

ALL STILL SILENT AT WHITE HOUSE OVER CHARGE OF \$250 SPEECH FEE

No Attempt Made to Disprove
Lieut. Devine's Statement
That Coolidge Exacted
Sum for Addressing
Veterans' Societies.

PUBLIC OPINION SEEMS
SHOCKED BY REVELATION.

Democrats, Accepting Evidence
as Conclusive, Call the
Transaction "Sordid."

From The World's Bureau
Special Cable to The World
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The
White House maintained to-day its
silence upon the charges made yester-
day in Jersey City by Lieut. Joseph
J. Devine, a wounded veteran of
Chateau-Thierry, that Calvin Coolidge,
while Vice President, had exacted
a fee of \$250 for making a
memorial address at Bridgeport,
Conn.

This silence, which was the only
greeting accorded the news of the
charges when they were laid before
the President's staff, for submission
to him, took on a suggestion of dis-
comfort to-day. A week ago, when
it first became known that Devine
was considering bringing the matter
to public notice, a different attitude
was taken.

Public Opinion Shocked.

At that time not only was notice
taken of the charges by the White
House, but one of the President's
close advisers—a man of Cabinet
rank, indeed—offered assurances
that the charges were not true. He
declared that those assurances were
based upon the authority of Mr.
Coolidge himself. To-day, however,
neither this man nor any of the
others of the President's immediate
circle had anything to say at all.

Public opinion seemed shocked by
the disclosure, not because Mr. Coolidge
had seen fit to charge for
speeches while he was Vice President
but because he had assessed
veterans of the World War who de-
sired him on account of his national
prominence as the orator at a pa-
triotic memorial occasion.

The Democratic National Commit-
tee issued a scathing denunciation of
the performance, characterizing it as
"sordid" and contrasting it "with the
fine phrases he uttered when he
retired the Soldier Bonus Bill."

No Statement in Sight.

The committee summed up the af-
fair as follows:

"The patriotism of a man who
leaves his home and country and
goes 3,000 miles through submarine-
infested waters and offers his life
in shock of battle may not be bought
nor sold nor compensated, but that
of a Vice President has its price.

GAS MADNESS STALKS PLANT; 2 DIE, 3 CRAZED

Weird Malady Spreads From
Elizabeth Oil Tests;
Officials Mute.

From a laboratory in the Bayway
plant of the Standard Oil Company
at Elizabeth, N. J., emerged yester-
day a strange story.

Within the last week, it was said,
five laborers employed at the labora-
tory have gone insane as a result of
ethylene gas fumes inhaled during
experiments in the use of such gas
in the production of gasoline.

Two of the laborers are dead. The
other three are patients in Recon-
struction Hospital, on Central Park
West, where all information as to
their condition is refused.

Prosecutor David of Union County,
N. J., has announced he will begin
an investigation this morning by
visiting the Standard Oil plant and
questioning officials and employees.

Officials Are Mute.

All efforts to get an official state-
ment from Standard Oil officials
failed.

According to information gathered
at Elizabeth from persons not con-
nected with the management of the
plant, the first sign of trouble came
last Tuesday.

That day William McSweeney, No.
315 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, was
sent home because of illness. The
following morning his sister-in-law
had to summon a policeman, who
was obliged to call three other men
to help him subdue McSweeney, vi-
olently insane. McSweeney was taken
to the Alexian Hospital, Elizabeth,
and put in a straitjacket.

"Coming at Him."

Thursday Ernest Oelkert Jr., No.
922 Elizabeth Avenue, started other
employees by shrieking he could see
three figures "coming at him." He
was sent to the hospital, and on Sat-
urday he died.

The same day Herbert Fusco, No.
916 Grier Avenue, and Walter Dym-
ock, No. 42 Jefferson Avenue, also
were sent to their homes. Dymock
was put to bed, but a while later
members of his family heard a crash
and discovered he had fallen from
his bedroom window. Dymock died
last evening at Reconstruction Hos-
pital, where he had been taken with
Fusco, McSweeney and William
Gerge, No. 45 Sumner Street, Eliza-
beth, another laboratory employee.

News of Dymock's death was re-
fused reporters who called at the
hospital, and it was learned of only
through the office of the County
Medical Examiner.

Lost Twenty-Two Pounds.

Gerge, it was said in Elizabeth,
lost twenty-two pounds in four weeks
at the laboratory.

Although the matter was not re-
ported to the police of Elizabeth, it
was learned that County Physician
C. A. Brokaw said he found Oelkert
had died "apparently from ethylene
gas poisoning."

Dr. Archibald Simpson, attached to
the Alexian Hospital, later described
the condition of the four patients sent
from the laboratory to his institution
as "chemical psychosis." He said:

"We don't know exactly how ethy-
lene gas affects the mind; but we do
know it causes the patient to have

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STARVING CHINESE SAY THEY VOYAGED IN PACKING BOXES

One Prisoner Dies in Hospital;
Six Others Believed to Be
Recruits for the Tong War.

GAELIC PRINCE'S CAPTAIN
CALLS STORY IMPOSSIBLE.

Ship Was 46 Days on Its Way
Here, Skipper Says, and It
Had No Place for Stowaway

Jabbering a confused tale of how
they had journeyed half way around
the world cramped in packing boxes
and unfed forty-six days, seven Chi-
nese were seized by police yesterday
and sent to Bellevue Hospital, vic-
tims of starvation. One died a few
hours later. The survivors are
charged with violating the immigra-
tion laws.

Three Chinese whom the police
charge with attempting to smuggle
the half-famished Orientals into this
country are held in Police Headquar-
ters, also prisoners of the Govern-
ment. They will be taken to Ellis
Island this morning to face exami-
nation by the Immigration officials.

Hip Sing Tong Members.

In the pockets of the unwelcome
immigrants, police charge, they
found cards of membership in the
Hip Sing Tong, avowed enemies of
the On Leongs, now waging warfare
with them. The men were being
imported into the country, the police
hold, so they might fight for the Hip
Sings and then steal out of the
United States very much in the same
manner as they would have made
their entrance yesterday had it not
been for the police vigil in China-
town.

A vigorous denial came from Capt.
Frederick Marshall, of the Gaelic
Prince, which was moored at Pier 4,
Brooklyn, Saturday morning and on
which the Chinese told the police
they had come from the Orient.

"We have been out of Singapore
forty-six days," Capt. Marshall said.
"We did not have a packing case
aboard that was larger than 3 by 2,
and how on earth could a man live
in one of those things forty-six days
without food?"

May Be of His Crew.

"The tale that the police came
here and told me is absolutely ridi-
culous," he continued. "We had thir-
ty-nine Chinese who were members
of the crew that was recruited here
in New York before we started on
our voyage around the world last
April and in all probability these
men are members of the crew. They
all left here Saturday, after they
were examined by officials of the
Customs Service."

The Captain further argued against
the tale told by the Chinese to the
police that they had put into Boston
Tuesday, and said that if there were
stowaways on board they doubtless

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'Youth Forever' Sava Billygoat Kicks Over

Paris Beauty Shops Doomed to E-
covery of Eternal Fountain, 'C
Excited Parisians; Life May Be

From The World's Bureau
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PARIS, Oct. 26.—If Paris beauty
shops are not soon out of business
it will not be the fault of Dr. Javor-
ski, a brilliant savant, who thinks he
has discovered the fountain of eter-
nal youth.

No longer need fair women search
with dread for the first wrinkle, or
the first gray hair.

No longer need mature men and
women shrink at the signs of ad-
vancing years.

That they shall both preserve their
beauty and vigor within earthly lim-
its is the dazzling promise given by
Javoriski after a year of patient ex-
periments. By his side of the stage
of the Paris Theatre yesterday,
where he publicly revealed the se-
cret method of rejuvenation, was the
most Parisian of the Parisiennes,
"Colette," one of the wittiest and
most successful women authors of
to-day, who offered her own alert
grace and charm as a proof of the
efficacy of his method.

"Kid" Billygoat Restrained.

Colette was to have presented an
old Billygoat whose metamorphosis
from listless decrepitude to playful
juvility she had watched person-
ally, but the municipality to whom
the animal belonged refused to per-
mit her to take it from the Jardin
d'Acclimatation.

However, she had undergone the
treatment herself, so sacrificing her
embarrassed blushes and coquetry on
the altar of science, she clinched the
audience's conviction by presenting
herself as one of Javoriski's first hu-
man patients. Not that she was be-
ginning to get old. Oh, dear no,
thank goodness. She was beginning
to feel weary. Worries were begin-
ning to wear down her healthy fresh-

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