

Sinclair Declines To Testify to Committee

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COMMITTEE WAS AGAINST HIM They Voted Unanimously That He Should Be Heard.—Statement Read by the Holder of Oil Lease.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 22.—Harry F. Sinclair, who holds the leases to Teapot Dome, refused to testify before the oil committee today on the ground that any evidence he may possess should be reserved for the courts.

The committee directed Sinclair to take the stand today after a four's discussion of its rights to question him. The vote of the committee against the pleas of his counsel was unanimous.

By a vote of 9 to 2 the committee also rejected a motion of Senator Bursam, republican of New Mexico, that Sinclair not be questioned about any matter involved in the court proceedings brought at Cheyenne, Wyo., in the oil lease cases. The only senators supporting this motion were Senator Bursam and Senator Cameron, republican, of Arizona.

"I shall reserve any evidence I may be able to give," Sinclair told the committee, "when he took the stand for those courts to which you and your colleagues have deliberately referred all questions of which you had any jurisdiction, and shall respectfully decline to answer any questions propounded by your committee."

"There is nothing," he continued, "in any of the facts or circumstances of the lease of Teapot Dome that does or can incriminate."

The statement then recapitulated the operators' previous appearances before the senate committees regarding the lease, and added:

"Thus it appears that I have been before your committee at five different sessions, and answered all questions and produced all books and papers called for, and I was finally excused from further attendance."

Sinclair called attention to the fact that the resolution authorizing prosecution in the oil lease cases had been passed by the Senate since his last appearance. The resolution in effect "denounced the lease between the government and the Mammoth Oil Company," he said.

"This is an assertion that under the rights and equities of the United States the land covered by the lease of Teapot Dome belongs to the United States," the statement said.

When Sinclair had finished reading his statement Senator Walsh said he desired to ask him about the testimony of Frederick G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver Post. The operator conferred with his counsel, Martin W. Littleton, and then replied:

"I decline to answer, on advice of counsel, on the same grounds."

Senator Walsh asked about Sinclair's purchase from the Pioneer and Belgo Oil Companies of their claims in Teapot Dome and got the same answer. The prosecutor put a long line of questions covering all of the important matters on which he desired to interrogate him, and the oil magnate declined to answer each "on the same grounds."

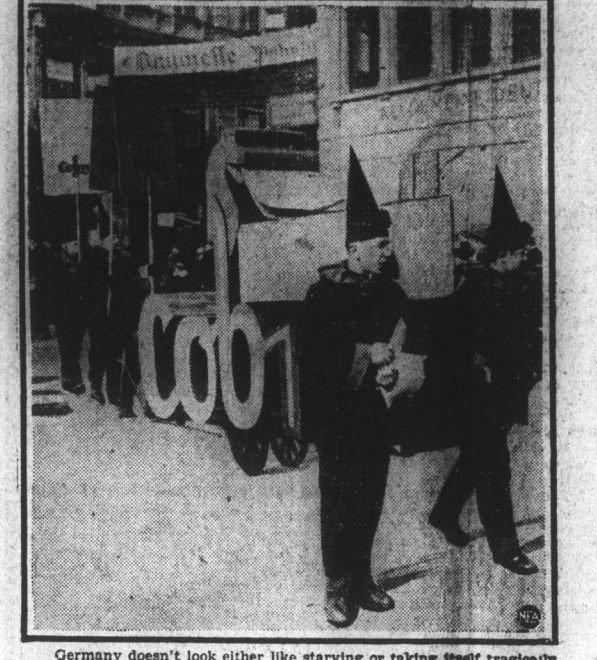
Sinclair then was excused.

Hays Is Examined. Washington, March 22.—After failing to induce Harry F. Sinclair to testify before it, the oil committee today received from Will H. Hays a flat denial of the story that Sinclair had contributed a large batch of oil stocks to wipe out the deficit in the republican party treasury after the 1920 campaign.

Sinclair refused to testify after the committee had voted unanimously to overrule his objections. The committee's only recourse now is to certify him to the Senate for contempt, but members indicated that no such step would probably be taken.

"Do you know the witness who has just left the stand?" asked Senator

Hoop-lal,



Germany doesn't look either like starving or taking itself tragically. Photo shows part of a parade in Leipzig advertising the great annual fair.

NOMINATION OF HARDING PURCHASED, SAYS JENNINGS Former Train Robber Quoted in Starting Story in Oil Scandal.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 21.—As Harry F. Sinclair, through his counsel, was waging an inconclusive, but apparently losing battle to keep off the oil committee witness stand today, Will H. Hays came to Washington to be questioned about a story that Sinclair donated a large batch of securities to wipe out the \$1,600,000 deficit of the Republican national committee after the 1920 campaign.

The oil investigator will decide the issue with Sinclair tomorrow and indications tonight were that they would direct the New York oil magnate to take the stand. After he leaves the witness chair, the committee will call Hays, former chairman of the Republican national committee and the first postmaster general in the Harding administration.

After his arrival here, Hays remained in seclusion, but Chairman Adams, of the Republican national committee, declared there had been no contribution of oil stock in wiping out the deficit.

"The story that 75,000 shares of oil stock were used to pay off the deficit of the Republican national committee, is of course ridiculous, Mr. Adams said. About 10,000 or more contributors from every state in the union made up the amount."

"It took three long years of strenuous work by our financial organization to wipe out this indebtedness and there was no contribution of oil stock or easy money of any kind."

To the amazing story about the oil stock contribution another has been added by Al Jennings, former train robber, but now an evangelist and politician.

Jennings is quoted as having stated before his departure from California for Washington that he would tell the oil committee of a \$1,000,000 cash payment that "bought" the nomination of President Harding. He also is credited with the statement that the sum came from "oil interests."

Monroe Chicken Farm Is Hard Hit By Blaze. Monroe, March 21.—Fire here last night at the chicken farm of R. B. Thomas, worker in the Seaboard yards, destroyed the lives of several hundreds of chickens.

Mr. Thomas had just returned from fire was discovered. The alarm was immediately sent in and soon the engines were on the scene. The fire is said to have originated from a brooder.

Frankly, "we're sorry for the man with mannequin hands, unacquainted and unacquainted with grimy toil"

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Long Ago



Photo shows Harry F. Sinclair, the oil magnate, as he played in a band at Independence, Kas., long years ago. It is the only photo of its kind in existence.

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE SCHOOL FUND Forty Counties Will Receive Loans Under Present Plan.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—Final apportionment of the \$5,000,000 school fund created by the General Assembly has been made, it was announced here at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Board of Education approved the recent loans amounting to \$1,200,000 which were a part of the 1923 building fund. This amount formed the balance of the original loan.

Forty counties will receive loans under the present plan of this last amount. Some counties receiving as high as \$140,000 while one will receive as low as \$3,000. The counties and their allotted amounts are:

- Alexander \$20,000; Anson \$15,000; Bertie \$12,000; Bladen \$12,500; Brunswick \$40,000; Burke \$20,000; Catawba \$15,000; Chatham \$25,000; Cherokee \$37,000; Cleveland \$37,000; Cumberland \$54,000; Davie \$10,000; Duplin \$25,000; Edgecombe \$25,000; Forsyth \$140,000; Gaston \$20,000; Gates \$9,000; Guilford \$55,000; Halifax \$32,000; Henderson \$30,000; Mecklenburg \$60,000; Montgomery \$15,000; Moore \$25,000; Nash \$37,000; Northampton \$3,000; Orange \$50,000; Pasquotank \$15,000; Perquimans \$6,000; Person \$48,000; Pitt \$25,000; Randolph \$80,000; Richmond \$14,000; Rockingham \$45,000; Rowan \$90,000; Sampson \$25,000; Scotland \$18,000; Surry \$37,500; Warren \$10,000; Wilkes \$4,000; Wilson \$70,000.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened at Decline of 6 to 15 Points and Sold 10 to 18 Points Lower. (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 22.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 6 to 15 points today, and sold about 10 to 18 points net lower in the early trading, under further commission house liquidation and local and southern selling. The decline was attributed to continued complaints of dullness in the cotton goods trade and rumors of curtailment in the automobile industry. May contracts sold off to 28.72 and October to 25.65, with business quiet at the decline.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 28.50; May 28.80; July 28.22; Oct. 25.65; Dec. 25.25.

Closed Steady. New York, March 22.—Cotton futures closed steady. March 28.50; May 28.80; July 28.22; Oct. 25.65; Dec. 25.25.

Iredell Man Commits Suicide. Statesville, March 22.—J. Gurney Wright, 49 years old, living in Eagle Mills township of Iredell county, committed suicide today by shooting himself with a shotgun. The family heard the report of a gun and a search revealed his body in a granary. A long stick by means of which he had pulled the trigger still was in the trigger guard.

He left a note to his wife and children informing them of the amount of his estate, and that he was leaving everything to them.

His widow and eight children survive.

Naval Appropriation Bill Passed. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 22.—The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$272,000,000, was passed today by the House.

The most important natural product of Siam is teak wood.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Mr. Ralston Succeeds Mr. Bealle.—The Death of Chairman Bellamy. Charlotte, March 22.—Morris A. Bealle, state director of the Near East Relief in North Carolina for the last two and a half years, has resigned effective April 1st and will enter the publicity and advertising business in Asheville, it was announced today.

D. Cameron Ralston of Columbia, state director for South Carolina, has been appointed in his place and is already in Charlotte familiarizing himself with the work in the Tarheel state. Mr. Ralston has been in religious work for a number of years and was field secretary for the Southern Presbyterian church in Richmond, Va., in charge of the million-dollar campaign work in Virginia, when called to Near East Relief.

Mr. Ralston is a native of Paisley, Scotland, but has been in Richmond, Va., for six years. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, Shrine, and Kiwanis. In Columbia he was a member of the First Presbyterian church and expects to affiliate with Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian church in Charlotte. Lex W. Klutz, former Davidson College student, field worker for South Carolina, has been appointed director and field organizer for the Palmetto state.

The death of Col. George H. Bellamy in Wilmington, state chairman for Near East Relief, has come as a great blow to state and national officers and county workers of the Near East Relief. Under Col. Bellamy's leadership nearly \$1,000,000 has been raised in North Carolina during the last five years. The campaign for \$200,000 this year will continue.

At Near East Relief headquarters it was stated that nothing will be done about appointing a successor to Col. Bellamy until 30 days have elapsed. Joseph Daniels of Raleigh, honorary state chairman, and John M. Scott, of this city, state treasurer, will carry the burden of sponsoring the work to the public for the present.

LIVE-AT-HOME PROGRAM

Plan Is Now Being Adopted by Other States. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—The live-at-home program begun by North Carolina is meeting with hearty response in the state and is now being adopted by a number of other Southern states, according to B. W. Kilgore, Director of the Extension Service of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Kilgore is in receipt of letters from five other Southern states commending the plan and requesting all available information about it, so that similar movements could be inaugurated in those states.

Virginia is the latest state to adopt such a plan, Mr. Kilgore said. He has just received a letter from Professor John H. Hutcheson, Director of Extension Service at Blacksburg, Va., saying:

"Following your lead we are putting on an 'Agricultural Independence Campaign' in this state to begin the first week in April. I have asked the Governor to issue a proclamation in regard to the matter. I am therefore writing to ask that you send me a copy of the proclamation that the Governor of North Carolina used in regards to your campaign."

This information has been supplied Professor Hutcheson, together with copies of the North Carolina live-at-home program, enrollment blanks for the live-at-home movement and other material issued by the workers of the State College of Agriculture in furtherance of the movement in North Carolina this year.

Arkansas is also following closely in the footsteps of North Carolina on this project, it was stated. Dan T. Gray, formerly in charge of livestock work in North Carolina, is now Dean and Director of the Extension Service of the former state. The officials of the Arkansas Extension Service have copied the North Carolina enrollment blank and have added two items to the ten that already appeared on the pledge. T. Roy Redd, Assistant Director of Extension in Arkansas, wrote to Director Kilgore and said:

"In a conference of our supervising agents and specialists, we decided to adopt the plan which is being used in your state so successfully as a part of the program which we put on this year for a 'Prosperous Arkansas.' It is our plan to present an honor certificate to the farmers who agree to do eight of the things mentioned in the pledge, and then carries them out. Your courtesy in sending blanks and forms used in your office is appreciated and I am hoping that we may have some measure of success in putting it over; in fact, we hope within the next year or two to have as many or more honor farmers as there are in North Carolina."

Oaxaca City Free From Rebels. (By the Associated Press.) Mexico City, March 22.—Dispatches from Puebla say that Oaxaca City was evacuated three days ago by the rebels.

Bonus Will Cost \$2,119,000,000. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 22.—The House estimates that its soldier-bonus bill will cost \$2,119,000,000 is much too low, Chairman Snoot, of the Senate finance committee declared today.

MISS ROXIE STINSON APPEARS AGAIN IN

WENT BEFORE COMMITTEE TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOLLOWING HER ARREST AS BROUGHT OUT IN HEARING.

SAYS NEWSPAPERS WANTED HER STORY Declares She Was Not Registered With Man of Her Own Knowledge.—Said \$1,000 Offered for Story.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 22.—Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of the late Jess W. Smith, today told the Daugherty investigating committee her version of the affair in a Cleveland hotel in which the Attorney General charged she was registered with A. L. Fink, of Buffalo, N. Y., as man and wife, and made an attempt to blackmail him (the Attorney General) for \$15,000.

Miss Stinson's reply to the Attorney General's charges in that regard was that it was a "frame up."

Her version was that she went to Cleveland to meet Fink "to talk over a big deal," and had him to dinner in her room. There, she said, Fink told her he had registered them "under a fictitious name." Miss Stinson said she was incensed when she learned of it. Later, she said, Fink came and told her they both were under arrest for "registering under fictitious names" and they were "headed for the bans unless she promised to say nothing damaging to Harry Daugherty."

At the opening of her testimony today Miss Stinson told of how she had been approached for her story by various persons, and said one man giving his name as Lyle Johnson who represented himself as coming from the Associated Press and the Columbus Citizen, offered a thousand dollars for "a lead" on how to get some information on Teapot Dome. Johnson told her, he said, that he came from Washington.

(Lyle Johnson is not employed by the Associated Press, and the Columbus Citizen for which he is courthouse reporter in Columbus, Ohio, is not a member of the Associated Press.)

Miss Stinson reiterated that Wm. R. Hays, Columbus broker, had told her she should give him one of her \$100 bills. She said she could not recall such an incident and Miss Stinson said she was astonished at his testimony.

Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, asked Miss Stinson for a specific deal on which Jess Smith had mentioned Mr. Daugherty's name, and she said he had in connection with whiskey deals.

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Wahlberg in Havana. Havana, Cuba, March 22.—G. D. Wahlberg, for whom a subpoena has been issued by the Senate Teapot Dome investigating committee in Washington, is in Havana, it was learned today. He left a request at his hotel that the names of all callers be announced in advance, but he was not at the hotel today when newspaper men called to see him.

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