HENRY BLACKMER, OIL MAN, 92, DIES

Spent 25 Years Abroad to Avoid Teapot Dome Case

GENEVA, May 26 (Reuters)—Henry M. Blackmer, the Colorado millionaire whose life many of his life in self-imposed exile in Europe to avoid testifying in the Teapot Dome oil scandal investigation, died yesterday in his home here. He was 92.

Absence 25 Years

Mr. Blackmer slipped away to Paris in 1924 when the Government began questioning business associates about the sale of Teapot Dome oil reserves to private interests. He took with him a fortune estimated at $25,000,000 and the books of the Continental Trading Company, one of the firms the Government was most curious about.

The Government asked him to return and clear up the case. He refused. In 1925, the Government asked him for a deposition. He declined, and the French courts backed him up.

In 1926 the Government indicted him on income tax evasion and perjury counts. Fines of $60,000 for contempt were imposed. He refused trial.

In 1928 the Government gave up its fight for him, and he returned to the United States. Mr. Blackmer eventually paid almost $4,000,000 in back taxes and fines. He returned to the United States for a brief visit in 1969, when he was fined an additional $20,000.

Mr. Blackmer was born in Worcester, Mass., the son of a lawyer, and followed his father in the study of law. He moved to Colorado Springs when he was 22 to practice there, and became a prosecuting attorney.

Within ten years he made a considerable fortune in railroad, mining and banking.

Mr. Blackmer found business more lucrative than law and returned from the courts to oil. He became head of the Midwest Oil Company, a small neighbor of the Standard Oil Company's big Teapot Dome fields in Wyoming. Soon he was an important figure both in the oil industry and in the national political scene.


WILFRID GIBSON DIES; BRITISH POET WAS 83

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters)—Wilfrid Gibson, British poet, died today at his home in Weybridge. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Gibson was widely known in the United States, where he lectured for many years.

Wilfrid Wilson Gibson's first book of poems, "Stonefields," was published in 1907. His works continued to appear at intervals through 1950, when he produced "Within Four Walls."

Mr. Gibson toured the United States in 1917, offering readings of his work. He reached modest notice here shortly after World War I, as a poet who dealt realistically with men at war.

He was an admirer of the work of the English poet, Rupert Brooke, who died in the Dardanelles. His long friendship with Robert Frost, the American poet, began during his first visit here.

George Day, 61, Chemist, Was Aide of Pulp Concern

Special to The New York Times.

BERLIN, N. H., May 26—George A. Day, a chemist and technical director of the Brown & Company pulp division here died Thursday night in his home. His age was 61.

Mr. Day, who had been manager of the pulp division since 1946, became director of research and development in 1944 and technical director six years later.

Engagements

BERMAN—HELLMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Ida Leorke FR. L. S. Helman of New York City announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary A. Helman, to Charles Robert Berman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berman of the Bronx, N. Y.

KLEIN—MARCOVICI—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Klein of Rockville Centre announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Klein, to Peter Richard Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Klein of Oceanside, N. Y., and the late Arthur Klein.

MELCER—GOLDSBERG—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Goldsberg of Cedarhurst, L. I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Goldsberg, to Maurice Alan McElroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mendelson.

ROOK—LEVIN—Mrs. Paul Levin of Washington, D. C, announces the engagement of her daughter, Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Levin of New York City. Mrs. Levin is also the daughter of the late Mr. Paul Levin, attends the Howard University College of Dentistry. Her fiance attends the Fordham University College of Law.

SADOWSKI—TSCHUMPER—Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Tschumper of St. Gall, Switzerland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Poppa Sadowski, to Joseph Tschumper of West Point, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tschumper of New York City.

STOLER—ROSENBERG—Mr. and Mrs. Max Rosenberg of Ford Hills, L. I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Herbert L. Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elia A. Stoler of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Marriages

CORMAN—KERNAN—Mrs. Mabel Kerman, of New York City, announces the marriage of her daughter, Irene, to Mr. Michael C. Corman, of Paris. The ceremony took place in his Corman, of Woodmere, L. I., on May 24, 1952. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elsberg of Lawrence, N. Y., May 16.

GOTTESMAN—LEHR—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Lehr of Brooklyn, L. I., announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Richard Eisenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eisenberg of Lawrence, N. Y., on May 8.

HANSEN—ROSS—announcement of the marriage of Miss Rhoda Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross of Long Branch, N. Y., to Mr. Charles Hansen, of the late Mr. Lewin Hansen, took place at the First Methodist Church of the Village of Washington, D. C., on May 31, 1952.

SOREL—GOLDSTEIN—Miss Barbara Goldstein and Mr. Jack Sorel announce their marriage, which took place on May 27, 1952, in the office of Dr. Julius Marx, senior rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El.

Anniversaries

BERNSTINE—Samuel and Ray L. Havlin announce that one of their children, Samuel Havlin, was born on June 21, 1932, will be celebrated at his home in The New York Times.
political scene.

The investigation of the Continental Trading Company was one of the series of oil scandals that resulted in criminal trials for Edward L. Doheny, head of the Mexican Petroleum Company, sent Harry P. Sinclair to jail for contempt of court, and landed Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, in the New Mexico penitentiary. Senator Thomas Walsh of Montana headed the Senate investigation into the Fall-Doheny-Sinclair oil leases.

**Midwest Refining**

Prosecutors in the investigation wanted Mr. Blackmer, who in 1921 was president of the Midwest Refining Company, controlled by Standard Oil of Indiana, and James B. O'Neill, former president of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, to tell what they knew about the transfer of Liberty bonds valued at $80,000,000. It was charged in part of the resale proceeds of about $8,000,000 of Texas oil sold by the Humphreys Mexia Company to the Continental Trading Company, Ltd., of Canada, and sold by it to the Sinclair and Prairie interests. It was alleged that Fall had received $230,000 out of $8,000,000 profit made by the Continental Company, which then went out of business.

When the big scandal broke, Mr. Blackmer was at first not touched. But during the investigation, a Senate committee found that he had joined Sinclair in promoting another questionable deal in oil before Patz Pot Dome. In this Mr. Blackmer was charged with having made profits on which he paid no taxes.

Mr. Blackmer was first married to Helen Kerr of Boston, who was the mother of his two children, Myron K. Blackmer and Mrs. Margaret Blackmer Kell. Mrs. Blackmer obtained a divorce. Mr. Blackmer remarried. His second wife did not share his self-exile. After her death, Mr. Blackmer married Kaja Norena, a Norwegian opera star.

**Saul Zager, Proctologist**

In Newark, Is Dead at 51

Saul Zager, proctologist, died of a heart ailment yesterday in New York City. Zager was a native of New York.

**Births**


**BERKELEY**—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berkley announce the birth of their fifth son, Stephen, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 8 lb. 3 oz.

**BETTMAN**—Samantha and Joan, announce the birth of their first daughter, Samantha Lynne, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**BERKLEY**—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berkley announce the birth of their fourth son, Stephen, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.

**GREEN**—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green announce the birth of their first son, Joseph, May 20, Jamaica Hosp., N.Y. 31. The baby weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.

**BENNETT**—Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett announce the birth of their first daughter, Ann, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**BUTLER**—Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Butler announce the birth of their first son, Matthew, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 7 lb. 6 oz.

**CRAIG**—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Craig announce the birth of their first daughter, Pauline, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**CRAWFORD**—Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford announce the birth of their first daughter, Margaret, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.

**DARWIN**—Mr. and Mrs. John Darwin announce the birth of their first daughter, Mary, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**DICKSON**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson announce the birth of their first daughter, Roberta, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**DILLON**—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dillon announce the birth of their first daughter, Josephine, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**DODDS**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodds announce the birth of their first daughter, Roberta, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

**DUNN**—Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn announce the birth of their first daughter, Jane, May 20, Brooklyn Hosp., N.Y. 9. The baby weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

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