

DOHENY TALKS OF COSTS IN DEFENSE IN OIL LEASES

Tells Financial Journalist \$100,000,000 Could Be Made Off Leases

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—"A lot of people in this country are trying to run the American people off their feet" in the investigation of the naval oil lease scandal in Washington, E. L. Doheny told E. W. Barlow of the Wall Street Journal and Dow-Jones financial news service in an interview today.

Doheny defended the lease he holds on naval oil reserves in California and explained his statement that his companies ought to make a profit of \$100,000,000 from the reserve.

"Naval reserve number one consists of approximately 32,000 acres of the land. Under the most advantageous conditions that could yield—if it were all loose sand, high gas pressure and light oil—it would take at least one well for every ten acres. That is, 2,000 wells for the 32,000 acres.

\$30,000 A Well

"Under conditions which have thus far existed and now exist, those wells will cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to the well. Wells at Santa Fe, Signal Hill and Huntington Beach cost an average of over \$100,000 to the well."

"Thirty-two hundred wells at \$35,000 to the well would represent an investment of more than \$100,000,000 for the cost of the wells alone."

Doheny explained that to extract the oil alone, a first investment of about \$100,000 is faced. A fixed investment for transporting, refining and delivering on board ship requires an additional \$14,000,000.

\$100,000,000 Profit

"In a period of from twenty to twenty-five years by intelligent and business-like handling one who is willing to make an investment of a minimum of \$125,000,000 with the understanding that the maximum investment required may be as much as \$50,000,000, ought to be able to realize the profit of \$10,000,000 I have referred to."

"Such a profit in such a period of time upon such an investment when the attending risks are kept in mind, is obviously not a great one."

"It might average \$4,000,000 or even \$5,000,000 per annum after millions were invested—but—but no profit could be realized until the investment was first returned."

Asked for his final impression of the investigation in Washington, Doheny said:

"It reminded me of old times in the Middle West when one of our dogs at the matinee session joined the wolves. The wolves would surround our camp at night and I could hear my own dog barking among those wolves as they howled around us."

Doheny said he did not ask former Secretary of the Interior Fall to go on the stand and tell about Doheny's loan to him of \$100,000 because "Mr. Fall is a very independent man and nobody controls him."

CHEWING GUM IS USED IN ROBBERY

Sticky Stuff Nets Thieves \$50,000 in Bonds.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Authorities today sought two men, who, with the aid of a small stick and a wad of chewing gum, stole \$50,000 worth of Government bonds from the People's Trust and Savings Bank here yesterday.

The bonds disappeared from a cashier's cage during the absence of a clerk. When the clerk left the cage, police said, the bonds were stacked in a neat pile. He returned, found them disarrayed and smeared with chewing gum and five of the bonds missing.

Two women stenographers reported seeing two men loitering near the cage shortly after the arrival of the bonds.

HOME RULE STRESSED

Dale Crittenden Speaks at Rally of Noble County Democrats.

By Times Special
ALBION, Ind., Feb. 20.—Home rule in government was stressed in an address by Dale Crittenden of Anderson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, in an address before Noble County Democrats in an all-day rally here today.

"The right of a township to build a schoolhouse should not depend upon the whims of an official board far removed from the town or township, unaccountable to the people who will pay for it," Crittenden said. He stated that if elected he would make an effort to restore local government.

LINTON G. O. P. TO MEET

Mrs. E. C. Rumpf and State Chairman to Speak Thursday.

Mrs. E. C. Rumpf, Indianapolis, and Frederick E. Schortemeyer, secretary of the Republican State committee, will speak at a Fifth District Republican meeting at Terre Haute Thursday night.

Escaped Prisoner Arrested

By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 20.—Police went to Caucaudua, N. Y., today to take custody of Edward Thomas, who escaped from a State reformatory parole officer last week and fled with his wife in a rented car. He was arrested Tuesday.

HAVE DOGS SAME LEGAL RIGHTS AS MEN?

DOG RULED A SUICIDE AND COURT IS ASKED TO SAVE SIX DOOMED IN OWNER'S WILL

By ALEXANDER HERMAN

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—Do dogs commit suicide? Can they be killed at the will of their owner?

The courts of this state will have to decide, for a dog has his day even before the law.

The principal in the first case is one "Pep," late pet of the Jacobus family of fashionable Montclair.

He was a valuable English setter, a favorite with all. One day last October he ran out on the middle of the road near his home, just as a machine, driven by the wife of a railroad official, came along. The woman tried to stop the car, but it was too late.

Pep's owner started an action in the District Court to recover \$400 damages. He proved that the dog was worth that much, and then contended that Pep had been rightfully on the highway, and had been killed by a speeding automobile.

Frank C. Turner, attorney for the defense, argued that the dog failed to follow the instinct to get out of the way, and that he therefore contributed to his death by his own negligence, and was guilty, to all legal purposes, of committing suicide.

The judge accepted this same view, and decided against Pep's owners. Now they are preparing to carry the case to a higher court.

In the second case, six bloodied aristocrats of dogdom are the principals. They were the pets of Mrs. Bartholomew Dunn of Summit, N. J., who died recently.

She was afraid that the pets might be mistreated after her death. So she willed that they be chloroformed!

Her heirs want to break the will. For not only are the dogs favorites of theirs, but they also have a great value—two of them at least being worth \$1,000 each.

If the court makes a ruling in this case, it may set a precedent that may be a boon to thousands of youngsters who have no recourse when the dog-catcher comes along and takes their mongrel pups to the pound.

So they are rooting for the Dunn dogs—not that they should like to own 'em—

But because they may make the world safer for their own pets.



COULD A SETTER LIKE THIS COMMIT SUICIDE? A NEW JERSEY COURT ANSWERS "YES!"

STATE SEEKS BRAKE SAFETY

Conference of Traction Mechanics Called After Inspector Reports Air Tanks in Bad Order.

A conference to prevent possible explosions of defective air pressure tanks on Indiana street and traction cars has been called by the public service commission for March 4 at the Statehouse.

The call follows a report by B. W. Bissell, chief boiler inspector, that a number of safety valves on Union Traction cars had failed, upon test, to operate properly.

H. A. Nicholl, general manager of the traction company, refused to take any action, and in a letter to Bissell stated that the State possessed no authority under the State boiler law to claim jurisdiction over air brake tanks or traction cars.

The commission in a letter to twenty traction companies asked that master mechanics be sent to the conference.

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SINCLAIR TO TESTIFY

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in other States by defective tanks exploding.

The conference is another step in the investigation of the commission, it is understood, into the Fortville wreck, where two Union Traction cars collided with a heavy loss of life.

John W. McCord, chairman, declined to comment upon the reported call for a conference on tank system safety signal devices on the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern and the Interstate Traction Companies at the Statehouse soon.

Samuel R. Arthur, commissioner in charge of the inquiry, Thursday will begin writing an order on traction safety device regulation and recommendations for abolishment of a thirteen-hour day, following the Fortville wreck, it is understood.

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Whole Thing Is Silly

"If this hysteria continues the only thing to do is to close the stock exchange and halt all business. The whole thing is silly to me. How are we to have a liquid business unless we buy and sell things?"

Asked if he had dealt through any other firm but Bonkard & Co. on Sinclair stock, Elkins said he had, but declined to name the firm or firms.

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While he was waiting, Elkins went to his office for a conference with Harry Payne Whitney, New York sportsman, and Whitney's lawyer, Frank L. Crocker, who had just appeared before the committee.

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