenter he said: 'Never mind, I'll fix myself in fence.'"

—American Legion Weekly.

**One for the Doctor**

"Give me something for my head, Doc, quick; give me something for it."

"I wouldn't take it as a gift."

Wasp.

**Advanced Announcement**

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