

New Evidence Coming In Fast to Committee Investigating Leases

New Witnesses Are Being Heard Daily and So Much Data is Presented the Public Can Hardly Keep It.

VANDERLIP CALLED TO GIVE TESTIMONY

He Has Brought Marion Star Into Question.—Counsel for Standard Oil Company Heard During the Day.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—While Frank Vanderlip waited to testify regarding his references to the sale of President Harding's Marion Star, the Senate oil committee produced a fresh flood of sensations today from other witnesses.

John C. Shaffer, publisher of the Chicago Post, the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, and other newspapers, testified that Secretary Fall had told him in March, 1921, the very month he entered the cabinet, that he was going to lease Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair. At that time Teapot Dome was not yet under Mr. Fall's jurisdiction.

Mr. Shaffer also told how he himself had got a one-eighth interest in the Pioneer Oil Co., a Standard Oil subsidiary, in connection with the Teapot Dome lease, and gave up nothing in return. He had an old claim pending, he said, and Secretary Fall promised merely for the asking, that he would be taken care of.

A letter by H. Foster Bain, director of mines, written before the leases were made and put into the committee record, declared that the writer "understood" that Attorney General Daugherty had given an informal opinion upholding the validity of the leasing policy. Mr. Daugherty previously had denied that he gave any opinion. The letter addressed to Secretary Fall, suggested a written opinion be asked from the Attorney General, but added that "I realize the objections to asking such an opinion."

Cesar Sutor, counsel for the Standard Oil Co. of California, testified he had suggested to Assistant Secretary Finney of the Interior Department, that an opinion be obtained from Mr. Daugherty, but that Mr. Finney replied that Secretary Fall thought it "unnecessary" to take such a step.

Mr. Finney later took the stand and testified that the legality of the leases never even was referred to the Interior Department solicitor. He declared the discussions were conducted "in the manner of private negotiations" and that Fall instructed him to formally deny that the leases had been signed a week after the Teapot Dome actually had been leased to Sinclair, and that the real reason was that the Secretary wanted no publicity until the Doherty California lease, too, had been consummated.

Oil Company Attorney Testifies. Washington, Feb. 14.—With Frank A. Vanderlip waiting to explain his references to the sale of President Harding's Marion Star, the Senate oil committee today put on the stand Oscar Sutor, counsel for the Standard Oil Company of California, and questioned him about the company's refusal to bid on one of the Fall oil leases.

Mr. Vanderlip arrived at the committee room a few minutes before the committee met. Chairman Lenroot said he would be called during the day and questioned at length about his circulation of reports about the sale of the Star.

The chairman also put into the committee record this telegram from Louis H. Brush, one of the purchasers of the Star.

"Roy D. Moore and I will be in Washington Friday and request that either or both of us be permitted to tell the Senate oil investigating committee what we know relative to the purchase of Mr. Harding's paper. Arrive 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon."

The committee apparently had reached a decision whether to call E. L. Doherty and ask him whether he ever attempted to employ Bainbridge Colby, former Secretary of State, and for a time law partner of President Wilson.

Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana, led in questioning Mr. Sutor when the committee session began. He asked whether the witness knew of the advertisement issued by the Navy Department for construction of oil tanks at Pearl Harbor.

"I do," replied Mr. Sutor. "Did your company bid?" "I don't think we made formal bid."

"Why?" "My recollection is the proposal was referred to me by either the president or vice president of our company, with the usual request that I pass on it. A part of my function was to attend to these matters and pass upon the sufficiency of the proposal, whether its acceptance would constitute a legal contract, and usual request for any comment

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.

Fair tonight and Friday; slightly colder Friday and in extreme southwest portion tonight.

COOPER TESTIFIES THAT HE IS NOW BANKRUPT

Stated That For Some Time He Has Been Supported by His Relatives. Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper is bankrupt and has been living off money borrowed from a relative, he testified at the trial here of himself and his brother, T. E. Cooper, on charges of conspiracy in connection with the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington. He declared in May, 1921, he was worth \$200,000.

The lieutenant governor took the witness stand at the opening of court today, his brother having concluded his testimony at yesterday's session. It was expected that after the lieutenant governor concluded a number of character witnesses would be introduced and the defense rest.

The lieutenant governor appeared nervous when he took the stand, but he soon regained composure, although speaking rapidly and revealing the strain under which he was laboring by rapid movement of his hands. The largest crowd since the trial started was present.

The lieutenant governor reviewed his business career up to May, 1921, when he succeeded his youngest brother as president of the bank here. He said he bought \$50,000 worth of stock of the bank from his brother, and paid for it. At that time he was worth about \$200,000. He said that his heaviest personal loss resulted from bonds signed by him to protect deposits in the bank by government agencies. These, he said, amounted to \$200,000 and judgment had been given against him in several suits brought in this connection.

He said he had filed a petition in bankruptcy because of the judgments and desire that his creditors should "share and share alike if the worst came." He said the majority of the obligations were contracted in efforts to help the bank.

The witness said he found some bad loans in the bank when he became president, but did not consider the situation serious until the Williams report in November, 1921, when a state examiner first reported the bank's heavy losses. He said that during his administration he made "almost no new loans" but had given his principal efforts toward collections.

REVENUE BILL TAKEN UP IN LOWER HOUSE

Debate to Continue Until Monday, When the Bill Will Be Read. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—The revenue bill carrying complete revision of the Federal tax rates was taken up in the House today under agreement to "do a general debate by Monday at 4 p. m. after which the bill will be read and opened to amendment."

Opposition to major provisions of the bill including the income tax rates section which already comprises the 207 democrats as a result of a party caucus vote yesterday, was strengthened today by the attitude of the insurgent republican group.

After the meeting the insurgent leaders expressed the opinion that their opposition would be for the democratic reduction plan should their own proposal be rejected.

The Tribune's Missing Word Contest. The last page in The Tribune's Missing Word Contest was published Tuesday. All answers must be in not later than next Monday, February 18th, at noon. The judges will then receive the answers and slogans, and we expect to have their decision ready to be published on Thursday the 21st.

In the event of a tie, for any prize offered, a prize identical in all respects to that tied for, will be given to the tying contestant.

Eight prizes are offered: \$20 first prize, \$10 second prize, \$7.50 third prize, \$5 fourth prize, \$3 fifth prize, \$2 sixth prize, \$1.50 seventh prize, \$1 eighth prize.

In awarding the prizes the answers in the misspelled contest and the best slogans submitted will be considered together.

I might make. It was my opinion that the proposal, if accepted, would not constitute a valid contract.

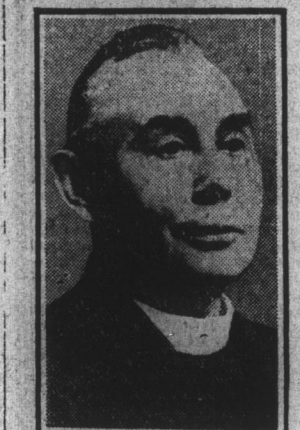
"One of the company's officers said there was a considerable quantity of oil involved and that he would like to have it. I made as thorough an investigation as I was capable of making and rendered a written opinion to the vice president of the company who was particularly in charge of the purchase of oil that the contract would not be legal and that I could not approve it."

Sutor read the formal opinion which he delivered to his company under the date of January 27, 1922, in which he held that the act of June 4, 1920, did not authorize the Secretary of the Navy to exchange fuel oil for anything except fuel oil. Exchange for any other thing, the opinion continued, would defeat "the intent of Congress" in passing the act authorizing the secretary to work the naval oil reserves.

Colby Never Employed by Doherty. Washington, Feb. 14.—Attorneys for E. L. Doherty today issued this statement:

"Neither Mr. Colby nor any law firm with which he was connected was ever retained or employed by Mr. Doherty or any company in which he was interested at any time before, during or since he was a member of President Wilson's cabinet. Nor did Doherty at any time offer to retain or employ Mr. Colby in any matter whatsoever."

Mortally Wounded



Rev. Father Hubert F. Dahme (above), pastor of St. Joseph's German Catholic Church at Bridgeport, Conn., was shot and mortally wounded by an unidentified man who was walking with the priest on the street. The assassin escaped.

COTTON CONSUMED DURING JANUARY

South Used More Than Half of Total—Increase Over December Is Shown in the Report.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January amounted to 576,604 bales of lint and 40,281 of linters, compared with 461,569 of lint and 40,892 of linters in December, and 610,306 of lint and 50,535 of linters in January last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand January 31st totaled: in consuming establishments, 1,633,332 bales of lint and 220,034 of linters. In public storage and at compresses, 2,996,466 bales of lint and 82,742 of linters.

Imports during January totaled 47,603 bales. Exports during January totaled 456,252 bales, including 7,724 bales of linters.

Cotton spindles active during January totaled 33,339,806. Statistics for cotton growing states include: consumed during January, 951,038 bales. On hand January 31st in consuming establishments, 1,047,433 bales; in public storage and compresses, 2,607,432 bales.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at Advance of 18 to 21 Points—New Crops Quiet. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 14.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 18 to 21 points on old crop months in response to unexpectedly heavy figures on domestic consumption for January as published by the Census Bureau. Later months were four points higher to five points lower, however, and the general list turned weak right after the call, owing to the failure of the census figures to create any general or aggressive buying. May broke from 33.25 to 32.50 during the first half hour, making a net decline of 50 points, and old crop months generally sold 47 to 50 points net lower. The new crop was relatively quiet, but sold off 15 to 20 points from the opening figures.

Cotton futures opened firm. March 32.87 to 33.10; May 33.25; July 31.80; Oct. 27.80; Dec. 27.30.

May Not Adopt Hughes Proposal.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Chairman Johnson and other members of the House immigration committee appeared disinclined today to comply with the suggestion made by Secretary Hughes that Japan be placed on the same quota basis as other nations in the immigration bill pending before the committee.

Debt Funding Commission to Meet.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Secretary Mellon today called the debt funding commission, to meet next Monday at which time the whole question of policy with respect to future dealings with foreign debtors will be considered.

"If Winter Comes"

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TODAY

"THE POSTOFFICE STATUS NOW"

Under the above caption, G. Ed. Kestler, candidate for the postoffice here, and editor of the Concord Observer, will have the following to say in today's issue of his paper:

"There is a vacuum in the Postmaster's office at Concord, N. C. An examination by the Civil Service was held. Three were made eligible. Mr. Miller withdrew, and then on January 19th, 1924 the Civil Service Commission wrote Mr. Geo. E. Kestler as follows:

"Sir:—The Commission has your letter of January 11th concerning your candidacy for the position of Postmaster at Concord, N. C. You are informed that if, and when, the Department returns the Concord papers to the Commission with information that one or more persons has withdrawn from the eligible register, then the Commission will carefully review the papers of the remaining candidates for the purpose of determining which, if any, is entitled to the next highest rating, and will re-certify the results to the Postoffice Department."

"By direction of the Commission. Very respectfully, JOHN T. DOYLE, Secretary (Y.)"

"According to this information four applicants for the place and a large number of citizens went to the County Republican Chairman, Mr. H. S. Williams, and asked him to ask the State Chairman to have the Postoffice Department to ask the Civil Service Commission to send up another eligible. He refused to do this. He was asked to call his County Committee together and let the committee settle the issues. He refused to do this."

"He refused to call them at all. Kestler wired and wrote Mr. Brannham to have this done in justice to all applicants. He replied that Mr. Williams had endorsed Mr. Ward, as if the Committee had been called, and he had written that it must meet before any selection could be made, and upon Williams' statement he had sent in the appointment. So the people and the full committee has never had anything to do with Ward's endorsement. He was put up by the County Chairman individually and without any one up in Miller's place. This was contrary to the party law, Section II of the last plan of organization of the Republican Convention says:

"It shall be the duty of the State Committee and its Chairman to give to the Republican voters of the precinct town, county zone or district concerned the largest possible power in making appointments affecting the general locality by CONSULTING THE WISHS OF PRECINCT, TOWN, COUNTY or DISTRICT COMMITTEES as well as the REPUBLICAN VOTERS most concerned and to follow so far as practical the WISHES OF ALL REPUBLICAN VOTERS asked or offering suggestions."

"We ask the precinct and county committee if they were consulted about this. Instead of doing this Williams attempted to name the Postmaster and in defiance of the wish of REPUBLICAN VOTERS and of the Democratic voters, too. And Ward would be Postmaster here today, secretly put in, had not some friends of the other applicants intervened. Knowing the party law Kestler asked the full Republican Committee for endorsement and voluntarily 40 out of the 80 signed his petition. See list of these committeemen and women attached as printed at the time in 1922. Besides most all the influential men of the party and of all parties have been glad to endorse him. He had a big majority of the committee and if Williams had let another name come up on the list and had called the committee to meet Ward never would have been considered for this place. If the party plan of organization is recognized then the people will yet say who they want for Postmaster here. This appeal is to the Postmaster General to see that we get a square deal which was denied us by the County Chairman. This is all we ask and we are denied this and we know Mr. Bartlett will do the right thing as he is a true Republican and a gentleman."

"How come then a name cannot go up in place of Miller? So if they consider the wishes of the precinct and county committee as plan II demands, Kestler has three times as many as all the other seven candidates."

"Has the above committee ever been consulted by the State chairman as to their wishes about this? Have they had the largest possible power in making this appointment?"

"Have the Republican voters been consulted?"

"If not then the plan of organization has not been applied and no one can get in until these things are done legally."

VANDERLIP PICTURES WIDESPREAD GRAFT

Arraigns Public Officials, Past and Present. Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 13.—In the course of an arraignment of public officials, past and present, Frank A. Vanderlip, financier, in a Rotary club address last night criticized the sale of a "certain Marion newspaper."

"A certain Marion newspaper sold for \$550,000, when it was well known to everyone that it was not worth half that sum," he said.

"Two young men of no financial standing purchased it. Everybody in Washington, including the newspaper correspondents, knows that, but no one wants to look under the edge of a shroud."

"Where did the money come from? Where did it go? These are matters of public interest. The last administration stands challenged. We cannot wait for Congress, or the courts, especially when we remember that Mr. Daugherty is attorney general."

Then the banker whirled into the Teapot Dome scandal. He attacked Senator Walsh's associates on the senate investigating committee, saying several of them are unprincipled investigators of any moral question.

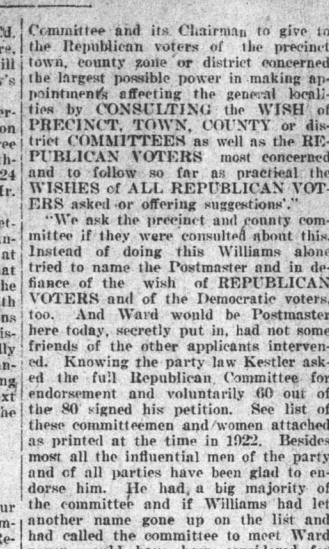
"McAdoo testified," he went on, "that he was only acting as a reputable attorney for a reputable client in the oil matter but like anybody with stolen jam, he dropped that client immediately after the client had testified before the investigating committee."

"The Senate did not go further in investigating Secretary Fall because Fall was ready to peach and what he would have said would have gone into high places. They didn't dare."

There were other national scandals even more flagrant than Teapot Dome, Mr. Vanderlip added, declaring that the veterans' bureau had spent over \$900,000,000 belonging to wounded veterans and that the shipping board had spent millions in the previous administration "which if not dishonest, was incredibly stupid." He called upon President Coolidge to demand the resignation of Secretary Denby and every other official besmirched in the public mind.

"All of these things are floating in the scum of Washington," Mr. Vanderlip continued. "What is the truth? We are entitled to know. It will demand courage in high places to find out. The President has got to say something. Silence will not answer. He must say something to make us continue to believe in his great integrity and moral courage, which we all think he has."

Is Arrested With Mrs. Asa G. Candler



Wm. J. Stoddard, wealthy Atlanta business man, was arrested with Mrs. Asa G. Candler, when the police raided a fashionable apartment.

MORE SEPARATISTS KILLED IN RIOTING

Six Men Killed at Raduerkheim—Disorders Are Also Reported From the City of Stettin.

Berlin, Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Six separatists were killed at Raduerkheim, a town of 7,000 inhabitants yesterday, in an antiseparatist outbreak similar to that at Pirmasens.

The communist disorders are reported from Stettin. Dispatches received here say one policeman was wounded and one communist killed and seven wounded in the disorders.

General Uprising Feared. Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Reports from Pirmasens, Kaiserlauten and other centers in the palatinate state that the disorders are spreading and a general uprising against the separatists will break out today.

BREWER CHARGE IS DENIED BY MELLON

Have Been No Duplications of Bonds, Treasury Secretary Tells President. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Secretary Mellon in a letter today to President Coolidge, declared unfounded the charges by Chas. B. Brewer, to the Department of Justice attorney that there had been bond duplications in the Bureau of Engraving.

At the same time it was announced that Major Wallace W. Kirby of the army engineer corps had been detailed today to act as director of the bureau succeeding Louis A. Hill, whose resignation has been accepted.

With Our Advertisers.

The service given by the Bell & Harris Funeral Parlor embraces everything known to the profession. Calls answered day or night.

Happy feeds for cattle, horses and poultry at the Richmond-Flowe Co. The Richmond-Flowe Co. is now ready to receive orders for Maybanks Fish Fertilizer. Their big warehouse on the railway siding enables them to give you fresh goods all the time.

The Ritchie-Caldwell Co. carries a big and varied stock of hardware, including tools, kitchen utensils and farming implements.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Company is offering some big bargains in home furnishings. Just received a car load of Leonard refrigerators. At their big new store corner Church and East Depot streets.

W. A. Overcash will have his tailoring opening on Friday and Saturday, February 15th and 16th. The Hopkins man, with a handsome line of samples, will be here on these two days.

On Friday, Saturday and Monday the S. S. Brown Shoe Store will offer good big grade shoes for every member of the family at prices ranging only from \$1.00 to \$4.95. The newest and best at lowest prices.

New leaces for spring sewing at Robinson's. Phone 830.

New Victor records just in at Bell & Harris Music Department. Texaco gasoline oils and greases at Central Filling Station. They want to remedy your car troubles.

See the diamond selection of the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. before you buy.

For three days the Parks-Bell Co. will have 5,000 pairs of ladies' slippers and shoes on sale at prices ranging from 98 cents to \$2.18. See new ad. today in their regular space on page two.

Big Apron Dress Sale at Efrid's. Beginning today Efrid's is having a big apron dress sale for three days, at only 93 cents a garment. They come in all sizes from 18 to 54. Out of town patrons can order by mail. Large number of patterns to select from. These dresses come in flannels, percales, piques and organizes. This store also is offering some big specials in gingham and ladies' hosiery.

C. E. INSTITUTE IN CITY PROVED OF BIG INTEREST TO CROWDS



Dr. A. E. Cory, Chief Speaker.

Two Sessions of Institute Held in Methodist Protestant Church Yesterday Drew Large Congregations

DR. A. E. CORY CHIEF SPEAKER

Talks of World Conditions and Expressed the Opinion That Children Are Greatest Asset of the World.

The auditorium of the First Methodist Protestant Church was filled last night at the meeting of the Cabarrus County Christian Endeavor Union and the Leadership Institute under the auspices of the Union. Representatives were in attendance from the Roberta Presbyterian, Roberta Methodist Protestant, as well as from the Christian Endeavor Societies of the city. There were also present representatives of Epworth Leagues, Luther Leagues and B. Y. P. U's.

The first meeting was opened at 4:30 p. m. under the leadership of Mr. Evans, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Evans outlined the new work for the Junior and Intermediate Societies, showing interesting handwork that had been collected from various points throughout the country. He gave in outline the plans for the All-South Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Richmond, Va., July 10-14. Already over 300 delegates have registered for this convention, and at least three thousand persons are expected to attend. North Carolina will have several special cars to go to Richmond for the convention and for sight-seeing tours to Washington and other points of interest afterward.

At the 7 o'clock meeting, the roll of societies was called, showing splendid attendance from several churches. The largest percentage of attendance was recorded by the Methodist Protestant Junior Society, although the Senior Society of this church lacked only one of having 100 per cent. The several societies of the city had waged an advance Registration Campaign for the Institute, the registration fee being 10 cents per person. A total of 519 persons paid this fee.

The principal address of the evening was made by Dr. A. E. Cory, of Kingston, N. C., President of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. Dr. Cory held his audience spell-bound with his masterly portrayal of world conditions, politically, economically and religiously. He stated that one of the most wholesome signs of the times was that people were thinking. He did not agree with some of the things they were thinking, but that the mere fact that they were thinking at all was a good omen. "The Bible will never be hurt by what people think about it," he said, "but will endure when its critics are long forgotten." He stated that the young people of today are the greatest asset the world has at the present time. "War," he said, "is the greatest sin of the age, and the church has no right to make itself a recruiting station. War can be stopped only when our boys and girls learn the principles of peace and world brotherhood." He quoted a statement from "Good Housekeeping" that there is more dishonesty today in our youth from 12 to 16 than at any other time during the last generation. "Honesty is being implanted in the lives of our children, not by the schools as it might be, certainly not by some of our homes—the Christian Church must do it if ever it is properly done. Where young people are thinking the older ones must be thinking as well—in terms of time and talent as well as in terms of money. The greatest movements in the world today are among the youth of all lands. Youth is doing things in a bigger, finer way than ever their fathers did. "Invest in your youth if you would make the greatest investment possible."

"The largest Christian Endeavor Society in the world is in Africa, with over 1500 members, all who walk for miles across swamps and sands because of their interest in Jesus Christ."

At the conclusion of this masterly address by Dr. Cory, Mr. Evans, gave some history of the Christian Endeavor work of the young people through the Christian Endeavor Societies and said among many other phases of activities that year before last, 730 new societies were organized in the Southern States, under the direction of Mr. Evans and the All-South Extension, of which he is the head. That means one new society every twelve hours during the entire year. Last year, there were 780 new ones organized. One month last year 5,264 persons pledged themselves, through their Christian Endeavor Societies, to observe at least fifteen minutes each day of prayer and Bible-reading. Two thousand, two hundred thirty-two persons pledged themselves to tithe their incomes for Christian work. Over 200 persons pledged themselves for the ministry and mission fields.

Among the visitors at the rally was Mr. Cary P. Lowrance, of Mooresville, who is President of the Southern District C. E. Union.

Dr. Cory and Mr. Evans go from Concord to Charlotte for a like series of meetings.

Big Fire at Henderson.

(By the Associated Press.) Henderson, N. C., Feb. 14.—Damage estimated at \$250,000 was done by fire here today that destroyed the hull and meal house of the Henderson Cotton Mill. The origin of the blaze has not been determined.

The United States Army bakes bread for two cents a loaf, superior to that sold the public for nine and eleven cents.