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START TESTIMONY IN BATTLE OIL LEASES

Commander H. A. Stewart First Witness For Government at Los Angeles Disagreement Over Lease

Los Angeles, Oct. 22.—Testimony was begun in United States district court here today in the government suit to cancel the lease and contracts of naval oil reserve properties to the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company, which E. L. Doheny, controlling shareholder, salutes at \$100,000,000 and in the alleged conspiracy for granting of which the government charges Doheny paid \$100,000 to Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior at that time.

Commander H. A. Stewart, United States navy, formerly officer in charge of the naval fuel oil reserves at Washington, was the first witness called by Owen J. Roberts, government prosecutor. Roberts said Commander Stewart was placed on the witness stand to prove that a disagreement existed in the navy department concerning the leases, that the navy officer had not been in accord with the policy and subsequently was removed from office.

The taking of testimony was preceded by offering of documentary evidence, including the withdrawal order of President Taft by which the Elk Hills oil lands were withdrawn from public entry; the executive order by President Harding in 1921 directing that administration of the naval oil reserves be transferred to the department of the interior.

Roberts asked Stewart to relate his dealings with Fall prior to the granting of the lease to the Pan-American interests.

"After it was decided to make the lease Admiral Griffin and I went to Secretary Fall and told him we had heard the United Midway was to be given the lease as part of Number One."

"This said it was not necessary to drill wells. Fall said he had already taken it up with the president, and it had met with his approval. Fall said he would get proof of the approval, but did not until later. We left and went to the Navy building and were then summoned back and shown the approval of the president. Shortly after the leases were divided."

Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for the defense, said in his opening statement yesterday there was no profit-making back of the oil lease transactions and that they were based on a desire to protect the United States by providing at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, a hoard of oil to fuel the country's oil burning dreadnaughts in a possible war. Near sighted navy officials, not Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, planned that move, Mr. Hogan declared. Mr. Fall played but a purely "formal and perfunctory part," said Mr. Hogan.

Edwin Denby, then secretary of the navy, and Admiral J. K. Robison, chief of the navy's engineering bureau, he told the court, were the real prime movers in the lease transactions and their motive was to "convert crude oil thousands of feet under ground into fuel oil available for instant use in war time."

Owen J. Roberts, special counsel for the government, in opening the case, stressed the connection of Admiral Robison, but declared Robison was an intimate friend of Doheny, Sr. and Doheny, Jr., and notified them that he had been chief of the engineering bureau as soon as he received his appointment.

He pointed out as significant "that almost immediately after Robison stepped into office the fuel oil reserves" which had been created in 1909 to supervise the operation of the oil reserves, "was abolished and Robison assumed responsibility for the fueling of the naval vessels."

Says Young Brides Must Attend School

Chicago, Oct. 19.—William L. Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education, decreed today that men who were married to girls 16 years of age or younger must go to jail if they do not keep their wives in school. His order resulted from publicity given to the case of two girls, both 15, who had married with the approved sanction of a county school. "All brides under 16 must attend school and their husbands will be jailed if they do not keep their wives of compulsory school age in regular attendance," said Mr. Bodine.

P. J. Byrum was a visitor here Tuesday.

LAND SALE ON NOV. 1ST

The North American Land Co. Selling Agents and Valuable Farms and Farm Property Will Be Sold Then

That Farmville is to soon have another real land sale will be noted by an advertisement appearing on the back page of this issue for the North American Land Co., of this city.

On Saturday, Nov. 1st, this company will sell to the highest bidder what is known as the Joyner farm, located just one mile north of Farmville, which has been subdivided into small farms, ranging from 2 to 10 acres, each fronting on the Farmville to Falkland road. The terms of which are very attractive, being one-fourth cash and the balance in one, two and three years. This sale to take place at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

In the advertisement the same date this company will also sell some of the finest business property ever before offered in the city of Farmville, located on Main street in one of the principle business blocks also several residence lots for both white and colored, some with homes on them and some vacant.

If you are interested in either a small farm, a business lot, a home or a nice vacant lot on which to build a home, be sure and attend this sale where your own price will do the buying and on easy terms.

See their big advertisement on the back page of this issue for full and complete particulars.

SETTLE SUIT FOR \$27,500

Wake Forest Alumnus Wanted \$200,000 Attorney's Fee From College

New York, Oct. 21.—The suit in equity brought in New York supreme court by Frank East Parham, New York lawyer, against Wake Forest college, was compromised late this afternoon. Under the terms of the settlement, which was effected upon the recommendation of the trial judge, Justice Wasservogel, Mr. Parham will receive \$27,500 in full payment for all of his legal services in behalf of Wake Forest college in connection with litigation in New York courts.

The plaintiff agreed to withdraw his charges of fraud and misrepresentation which he set up in his equity action. The suit was brought by Mr. Parham to annul the arbitration award of \$12,000 returned in his favor in North Carolina for legal services he had performed in New York for the college. His original claim against the institution was for \$200,000. He represented Wake Forest college in four suits involving accounts in the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, and the New York Life Insurance and Trust company of the late James A. Boswick, the first of these cases came up in 1914 and the last in 1922.

The arbitrators, E. F. Aydtette, R. C. Dunn and W. J. Brogden, of North Carolina, awarded Parham \$12,000 for his services. He was not satisfied with the amount and brought suit here setting up the claim of fraud and misrepresentation. Mr. Parham took the stand in supreme court today and gave a detailed account of the services he had rendered in connection with the litigation. Justice Wasservogel then told counsel for the college that he thought the case ought to be compromised.

He remarked that his impression was that as a legal proposition the award was binding upon Parham but added that he thought that according to the New York standards, the legal fee was very small. Justice Wasservogel also remarked that the value of the services as indicated, was about \$30,000.

Counsel then conferred and a compromise on a basis of \$27,500 was decided upon. W. N. Jones, of North Carolina, general counsel for the college was assisted in the case by Charles Ungelo of the law firm of Geller, Rolston and Blanc, of New York. The arbitrators were here as were also President William Louis Fostet of Wake Forest and Talcott Brewster, treasurer of the college. Parham is a former North Carolinian and an alumnus of Wake Forest.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual bazaar on Thursday, October 5, in Moore's hall store.



Proving her worth in a flight across the Atlantic to Germany to the United States, our newest Zeppelin pilot, Miss Bettie Joyner, in a biplane at Lakehurst, N. J. Inset shows Capt. Lloyd Smith, from Marion, Ind., who now assumes command.

COUNCIL HOLDS MONTHLY MEET

Miss Bettie Joyner, Entertained Council at Her Home Near Here Monday Evening

Miss Bettie Joyner entertained the Workers' Council of the Methodist church at her home near here on Monday evening.

The council is composed of the Sunday school officers and teachers and 14 members were present at this time.

The meeting was called to order by the superintendent of the Sunday school, A. H. Joyner, and a prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. B. B. Slaughter.

The principal speaker on the program was Rev. B. B. Slaughter, pastor of the church. He spoke on the subject of "The Home as a Center of Christian Work." He said that the home is the most important place where Christian work can be done, and that it is the duty of every Christian to make his home a center of Christian work. He said that the home is the best place to teach the children of God, and that it is the best place to live a Christian life.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess after adjournment of the council.

LOYAL DAUGHTERS

Twenty-two Loyal Daughters enjoyed an afternoon of social intercourse and fine setting when they were entertained by Mrs. Annie Long on Monday of this week.

A delicious ice course was served. Mrs. O. E. Fox will be hostess to this group on Monday next.

CUTTING THE MELON



PARENT-TEACHER ASSO'N.

A Large Attendance of Members and Visitors Present. Miss Galt Delights Her Hearers With Songs

A large number of members and visitors were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association held in the school auditorium on Friday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. E. A. Fields, the vice-president, Mrs. Loyd Smith, presided.

After the minutes of the September meeting the presiding officer called the attention of the body to the I. C. course which is to appear here during the fall and winter months under its auspices and reminded his hearers that the first number, the American Glee Club, would appear in the auditorium on Monday evening of next week. She appealed for interest and co-operation in this venture.

The delegates elected to attend the State Federation meeting at Durham in November were Mesdames R. A. Fields and J. M. Hobgood. Mesdames B. C. Turnage and J. H. Harris were elected as alternates.

In the room roll call, Miss Kate Ingram's grade won and will receive the book offered at each meeting for the best percentage of attendance.

Supt. G. R. Wheeler asked for a few minutes in which to recommend a Community Study Hour. He outlined the necessity for such a move on the part of parents and urged that the Association co-operate with the school in this particular work. The matter was referred to the executive committee and this will be given a place in the business program of the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to enjoy a song recital given by Miss Vivian Case.

"My Lullaby" by Troupetsky, was the outstanding feature of Miss Case's program, and she rendered this classic number exceedingly well. Other numbers were: "Nights Lay a Dress" by Novin, "Oh No John No," English

and "The Song of the Lark." Miss Case, singer with a great deal of feeling and her interpretation was keenly appreciated by the appreciative audience.

LADIES' NIGHT' METHODIST MEN'S CLUB, FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 21

Friday night, October 21, will be "ladies' night" at the Methodist Men's Club, high school dining room, 6:30. Every member is supposed to bring his wife, sweetheart or friend. A Hallway program will feature the occasion, and will consist of special music, stunts, short talks and a good supper. This meeting will, no doubt, be the most enjoyable one of the year.

It's all right to talk about the family of nations getting together around a table to settle their quarrels, but they're getting darned tired of finding on the table a few fragments of China and a Young Turkey in Greece.

Weds Her Pupil



Miss Grace Monahan, of Westham, Mass., not only taught the three R's to Norman Coolbrath, what he was a pupil in her school, Norman fell in love with his teacher and now at 22 marries her, even though she is 33.

FAMOUS QUARTETTE MONDAY

Will Give Snappy Program at School Auditorium. Come Highly Recommended

Everybody likes a male quartet and the famous American Glee Club will appear Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, in a snappy program of songs, recitations and musical selections. The quartet is highly recommended by many who have heard it. From the Hamilton, Kansas, Lyceum Committee we quote the following:

"The American Glee Club pleased our people very much. The bass and baritone were especially commended on their individual work. I think I am safe in saying it was the strongest male quartet that has ever appeared in our town."

And from Jasper, Mo., this: "The general opinion in Jasper is that the American Glee Club was the best thing that has been here for years."

This number is one of the prominent De Luxe attractions and the local committee feels safe in urging the public that it includes four young men who are splendid musicians and happy entertainers. A large house is expected on Monday evening, October 27. Season tickets now on sale.

AT THE ROTARY TUESDAY EVE

General E. P. Glenn of Greensboro, Makes Talk on the Port Terminals Issue

The fine evening meal, and the genial atmosphere ever enjoyed by Rotarians on Tuesdays, were there on Tuesday last, but the address of Gen. E. P. Glenn of Greensboro, on the port terminal question was the principal feature of this particular meeting.

The inter-city meet at Washington on Thursday was discussed and it was found that a large number of members were planning to attend. A hearty handshaka and a cordial welcome was given Alex Rouse as a reinstated member.

THE 'UNWANTED CHILD'

Florence Edna May, a brilliant young playwright, is the author of the new drama that has given scope for much discussion both for and against its stage presentation. It is "The Unwanted Child," the plot of which has to do with the subject of what is to the future of the children born, but unwanted. Without any semblance of sensationalism, the young dramatist has taken one of the most vital questions of the day and carried it into a remarkable play with a punch in every line. At the same time, Miss May has succeeded in setting the more strenuous scenes and situations with some refreshing comedy.

"The Unwanted Child" is a modern drama and with the present tendency of the theatre as an educational institution, as well as a place of amusement, plays like "THE UNWANTED CHILD" are bound to find favor. This is a play that every woman and girl in this city should see. It opens at White's Theatre in Greenville for one day, Thursday, Oct. 26th, matinee and night. Matinee for ladies only. No one under sixteen will be admitted.

SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS CLOSED

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Local Pastor Conducted Revival Assisted by Mrs. C. L. Steidley of Gastonia

The series of meetings being held in the local Methodist church culminated in the services on Sunday evening, and one of the most successful revivals ever held here came to an end.

Taking as his theme, "The Pearl of Supreme Value," the Rev. B. B. Slaughter, local pastor, drew a distinction between the Supreme Pearl—Christ and His Gospel—and those of less value. In a powerful sermon on this subject he cited instances of finding the Pearl by chance and of pursuits which ended triumphantly for the pursuers. He outlined the manner in which the law and the prophets had had their fulfillment in the Pearl of great value, and appealed to his hearers to forsake all else and receive this priceless gift.

Mr. Slaughter was assisted in his successful meeting by Mrs. C. L. Steidley of Gastonia, singer and personal worker who rendered faithful and efficient service in the Master's cause. Thirty-six additions were received during the meeting, six of these being by certificate.

The co-operation of the church people of the town both in attendance and assistance was most gratifying to the pastor and his congregation, and the ushers and the choir deserve especial praise for their loyal service.

POPULAR LADY DIED SATURDAY

Funeral of Mrs. Nannie Parrott Held Today at 3:30 P. M. Was Prominent

The funeral of Mrs. Nannie Parrott Andrews, 68, who died at the home of a son, Clay Andrews, Saturday morning at 10 a. m., following a stroke of paralysis and almost immediate death, was conducted from the residence at 9:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with interment in Maplewood cemetery. The Rev. Lee McK. White, pastor of the Baptist church, Kingston, and the Rev. L. B. Sailer, pastor of the Christian Church of Greenville, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Andrews had many fine traits of character and was very well and favorably known in Farmville and vicinity.

PROPOSED MEET TO FORM BALL LEAGUE CALLED OFF

Goldboro, Oct. 19.—The proposed meeting in this city yesterday for the purpose of forming the Eastern Tar-Pine Baseball league failed to materialize. C. G. Van Landingham, the temporary chairman of the committee, yesterday telegraphed to C. Green, president of the local association, and stated that on account of the fact that nothing definite had been heard from Greenville in regard to whether that city would enter the proposed league and that it was desired to have representation from that town, the meeting would have to be postponed.

Goldboro, Kingston and Wilmington are all in readiness to come into the proposed league. Three other towns are needed to make the league possible. Mr. Van Landingham did not state in this telegram when the meeting would be called but it is likely that this will be decided in a few days.

LADY ASTOR GIVEN A ROUGH RECEPTION

Plymouth, Eng., Oct. 22.—Lady Astor, who is seeking re-election to parliament, had a lively open-air meeting today when she fought for an hour in the socialist camp for her constituency. Continuous interruptions, however, prevented her from delivering her speech.

While she paraded globe with good humor and witty retorts, a gang of children stripped her automobile of Astoria literature, substituting that of her socialist opponent. They sang lustily "The Red Flag" when Lady Astor left the scene.

Some 300 young men spent their summer holiday in 1922 seeing the world as temporary sailors.