

# Oklahoma Politics Beset By Troubles For Six Governors

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21. (AP)—Only one of Oklahoma's seven democratic governors has escaped stormy political skies which this time have wrought their furies on Henry S. Johnston, who now is fighting impeachment.

It was the wartime Governor, Robert L. Williams, whose administration alone was unblemished by legal mixups or impeachment proceedings.

While J. C. (Jack) Walton's open war on the Ku Klux Klan and his removal from office in 1923 was perhaps the most sensational chapter in Sooner history, each of his four predecessors had their troubles.

Charles N. Haskell, who wrote his own campaign songs, led the

list. Two years after his inauguration in 1907 he was indicted for conspiracy to defraud. He sued William Randolph Hearst for \$600,000 alleging Hearst had called him a "tool" of the Standard Oil Company.

Following Haskell was Lee Cruce, whom Haskell had defeated in the state's first election. In 1913 the Oklahoma criminal court of appeals charged Governor Cruce with contempt of court and "expressed regret the chief executive could not be punished."

After Williams' tranquil administration J. A. B. Robertson was elected in 1919. Charges of graft and inefficiency marked the last two years of his term, and a recommendation for impeachment

was defeated in a Republican legislature by one vote. An indictment charging Robertson with bribery was dismissed.

No sooner had Robertson left than "Jack" Walton's turbulent term began. Martial law was declared in several counties as floggings by masked bands led to Walton's fight against the Klan. Charges of corruption piled up. Walton was impeached and ousted a year after his election.

M. E. Trapp, who succeeded Walton, had his own difficulties as lieutenant governor. In 1921 impeachment articles against him were quashed; the following year he was charged with perjury.

A public argument arose between Trapp and Ex-Governor Williams when Trapp wanted to succeed himself as governor. A federal judge Williams said Trapp was ineligible for election, and the supreme court sided with Williams.

Sun bathers from 13 states and three Canadian provinces at St. Petersburg, Fla., formed a club and elected officers.

## Brazilian By Vibrating Water Says He Produces Engine Fuel

LONDON, Feb. 21. (AP)—Water in new guises, as an explosive and as a cheap fuel to run steam engines, is described by Dr. Walter von Hohenau, Brazilian scientist.

By subjecting water to electro-magnetic vibrations of great frequency, he reports for the proceedings of the World's Fuel Conference, he is able to release large volumes of hydrogen and further to extract hydrogen from the remaining oxygen.

The hydrogen thus produced would furnish a fuel gas. Doctor von Hohenau claims that the energy required to do all this is much smaller than the energy which the hydrogen would produce.

"I am working with a voltage of only 10 to 26 volts," he says, "but with an alternation producing from 800,000 to 5,000,000 vibrations per second.

"For every unit of horsepower used in my machine working on low vibrations I can release sufficient hydrogen gas from water to create heat units equivalent to 265 horsepower. When high alternations are used the heat units obtained from every horsepower of energy expended are equivalent to 779 horsepower."

Water always seems peaceful unless it gets mixed up in a fall or hurricane. But Doctor von Hohenau says water may explode.

"If one were to increase the vibrations much above 5,000,000 a second, the hydrogen itself would be decomposed and the water would then begin to become explosive," he said.

"The gas will take the place of the present fuel. Existing engines and boilers will be retained, for the gas burner will be readily adaptable to any boiler. If the principle is adopted for maritime uses, the present bunker space will be

available for cargo, because the plant to produce the gas takes up such a small space."

Scientists here challenge Doctor von Hohenau's statement that he is able to create energy. They admit, however, that he may have gained an increase in mechanical efficiency and say they will welcome the fuller knowledge which they believe will come from his work.

President-elect Hoover has presented the historical society of St. Augustine with a copy of his translation from the Latin of an ancient account on mining and metallurgy.

The skeleton of primitive Arkansas man was recently found, the bones being considerably larger than those of a 6-foot man.

More than 380,000 passengers arrive or depart from Chicago by rail each day. They are carried by 2,050 trains over 23 trunk lines and 15 switching lines.

## GANG WAR OLD STUFF IN 'CHI'

CHICAGO, Feb. 21. (AP)—Nothing new, this gangster rivalry in Chicago. No sensational loop murders in the 'eighties, true; no Scarface Al Capone with an army of lieutenants and bodyguards; no bark of machine guns, no bombs to baffie police. Yet Chicago had its gangs half a century ago.

Gangsters with "fists like coal shovels" are recalled by Patrick J. Conley, who is in a position to know. For 79 years—since he arrived from Ireland at the age of four—Conley has lived in Chicago. When headlines spoke of "Big Jim" Colisimo's death in 1920 as opening a "modern era" of gang warfare in Chicago, Conley knew it wasn't the city's first outbreak of gang feuds.

"What's that, gangsters in the old days?" Conley repeated. "Sure thing, me lad. We had gangsters in the 'eighties—and they were tough ones, too."

"But mind ye, they never did any killin' the ways it is now. No sir! The most they would do was slug and cut each other. Grudge fights and the like o' that would start the sluggin'."

"The gangsters were big strappin' lads and could fight like Kill-kenny cats. I remember the Morrell and McGraw gangs over around Fourteenth street in 'the valley.' When they had a scrap they fought it right out on the spot. Nothin' underhanded, mind ye. And niver a gun was seen or used."

**ON THE ROAD 68 YEARS,  
'UNCLE CHARLEY' QUILTS**

ATCHISON, Kas., Feb. 21. (AP)—The "grand old man" of the traveling profession is retiring after 68 years on the road.

"Uncle Charley" Terry, who made his first sales trip on horseback before the civil war traveled from coast to coast as representative for concerns in St. Louis and Kansas City.

The 92-year-old man heard Lincoln speak several times, voted for him three times, and said Horace Greeley once "talged him to sleep."

## Caveat emptor

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