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# VERMONT SENATOR SHOT

## CHARGES MADE BY VANDERLIP PROVE FIZZLE

Rumors Circulated Without Facts and No Effort Made to Verify Them, He Tells Oil Committee

## TEN DAY RECESS WILL BE TAKEN BY PROBERS

Senator Walsh Called Away; Roberts Nominated Foreman Denies Checks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate oil committee took a 10-day recess tonight after receiving information which described two of the most sensational rumors which recently have come before it.

Frank A. Vanderlip, whose public references to the sale of President Harding's Marion Star had shocked the country, told the committee he himself did not believe the rumors to which he gave circulation; had no facts to support him, and had made no efforts at verification.

Recess Called  
Otto H. Kahn and B. F. Poakum, who had been depended upon as principal witnesses regarding the story of a \$1,000,000 oil slush fund, notified the committee they had no knowledge whatever about it and were ready to say so on the witness stand.

The 10-day recess was coincident with a sharp reaction in the New York stock market after reports were circulated that a prominent Wall street trader had turned bearish in the belief that the oil disclosures were undermining public confidence.

The adjustment was announced after an executive session at the end of the day. It was explained that Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, the dominant figure in the pressing of the inquiry, found it necessary to be absent from Washington for some days.

Nominate Counsel  
At this executive session the committee approved without a record vote the nominations of special government counsel in the oil cases—Alce Pomerene of Canton, Ohio, and Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia. The nomination of Roberts was sent to the senate today by President Coolidge to take the place of that of Silas H. Strawn of Chicago, which was withdrawn yesterday.

The fight on Mr. Pomerene, which has been waged in the committee for several days, will be taken to the senate floor. Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, who initiated it, said he would ask for consideration of the nomination in open executive session and had assurances that his request would be granted.

Paper Men Ignored  
After it had finished with Mr. Vanderlip, the committee received a statement from Louis H. Brush, one of the purchasers of the Marion Star, that he and Roy D. Moore alone had bought the paper and that every cent that went into the purchase was their own money. The committee did not even think it necessary to question him.

George K. Thomas, secretary of the Pioneer Oil company, testified that he had been advised a month beforehand that Harry F. Sinclair would get the lease of Teapot Dome and that it was on the basis of this information that Sin-

## NEWBERG AUTO TAKES PLUNGE AT CORVALLIS

A. E. Westcott Is Believed Drowned When Machine Lands in Willamette

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 15.—The automobile of A. E. Westcott of Newberg, Or., was found in the Willamette river near here today. Mr. Westcott, a member of the house in the last legislature according to reports received here from Newberg, left his home yesterday for Corvallis.

Tracks indicated that the machine had plunged from the highway into the river and it is feared Mr. Westcott perished. Oliver Westcott, a son arrived here today to institution a search in the river for his father's body.

An official list of the members of the last Oregon legislature does not show a member named Westcott. The two Yamhill county members were Ed Cary and Arthur McPhillips.

## MRS. MOWERY IS AGAIN A MOTHER

Birth of Baby Boy Proves That Convict Was Allowed to Visit Home

Conclusive proof that Harrison Mowery, a convict at the state penitentiary, doing time for a grave statutory offense, was allowed to visit his home each week-end by former Warden Johnson Smith, came to light yesterday when Mrs. Mowery gave birth to a child. Mowery was sentenced more than a year ago.

Mowery was sentenced from Marion county, his case attracting much attention in local circles. One of the charges made against former Warden Smith was that he allowed Mowery to leave the prison and visit his home each week-end. He is said to have admitted that he did so, and Mrs. Mowery yesterday confirmed this also. The Mowery family now lives at 1969 Frederick street and is a county charge.

The new baby is a boy and weighed nine pounds at birth. Mrs. Mowery is the mother of a large family of children. The attending physician's record shows that Mrs. Mowery has borne 14 children. Seven are living. Two died after birth and five were stillborn. Mrs. Mowery is 41 years old.

## RENEE CHEMET PRINCESS WITH VIOLIN; MAUD POWELL'S OWN INSTRUMENT USED IN CONCERT

By AUDRED BUNCH  
Renee Chemet was a princess at her instrument. A receptive audience waited in the auditorium. From the first faint tuning behind the scenes to the last minor lilt of the Kreisler encore she was herself, and wonderful. She kept the moods of her chosen composers admirably. Handel and Chopin brought out her fullest sympathy. Madame Chemet, violinist, with Waldemar Liachowsky, pianist, gave, on Friday night at the First Christian church, under the presentation of the Civic Music club one of Salem's very choicest musical treats. Madame Chemet, who among violinists is one of two red seal violin artists in the world, proved without question her distinction. There was perfect concord between her, her instrument and her accompanist. Such striking sympathy came out well in the first number of her four-part program which in outline presents the composers:

Handel . . . . . Sonata in A major  
Adante  
Allegro  
Adagio  
Allegretto  
Sammartini (a) . . . . . Canto amorosa  
Beethoven (b) . . . . . Rondino  
Mozart (arr.) (c) . . . . . Bourree  
Lalo . . . . . Concerto in F minor  
Chopin (a) . . . . . Nocturne in E flat  
Dvorak-Kreisler (b) . . . . .  
Slavonic Dance in G minor.  
Sarasate (c) . . . . . Zapateado  
Playing Maud Powell's own vio-

## WATER SYSTEM IS PROJECTED BY COMMITTEE

Willamette Valley Towns Send Representatives to Confer at Albany; No Action Is Yet Taken

## ORGANIZATION WILL INVESTIGATE PLANS

Survey of Proposed System Would Cost \$8000; Name Being Sought

At the call of Waldo Anderson, president of the Pure Water Development league of Albany, delegates appointed by the chambers of commerce at Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, Salem, Lebanon, Junction City, Springfield, Brownsville and Jefferson, met yesterday noon at the Albany hotel in Albany to form a permanent organization to discuss the possibilities of building a water system that would serve all the cities in the Willamette valley.

Following the luncheon at the Albany hotel, E. M. Reagan, editor of the Albany Herald, stated that the meeting had been called in order that a temporary organization could be formed for the purpose of raising funds to make a preliminary survey from Clear Lake through the Willamette valley cities to Salem, a distance of 155 miles. Also to determine whether such a water system was feasible and whether there would be a revenue received that would justify the expenditure of several million dollars.

Committees Named  
Waldo Anderson of Albany was elected chairman of the organization and as vice chairmen the following: Sam P. Dolan of Corvallis, Frank Chambers of Eugene, M. D. Shank of Lebanon, A. H. Hammer of Albany and William Gahlsdorf of Salem.

To serve on the executive committee of the proposed organization to secure water for the Willamette valley, the following were named:

Corvallis, James E. Stewart and Claude E. Ingalls; Eugene, Carl Washburn and J. W. McArthur; Salem, Fred A. Williams and J. C. Perry; Albany, W. H. Pfeiffer and

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## COUNTERFEIT \$1000 NOTES PLOT NIPPED

Two Men Arrested; Others are Expected to Be Landed Within Next 48 Hours

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A nationwide conspiracy to make and distribute counterfeit treasury notes of \$1,000 denomination has been nipped in the bud, according to secret service operatives, through the arrest of James H. Houghton, employe of the bureau of engraving and printing and Curt Jacobson of New York.

Jacobson and Houghton, both charged with conspiracy to counterfeit were arraigned before United States Commissioner McDonald today and held for the grand jury.

Houghton furnished bond of \$5,000 and was released, but Jacobson tonight had failed to obtain his surety, fixed at \$10,000. A number of arrests in other cities in connection with the alleged conspiracy were predicted within the next 48 hours.

A photographic plate of \$1,000 treasury note and several plates described as nearly complete and almost perfect reproductions of those used in the bureau of engraving and printing were seized. An effort by one of the men arrested to destroy the photographic copy, the agents alleged, was frustrated.

## LEADERS STAND ON MAXIMUM SURTAX

Republicans Ask Rate of 35 Per Cent Instead of Mellon Rate of 25

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Republican house leaders definitely agreed today to make a stand for a maximum surtax rate of 35 per cent instead of the Mellon rate of 25 per cent reported by the ways and means committee. At the same time they laid plans for a fight to the finish on the maximum surtax rate of 44 per cent as well as the normal income rates proposed by the democrats.

While the public was spending another day discussing the revenue bill, Representative Longworth, republican leader, held a conference with about ten others directing the party's campaign.

Afterwards it was announced that to attempt would be made to obtain a vote on the 25 per cent surtax maximum when a show-down comes next week on the income tax schedule. Instead, the republicans, in making a stand for a 35 per cent rate as a compromise, will endeavor to shape the situation so that a vote on such a proposal will come before the democrats can force a roll call on their recommendation that surtaxes range upward to 44 per cent.

## SALEM DEBATERS DEFEAT STAYTON

Elizabeth Fairchild and Bernice Mulvey Victorious Team Here

Salem's high school debating team won a 3 to 0 decision over Stayton here last night. Salem upheld the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That a severance tax is a desirable feature of a system of state and local taxation." Judges for the debate were Prof. J. B. V. Butler, Dr. T. H. Schutte and Prof. C. J. S. Bowling. George Rhoten presided as chairman. The debate was attended by a good crowd.

Fred Fery, of Stayton, lead off for the affirmative, followed by Elizabeth Fairchild, of Salem, who was the first negative speaker. These were followed by Pearl Miller, of Stayton, and Bernice Mulvey, of Salem. Rebuttal was given by Elizabeth Fairchild and Fred Fery.

Benoit McCroskey and Edgar Tibbitts represented Salem at Stayton. The result there could not be ascertained last night.

## POLAR FLIGHT IS POSTPONED BY PRESIDENT

Preparations for Trip North By "Shenandoah" Must Wait for Approval From Congress

## OFFICIALS DOUBTFUL OF FLIGHT THIS YEAR

Even Sanction, Owing to Delay, Might Cause Suspension of Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Coolidge today ordered preparations for the naval north pole expedition suspended. By direction of the president, Secretary Denby sent out orders bringing all preparations for the flight of the Shenandoah to an abrupt stop, pending some form of congressional approval of the project.

A public spokesman intimated that if such approval was forthcoming, preparations would be resumed immediately. Naval officials were frankly doubtful, however, that they could obtain congressional sanction in time to carry out the flight this year.

Approval Needed  
The decision of the president was announced in a statement issued by Secretary Denby.

Mr. Denby would not amplify the statement. At the White house, however, it was said that the president, in view of opposition to the flight that had developed in congress, believed it wise to await action by that body to show its approval of the expenditures necessary to carry out the plans.

The White House explanation suggested that a request had been submitted for authority to spend \$100,000 on the polar expedition. The pending naval bill, now in the house contains no indication of this character, however, nor was it clear to what specific authorization the White House spokesman had reference.

Other Funds Available  
The naval bill to cover expenditures for the fiscal year 1925 was voted out by committee with a report attached saying that the committee had discussed the polar flight plan with Secretary Denby and naval officers but would not interfere with it in any way in the supply measures since expenditures for the flight were to be made from funds already available and not from those provided in the 1925 supply measure.

There have been instances of opposition to the flight being voiced in the senate and house, but no definite movement has been apparent in either house. Representative Longworth of Ohio, republican leader in the house, said today he had heard of no such movement.

Not Up to Congress  
Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee is understood to be in favor of the flight, but opposed to any congressional action in connection with it. He said today that he took the position that operation of the naval air forces was as much a matter of departmental discretion as operation of the surface ships and that congress should not interfere.

Representative French, republican, Idaho, chairman of the naval sub-committee of the appropriations committee, was at first inclined to be dubious as to the wisdom of the attempt to reach the pole by air. A resolution by Representative Taylor, democrat, West Virginia, calling on Secretary Denby for information on the project, resulted in the committee taking it up with naval officers. After hearing Mr. Denby, Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the naval air service, and Commander Bartlett, Arctic explorer and reserve officer, called to active service to participate in the flight, the committee dropped this inquiry. Representative French said today that the naval officials had made out a very good case for their plans.

## EDITORS BACK GIFT PROGRAM OF UNIVERSITY

Special Week to Be Set Aside By Gathering of Newspapersmen at Eugene

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 15.—The editorial association of Oregon will set aside a week in which to exploit the "ten million in ten years" gift campaign of the University of Oregon, it was decided by a unanimous vote here tonight at the annual banquet of the organization. Paul Kelly, news editor of the Oregonian, made the proposal and a committee will decide upon the time and method of procedure tomorrow.

Over 125 citizens of Eugene, in addition to 75 members of the editorial association, were in attendance at the affair, and speakers urged that a spirit of cooperation be broadcasted throughout the state. The banquet was a leading feature of the Oregon newspaper conference in session here today and tomorrow.

## WILLAMETTE IS OAC CONQUEROR

Altered Decision Makes Debate at Corvallis Victory for Locals

Through an altered decision which gave to the Willamette university women's varsity a 2 to 1 victory over the debaters of Oregon Agricultural college, Willamette now holds second place in the inter-scholastic state championship race for women which was fought on three platforms Thursday night.

At the Corvallis debate in which the Willamette negative team met the Aggie affirmative, the decision was announced as 2 to 1 in favor of OAC. In receiving the decisions, the leader of the Willamette team noticed an irregularity in the decision of one judge which led her to believe that it was the intention of that judge to vote for the negative although the vote was announced as favoring the affirmative. Acting on this opinion the Willamette manager accompanying the team protested the decision requesting that the vote in question be affirmed by the judge. It was then found that the judge had left and was on his way home to Portland making the trip by auto. Yesterday morning the judge was called by long distance telephone at his home and from there declared his intention was to vote for the negative.

With this decision giving Willamette victory in one debate the scores for the triangular contest were Oregon 5, Willamette 2, and OAC 2. Although the last two institutions tied in points, Willamette won a debate and consequently will be awarded second place.

Reports from the Corvallis debate are loud with praise for the representatives of the local university. Miss Elaine Oberg led the victorious team, with Miss Esther Moyer as colleague.

## OSWALD WEST WILL HEAD DELEGATION

Eight Members Will Represent Oregon McAdoo Club at Chicago Meet

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—William G. McAdoo plans to attend Monday's conference of funds and supporters of the McAdoo presidential candidacy. David L. Rockwell, national campaign manager, announced today.

Telegrams from Democratic leaders in all sections of the country declaring their intention to attend have been received during the last few days Rockwell said. Oregon will be represented by a delegation of eight, headed by Oswald West of Portland, president of the McAdoo club of Oregon. Washington state will send six representatives including National Committeeman George F. Christensen.

## BULLET INTERCEPTED IN BATTLE BETWEEN POLICE, LIQUOR MEN

Senator Greene Wounded While Walking With Wife Near Capitol Last Night; Attempted to Shield Mate With Body; Bootleggers Make Escape.

## THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house agreed to take up the income tax rates in the revenue bill next Tuesday.

Charles B. Warren of Detroit, it was indicated, probably will accept the ambassadorship to Mexico City.

The north pole flight of the Shenandoah was ordered held up by President Coolidge pending information as to the attitude of congress on the plans.

President Coolidge was said to have received preliminary figures on the tariff commission's wheat investigation as indicating the wheat duties should be increased.

The house immigration commission postponed until next week further consideration of Secretary Hughes' protest of features of the pending immigration bill.

Representative Raker, Democrat, California, asked the house irrigation committee to investigate charges that power interests were trying to block the Boulder dam project.

Favorable reports were voted by the senate foreign relations committee on the rum treaty with Great Britain; the Isle of Pines treaty with Cuba and two treaties with France dealing with American rights under French mandates.

The senate oil committee heard Frank Vanderlip disavow any actual knowledge in the Marion Star story; received denials of the "slush" fund rumor from two sources; approved appointment of Alce Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts as oil counsel and adjourned for ten days.

## Mrs. Minnie Patterson Passes Away Suddenly

Mrs. Minnie Patterson, well-known Salem woman, died suddenly at her home, 221 Superior, about 2:30 o'clock Friday morning after a severe attack of heart failure. Mrs. Patterson had entertained company until 10:30 o'clock of the night she died and had been down town during the afternoon. She is survived by two sons, James Patterson, of Salem and William Patterson, of San Francisco.

Mrs. Patterson was born July 15, 1861, and had made her home in the city for the last 23 years. Prior to moving to Salem she lived on a small fruit ranch near here. She was a member of the Degree of Honor.

Funeral services will be held from the Terwilliger home, Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. H. D. Chambers officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

## LABOR HEAD DEAD

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—Hubert George, 76, nationally known figure in struggles between employers and organized labor, died suddenly at his home here tonight from a stroke of apoplexy. He was at the dinner table with his family when the stroke occurred.

## Patrolman Is Killed in Salt Lake Gun Battle

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 16.—Patrolman M. H. Huntsman is dead and Patrolman B. H. Mahoney and a man and a woman bandit, William Lee and Beatrice Hunter, are probably fatally wounded as a result of a gun battle in front of the New Grand hotel here last night. The shooting followed a holdup of a downtown cafe.

Lee, after killing and wounding the policeman, shot his companion in the face and then turned the gun into his own abdomen.

Aberdeen Motorman Set Free From Murder Case  
MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 15.—Wilbur Hollingsworth, Aberdeen street car motorman and special prohibition officer, who was tried here on a charge of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Mike Demaria, South Aberdeen pool hall proprietor, during a raid January 10, was acquitted by a jury here tonight. The verdict was announced by the foreman of the jury at 9:50 p. m. The decision was reached on the fifth ballot.