

NET TIGHTENS ABOUT EX-SEC'Y FALL

FALL GAVE OUT TEAPOT DOME LAND

Editor Chicago Post Says He Was Promised 200 Acres in Teapot Dome—Thought Fall Could Give Out What He Wished—Declares Paper's Policy Not Effected.

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 flock of sensations today from other witnesses.

John C. Shaffer, publisher of the Chicago Post 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 Sinclair. At this time Teapot was not yet under Mr. Fall's jurisdiction.

Mr. Shaffer told also how he himself had got one eighth interest in the Pioneer Oil company, a Standard Oil subsidiary, in connection with the Teapot 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 has denied he gave any opinion. The letter, addressed to Secretary Fall, suggested a written opinion be asked for from the attorney general, but added: "I realize the objections to asking such an opinion."

Oscar Suro, counsel for the Standard Oil company of California, testified that 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's solicitor. He declared the discussions were directed in the manner of "government affairs," that Fall instructed him to formally deny that the leases had been signed a week after Teapot Dome actually had been leased to Sinclair; and that the real reason was the secretary wanted no publicity until the Doherty deal too, had been consummated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—John C. Shaffer, publisher of the Chicago Evening Post and a number of other papers, was questioned by the oil committee today about a reputed grant to him of a one-eighth interest in the Pioneer Oil company, a Standard subsidiary, "for services rendered."

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, professed what he said was a record of proceedings of directors of the Pioneer company making such a grant. Mr. Shaffer said he never heard of those proceedings. He did hold an eighth interest in the company, however, he said, but had sold it.

Asked what "service" he had rendered, the witness replied: "None."

He added that he had had land adjoining Teapot Dome.

Shaffer said his payment from the Pioneer company came out of the \$1,000,000 paid that company by the Sinclair interests.

"The Pioneer people felt we had a common interest in the Teapot holdings in case the Dome ever was thrown open to the public," he continued. "They made the proposal to give it to me. I gave up nothing. It was their idea."

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Roseburg High Is Robbed of Money to Aid Kerr Nursery

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 14.—Thieves last night broke into the Roseburg high school and stole \$400 collected in a tag day drive for the Kerr nursery. School children put on the campaign here and the money was turned over to the school officers last night and placed in the principal's desk for safe keeping. During the night the office was entered through a window, the desk drawers forced open and the money taken.

FEAR GENERAL RED UPRISING IN PALATIMATE

More German Separatists Are Killed By Enraged Citizens—Reprisals Feared—Riots Reported in Stettin—Traffic Over Rhine Stopped.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Six separatists were killed at Baduerkeim, a town of 7000 inhabitants, yesterday, in an anti-separatist outbreak similar to that at Pirmasens. The separatists refused to evacuate the town and the inhabitants stormed the headquarters. French gendarmes interfered and dispersed the mob.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14.—Reports from Pirmasens, Kaiserlautern and other centers in the palatinate state that disorders are continuing and it is feared a general uprising among the separatists will break out today. The French are remaining neutral, the advice state, but stopped traffic at the bridge over the Rhine near Ludwigshafen to prevent Germans from the non-occupied zone coming in to support the palatinate population.

PIRMASENS, Bavarian palatinate, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fourteen mutilated bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Beitzkamt, or government building and of the wounded died last night, bringing to sixteen the total number of separatists known to be dead in consequence of Tuesday's massacre. Forty co-operatives were inside the building when it was attacked. Seven of the remaining 24 are receiving hospital treatment, some being seriously wounded but the others are unaccounted for.

Traffic over all Rhine bridges in the palatinate has been stopped and German police have been placed under the orders of the occupation authorities. Persons who participated in the attack on the Beitzkamt will be tried by a court martial at Duesseldorf.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—Communist disorders are reported from Stettin. Dispatches received here say that a party of policemen was fired upon from houses last night, one of the officers being wounded. The police returned the fire, killing one and wounding seven.

Celebrate Oregon's Birthday
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—In addition to St. Valentine's day Portland was celebrating today the 55th anniversary of the admission of Oregon as a state.

Sons and daughters of Oregon have planned a banquet tonight. A special act "Miss Oregon, Uncle Sam's valentine," will be presented.

MYSTERY AT ASYLUM IS CLEARED UP

Strange Woman Who Peered Silently Into Windows of State Hospital Yesterday, Identified As Mrs. Bertha Grainger of Portland, a Former Inmate.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—The "mystery woman" who appeared at the receiving ward of the state hospital here yesterday afternoon and who was unable to tell her name or give any account of herself, has been identified as Mrs. Bertha Grainger of Portland, who was a patient in the hospital here in 1922, according to Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent.

Mrs. Grainger was identified by one of the attendants at the hospital after word had been received from Mrs. J. E. Dooley, Portland, that she thought the mystery woman to be her sister who disappeared in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Grainger has been making her home with Mrs. Dooley, according to the latter's statement and recently she went to Walla Walla to visit her relatives. She returned to Portland early this week and Tuesday morning went down town to buy some shoes. That was the last heard of her.

Mrs. Grainger was prior to her commitment to the hospital here, a nurse in a Roseburg hospital.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—State hospital authorities were today no nearer a solution of the identity of the mystery woman who appeared at that institution yesterday than they were after seeking fruitfully all day yesterday for a clue. A thorough diagnosis of the case will be made by a group of physicians and specialists today in the hope of determining the woman's ailment.

The woman, who appeared at the hospital yesterday and was discovered peering in at the windows of the receiving hospital, apparently has lost her mental faculties completely. She has not spoken a word since her arrival and is unable to respond to questions by writing. She is tastefully dressed, wearing a high quality of clothing. She is believed to be about 40 years old and weighs about 150 pounds. Street car and train conductors and stage drivers were questioned yesterday in an effort to get a line on how the woman came to Salem, but no information was ascertained. Persons who have lived in Salem for years were taken to the hospital to see the woman, but no one could identify her.

R. R. COMMISSION OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FAVORITISM

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Charges that H. D. Wagon, Jr., assistant secretary of the public service commission, obtains favors for stage lines who buy insurance from his father, were made before the commission today by Milton R. Klepper, attorney for the Portland-Tigard stages.

Wagon denied the charges flatly. The commission was expected to hear both sides some time this afternoon.

Wagon, who is in charge of the automotive section of public service commission affairs, said, after the charges had been made, that they were groundless on their face, because such matters as were laid to him are always handled by the commission itself, after hearing all parties concerned.

Such things as the hours and conditions by which the stages are regulated were referred to by Klepper.

The attorney appeared before the commission in connection with assignment of schedules on the Portland-Multnomah run. Three companies are affected.

Bankers Gather in Chicago
CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Bankers from all sections of the country assembled here today to complete organization of the system which is planned to extend relief to northwestern banks. More than 100 financiers, including more than a score from New York City were expected to participate in the meeting.

Absence Made Feminine Fans Fonder of Film Shiek; Movie World Sees Rudolph "Crowned"



MISS DAVIES AND MR. VALENTINO WITH THE LOVING CUPS PRESENTED TO THEM BY THE THEATER OWNERS.

NEW YORK.—After two years' absence from the screen, Rudolph Valentino, shiek de luxe of the silent drama, was voted the most popular male screen actor by feminine fans in the popularity contest held by the Theater Owners' Chamber of Commerce.

Marion Davies won a similar honor among feminine stars. The pair were crowned king and queen of the film world at the close of the Theater Owners' fourth annual ball at the Hotel Astor.

SECRETARY FALL INDIFFERENT TO LEGAL OPINIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—E. C. Finney, assistant secretary of the interior was quoted today before the oil committee as saying that Secretary Fall considered it "unnecessary" to have Attorney General Daugherty pass on the validity of the oil leases before they were made.

The testimony was given by Oscar Suro, counsel for the Standard Oil company of California. He told the committee that he had suggested to Mr. Finney that a department of justice opinion be sought.

"Mr. Finney's reply in substance," continued the witness, "was that it was not the wish of the secretary of the interior—I don't think that expresses it. He said the secretary of the interior considered it unnecessary to have the opinion of the attorney general."

A letter to Mr. Fall from H. Foster Bain, director of mines, transmitting an opinion by Mr. Suro against the validity of the leasing policy was put into the record. It said that "none of us want Mr. Doherty to get into trouble and propose to do everything in our power to make it easy for him."

Mr. Bain's letter added that objections had been raised and that he would suggest a formal opinion be obtained from the attorney general in connection with what he understood had been an "informal and verbal opinion."

Bain then added that he "realized the objection to asking for such an opinion."

Attorney General Daugherty previously has notified the committee no opinion was rendered by him.

As a result of the testimony the committee instructed its secretary to search the files of the department of justice.

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

"I do," replied Mr. Suro.

"Did your company bid?"

"I do not think we made a formal bid."

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Contempt Charges Against Leader of Income Tax Fall

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Contempt charges against Cyril G. Brownell, president-treasurer of the State Income Tax Refranchisement league, were dismissed today by Circuit Judge James U. Campbell, of Oregon City, sitting in Portland.

Judge Campbell held that the State Grange of Oregon had failed to show Brownell did not comply with the peremptory writ of mandamus issued by the Multnomah county circuit court, requiring him to open books, records, accounts and other data of the league to inspection of grange officials.

DECLARE BREAD TRUST ROBBING POOR CONSUMER

Report Made to Senator LaFollette Claims American People Being Robbed of Million Dollars a Day—Action Is Demanded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A report charging nationwide profiteering in bread and the growth of a colossal bread trust is impending, was submitted today by Basil M. Manley, director of the people's legislative society to Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, its chairman, "and other progressive senators and representatives."

The report, which was outlined in an announcement by the organization recommended congressional action to "deflate bread prices and check the growth of the bread trust."

An investigation of wheat and bread prices, made at the request of the senators and representatives to whom the report was submitted, showed, it was said, that the American people are paying "a million dollars a day" too much for their bread. The average retail price of bread in the United States is nine cents a pound, whereas on the basis of present wheat prices it should be five cents, the report said, adding that bread made with American flour is now selling in England at an average price of four cents a pound.

Asserting millers, bakers and retailers were all making "enormous" profits, the report cited as an example, the General Baking company, described as one of the two largest wholesale baking corporations in the country. As a result of the profits made by this company, it was said, "one dollar invested in its common stock in 1916 is now worth \$309."

Altered "retailers' rings," said to be supported by the wholesale bakers, either voluntarily or under threat of boycott, were declared to have suspended the law of supply and demand, resulting in artificial bread prices in many cities. As an example of the effect of this condition, the investigation was said to have shown that "bread costs two cents a pound less in New Orleans and Houston, far away from the wheat and flour mills, than in Chicago, Omaha, Butte, Mont., and St. Paul, all in the heart of the wheat belt."

Flood Waters Recede.
Everett, Wash., Feb. 14.—A general survey of the flood situation in this section shows that conditions are rapidly returning to normal. Only in territory just east of Everett, is the situation bad. The Skagit river is falling and the Stillaguamish river has returned to normal with the rapidity with which it rose.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of furnishings and the cost of property, is to be spent by the Salem board of Elks in the erection of a new temple, the building committee of the lodge decided last night. The architect has been instructed to submit plans at once and building operations will be started this spring.

MRS. HARDING WANTED TO BUY BACK PAPER

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 14.—Minority stockholders of the Marion Star, of which Mrs. Harding is one, offered to buy back the newspaper from Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, after the death of Mr. Harding, at the price for which it was purchased, Hoke Donithen, Ohio manager of the Coolidge campaign said here today.

REBELLION IN MEXICO ABOUT OVER

Obregon's Secretary of War Declares Defeat of Rebels and Flight of De La Huerta—Virtually Ends Uprising—Rebel Forces Divided Or Virtually Annihilated.

AHOARD HEADQUARTERS TRAIN OF WAR SECRETARY SERRANO, QUERTARO, State of Queretaro, Feb. 14.—Enrique Estrada's rebellious forces are continuing in disorderly retreat after the decisive reverse suffered at Ocotlan, while the scattered remnants of the Vera Cruz insurrectionist army are fleeing northward into Tuxpan and southward toward Oaxaca to gain the Isthmian states, General Francisco Serrano, secretary of war, and General Juan Almazan stated today.

"The rebellion must be considered virtually ended," Secretary Serrano declared, while General Almazan returned from Tehuacan asserted the rebels suffered 100 casualties during their latest brush with the pursuing federal column under his command near the Balsas river in southern Puebla.

The defeated Vera Cruz leaders are attempting to concentrate in Oaxaca for the purpose of entering Guerrero and joining other disbanded insurrectionists, according to General Almazan. Secretary Serrano in a statement summarizing the situation, said:

"The rebellion which broke out in the first fortnight of December last and the consequent military uprising must be considered virtually ended. Three great groups of unfaithful military headed by Sanchez, Estrada and Macotte, because De La Huerta cannot be considered anything but a futile instrument, have been annihilated by the real national army which has remained loyal."

"The combats at Puebla, San Marcos, Tehuacan, Tepic, El Carmen, Llanos Grande, Canada, Morelos, Esperanza and Cordoba have resulted in destruction of the Sanchez and Maycotte groups, while the battle at Ocotlan sufficed to disband the Estrada tritons. The almost simultaneous occupations of Vera Cruz and Guadalajara best demonstrate the energy displayed by the government for the purpose of restoring peace throughout the republic. "To assert all these groups will be shortly exterminated is not in any way venturesome since it has been seen that they were not able to accomplish anything against the federals while divided."

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14.—(By radio via Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)—Defeat of Rebel Generals Dieguez and Estrada by General Escobar at Pato Verde on the western front is reported in a message from General Obregon.

General Almazan has reported that federal troops engaged the rebels in battle at Ixcamilpa, state of Puebla, and defeated them with fatalities totaling fifty.

Income Tax Time Extended.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The internal revenue bureau today announced an extension to June 15 of the date set for filing tax returns of domestic corporations. Representations had been made by many concerns that they could not complete the preparation of returns in time to file by March 15.

ENTIRE TOWN ATTENDS FUNERAL OF GIRL SLAIN IN HER APARTMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Louise Lawson, music student, murdered in her fashionable apartment last Friday believed herself engaged to Thomas McKee, San Francisco amateur swimmer, the police said today.

Inspector Coughlin said Miss Lawson had told several girl friends of her engagement to McKee. Letters from McKee found in her apartment also indicated that the two had planned to marry, he said.

ALVARADO, Texas, Feb. 14.—Louise Lawson was buried here today. Crepe was displayed on business houses. Alvarado went virtually en masse to the little Baptist church where Louise Lawson first studied the Bible and heard the funeral services.

JACKSONVILLE JAIL ESCAPE JUMPS FROM TRAIN, HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA

HOLLISTER, Cal., Feb. 14.—No trace was found today of A. Zangily, 19, who leaped from a swiftly moving train near here last night while being removed from Pomona, Cal., to the jail at Jacksonville, Ore., after having escaped from that institution. He was awaiting transfer to the Oregon state prison at Salem to serve a term for burglary when he escaped.

According to the authorities Zangily jumped head first thru the window from a train moving fifty miles an hour as it approached Chittenden, nine miles west of here. He escaped into heavily wooded country.

Zangily was one of the quartet that recently escaped from the county jail by breaking thru the roof. He was the last man to be recaptured, being arrested recently in Pomona under an assumed name. He was charged with the robbery of Gates & Lydiard's store in this city, and at the time of his escape was in custody of Deputy Sheriff Forncrook.