

ROCKEFELLER ASKS STEWART TO GET OUT

Calls on Head of Standard of Indiana to Resign—Fight Possible.

New York, May 9 (AP)—An echo of the naval oil reserves scandal reverberated today in high circles of the oil industry.

Resignation of Colonel Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, was requested by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a heavy stockholder in that corporation and generally acknowledged the outstanding individual influence in the industry as a whole.

Mr. Rockefeller based his action on Colonel Stewart's recent testimony before the Senate committee which at the time was delving into the operations of the Continental Trading Company, specially organized to handle naval reserve royalty oil.

Asserting that he had "lost confidence in Colonel Stewart's leadership," Mr. Rockefeller said he believed the interests of Standard of Indiana would be best served by election of a new chairman. He called upon Colonel Stewart to make good the promise "you voluntarily gave some weeks ago" to resign promptly if and when requested.

Colonel Stewart left New York this afternoon after several conferences believed to have been in connection with the move for his resignation, but before it became public. There was no information in circles identified with his company whether he intended to accede to Mr. Rockefeller's request.

The statement made public by the son and heir of the Standard Oil founder was read by some as indicating at least the possibility of a hot fight among the 52,000 stockholders, before the matter is settled. Reference was made to possibility of a special meeting being called at which the stockholders "might have an opportunity to express themselves."

This statement said: "On April 27th I wrote Colonel Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the following letter: 'Dear Colonel Stewart: 'Your recent testimony before the Senate committee leaves me no alternative other than to ask you to make good the promise you voluntarily gave me some weeks ago, that you would resign at my request. That request I now make.

'Very truly,
'JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.'
'On April 30th, I wrote again as follows:

'Dear Colonel Stewart: 'Mr. Seubert has told me that in the course of the conversation you had with him after the receipt of my letter to you of the 27th inst., mention was made as to the possibility of a special meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana being called so that they might all have an opportunity to express themselves in regard to your suggested resignation. If this plan is to be followed, I have no doubt that you will have the thirty-day call issued at once and that you will wish to write me that this has been done.

'Very truly,
'JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.'
'I have taken the above action because I have lost confidence in Colonel Stewart's leadership and believe that the interests of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana can now best be served by his resignation. This action should not be construed as a prejudgment on my part as to the issues involved in the legal proceedings now pending.'

BUSINESS WORLD WAKING UP, SAYS SENATOR WALSH

Nye congratulates Rockefeller and hopes for Oil Cleanup

Washington, May 10.—"Gratifying evidence that the business world is waking up to the enormity of the offenses revealed by the committee," Senator Walsh, veteran oil prosecutor, commented when advised of the action of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in demanding the resignation of Robert W. Stewart as chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

"It is reassuring to know that the public is not indifferent to such transgressions as those disclosed. The result of the criminal trials might have been different if the public conscience had been earlier aroused by expressions such as those referred to."

Saying that he thought Mr. Rockefeller was to be congratulated, Chairman Nye said he hoped that the stockholders of the Indiana Company would find Mr. Rockefeller's attitude contagious.

"I am happy if the work of the committee investigating the scandal has caused the inauguration of a program for a cleanup in the oil world," the North Dakota Senator added.

The action of Mr. Rockefeller will have no effect upon the proceedings which the Senate has instituted against Stewart as the result of his three appearances before the Teapot Dome Committee. The Chicago oil official is to come to trial on May 21st as a result of his refusal when he

FLOOD CONTROL BILL SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

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Rail Brotherhoods and allied Unions urge Support of Hoover

Cleveland, May 14 (AP)—A communication urging support of Secretary Hoover's presidential candidacy at the May 29th primary in West Virginia was forwarded to the railway labor organizations in that state today under the signature of executives of three railroad brotherhoods and seven allied organizations.

The letter was made public here by D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

It accused Vice President Dawes of subterfuge in announcing his support of former Governor Lowden, of Illinois, claiming that he eventually hopes to gather in the anti-Hoover delegates for himself.

CALL ON REPUBLICANS TO NAME DRY STATE TICKET

Methodists warn They will bolt if Wets are Named

Kansas City, May 10 (AP)—Resolutions calling on the Republican party in New York to nominate dry gubernatorial and senatorial candidates were drawn up here today by a committee of the New York delegation to the Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Support for dry candidates was promised from a quarter million voters, but in event wet candidates were nominated, the resolutions warned the Republican party that Methodists would again bolt the party or would not exercise their franchise.

The resolutions stated that "if the present governor of New York becomes the Democratic presidential candidate, and if the United States Senator (Royal S. Copeland) is nominated, dry voters of that state will have nothing to hope for from the Democratic party."

Chester A. Smith of Peekskill, N. Y., one of the resolution drafters, stated tonight at a meeting of state chairmen of all delegations here for the convention that, although Senator Copeland was a Methodist, he was a wet Methodist and "we show a wet Methodist no consideration."

The resolutions were addressed to the Republican State Committee of New York through Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman; George K. Morris, state chairman and Lafayette B. Gleason, state secretary.

Frank N. Ryder of Cobleskill, N. Y., another drafter, referred to Governor Alfred E. Smith as a "menace to the nation because he had created a disregard for the law."

CONGREGATIONALISTS GAIN 5041 IN MEMBERSHIP

New York, May 11 (AP)—The 299 Congregational churches of New York state gained 5,041 new members during 1927, the National Council of the Congregational churches announced today. Net growth was 1,102 and the present total membership is 70,625.

Congregational Sunday school enrollment is 44,833 and membership of young people's societies is 9,730.

Congregational churches in the state last year raised \$2,093,132, of which \$1,703,541 was spent for local expenses, \$255,343 for missionary work and \$127,324 for other benevolent work.

An increase of \$247 in the average pastoral salary was made last year, bringing it to \$2,504. Two-thirds of the churches also provide a parsonage.

BLIMP LANDS ON MOVING SHIP AT SEA

Exchanges Mail Pouches during Three Minute Stop, then sails Away.

New York, May 10 (AP)—A brief radio message to the Associated Press, "Blimp landed American Trader Ambrose Light," tonight signaled the successful completion of another step forward in aviation.

An airship had landed on and taken off from the deck of a steamer, in motion, taking aboard a cargo of mail and soaring into the air again without halting the surface vessel.

The army blimp TC-5, had settled on the deck of the Shipping Board steamer American Trader three miles off Ambrose Lightship, nestled there three minutes, picked up a sack of mail and took to the air again for the trip back to its hangar at Lakehurst, N. J.

The feat was an experiment arranged between the army air service and the Shipping Board to demonstrate the feasibility of landing an airship on a surface vessel without interfering with the progress of the latter.

The 200-foot non-rigid airship, heading slowly up the coast from Lakehurst, met the American Trader which put to sea at 4 P. M., at a pre-arranged spot near the lightship.

Captain Hubbard C. Fish, master of the steamer, was driving his ship about six knots an hour when Lieutenant U. G. Ent, commanding the airship, put her nose down and pointed for a platform erected on the quarter deck of the American Trader.

Waiting for him on the deck was Lieutenant O. A. Welcher with a landing crew of 21 men from Governors Island. The weather was good and the sea calm.

Slowly the blimp floated downward, passed a line to those aboard the steamer, and was hauled to rest on the platform. The American Trader was still making six knots.

The platform, forty feet above the water line, measured about twenty by thirty feet. The nearest encumbrance aboard was about seventy feet from the edge, providing the blimp, nearly as long as the steamer, with a gondola 20 feet long, ample room to maneuver about the stern of the surface craft.

The blimp came down easily, settling without difficulty as the landing crew hauled her closer and made her fast. The steamer's seventy passengers cheered as they watched the dexterity with which the experiment was conducted.

Three minutes later the blimp, tugging at her lines, was cast off and took the air again, with her cargo of mail. The four-man crew headed the airship back toward home.

Airplanes circled overhead as observers watched the progress of the landing and take-off. Motion pictures were grinding from blimp and plane, from the steamer and from tugs nearby.

T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the Shipping Board, characterized the achievement as a new step in the coordination of air and water transportation.

"It demonstrates," he said, "that under normal conditions a lighter-than-air machine can exchange passengers and cargo with a surface vessel without interfering with the progress of the latter."

NEW REFORESTING MOTION PICTURE

Boy Scouts Demonstrate New Method of Rapid and Successful Planting.

Albany, May 15.—The Conservation Department is just completing a motion picture on reforestation for the instruction of Boy Scouts, clubs, schools and organizations in position to muster large planting crews. The picture shows the rapid progress that can be made by planting with the rope and whistle method, by which large plantations can be rapidly and successfully made in a very short time.

The picture was made at Camp Hawley, the Albany Boy Scout Camp on Kinderhook Lake, where 72 Scouts planted 3,000 trees in less than an hour actual planting time.

The Scouts, under the direction of James Killough, Jr., Scout Executive for Albany county, were organized into 24 planting crews of three boys each, one serving as mattock man to dig the hole, the second serving as tree planter, who placed the tree in the hole at the proper depth and held it, while the third member of the crew, who acted as tree carrier, firmed the soil about the young tree with his foot. Before the planting began a rope 144 feet long was stretched across the field at the starting point and on the rope at six foot intervals were tied small red flags. At the opposite end of the field were fixed stakes surmounted by red flags to serve as markers, two stakes at each end of the field, which enabled the guides at each end of the planting rope to keep their lines true as they

progressed across the field.

Just before the planting began a demonstration was made by foresters from the Conservation Department on the proper method of making the hole, planting the tree, firming the soil and testing the tree to see that it was properly planted. When the Scouts were thoroughly familiar with the method of planting a tree, the planting crews were lined up behind the rope, one crew at each flag, the mattock man first, tree planter second and tree carrier third.

The mattock man marked the ground immediately under the flag where he was to dig his hole. At the first blast of the director's whistle the guides advanced the rope two full paces or six feet, the mattock man dug the hole, advanced to the rope and marked for the second hole, while the tree planter placed the tree in the hole at the proper depth, and a tree carrier firmed the soil about it.

The signals were repeated at 20-second intervals, the guides advancing the line six feet at each signal.

Under this system each one of the 24 planting crews was planting three trees a minute making a total of 72 trees a minute for the entire line.

A number of Scoutmasters followed the line, directing and criticizing the work of the separate crews, cautioning them particularly as to planting at the proper depth and seeing that each tree was securely planted.

Tests of over-100 trees taken at random over the field immediately after planting failed to show one that could be pulled up by its needles.

Every detail of the planting is shown in the motion picture, which will serve to instruct other bodies of Scouts in the proper method of planting young trees so that they will grow.

HEALTH LETTER

By Dr. R. M. Atwater, Acting County Health Officer.

J. H. Korn, M. D.
Supt. Rocky Crest Sanatorium

ROCKY CREST

This institution, supported by the tax payers of Cattaraugus county, is operated for the benefit of tuberculous patients. Last year 103 were treated over a period totalling 16,181 hospital days. Since there are probably not more than 300 residents of the county who have tuberculosis in active form, and during the past year the sanatorium cared for one-third of these, it is easy to see that it is fulfilling an important function in the community. Of those who were treated 91, when discharged, were decidedly improved, and only 12 failed to show improvement. The latter consisted chiefly of those who remained for too short a time and those whose disease was far advanced at the time of admission.

Rocky Crest, in common with other tuberculosis sanatoria, has as one of its main purposes the education of its patients in the art of curing. Regardless of the type of home from which patients come, the sanatorium has something worth while to offer. It provides a regime of treatment, suited to the individual needs, which, having been learned by the patient, is a guide for future home care. It is not the primary function of a sanatorium to retain a patient indefinitely, although home conditions may make that necessary, but rather to train the patient that he may continue successfully his fight against the disease at home. In the cure of tuberculosis there is no short-cut method.

Generally speaking, an early diagnosis is almost a prerequisite to an early cure. Conversely an early cure may be expected if the diagnosis be made early. This emphasizes the importance of having your physician check up carefully the cause of unusual or persistent fatigue, a cough that hangs on, pain in your side, a bloody sputum.

Another function of Rocky Crest is to take care of tuberculous patients whose sputum is infectious, thus protecting their home-folks. Such patients usually remain at the sanatorium for many months, although of course they are at liberty to leave the institution if they wish. The attempt is made at the sanatorium to make such patients happy and to find for them some avocation suited to their tastes.

The sanatorium idea has been sold to the public. This is shown by the fact that in spite of a falling tuberculosis death rate, eleven New York counties, outside of New York City, plan to spend \$4,000,000 in building tuberculosis sanatoria this year.

METHODISTS URGED TO SUPPORT PAPERS DEALING FAIRLY WITH PROHIBITION

Kansas City, May 15 (AP)—Members of the Methodist Episcopal church were urged to give their support to news pages which "deal fairly" with the prohibition movement in a resolution reported to the Quadrennial General Conference of the church here by the committee on temperance, prohibition and public morals.

"We advise our members in subscribing for newspapers and in placing advertising to give their preference to those papers which deal fairly, both in their news and editorial columns, with the prohibition movement," the resolution said.

COMMUNITY WEEK PLANNED

Merchants to send Winner of Popularity Contest to Atlantic City.

Members of the merchants committee of the Salamanca Boosters' Association elected Thomas Baird chairman at a meeting held Monday evening in the Booster office, 15 Main street.

What part the merchants here ought to take in Community Week, June 10th to 16th, was discussed at the meeting and a tentative program suggested. Community Week is to be conducted by the Professional & Business Women's Club, the Salamanca Boosters' Association and John D. Hughes Post, 535, American Legion.

The week's program will include a popularity contest that will close the Saturday preceding Community Week. The winner will work with the three organizations sponsoring the program.

Votes will be given out by merchants with purchases. Besides these, the entrants will sell votes at the cost of one cent each. The duration of the contest will be 18 days, including Sundays.

If present plans are carried out the prize will be a free trip to Atlantic City for the winning girl as well as a girl friend to be selected by her. Monday of Community Week will be the time for special window trimmings to be completed by the merchants, according to the program suggested by the merchants committee.

The following day will be one of bargain sales on the part of merchants who desire to make new customers. The whole week is the beginning of a "Trade at Home" campaign to be launched by the Boosters the week following.

Wednesday has been suggested as Suburban Day. At that time the Farm and Home Bureau will be asked to hold special programs, Secretary Haney says.

Thursday and Friday also will be sales days with the former the occasion of a dollar day sale and the latter of an "hour sale," lasting all day.

Community Week has been planned to get people from surrounding territory to trade in Salamanca.

NO HEARING ON GAS RATES FOR MONTH

Work of checking Corporation's Assets delays Argument.

Buffalo, May 14.—The hearing on the application of the Iroquois Gas Corporation for permission to charge a minimum monthly fee of \$2 to home gas consumers will not be held for at least one month, it was said yesterday by William E. Pooley, member of the public service commission.

Commissioner Pooley said accountants for the commission were going over the books of the company and that at least a month would be required to complete the task. Not until they are through will hearings be held.

It is expected more than one member of the commission will hear the testimony in the case. Commissioner Pooley said one or more outside commissioners would be in attendance.

Corporation Counsel Gregory U. Harmon is ready to combat the effort of the company for an increase in rates. He said last night that he had not chosen the experts who will be sworn by the city, but was confident of beating efforts by the company to obtain a minimum rate of \$2 a month.

One of the principal features involved in the rate is the valuation of the company's properties in Buffalo. Under previous rulings by the commission the company is entitled to a fair return on its property. It is this feature of the proceedings which will be contested sharply by the city.

PREDICTS DEFEAT FOR ANY CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO BE DRY

Kansas City, May 11 (AP)—Defeat of any presidential candidate not known to be "dry" was predicted by Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in addressing a world-wide Methodist conference on prohibition here today.

Dr. Wilson declared the only way to keep the church out of politics in the United States this year would be for both major political parties to "nominate dries who will carry out the prohibition program."

"If any party nominates a nullificationist, or a wet, we shall consider it our Christian duty to defeat him for office and elect a dry and there are enough of us to do it," he asserted.

Oil City Teacher Dead
Oil City, Pa., May 12 (AP)—Miss Anna Thomas, a teacher in the Oil City schools for forty years, died suddenly last night while entering the home of a friend. She was head of the English department of the high school and prominent as a club-woman.

COURT SAVES TOAD FROM BEING SEALED IN STONE

Eastland, Texas, May 1 (AP)—Humanely inclined Eastland citizens obtained a court order today against the sealing of a horned toad in the corner stone of the new court house and the toad, placed in the stone Saturday, was released, none the worse for its 48 hour entombment.

Protests calling for the reptile's release "out of respect for Christianity and the humane citizenship of Texas," moved the commissioners court to order the stone unsealed and the subject of the experiment liberated.

The tradition in this section that a Texas horned toad can live indefinitely without food, water or air was said to have been proven here recently when one was removed alive from the cornerstone of the old court house when it was torn down after a reputed entombment of 31 years.

Killed by Tractor

Utica, May 9 (AP)—Thomas Foley, 19 years old, farmer's helper, Oriskany, near here, was crushed to death this afternoon when the tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him against a tree. His skull was fractured. Foley's mother was killed in an automobile accident just east of this city three weeks ago.

LOOKING BACKWARD

SIXTY YEARS AGO—1866

"Repeated attempts have recently been made to destroy Gillingham's Sash Factory at Olean with fire. Fortunately the fire has been discovered each time before it had made much progress."

"There was shipped at Cattaraugus on the 4th inst., 335 packages of butter and 35 barrels of eggs, and on the 11th inst., 401 packages of butter, 17 barrels of eggs, and 20 boxes of cheese."

Ellicottville—"The summer term of the Union School of this village opened on Monday last (May 11) with Mr. H. Northrup, of Greene, Chango County, as Principal, and Miss Emma Matteson, of this village, as assistant."

"The Arcade Enterprise says: 'The people of Yorkshire are greatly elated over the prospects of the early completion of the B. & W. R. R. They have commenced laying out a town on a large scale, and we have no doubt that they will have quite a large city in the course of a few years—on paper if nothing more!'"

"The Arcade Enterprise says a trout was caught near that village the other day, which weighed two pounds and three ounces."

"The Free Methodists at Yorkshire Corners have purchased of Mr. Cobb the building formerly used as an Odd Fellows' Hall, and will hereafter use it as a church."

Ellicottville—"A party of sportsmen left this village last Saturday for a ten days fishing excursion in the trout regions near Coudersport, Pa."

"The shipments of produce at Cattaraugus on Saturday (May 15) last were 33 boxes of cheese, 346 packages butter, 41 barrels eggs, 900 bushels potatoes."

FORTY YEARS AGO—1886

"Mr. Sidney Banton and Miss Jessie Bull were united in wedlock yesterday afternoon (May 10) at the residence of the bride's parents on Wildwood avenue. It was a quiet wedding, there being present only the immediate relatives of the parties. Rev. J. Bell Neff performed the ceremony."

"Robert Le Blanc has been appointed night caller of the Erie and Nypano, and Eli Smith succeeds him as flagman at the Main street crossing. Mr. Smith was disabled by an injury to his foot in the yard a year or more ago, and this appointment is well placed."

"C. A. Doty has embarked in business again, having purchased the Dorsey Baker stock of harness goods and fixtures."

"Fred Hohman has leased the Erie hotel and is giving the building a thorough overhauling prior to opening it for the accommodation of the public. It will be called 'The Arlington' under the new management. D. E. Blair succeeds Mr. Hohman as manager of the American house. Mr. Blair has had long experience as a landlord."

"There were five births, one death and nine marriages in Salamanca during the month of April."

"It is rumored that the B. & P. Railway Company contemplates the erection of a new passenger depot just north of the Main street crossing."

"Several furies of snow Tuesday and Tuesday night (May 15)."

"Two new bicycles arrived in town Monday (May 14). Maurice Brown and John Donnelly are the owners. After they become masters of their wheels and when the doctors get through with them they will probably join the club which is soon to be organized by the veterans."

"Robert Wright has exchanged his property on Main street with Louis Torge for the Grief residence on Broad street. It is rumored that Mr. Torge contemplates the removal of the wooden building now occupied by Mr. Wright, and the erection of a brick block in its place. Mr. Wright will probably open a jewelry store on the South Side."

TWENTY YEARS AGO—1906

"The rink property has been sold by J. J. Inman to Pat O'Day. One of the conditions of the sale is that the rink be moved south at least 25 feet, so as to give a space of 20 feet between it and Sycamore avenue. It will probably be turned so as to extend north and south, instead of east and west, with entrances from both Race street and Sycamore avenue. The property has a frontage of 140 feet on both these streets. All the lots on Sycamore avenue have been sold, and several houses will be erected there this summer."

"Ellsworth J. Cheney of Freedom was nominated for member of assembly at the Republican county convention held here this afternoon (May 11). * * * The following were elected as delegates to the convention yet to be called: J. S. Whipple of Salamanca, A. T. Fancher of Little Valley, E. B. Vreeland of Salamanca, N. V. V. Franchot of Olean, W. E. Wheeler of Portville, J. J. Volk of Dayton, E. J. Cheney of Freedom, G. E. Spring of Franklinville, J. M. Willson of Cattaraugus, N. R. Williams of Farmersville, and S. N. Wheaton of Little Valley."

"W. D. Meatman, an express messenger running between here and Chicago, was the principal Monday night in an incident which he will probably remember for some time. He and C. F. Sheldon were on train 7 near Chicago on their run, when Mr. Sheldon's revolver, of 35 calibre, slipped from his holster, fell to the floor, and was discharged. The bullet struck a casting, glanced off and struck Mr. Meatman in the left side. It did not pierce his clothing, but struck with sufficient force to raise a blister and make a very sore bruise."

"Washington—The Vreeland emergency currency bill, agreed upon by the Republican caucus, was put through the house, under a special rule, by a vote of 184 to 145. * * * The Democrats * * * went on record as solidly against the measure."

"Ray A. Sprague of Little Valley, a graduate of the University of Buffalo, has accepted a position in the Fay drug store. He is a licensed druggist."

"A gas light in the cellar of Henry Harold's grocery store on Maple street set fire to a rafter early in the evening. * * * The fire was discovered before it made any headway and a pail of water served to extinguish the flames."

"Several real estate transactions have recently been consummated through the P. H. O'Day agency. F. A. Rhoads has purchased the C. H. Buckley residence on Broad street; C. H. Buckley has purchased a lot on Kent avenue; O. E. Blask has purchased a Sycamore avenue lot, and Dr. Spaulding has also purchased a lot on the latter street."

"Olean—Hon. E. B. Vreeland of Salamanca was renominated for congressman from the 37th district at the congressional convention held here this afternoon (May 16)."

"The W. N. Y. & P. Traction Company expects to open the new line from Bradford to connect with the Salamanca line at Seneca Junction, about the end of the month."