

JOHN D. JR. 'SORRY' FOR STEWART SENATE DEFIANCE

TOLD OIL KING TO 'BARE ALL' OF 1921 DEAL

Rockefeller's Letters Made Public by Walsh, Leader in Dome Quiz.

BURNS DECISION TODAY

Judge to Rule on Request to Dismiss Sinclair Contempt Case.

BY HERBERT LITTLE
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., persuaded Col. Robert W. Stewart of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana to return from Cuba to appear before the Senate Teapot Dome committee and is "sorry" now that Stewart did not answer all the questions of the committee.

These facts were developed today when Senator Walsh of Montana made public a series of letters and telegrams.

The correspondence disclosed that Rockefeller, who owns most of the Indiana company of which Stewart is chairman of the board, directed Stewart to tell all he knew about the mysterious deal of oil men in 1921 by which a \$3,000,000 fund was secreted in the Continental Trading Company of Canada.

Stewart was arrested on a Senate warrant last week for refusing to answer committee questions and the issue thus raised now is awaiting decision in the District Supreme Court.

The correspondence also revealed that Stewart told his side of the story—the same he told on the witness stand—to Rockefeller several years ago when political suspicion was first cast on the deal.

'Should Have Told All'

After Stewart had testified he personally made nothing from the Continental deal but refused to answer questions about whether he knew who got the money, Walsh called Rockefeller's attention to "how well your administration to Mr. Stewart was observed by that gentleman."

Rockefeller then wrote as follows in a letter to Walsh dated Feb. 2:

"Colonel Stewart's testimony before the Senate committee as reported by today's newspapers covered all the information given me and confirmed his statement to me, previously referred to, that he did not personally profit by the transactions in question."

"I have not felt that Colonel Stewart failed in his duty to his stockholders, but I am sorry that he did not answer all your questions, for the situation calls for the fullest disclosure of the facts."

"You are, of course, to use our correspondence in any way that will serve the public interest."

How Rockefeller asked Stewart to testify was revealed in a letter he sent Stewart, Jan. 24, the substance of which he telegraphed to Stewart two days later when he discovered Stewart was in Havana. Rockefeller said:

"The situation has reached such a stage that nothing short of the fullest and most complete statement of all the facts relating to the Continental Trading Company can clear the skirts of those, who, like yourself, had no improper connection with the transactions in question and remove the cloud of suspicion which hangs over the entire oil industry."

Burns Ruling Today

"You owe it to yourself and to your assistants in the management of your company, to your stockholders and to the public to help bring those transactions into the fullest light that can be thrown upon the situation."

"No desire, however, praise worthy, to protect those who may have been guilty of wrong doing, justifies the withholding of any slightest fact that will help clear up the situation."

Walsh first wrote Rockefeller, Jan. 16, asking him to help the committee fathom the mysterious deal in which some of the officials in the Rockefeller concerns were involved.

Justice Siddons, sitting in the Sinclair-Burns contempt case, said today he expected to announce his decision on the defense motion for dismissal this afternoon. Granting of the motion would end the case, now in its ninth week.

Wayne O'Neil, son of James E. O'Neil, missing oil witness has not been located by Federal subpoena servers in a three-day search, it developed today at the Senate Teapot Dome hearing.

AUTO HITS AGED MAN

Ferdinand Norkus, 74, in Serious Condition After Accident.

Ferdinand Norkus, 74, struck by an automobile at Ohio St. and Arsenal Ave., this morning, is in a serious condition at his home, 351 N. Jefferson St.

The car was driven by Elmer Perkins of 440 N. Grand Ave. Norkus had several ribs broken and severe scalp wounds.

HUNT RUNAWAY GIRL

Three Other Missing Persons Sought by Police.

Police today are searching for 17-year-old Lena Kid, who was reported to be en route here with a man and woman, having run away from her home at Kokomo, Ind. Report was made by W. B. Kid of Kokomo, the girl's father.

Clifford Firestone, 14, is missing from his home, 3249 Adams St., his father Charles Adams, told police. The youth left home Tuesday to attend class at School 11, but did not arrive there.

James Malton, 40, left his home at 921 S. Capitol Ave., last Saturday night and has not been seen since, a son told police.

Lloyd Brown, 18, Negro, of 211 N. Delaware St., left home to attend high school, but did not arrive.

Frank McIntyre, of 113 Greeley St., requested police cooperation in locating Harry Monroe Deck, who was last heard of at Denver, Colo. McIntyre wants to inform Deck of the death of his (Deck's) mother.

THRASHERMEN MEET

Record Registration Marks Session Start.

The eighteenth annual three-day convention of the Indiana Brotherhood of Thrashermen opened at the Sevier Inn this morning with largest registration on record, according to E. E. Isenhower, Indianapolis, secretary.

The first formal session was opened by President Elmer Crull, Hagerstown. Jessie Fletcher, manager of the Sevier, made the welcome address and Isenhower took up the topic of "The Thrashermen's Task" in the principal talk of the meeting.

Special music and surprises will be features of the evening's program.

Indiana's oldest thrasherman, James R. Cree, Flora, will speak before the Thursday morning session.

Ralph Teeter, chief engineer of the Perfect Circle Company, will talk on "Motor Efficiency." A general discussion of various types of tractors will follow.

Improvements in thrashers are running along in a ratio with improvements in airplanes and motor cars, according to thrashermen. The gas tractor is rapidly replacing the steam model for power.

CHURCHES TARGET OF YOUNG FIREBUGS

By United Press

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Police renewed the search for Boston's "firebug" today after confessions obtained from two boys had been followed by two more church fires.

Scarcely had authorities finished questioning the youthful pyromaniacs when fires broke out in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and St. Peter's Lithuanian church, both located in South Boston, scene of six other incendiary fires.

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MATRON LIES NEAR DEATH FROM BLOWS

Boy Inmate of State School at Plainfield Wields Mallet in Escape.

Mrs. Helen Kirk, 30, matron at the State Boys' School, Plainfield, remained unconscious with only a slight chance for life, at the Methodist Hospital here today from malice blows struck by an inmate, Anson Hafer, 16, in escaping.

Hafer caused his own undoing by hiring a taxicab. At Brazil, thirty miles west of Plainfield, the driver, Howard Christopher, took advantage of an unguarded moment and overpowered the boy. He was returned to Plainfield.

Hafer admitted the attack, saying he did not know how many times he struck Mrs. Kirk. Physicians believed she was hit thirty or forty times. The boy is charged with assault with intent to kill.

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RE-ARREST CONVICT AS HE LEAVES CELL

Serves Two Terms; Faces Another on Child Neglect Charge.

When Sam Bartlett walked out of Indiana State prison Tuesday, where he had spent the last two years, he was confronted by Bailiff William J. Fahey of Marion County juvenile court with a warrant for child neglect. The warrant had been issued Monday.

Barnett has served the maximum of a one-to-two-year sentence for transporting liquor. Previously he had served a year and a day at the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., on a similar charge.

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