

# BUILDER OF DAM ADMITS FLAWS

## COUNTY CASH RECEIPTS 1927 \$2,568,644.42

Audit for Year Completed Shows Record Business; No Delinquencies

General Fund Shows Deficit But Other Funds Contain Surpluses

Marion county did a two and a half million dollar cash business during 1927, according to the completed audit of the county's books which J. H. Roland of Jefferson, and L. S. Covert, of Salem, official auditors, turned over to the county judge this morning. All of the county books were in good condition at the beginning of this year and no deficiencies or delinquencies were found in any of the offices according to the statement of the auditors.

Actual cash receipts of Marion county during the year of 1927 totaled \$2,568,644.42, according to the auditors' statement. The total cash disbursements of the county during the year amounted to \$2,416,447.26, leaving a cash balance on January 1, 1928, of \$938,859.06. On January 1, 1927, the cash balance was \$786,661.90.

On January 1 of this year liabilities of the county included outstanding warrants totaling \$89,942.29, and payments due special funds amounting to \$72,990.57. At the beginning of this year the total amount of delinquent taxes due the county from the years 1914 to last year stood at \$209,307.63.

During 1927 Marion county's (Continued on Page 16, Column 3)

## GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Upjohn

O, VALENCIA!  
The dispenser in the little orange shop on State street is disposing of his wares all dressed up as an orange. The boys on the street are perturbed as to whether he's a naval orange.

## MARION COUNTY'S BRIGHTEST BOY

"In an effort to entertain a group of young ladies he attempted to perform a trick with gasoline, which he had often done before with success, by filling his mouth with gas and spraying it out, at the same time lighting the spray with a match. This time the trick was not successful and a badly burned mouth and blistered chest was the result."—Woodburn news item.

## GARDENING GAMBLER

The day of miracles' not o'er,  
Strange things, perchance, befall;  
The cabbage seed you plant today,  
May be a squash by fall;  
The radish that so round and red,  
Adorns the seed pack now,  
May prove to be a turnip blue,  
When July makes its bow;  
The watermelon's pictured pride,  
Whose seed you plant in glee,  
May prove a portly pumpkin plant,  
Or, perchance, a sugar pea;  
So garden on, dear neighbors all,  
And till each teeming row;  
No matter what the seeds you plant,  
The weeds are sure to grow.

## A "FOR TO" WEEK END

Stayton, Mar. 21—Henry Smith and wife were pleased to have their three sons, who all live in Salem, Lester, William and Bo, home for to spend Sunday with them.—News item.

A Nemy Miss letter came to our house yesterday purporting to be from a Turner Miss and asking us when we expected to make our long deferred visit to that beautiful waiting city at the bend in the turnpike. Have patience, our visiting list is getting so long it will require some careful engineering.

However, we ask all misses, Turner and otherwise, to hereafter send their invitations to the office and not to our home. We can't get any column out or make any visits, either, if we have to sit up half the night explaining away these letters from misses.

Yea, it delays things miserably when we sit down to write our column and find out we sat down for to explain away these letters, instead.

Anyway, we were in Turner not long ago, went into the palatial city confectionery and bought a 20-cent drink, to show our speed, and two or three Turner misses standing by didn't even look at us. That's what we call downright discouraging. Maybe if they had looked at us that invitation of yesterday would be the missive that never came.

## WORDS AND MUSIC

By Stoddard King

A problem every man must face  
In re his intimate attire  
Is how to wear with proper grace  
The coat he first gave closet space  
The year before the fire,  
It is, while not at all as fait,  
Still much too good to throw away.

A man should purchase every year  
An overcoat of latest cut,  
If in his conscientious car  
The call of style rings loud and clear  
And cautions him: "Tut, tut!"  
In which case he, if yet alive,  
Will some day have no less than five

Five overcoats, all neatly hung,  
All trimly brushed and cleaned  
And pressed,  
Allows him, be he old or young,  
To hear his praises sweetly sung  
As well and truly dressed,  
No yoked he, no rustic clown,  
But a proud man about the town.

Of course, a fellow will not care,  
Unless he is a perfect dandy,  
To carry on his arm a spare  
In chilly weather, or to wear  
Five overcoats at once.  
But if he can look, on passing by,  
His Merchant Taylor in the eye!

## SMITH DENIES SINCLAIR GIFT TO CAMPAIGN

Brands Statement as 'Infamous Insinuation,' 'Demagogic Slander'

Records Show Oil Man Never Contributed to Smith's Campaigns

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 21 (AP)—Governor Smith sent a letter to Senator Gerald P. Nye, who is conducting part of the Teapot Dome investigations, denying that Harry E. Sinclair, oil man, contributed to his campaign fund in 1920.

The letter says: "My dear Senator Nye: You are quoted in the daily papers this morning (March 20) as having said yesterday on the floor of the senate, 'I do understand that in the campaign of 1920 at which Governor Smith was elected, Mr. Sinclair was a very liberal contributor to his cause and that following the election he was made a member of the racing commission of the state of New York.'"

"Senator Robinson of Indiana made a similar statement. Your information, wherever you got it, is in every respect false and these statements were recklessly made. "A careful search of the official records made at my request today confirms my recollection that Mr. Sinclair never contributed to my campaign fund, either in 1920, or at any other time that I ran for office; in fact, I failed in election as governor in 1920 and Mr. Sinclair had been appointed to the (Continued on Page 11, Column 6)

## SOVIET POLICY WORST MENACE TO DISARMING

Geneva, Mar. 21 (AP)—After six days of silence, the United States joined today with six other nations in calling the Soviet program for immediate abolition of all armaments impractical.

Hugh S. Gibson, United States ambassador in Brussels, expressed his criticism of the Soviet program for the outlawing of war, such as Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg has proposed, would be of greater value now in promoting peace than any project of complete disarmament.

Gibson, the American delegate to the League of Nations preparatory disarmament commission, said the United States would support fully a multi-lateral project for non-aggression and outlawing of war treaties, but could not logically and sincerely support any project which would abolish all armaments immediately.

In making this statement he found himself in line with the expressions of chief delegates from England, France, Italy, Japan, Holland and Sweden.

Ruiners of Holland today characterized the Soviet project as "utopian and impossible in the present state of humanity. We league must seek to limit armaments and prevent competitive building rather than to abolish them entirely, he said.

With this statement Hennings of Sweden was in complete accord. The most direct and emphatic objection came from Lord Cusheuden of England, who, using plain, flinty language, charged the Soviets had tried to sabotage the league, had tried to foment civil war in every nation of Europe.

Until the Soviets changed their political policy, they themselves, would be the greatest obstacle to security and disarmament, Cusheuden said.

## Escapes Gallows



DORIS PARKER McDONALD

## DEATH PENALTY COMMUTED TO LIFE SENTENCE

Montreal, March 21 (AP)—Doris McDonald faced a new life today—a life behind prison bars.

While her husband, George, must go to the gallows Friday for the murder of Adelard Bouchard, she has been saved that fate. In Ottawa last night her death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

The young American woman was in the women's prison here today still preparing for her death. The commutation of sentence came suddenly. It had been rumored but there had been little basis for the rumor.

In prayer she had prepared for the climb up the brilliantly painted gallows at Valley Field Friday to join her young husband in their last try—one with death.

Now that trust is gone. Only George, the young Nova Scotian lad, will go to the gallows Friday morning. The official board in Quebec did not give him a commutation of sentence.

Only this week an affidavit became public in which McDonald sought to spare his wife from death. The affidavit said she had no part in the killing of Bouchard, that a confession she made in Denver was wrong and that he alone should be punished.

## \$369,190,259 FOR NEW SHIPS

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The largest expenditure for the naval establishment since before the Washington arms conference in 1922 is provided in the annual navy appropriation bill reported to the house today by its appropriations committee.

The amount, \$369,190,259, includes funds for continuing construction of 10 vessels now being built; modernization of two others, including gun elevation; beginning work on two new dirigibles; building two more submarine salvage vessels and additional airplanes; and maintaining the marine corps in its activities at home and on foreign fields in Nicaragua and China.

Pointing out this increased expenditure, the committee says further it can see "no prospect of declining naval costs in the immediate future," but that "all indications point to an appreciable upward trend."

## SENATORS PLAN TO VISIT FALL

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—A special meeting of the senate Teapot dome committee was hurriedly called by Senator Walsh of Montana today upon receipt of a United Press dispatch from El Paso, Texas, stating that former Secretary of the Interior Fall announced he was now ready to tell the whole story of Teapot Dome.

Walsh said the committee or a sub-committee would probably be authorized to go to El Paso immediately to take Fall's testimony.

Walsh at first considered consulting Owen F. Roberts, government oil counsel and attempted to reach him in Philadelphia by long distance telephone. Roberts, however, was not available and Walsh immediately asked Chairman Nye to get the committee together in Nye's office to consider the United Press dispatch.

## FIERY DEBATE IN SENATE ON TEAPOT DOME

Robinson Takes Smith to Task for Keeping Sinclair on Racing Board

Admits he is Attorney For Convicted Indiana Klan Dragon

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—The Teapot Dome scandal bulged out of the oil committee on the floor of the senate where it again provoked a bitter debate with Senator Robinson, of Indiana, bearing the brunt of a battle, with half a dozen or more of his colleagues.

Taking the floor to reply to the strictures of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, who roundly denounced the Indiana and Chairman Nye of the oil committee, for bringing his name into discussions, Robinson charged that "men in both parties betrayed their trust" and that men "like Harry P. Sinclair don't confine their activities to one party." He said he would cite a case where Senator Walsh, of Montana, had approved of some activities of E. L. Doheny, who leased the Elk Hills naval reserve, at a later time.

The debate centered largely about the appointment of Sinclair to the New York racing commission and completely overshadowed today's session of the oil committee at which Wilbur Lash, former democratic national treasurer, denied having made a contribution to the republican treasurer, to destroy campaign fund records for 1923.

The Indiana senator was interrupted at one point by Senator (Continued on Page 9, Column 3)

## BLACKMER TO LOSE \$100,000 HOLDS COURT

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Up-holding the Walsh act aimed at fugitive witnesses, Justice P. L. Siddons in supreme court of the District of Columbia today overruled a motion by attorneys for E. M. Blackmer to dismiss the contempt charges against him.

Blackmer, a missing witness in the Teapot dome case, had combatted the law passed at the instance of Senator Walsh of Montana providing confiscation of \$100,000 from estates of persons who refused to return to this country to testify. He has been cited for contempt, and \$100,000 in Liberty bonds have been taken by the government.

Justice Siddons ruled that every citizen of the United States owed the government an allegiance even though living in a foreign land. This allegiance he said included the duty of obedience to the laws of sovereignty to which the allegiance is due.

"Indeed, without such obedience allegiance would be an empty name," the court said.

## TAX CUT MEASURE TAKEN UP APRIL 3

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—The house tax reduction bill will be taken up by the senate finance committee April 3, Chairman Smoot announced to the senate today.

Smoot said the committee would then decide if hearings should be held on the measure and would hear treasury department officials report the amounts of revenue received from the March 15 income tax payments.

Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, protested that the committee should meet earlier and asked Smoot to arrange it.

Smoot replied there was no doubt that a tax revision bill should be passed at this session of congress.

## RUMOR OF PLANE PROVES UNFOUNDED

Bangor, Me., Mar. 21 (AP)—Intense excitement was caused today by circulation of a rumor that the plane in which Capt. Walter Hinchliffe and the Hon. Elsie Mackay began a proposed trans-Atlantic flight from England last Tuesday has been found, with their bodies, near Patuxent, Md. Careful investigation, however, by the Associated Press, failed to confirm the rumor.

## Fall Near To Death Willing To Tell Story Of Teapot Oil Deal

El Paso, Mar. 21 (AP)—Doctors have informed Albert S. Fall, former secretary of the interior, that he has only six or seven months more to live and he is ready to tell the entire story of the Teapot Dome to the Sinclair interests, he told the El Paso Post, a Scripps-Howard paper here today.

"Some of my doctors tell me I have only six or seven months to live," he said. "I may feel some of the persons who have been expecting me to die."

"I want the public to know my story. I want to tell the whole story and not just part of it. "I will make no objections to giving an answer to any question the government may care to ask me," he said.

"I always intended to testify when the case came to trial. I still have that intention. I never have been a liar but I never have been in a position yet where I could go on the stand and tell the whole story—every American of it."

"Doctors say I can't go to Washington. But I can sit here in my home for a half hour or so at a time and submit to questioning and cross-examination if they will take it easy."

"I have seriously considered asking the so-called Teapot Dome investigating committee to come here and take my testimony. But there is no reason for doing this if my deposition is taken," he added.

Fall ended the interview by saying the committee was not investigating Teapot Dome. He declined to elaborate on his statement.

## TWO GIGANTIC DIRIGIBLES FOR NAVY PLANNED

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Navy plans for two new dirigibles each two and one half times as large as the Los Angeles, and with a maximum cruising radius of 11,200 miles, were disclosed by Rear Admiral Moffett, naval air chief, in testimony on the annual navy department bill reported today to the house.

The ships would be 782 feet in length, 132 1/2 feet in diameter and designed to carry a crew of 18 officers and 45 men. They would have a maximum speed of 75 knots.

The committee allotted \$2,000,000 to start construction of the air liners which will cost a total of \$8,000,000. It is expected that the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company of Akron, Ohio, will build the vessels.

"In an emergency such as arose recently in Nicaragua, where marine reinforcements were needed in a hurry," the admiral said, "one of these large airships could easily have transported 100 or more marines and made the trip in a fraction of the time taken by surface vessels."

"They would be of great value in acting as convoys," he continued, explaining that "submarine fleet reinforcements were needed in a hurry," the admiral said, "one of these large airships could easily have transported 100 or more marines and made the trip in a fraction of the time taken by surface vessels."

## MARINES FAIL TO FIND REBELS

Managua, Nic., Mar. 21 (AP)—The region near Murra, raked with machine gun fire and bombed from American marine planes, yielded no trace of rebels today.

Planes flying over this district, which is 20 miles southeast of Jalapa, could find no clues as to where the followers of General Augustino Sandino disappeared after firing upon two marine planes and wounding one flyer. They saw two columns of marines which had been sent into the area from Jalapa. It was assumed from this that the rebels had taken to cover.

After the attack on the planes, other aircraft fired upon and bombed rebels three times. The Sandino men scattered under fire and the marines could not determine the number of casualties.

Near Tapancapa, a pack-train encountered a small band of insurgents. Two rebels were killed in a clash which followed.

## ENGINEER ON STAND ADMITS CONDITION BAD

'We Certainly Must Have Overlooked Something' Says Mulholland

As Tears Course Down His Face, Builder Envisages Those Dead

Los Angeles, Cal., March 21 (AP)—William Mulholland, who testified today at the coroner's inquest over St. Francis dam victims, and who was engineer in charge of construction of the dam, said that leak conditions 11 hours before its collapse were "bad, very bad."

Mulholland, veteran chief engineer of the Los Angeles bureau of water and power, with tears coursing down his cheeks, mourned "the only ones I envy are those who are dead. We certainly must have overlooked something."

After telling Coroner Frank Nance that he and his assistant, H. A. Van Norman had seen the dam 11 hours before the break March 19, in which 278 lives were lost and 17 are reported missing, examination of Mulholland continued:

Q—Did the St. Francis dam leak badly?  
A—Of all the dams I have ever seen in every section of the country, it was the driest.

Q—How did you happen to visit the dam on Monday, the day before the flood?  
A—I went there because Tony Harshbarger, the keeper who was (Continued on Page 11, Column 7)

## MARSH DENIES ANY COMPACT WITH UPHAM

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the democratic national committee from 1916 to January, 1924, reiterated today before the senate Teapot Dome committee that he had not entered into any agreement with the late Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee, under which the two parties made no report of contributions in 1923.

"There never was any such agreement," he said, in reply to questions by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana. "There never was any conversation relating to it in any way."

Marsh's statement was in reply to testimony given before the committee at Chicago by Irvin C. Hays, and A. V. Leonard, that Upham had told them Marsh had suggested that no reports be filed with congress because the democrats had received some contributions they wanted to cover up.

"All contributions made to the democratic party in 1923 are a matter of record," Marsh said.

"Did you ever visit Mr. Upham?" asked Senator Walsh.

"Our relations were very cordial and frank," Marsh replied. "I never was in his office in my life. I have no recollection of ever talking with him on the phone. I would meet him in hotel lobbies, but our conversations were casual."

"Can you think of any unusual communication with Seward last night?" (Continued on Page 11, Column 7)

## SINCLAIR BONDS NOT FOUND IN HARDING LIST

St. Louis, Mo., March 21 (AP)—A St. Louis Post-Dispatch staff correspondent reported an inspection of the record of the estate of the late President Harding, made by him at Marion, Ohio, established that he possessed none of \$3,085,000 worth of Continental Trading company Liberty bonds involved in the oil investigation.

Senator Nye chairman of the senate Teapot dome committee, announced in Washington Monday that the committee would search for Continental bonds in the estate of the late president.

Ledgers kept by C. D. Schaffner, executor of the estates of both President and Mrs. Harding show, the Post-Dispatch correspondent said, that President Harding possessed \$182,750 worth of Liberty bonds, and that Mrs. Harding possessed \$65,300 worth of Liberty bonds.

The bonds bought by the Continental company were of the first Liberty bonds, issued in 1917, and were all of \$1,000 denomination. President Harding possessed \$41,000 worth of the first loan bonds, but none was of a \$1,000 denomination, the correspondent said, and their numbers did not correspond with the serial numbers of any of the Continental bonds. Two of Mrs. Harding's first loan bonds were for \$500 each, six were for \$500 and one was for \$10,000.

## TAX RECEIPTS FALL OFF BIT

Washington, March 21 (AP)—On the face of the latest treasury figures, the pace of government receipts from the March 15 income tax installment was disclosed today to have slowed down a trifle as compared with its previous rate.

Notwithstanding, the income tax actually paid to date was considerably ahead of receipts from the same source last year. At the close of business March 19, the government had collected a total of \$280,610,893 from income taxation whereas on the same date last year the total receipts were but \$275,974,553.

It will take two or three days before the heavy payments now in the hands of collectors of revenue are all compiled. Treasury officials still refuse to make definite calculations as to what may be anticipated when all the returns are in. The results to last published account indicate, however, that there will be some attainment of revenue above estimates.

## Little Boy Runs Away To Escape Facing Mother After Running Bills About Town

The story of a little boy who ran away from home rather than face a dis-illusioned mother was slowly unfolded to Salem police officers last night and today.

It had its local beginning about 10 o'clock last night when officers found the flaxen-haired youngster, roaming aimlessly about the streets where he obstinately refused to make known his name or the whereabouts of his home.

The sole bit of information gleaned was that his age was nine years, and that he had "bummed" his way from Portland to Salem on the back end of a stage. He was given a cell in the city jail overnight.

Early this morning threats of incarceration in the reform school failed to break the lad's silence. "What's a reform school?" he questioned.

When told that it was a place where bad boys were kept until they became 21 years old, he asserted bravely that he'd rather go there (Continued on Page 11, Column 7)