

# REBUKE ROBINSON FOR SLUR ON FRANKLIN K. LANE

## WILSON'S AID IS DEFENDED IN SENATE DEBATE

G. O. P. Leaders Join Jim Reed in Upholding Name of Late Secretary.

## LINKS AL AND SINCLAIR

State Junior Member Hints Oil Man Contributed to Smith Fund.

*By Times Special*  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Arthur R. Robinson was rebuked in the Senate late Monday by leading Republicans as well as by Senator Reed (Dem.), Missouri, for questions understood by these men to refer slightly to the reputation of the late Franklin K. Lane, Democratic Secretary of the Interior.

He got off more lightly for his questions as to whether Harry F. Sinclair had not contributed to the campaign funds of Governor Al Smith of New York in 1920, and had not held office for four succeeding years as a member of the New York racing commission by appointment of Smith.

Senator Reed of Missouri, an old antagonist of Robinson in Senate debate, referred to the latter questions only as attempts to drag a red herring across Republican responsibility for the Teapot Dome scandal.

### Defends Name of Lane

But to Robinson's questions about Lane, Reed answered comparing Senator Borah of Idaho with Robinson:

"The great Senator from Idaho (Borah) faces facts as those do not who impugn the integrity of the dead whose voiceless lips can not speak in defense of an honorable reputation."

Robinson has asked in effect if Lane had not been "fired" by President Wilson after disagreeing with the latter upon the wisdom of leasing certain parts of the California oil reserves, and had taken a job with the Sinclair interests at \$50,000 a year.

Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, a leader among the conservative Republicans, sprang to his feet:

"No word in the testimony before the committee or act in Lane's administration could be held against him. I would say this if he were alive as I do now that he is dead."

Senator Hiram Johnson of California followed Reed.

"I went to college with Franklin Lane and knew him from boyhood, and he was a decent, upstanding American citizen all his life," he said.

### Bill Passed in 1929

"I was merely asking the question," said Robinson.

"I should like to know further if the legislation under which the oil leasing transactions occurred wasn't passed during a Democratic administration?"

Senator Walsh of Montana, saying he didn't see what relevancy the question had, answered:

"It was passed in 1920 when President Wilson was in the White House and the Republicans were in power in Congress. But the Supreme Court has pointed out the oil lands were alienated in spite of and not because of the law. Mr. Lane took employment with E. L. Doheny."

"What comfort would the Senator from Indiana get in connection with this gigantic corruption and fraud in his party if the statements about Lane were true?" asked Senator Bratton (Dem.) of New Mexico.

"I despise corruption in either party," returned Robinson.

Robinson then suggested that the Teapot Dome committee call Governor Smith to question him about Sinclair and the racing commission appointment, asking if Sinclair didn't hold the office of racing commissioner through all the years with which the committee is dealing:

### Hints Sinclair Aid to Al

"The Senator from Indiana is making an unreasonable request. That is not the committee's province unless it is shown that Governor Smith was involved in the oil scandal," returned Senator Nye, chairman of the committee.

"The Governor of New York might explain," said Robinson, "a lot of things might be brought to light which might show that on the Democratic side people working in the dark knew more about the Continental Oil bonds than they are willing to testify."

"When a man gets up here on this floor and makes such insinuations, I don't know but what he is going beyond his privileges on the floor," said Senator James Reed. "Surely the Senator doesn't mean Governor Smith turned over State property to Sinclair?"

"I don't know," answered Robinson. "There is much circumstantial evidence that Smith should be called before the committee."

## HOLD CRATTY MEMORIAL

National Secretary Honored for W. C. A. Work.

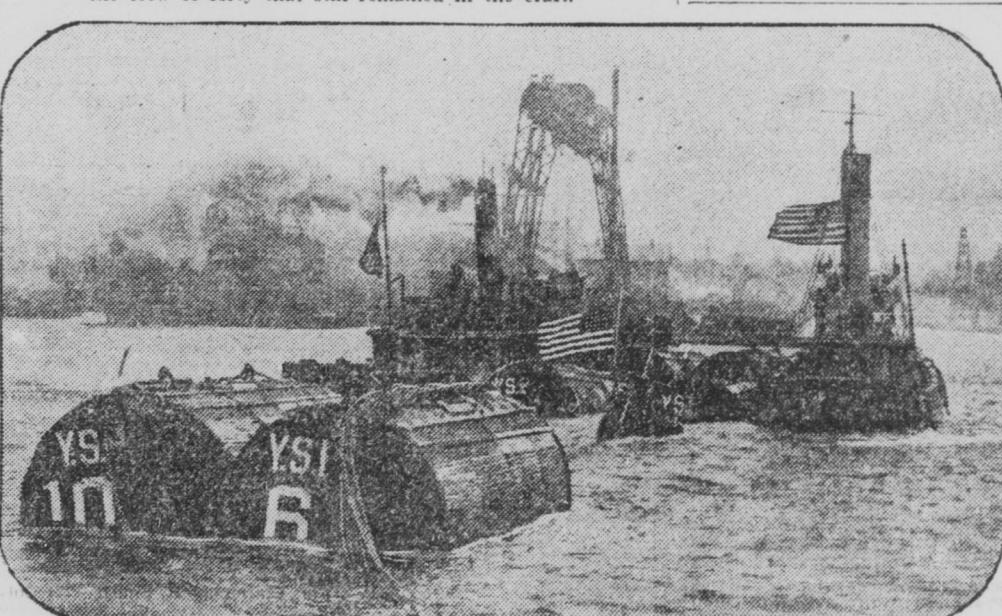
A memorial service for Miss Mabel Cratty, general secretary of the national Y. W. C. A., was held at the local monthly Y. W. C. A. board meeting Monday in charge of Mrs. William Herbert Gibbs.

Miss Cratty was chiefly responsible for the formation of the national organization from hundreds of independent associations throughout the United States. Mrs. Samuel Ashby, president of the local board, and Miss Annette Dieckmann, national industrial secretary, took part in the services.

## S-4 at Last in Harbor



With the flag half-masted on its conning tower, which was all that was visible of the water-filled wreckage, the submarine S-4 was towed to the Boston navy yard Monday for removal of the eight bodies of the crew of forty that still remained in the craft.



Only by a narrow margin did the submarine S-4 escape sinking a second time after it was raised off Provincetown, Mass. Here are the navy tugs bringing it safely into Boston harbor just a head of a storm that would have broken it from the pontoons in the open sea. The conning tower, with the colors at half mast, is visible between the cylindrical floats that brought the wreckage to the surface.

## COLLECT PAY BOOST

Cops Out After License Fees; 50 Arrested.

Police began a drive today to replenish the city coffers with money to meet the recent police and firemen pay increase of \$10 a year.

Warned at roll call by City License Inspector Otto Ray that the city controller did not have the money to pay the increase principally because numerous rooming house keepers, coal dealers, peddlers and the like have not paid license fees due Jan. 1, patrolmen decided to day that it was their opportunity to earn their own pay boost.

Fifty alleged violators were slated to appear in court before the officers were on the job two hours. A hundred more appeared doomed to start before the judge unless they hurriedly obtained license tags.

## SEEK MEMORIAL LAND

Condemnation Proceedings on George Rogers Clark Site Begun.

Condemnation proceedings to acquire land for the George Rogers Clark memorial at Vincennes were filed Monday in the Knox Circuit Court by the State against a lot owned by William E. and Jennie Hutton, located at the south end of the proposed memorial plaza and valued between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The complaint filed by Connor Ross, deputy attorney general of Indiana, sets out that the members of the Clark memorial commission could not come to an agreement with the owners as to the value of the property and asks that three appraisers be appointed.

## ASK POST ASSETS BIDS

Bankruptcy Referee to Sell Property of Defunct Newspaper.

Bids for sale of the defunct Indianapolis Post Publishing Company physical assets will be received from 10 a. m. April 2 to 30, Carl Wile, referee in bankruptcy, announced today.

After the private sale, assets remaining will be sold at auction. While the bankruptcy petition listed assets of \$10,000, the unencumbered assets to be sold have been appraised at \$29,284. Liabilities are listed at \$53,460.

## NEGRO SHOT AT PARTY

Thirteen Negroes are under arrest and police sought two others in an attempt to apprehend the persons who fired the shots that struck William Mathews, Negro, 1738 Mill St., at a party late Monday night.

Mathews, who was taken to the city hospital where his condition is regarded as critical, was shot three times in the back and legs.

Police were unable to learn where the party was held.

### Sugar Factory Proposed

*By Times Special*  
PORTLAND, Ind., March 20.—A beet sugar factory may be obtained for this city as a result of a meeting here tonight at which Jay County farmers and representatives of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar Company will consider beet raising possibilities.

## CALL SCHWAB, ROCKEFELLER IN COAL QUIZ

Senate Committee Issues Subpoenas; Coolidge Disapproves Parley.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Senate coal committee has issued subpoenas for John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; Charles M. Schwab and R. B. Mellon, Senator Wheeler announced today.

Governor John Fisher of Pennsylvania will also be summoned, but no subpoena will be issued unless he fails to accept an invitation.

Wheeler will also ask subpoenas for the following: A. K. Oliver, Pittsburgh; W. D. Reiss, Sheboygan, and J. D. Lyles, Pittsburgh.

Wheeler said he hoped to have the first of the new witnesses here before the end of this week.

Meantime, it was learned President Coolidge feels little could be accomplished at a coal strike settlement conference suggested by Fisher Monday. Such a conference to be participated in by State and Federal Government officials and representatives of the miners and operators would embody too many divergent attitudes to affect practical or permanent results, the President believes.

The committee decided to make public a list of stockholders in the Pittsburgh Coal Company, which was submitted today with the request that it be kept secret, unless officials of the company can give adequate reasons for their request.

## COFFIN RIVALS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR NEW CHIEF

Prepare to Balk Chairman's Move in Reorganizing County Party.

George V. Coffin's declaration today that he will not accept re-election as Republican county chairman when the committee is reorganized in May failed to halt the drive against Coffinism by other factions of the party.

The other factional leaders were suspicious that Coffin, recognizing that the linking of his name with "Stephensonism" in the long political corruption inquiry, had so weakened his position that he could not be elected, is stepping out of the picture as graciously as possible with the intention of running another man whom he could control.

**Fight "Coffin Man"**

The opposition was convinced it would have to beat a "Coffin man" to gain control of the county organization.

Coffin announced he would call a meeting of the various factional leaders in the county after the primary election "to have them agree upon a high-class Republican for chairman, who has not been identified with any political faction."

Coffin's promise to call the factions together may have resulted, says his opponents, from the knowledge that just such meetings are being held this week without his approval.

The faction group headed by Ralph A. Lemcke; the Otto Dodson, the Claude E. Negley and William A. Boyce groups; and the Republican Reorganization League are figuring in the conferences, it is understood.

George Denny, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican Reorganization League, said against Coffin's announcement:

"We intend to go right ahead trying to eliminate factionalism and assist in electing a truly representative Republican as chairman."

### Urge Early Trial

In a conference with Prosecutor William H. Remy and Judge Charles M. McCabe relative to a trial date for Coffin's trial on a charge of conspiracy to bribe former Governor Warren T. McCray, Clyde Jones, Coffin's attorney, said the trial should precede the primary May 8, because Coffin might seek re-election as county chairman."

Coffin has headed the county organization since 1924, when he overthrew Shank forces. He was elected city chairman in 1925 and was re-elected county chairman in 1926, without opposition. He has been a force in Marion County Republican politics for twenty years.

### STORE HOLDUP

## IS FRUSTRATED

Bandits Flee When Manager Grabs Knife.

Harry Peak, 24, confessed two more robberies today, bringing his total to fifteen, according to police, who are holding him on a grand jury indictment, charging him with the attempted hold-up of the A. & P. Grocery, 711 Massachusetts Ave., Jan. 28.

Peak was arrested Saturday night in a downtown hotel and confessed at that time to taking part in thirteen robberies with Matthew Roe, 25, of 2016 English Ave., police said. Roe was captured and arrested after a gun battle with the grocery store manager. He implicated Peak.

The fifteen robberies included filling stations, groceries and drug stores and extended from Dec. 15, 1927, according to Peak's confession.

### OPPOSES USE OF ARMY

Congressional Candidate Addresses G. O. P. Negro Women.

"A sound immigration policy that will not endanger the happiness and prosperity of American labor" was advocated by John W. Becker, candidate for the Republican nomination for Congressman from the Seventh district, addressing the Colored Women's Republican Club, N. West and Walnut Sts., Monday night.

Becker upheld the Monroe Doctrine, but said he was "unalterably opposed to the use of our armies, the spilling of American blood in foreign lands, or the giving of American lives to protect the investment of financiers under the guise of maintenance of that doctrine."

He was restrained by Robert Mason, a clerk, who started to call police. He was met at the door by the three partners of the bandit, who struck him and fled.

They carried off an electric drill valued at \$100, however.

### APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

## CAUSES LOSS OF \$4,000

Woodruff Place Blaze Caused by Sparks on Roof.

Fire, starting from sparks on the roof, damaged an apartment building at 651 East Dr., Woodruff Place, Monday afternoon, causing an estimated loss of \$4,000.

Personal belongings of the Misses Ethel Houser, Helen McDonald and Eleanor Ament, Technical High School teachers, were destroyed.

The apartment of H. C. Lecestre suffered most damage, while the apartments of Henry Davis, Paul and John Baumgartner and Richard and Theodore Barker also were damaged.

The roof and upper story of the three-story building were destroyed.

### SHOOTING BALKS POLICE

Negro Woman Held Following Tilt With Husband.

Police couldn't learn today whether Mrs. Bessie Harrison, Negro, 843½ Colton St., fired a shot that put her husband, Everett Harrison, to flight after or before he struck her on the head with a clock, Monday night.

They took her to the city hospital and had her head dressed and then to the city prison and locked her up on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

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