

## ROBERTS RATIFIED BY SENATE VOTE AS OIL COUNSEL

Sensational 'Confession' Pro-  
vides New Evidence for  
Teapot Probers.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia was confirmed as second oil counsel by the Senate today.

His confirmation, coming by an overwhelming majority, completed action of the Senate toward bringing the leases into the Federal Court.

A sensational "confession" has provided the Senate oil investigators with new evidence relating to oil speculation.

Committee members declined to reveal who made the confession and were carefully guarding details of the new evidence. Several subpoenas have been issued, however, for important "witnesses" whose names are being withheld for the present.

Vote Is 68 to 8

The vote on Roberts was 68 to 8. Those voting against Roberts included: Senators Ashurst, Wheeler and Shepard, Democrats; Brookhart, Frazier and La Follette, Republicans; Johnson of Minnesota, and Shipstead, Farmer-Labor.

Senators Adams and Dill, Democrats who opposed Pomerene, voted for Roberts.

Subpoenas require books of several brokerage houses to be brought to Washington immediately.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, who is not a member of the investigating committee, is leading the new trial during the absence of Senator Walsh, Montana.

McLean in Washington

Edward B. McLean, millionaire Washington publisher, who was subpoenaed from Palm Beach, Fla., has arrived in Washington. Senator Walsh previously said McLean was called to tell what he knew of reports regarding existence of a so-called \$1,000,000 slush fund and other matters.

The books of the brokers are expected to be in Lenroot's hands by Tuesday at the latest.

Lenroot refused to confirm or deny subpoenas were issued for Harry Payne Whitney, associate of Harry F. Sinclair, Elmer Smathers, J. Philip Benard, Harry B. Benard and also the order clerk and office manager of J. P. Benard & Co. of New York.

Court action on the oil scandal is promised within forty-eight hours.

Further hearings have been postponed to Feb. 25.

Confirmation of Roberts by the Senate was believed certain, though after considerable criticism from Senator La Follette and others.

Pomerene Is Confirmed

Atle Pomerene, Ohio, who was confirmed Saturday night by the Senate, said today as soon as Roberts is confirmed a statement will be issued, outlining the procedure the special counsel will follow.

Pomerene indicated this will consist, first, of the injunction suit to stop further pumping of oil from the reserves and application for receivers to take care of the interests of the Government and the leases until the cases are finally decided; second, suits to abrogate the leases, and, finally, convening of a federal grand jury to return indictments against any deemed guilty of criminal actions in connection with the lease.

Immediately after Roberts is confirmed, the Senate is to dispose of the resolution appropriating \$100,000 for court action. This already has passed the House and its adoption by the Senate will provide funds for employment of assistance by Pomerene and Roberts.

Ready for Action.

With these steps taken, the Teapot Dome scandal will definitely pass from the realm of investigation into that of action. At the same time, however, the committee will keep in close contact with the special counsel and new developments when the inquiry is resumed will be instantly communicated to the lawyers for such actions as may be proper.

Additional counsel may be selected by the Senate. Senator Pittman, member of the investigating committee, believed Roberts and Pomerene ought to have some capable assistance. He wants to propose that a call be issued for volunteers to aid in the prosecution. He believes some of the nation's greatest legal authorities might offer their assistance.

SMITHY BUSY 72 YEARS

Jasper Tradesman Will Celebrate 89th Birthday Wednesday.

By Times Special  
JASPER, Ind., Feb. 18.—Sparks have fallen from the anvil of Felix Lampert, who will celebrate his eighty-ninth birthday Wednesday, for more than seventy-two years.

This veteran blacksmith never missed a day at his shop on account of illness, and can do as much work as any of his employees, he says.

"If I couldn't work I don't know what I would do," Lampert says. He began working at his trade before he was seventeen and all but three years of his service has been in Jasper. He was born in Germany.

ALL-DAY SHOOT FEB. 22

Gun Club Washington Birthday Handicap Starts at 9:30 A. M.

Rain and cold weather hindered the weekly shoot of the Indianapolis Gun Club Saturday and low scores resulted. Ensminger captured the single with 86 out of 100 targets. Burford took the double with 18 out of 12 pair.

The Washington Birthday handicap will start at 9:30 a. m. on Friday. A hot dinner will be served. A number of out-of-town entries are expected.

Bond Issue "Goes Begging"

A \$600,000 bond issue of the city sanitary department went begging today when no bidders appeared in the office of Joseph L. Hogue, city controller. The bonds will continue to

## Champion Corn Shucker Is Seeking Governorship



## RAY PROPOSES BILL TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Councilman to Offer Ordinance Creating Openings in Street Department for City's Jobless.

Councilman Otto Ray will introduce an ordinance in city council tonight asking an appropriation of \$20,000 to furnish work for unemployed men in the city, he announced today.

The measure will be modeled after an ordinance passed by the council in 1922 during the unemployment period

when men were given work on streets and alleys and in the street cleaning department to earn a living wage and support for their families.

Although Ray said the city employment situation was acute, W. T. Bailey, assistant city attorney, said he had no more than the average number of requests for food, fuel and clothing. He said he did not believe the emergency existed for Ray's ordinance.

Several men called at the mayor's office today seeking work. They were referred to Martin J. Hyland, highway commissioner.

## JUDGE SLAIN ON BENCH AT TRIAL OF DIVORCE SUIT

Husband Turns Revolver on  
Self After Firing at Wife's  
Attorney.

By Times Special  
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 18.—District Judge William Morning was shot and killed in court today by Wallace G. Wallack, who a moment later killed himself with the same revolver.

Clifford L. Rein, attorney for Mrs. Wallack, whose suit for non-support was being heard, escaped injured when Wallack's shot missed fire.

When court convened for the day Wallack appeared without legal advisors.

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