

Frank Vanderlip Did Not Have Facts About Marion Star

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 15.—Frank Vanderlip told the Senate oil committee he had no facts whatever to go on when he recently brought the name of President Harding into the oil scandal in his Osting speech asking for an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the sale of Harding's Marion Star.

He said it was made because he thought it a "public duty" to call attention to current rumors so as to stop them. "I don't even know the price the paper sold at," Vanderlip said. "The current story was \$550,000."

He regarded the rumors, he said, as akin to the "whispering campaign" that marked last month of the Harding campaign in 1920. "I had full basis for what I said," he continued, "that these were current rumors. I had never heard any intimation that the money paid for the Star came from oil interests. I thought that my statements would bring us the truth and kill those rumors."

Questioned about his statement that the committee had not dared to push the questioning of Albert Fall, Vanderlip said it was an impression he got from the newspapers. The witness admitted he had not read in the newspapers that Fall had claimed constitutional immunity, although the story was published prominently by practically every paper in the country.

The Star owners submitted a statement and then the committee turned its attention to other matters. Thomas Johnson foreman of Fall's New Mexico ranch, made a flat denial that he ever received \$68,000 from the Sinclair interests. Reports of such payment had been brought to the committee recently by Archie Roosevelt.

In the meantime President Coolidge sent to the Senate the nomination of Owen Roberts, of Philadelphia, as special government counsel in place of John W. Weeks, of Chicago, whom the committee had found unacceptable.

TURK DIES AT 120

Vienna, Feb. 15.—Yussuf Maca Mohamettan's dead at Yagoubtiza, Jugoslavia, at the age of 120, according to a Belgrade dispatch. Yussuf married thrice, and one of his surviving sons is only 17 years old. He neither drank nor smoked. His only beverage was Turkish coffee.

VALENTINE PARTY GIVEN AT BURTON GROVE SCHOOL

(By Stella Smith, 7th Grade) A Valentine party was given on February 14, 1924, by the people of New Leaksville community for the benefit of the Burton Grove school. The people came from all parts and seemed to enjoy themselves. Pies, cakes, candy, sandwiches and wein rs were sold at 5 cents each. This money is going to be spent in buying books and other needful things for the school.

HOWARD CARTER TURNED AWAY FROM TUTS' TOMB

(By Associated Press) Luxor, Egypt, Feb. 15.—Howard Carter presented himself at Tutankhamen's tomb and was refused admission by the Chief of Police, who presented a writs norder from the government. Carter then retired.

BULGARIA AND RUMANIA MOVE TO PATCH UP WAR-TIME BREACH

(Special Despatch Agency) Bucharest, Feb. 15.—Negotiations are in progress here which, it is hoped, will remove the last obstacle to friendly relations between Bulgaria and Rumania, broken off as a result of Bulgarian operations in Rumania during the World War. One of the most important problems has been solved, in principle, by Bulgaria agreeing to pay approximately 150,000,000 leva for release of the Rumanian claim on the properties of Bulgarian citizens seized here after the war. The question of restitution by Bulgaria for war requisitions in Rumania during the war is still pending and proving more difficult of solution.

EDUCATORS GOING TO CHICAGO

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Feb. 15.—Promotion of the interests of the American public school, centering in a theme of recent developments and next forward steps in public education, is the general aim of the meeting of fourteen allied departments and organizations of the department of superintendence of the national education association, which opens here February 23 and closes February 28. Several thousand teachers and superintendents from all parts of the United States will attend.

SHEMWELL PAROLED FOR THIRTY DAYS

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Through intercession of Bishop J. M. Horner of the Asheville Episcopal diocese, and Paul Raper of Lexington, Baxter Shemwell drew a parole of 30 days yesterday to give him opportunity to visit Mrs. Shemwell in Asheville. Bishop Horner was doubtful that executive clemency could come soon enough to allow Shemwell to see Mrs. Shemwell living. The wife of the prisoner is critically ill. The parole is good for 30 on a sentence of 30 months, slightly more than one-fourth of which has been served. The visitors told the Governor that Shemwell is a deeply contemplative and greatly changed man. He spends his jail hours in reading the Bible and reflection upon a misdirected life.

CHINESE GIRL WINS RIGHT TO CHOOSE HER HUSBAND

Peking, Feb. 15.—Miss Chiang Chin-yin, an 18-year-old high school girl who recently disputed the right acknowledged through thousands of generations of a parent to give his daughter's hand in marriage without her consent, has scored a noteworthy triumph. Not only has she converted her father and mother to her modern viewpoint, but her elder brother as well has renounced his right to a voice in the selection of his sister's life partner.

Two Die Nine Others Are Missing When Fire Burns Building

Yesterday a seven-room house belonging to York Price, but rented by D. M. Murphy, caught fire about 11:30 A. M., and burned to the ground. The house contained 2,000 pounds of tobacco belonging to Arthur Murphy; also corn, three plant bed clothes, three scythes, cradles and a gun belonging to Sonny Price, which had been in the house fifty years. The loss of this house and tobacco was estimated at \$1,000.

Weather

Forecast for Friday, Feb. 15, 1924: Partly cloudy, with light rain or snow in the evening. Temperature 40 to 50.

ENORMOUS DEMAND FOR STAMPS

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 15.—Approximately 18,000,000 postage stamps will be required by the people of the country during the coming year. Postal service experts calculate there has been an increase of 7 per cent annually for the last thirty years. It costs 8 cents a 1,000 to manufacture ordinary postage stamps and 16 cents a 1,000 for special delivery stamps. It is estimated \$1,500,000 will be required to manufacture these stamps at the bureau of engraving and printing here.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON MOIR STREET, HAMILTON STREET AND FACTORY STREET

State of North Carolina, Rockingham County, Town of Leaksville. Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Leaksville, held at 49 Washington Street, the regular place for the meeting of the said Board of Commissioners on the 14th day of February, 1924, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and passed:

Whereas, J. W. Norman, Clerk of this Board, has submitted to the Board three petitions: First, being a petition of the majority of the abutting property owners on Moir Street in the Town of Leaksville, between Spring Street and Church Street, beginning at the intersection of Spring Street and Moir Street and running thence to the northwest intersection of Moir and Church Streets, and designated as District No. 5. Second, a petition from the majority of the abutting property owners on Hamilton Street from Dan River to the northeast intersection of Washington Street, and designated as District No. 15. Third, a petition from the majority of abutting property owners on Factory Street, in said Town of Leaksville, from the northeast intersection of Bridge to the southeast intersection of Glovenia Street, and designated as District No. 16; and

WHEREAS, the said J. W. Norman, Clerk of this Board, has lodged his certificate showing that he has investigated said petitions as required by Chapter 2703, et seq., of the Consolidated Statutes of 1915, and that said petitions in all respects comply with the requirements of said Chapter 2703 of the Public Laws of 1915, and amendments thereto (Consolidated Statutes 2703, et seq.), and the petitions are hereby determined to be sufficient and to be in full conformity with the provisions of law above referred to; to-wit: Chapter 2703 of the Public Laws of 1915 and amendments thereto; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the local street improvements as designated as District No. 5, between Spring Street and Church Street, beginning at the intersection of Spring Street and Moir Street, and running thence to the northwest intersection of Moir and Church Streets be paved with sheet asphalt, bitulithic or bituminous concrete laid on solid foundation, not less than 25 feet wide.

That the local street improvements as designated as District No. 15, to-wit: Hamilton Street, from Dan River to the northeast intersection of Washington Street be paved with sheet asphalt, bitulithic or bituminous concrete laid on solid foundation, not less than 25 feet wide.

That the local street improvements as designated as District No. 16, to-wit: Factory Street, from the northeast intersection of Bridge Street to the northeast intersection of Glovenia Street be paved with sheet asphalt, bitulithic or bituminous concrete laid on solid foundation, not less than 25 feet wide.

That all of the aforesaid street improvements are to be done under the direction of some competent engineer selected by this Board, on the plans and specifications as made by such engineer, and approved by this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and it is hereby ordered, that the owners of property abutting on said streets herein set forth and described as Districts Nos. 5, 15 and 16, and to be paved as herein ordered, shall be assessed upon said abutting property on said streets 50 per cent of the cost of said street improvement (exclusive of street intersections). Said assessments shall be payable in ten equal annual installments, and shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date of the confirmation of the assessment roll, and shall be payable on the date other taxes are to be paid.

The foregoing resolutions adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Leaksville, North Carolina, on February 14, 1924.

J. W. NORMAN, Clerk.

BAVARIA TO VOTE ON QUESTION OF RESTORATION OF MONARCHY

(By Associated Press) Munich, Feb. 15.—Residents of Bavaria are to be afforded opportunity to express themselves at the polls as to whether or not they favor restoration of a monarchy as part of the program of the People's party, it was announced recently. From present indication thirteen parties will have candidates in the field at the election which it is planned to hold some time next fall.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN RELIEVES DISTRESS OF THE NEEDY CHILDREN

(By Associated Press) Schwartzburg, Thuringia, Feb. 15.—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and her consort, Duke Henry of Mecklenburg, are caring for many needy children in the Schwartzburg district. They have been instrumental in having many poor Thuringian children sent to Holland for summer vacations with well-to-do Dutch families which could provide them with fats and other foodstuffs which were lacking in Germany.

Duke Henry recently visited the Prince of Schwartzburg at his castle in this little health resort, where Queen Wilhelmina passed much of her childhood. The little Dutch princess, before she became of age, regarded Schwartzburg as her second home. Her mother, Princess Emma of Waldeck-Egmont, left the child here in the mountains while she ruled Holland as regent.

Mrs. A. D. Ivie was in Greensboro today.

Miss Catherine Morehead, of Charlotte, spent two hours yesterday with Mrs. W. O. Jenkins. Miss Morehead and her mother, Mrs. John Morehead, were on their way to Denver, Colo., where they will spend a month.

MAGISTRATES ASKED TO STUDY REAL FACTS AS TO LUNACY

(By Associated Press) London, Feb. 15.—In order to help them in their work, certain London magistrates will attend lectures on lunacy four days a week commencing in March. The course has been organized by the central association of mental welfare and, after their lessons in the morning, the magistrates will visit certified institutions for defectives, prisons and remand homes. Sir Leslie Scott, chairman of the welfare association, says it has been felt that some such practical course might be of interest and help to magistrates in a part of their work, to which so much attention has recently been drawn. At present a magistrate can override an expert opinion which decides that a person is a mental defective. "We have arranged to bring the two together, in order that they will the better understand the others' point of view."

CHEAPER TO ATTEND COURT THAN KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

(By Associated Press) Jessnitz, Germany, Feb. 15.—The most common-place civil cases in the Jessnitz courts have attracted unprecedented crowds this winter. There was such a jam of men, women and children on several occasions, when the thermometer was hovering about the zero point, that the bailiffs had to close the doors. Questioned by court officials the spectators admitted frankly that they had not the slightest interest in the legal proceedings, often even being bored by the sessions, especially when masses of technical documents were being examined. However, they found that it was much cheaper to attend court and get warm than to keep the fires going at home during such severe weather.

A Tale of a Bridge (Series, No. 5.)

THERE was a great howl sent up over the \$39,675 Fishing Creek bridge as if this was the reason for a high tax rate in this year of our Lord, 1924. But was it? Now let us look into this tax-rate fixing business.

It is the duty of the County Commissioners to fix the tax rate each year. This rate is supposed to be fixed so as to meet the running expenses of the county, including the schools and payment of interest on bonded indebtedness.

The County Commissioners can not fix the tax rate until the County Board of Education files with the Commissioners an estimate of what money they will need during the year for school purposes. Whatever the Board of Education asks for must be granted. The Commissioners must comply with their request and fix a tax rate high enough to bring in the money. From this there is no apparent escape.

For several years the tax rate has not yielded enough money to meet the county's obligations, and, before the year was over, money had to be borrowed from the banks on short loan notes, and of course, as everybody knows, these short-time notes carries higher interest rates than is usually paid by county bond buyers. So it can be seen that it is poor business to fix a tax rate insufficient to pay the actual obligations for that year.

When this is done for three or four years in succession, the amount of these short loans with high interest rates, increases and the condition steadily grows worse. When two or three hundred thousand dollars is carried in this way, the innocent voter, unaware of the deceit practiced on him, walks up to the polls and votes "er straight" and then goes around telling his political opponents about it. He is happy now, mad later.

He does not know the Commissioners have been "holding out" on him, and that later on he must meet a higher tax rate to meet the several deferred debts and accumulated interest that should have been provided for in the tax budget of two or three years before.

Any man who will investigate this matter and will spend the time it requires to unearth the fact, can tell you that this is what has been done, and let me say something more, it was done for political effect, which I will show before this series of articles end.

Three Commissioners have been held up to public scorn, the other two as accomplices. Why shouldn't the truth be the whole matter? M. E. Murray

Bob and Sam Bates Battle Over Father's Estate; Die in Duel

(By Associated Press) Whiteburg, Ky., Feb. 15.—Bob and Sam Bates, brothers, residents of the troublesome creek section involved in a .45 calibre law to settle a quarrel over the settlement of an estate left by their father, and both are dead. They met on a mountain trail yesterday, drew their heavy weapons and fired and both dropped fatally wounded.

FALL WOULD HAVE DISPOSED OF OUR ALASKAN COAL

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Fall and Secretary Denby were declared in a letter laid before President Coolidge by John Ballaine, Alaskan railroad contractor, to have entered into negotiations in July, 1921, for the transfer and lease of the rich Matanuska coal reserves of Alaska, along the same lines as were later followed in the Teapot Dome Oil leases. The Alaskan lease was not executed, but the letter said the navy department had assiduously refused ever since to permit the use of Alaskan coal by the navy.

TRIED TO BUY BACK MARION STAR AFTER PRESIDENT DIED

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—Minority stockholders of the Marion Star, of which Mr. Harding is one, offered to buy back the newspaper from Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, after the death of Mr. Harding, at the price for which it was purchased. Hoke Donithen, Ohio manager of the Coolidge campaign, said here, yesterday.

NEW DEVICE TRANSMITS 1,000 WORDS A MINUTE

(By Associated Press) London, Feb. 15.—Striking evidence of the advancement made in invention during 1923 is found in the recent exhibit of telegraphic and other instruments at the British Imperial College of Science and Technology. The most notable development is in telegraphy; delay in submarine cabling has been largely eliminated by utilizing the action of light on selenium, which responds so rapidly that the signal sent out is recorded even before the full current has passed over the wire.

A magnetic telegraph's drum recorder is shown, capable of speeding up messages to 1,000 words a minute. This is effected by the current of the incoming signal passing through coils contained in a rapidly revolving iron drum and turning it into a magnet for a brief space, thus attracting a slight piece of iron, shaped like a brake shoe. This operates a fine syphon tube charged with ink, causing it to record the signal on the paper tape as it flies past it.

Another exhibit is an "undulator," or an instrument used in high speed wireless telegraph, capable of printing on an endless slip of paper up to 300 words a minute. Another device which appealed both to laymen and professional is the complicated photographic apparatus for taking motion pictures at the rate of 5,000 a second.

SHALE OIL INDUSTRY MAY CLOSE

(By Associated Press) Glasgow, Feb. 15.—The Scottish shale oil industry, employing 10,000 men, it is feared, will have to close down in a few months because longer is profitable. The situation is attributed to the large quantities of crude oil being obtained elsewhere.

LOCALS

Miss Orene Fagge spent yesterday in Greensboro shopping. Our basketball girls will play Winston-Salem at that place tonight. Mrs. A. Gibson has returned from a visit to her brothers at Mt. Airy. Mrs. Dan Taylor will entertain the bridge club tomorrow afternoon. Miss Elizabeth Simpson, County Welfare Worker, was in town today. James Fagge, of the University, is in town to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fagge. Misses Bertie Patterson, Rivers Ivie, E. B. King and J. Fitts attended a play in Danville last night. Robert Ivie, of Roxboro, is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Stocks, on Patrick Street.

House Destroyed by Fire Was Used for Tobacco Storage

THE PENNY SOCIAL WAS A SUCCESS

Last night the ladies of the First Christian Church gave a penny social. It was a success in every way. Everyone had a good time, both old and young. Many thanks are due Mrs. W. W. Matthews and Mrs. Frank Jones for the splendid program and also the ladies that had charge of the refreshments. Thirty-six hundred and fifty-six pennies were realized.

Mrs. W. B. Trogon of Greensboro, is visiting her son, J. S. Trogon, and wife for the week-end.

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Mrs. Murphy lives on the Price road, five or six miles from Leaksville. She says there is a great mystery as to how the fire started.

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