

The Sanford Herald

AN INDEPENDENT DAILY NEWSPAPER

Nation-Wide Fruit Marketing Group Is Formed in New York

Federated Growers Is Selected To Handle Distribution, Sales Of New Organization

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HAGUE PARLEY MEETS SEVERE CRISIS TODAY

Some Progress Made Toward Solution Of French, British Row

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, Aug. 12.—(INS)—The seemingly inevitable collapse of the international reparations conference here was temporarily avoided today by adjournment of discussions before the financial committee until Wednesday.

FINANCIAL EYES ARE FOCUSED ON B A N K MEETINGS

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"Rabbit Fever" Disclosed As New Disease Which Is Communicated To Humans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(INS)—The human race already afflicted with most of the known diseases and a great many that have not yet been discovered, is now threatened with "rabbit fever."

Preliminary investigations by the U. S. Public Health Service of this disease, scientifically known as tularemia, disclosed that it may be communicated to humans by contact with infected animals. It was disclosed today that "Rabbit fever" is a disease which was isolated by Dr. Edward Francis, public health scientist, also called certain their wild life, chiefly birds. The quail is particularly susceptible to tularemia. Dr. Francis recently was a patient at the naval hospital where he was under treatment for "undulant fever," a disease which he has investigated. He had a part in the isolation of the germ.

SLIGHT QUAKE IS FELT TODAY IN NEW YORK

Maximum Excitement But Little Damage Is Done By Tremor Lasting 50 Seconds

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 12.—(INS)—Upper New York State and parts of Pennsylvania were rocked by an earthquake shock early today that caused a maximum of excitement and a minimum of damage. The shock which was only of moderate intensity, was felt in Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany, Erie, Pa., and smaller towns. It was first felt in Syracuse. From there, the quake spread out, in a peak, in all directions within a radius of several hundred miles.

Threatening Notes Sent To Helen Wills

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 12.—(INS)—Police today were hunting the author of a number of threatening letters to Helen Wills, tennis queen. Letters threatening her life have been circulating daily from Chicago at the home of the star's father, Dr. C. A. Wills. Miss Wills is in the East defending her title. The unidentified lover and alleged letter writer, styling himself John Bowden, called in person at the family home, "Bowden" demanded permission to see Miss Wills. When Dr. Wills invited his daughter to see him at home the stranger became abusive. Dr. Wills called police but Bowden fled before they arrived. Police learned that Bowden had checked out of a San Francisco hotel last Saturday.

EDITOR DENIES IMPUTATION OF ANY GRAFTING

Editor's Education Is Again Prominent In Cross-Examination By DeLand Attorney

Emphatic denial that any of the alleged libelous publications carried with them any implication of graft, dishonesty or unlawful conduct on the part of the plaintiff was made today by R. L. Dean, editor of the Sanford Herald, under cross-examination in the \$100,000 action of George A. DeLand against the newspaper.

GRAF MAY LEAVE FOR TOKIO AHEAD OF HER SET TIME

All Is Ready For 2nd And Most Difficult Portion Of Journey

B. Walter Dirzel, International News Service Staff Correspondent, FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Aug. 12.—The next 36 hours may see the Graf Zeppelin again in the air. This time, she will be sailing over Eastern Europe and Siberia from here to Tokyo on the second leg of her round the world flight.

SLAYER OF CHILD SEEN AS LATEST DEVICE OF GANGS

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR GIRL SUSPECT OR MAN DRESSED AS WOMAN

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 12.—(INS)—Torch murder—the latest method of killing, has been adopted by gangsters.

Feud Is Blamed For Mountaineers' Death

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Aug. 12.—(INS)—A mountain feud was blamed by the public today for the killing of Arthur Stanton and Albert King, two mountaineers, and the wounding of Stanton's 12-year-old daughter.

Light Docket Greeted Judge This Morning

A light docket greeted Municipal Judge W. E. White at the police station this morning. The result of a similar docket.

Air Mail Pilot Dies As Plane Takes Spill

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12.—(INS)—Crashing shortly after he had taken off in his plane in a heavy fog for Detroit, Harry Smith, 32, chief pilot of the Middle States Airways, was killed and his body buried today. The accident occurred a short distance from Bettis Field, on the Lebeson-Church Road.

Protection Is Asked For Girl By Father

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(INS)—Declaring an attempt was made to break into their home and they have been deluged with threats over the telephone, Dr. Earl Fritze today asked District Attorney Byron Pitts for a guard for his 17-year-old daughter, Ennie, on whose charges of criminal assault Alexander Pantalone, owner of a chain of vaudeville houses will be arraigned Wednesday.

Spectacular Jump Is Made By Steel Corporation Stocks

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(INS)—A spectacular jump in United States Steel stock to 225 today, with upward of 10 points in a dozen or more of the railroad and industrial favorites on the big board, put new courage into the hills of Wall Street and helped to win back the losses incurred in last Friday's violent shakeout. Speculators in the financial district were confident of a new meliorating for steel corporation stockholders, in one form or another, probably a three-for-one split-up in the shares.

New Alcohol Supply Source Discovered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(INS)—A new source of alcohol supply of interest to bootleggers as well as industrialists was disclosed today in the announcement that a way has been found to produce ordinary, straight grain alcohol from coal and petroleum products. A subsidiary of the Union Carbide Co., at South Charleston, W. Va., has succeeded in producing 40,000 gallons after a series of experiments and to the same as alcohol ordinarily produced from grain and fruits, according to Prohibition Administrator J. M. Moran.

U. S. Missionary Is Captured By Chinese

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(INS)—Henry Mescher, of Ashland, Wis., missionary of the National Holiness Mission, was captured by Chinese bandits near Wang Chin Pa on Aug. 9 at Tung Chang, and taken in the direction of Kwan Hsin, said the wires received by the State Department today from Minister MacMurray.

Wife, Husband Drown

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12.—(INS)—Henry Ellington, 54, and his wife, both of Raleigh, were dead today as the result of a tragedy which ended a week-end outing yesterday. Mrs. Ellington was drowned in the Neuse River when she waded into water over her head. Her husband, attacked by her screams, jumped into the water in an effort to rescue her although he could not swim. He also drowned. The bodies were recovered.

Bogus Money Plant Is Seized By Agents

ATLANTA, Aug. 12.—(INS)—A complete counterfeit plant and a considerable number of spurious currency were turned over to the federal government by police today. They were seized last night in the home of Charles Hooker, 32, negro chauffeur, in the rear of the residence of Dr. George Brown, Fulton county legislator, 39 Fourteenth Street, N. E., following Hooker's arrest on a charge of robbery.

Ferryboats Collide In New York Harbor

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(INS)—A sharp collision occurred today between the ferryboats, Broadway and the John English, in the harbor between Brooklyn and the city. The collision resulted in the death of a young boy and the wounding of a woman and a child.

Flight Tests Will Be Given Navy AirRacer

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 12.—(INS)—The stage was set for flight tests of the Navy's diminutive air racer today for the first time. The aircraft will be tested in the Chesapeake Bay.

Collegiate Bandits Admit Slayings And Many Other Crimes

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(INS)—Robert "Cammy" Egan, 18, and Earl Nicholson, 20, who confessed yesterday they were the "collegiate bandits" who killed a druggist, stole down today after hours of questioning and admitted the slaying of a second druggist and the shooting of a sub-boss in a six months' career as robbers.

INDICTMENTS TO BE ASKED

OCILLA, Ga., Aug. 12.—(INS)—Indictments will be asked today against three men held in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Harry Levin, of Huntington, W. Va., who vanished two years ago while hitch-hiking to Florida.

Special Report Of Label Action Against Sanford Herald

The Herald has been the recipient of a great deal of criticism in the past few days... The Herald has been the recipient of a great deal of criticism in the past few days...

Q-Who was the chairman of the board of trustees? A-Supposed to have been Mr. L... Q-What do you mean when you say supposed to have been...?

Q-You kept a record, however, of the bonds didn't you? A-I kept a record of the disbursements that I made under the funds...

Q-Then you also kept a record showing a disbursement of the proceeds? A-Showing the warrants drawn on the bond trustees, I never drew any checks...

Q-You will please look at the item of \$45.00 and state the item of charge thereon... A-That is the amount of the printing...

Q-What do these three items amount to? A-Total of the whole being \$55.44...

Q-If you have any doubt about it being added right, add it yourself and see? A-I presume it is right...

Q-What do you mean when you say supposed to have been...? A-I am not in position to answer that... I haven't the vouchers...

Q-But the books of the trustees... A-Yes, sir. The books of the trustees were kept in my office...

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Stenographic Report Of Libel Action Against Sanford Herald

Continued from Page 2. Clerk with the City's seal attached. Q-Who did you sign them for? A-Mr. Key. Q-What date did you sign them? A-Sept. 1927. Q-Did you sign them as a business manager? A-Yes. Q-Did you sign them as a business manager? A-Yes. Q-Did you sign them as a business manager? A-Yes. Q-Did you sign them as a business manager? A-Yes.

Q-What official of the corporation? A-Secretary and treasurer. Q-As business manager does Mr. Berg have responsibility for the editorial articles of the paper? A-Yes. Q-What have your personal relations with the plaintiff in this case Mr. George A. DeCotter been? A-None. Q-What are your personal relations? A-None. Q-Do you recall the first conversation you had with the plaintiff in this case with regard to the article? A-I think the first I ever had with him was in September 1926. Q-Do you recall the subject of that conversation? A-The subject was the price which certain municipal improvement bonds brought which had recently been sold. Q-Do you remember where that first conversation between you and plaintiff with regard to the public affairs of the City of Sanford was held? A-In the Herald office. Q-Do you remember who was present? A-Mr. Lake, Mr. DeCotter and myself. Q-Do you recall what was said as to the price at which City securities had been sold by you or Mr. Lake or Mr. DeCotter, all three? A-Yes.

Q-What date did you recall the first conversation you had with the plaintiff in this case with regard to the article? A-I think the first I ever had with him was in September 1926. Q-Do you recall the subject of that conversation? A-The subject was the price which certain municipal improvement bonds brought which had recently been sold. Q-Do you remember where that first conversation between you and plaintiff with regard to the public affairs of the City of Sanford was held? A-In the Herald office. Q-Do you remember who was present? A-Mr. Lake, Mr. DeCotter and myself. Q-Do you recall what was said as to the price at which City securities had been sold by you or Mr. Lake or Mr. DeCotter, all three? A-Yes.

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(Continued From Page 3) Thereupon the telegrams were marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 64.

Exhibit No. 64 read to the jury. Q-I found one there which I did not find one—I will ask if that is also a reply? A-It is.

MR. CARSON: We offer the telegram in evidence. MR. LANDIS: No objection. Thereupon the same was marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 65.

Exhibit No. 65 read to the jury. Exhibits No. 65 read to the jury, consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 telegrams. Q-Now, Mr. Dean, about that time do you recall the publication of a letter from Mr. Housholder with regard to fees elsewhere? A-I do.

Q-Can you find it for me, or tell me what paper it is in? A-I think you will find it on July 17, 1920. Q-I call your attention to the front page of the Sanford Herald, second right hand column, dated July 17, 1920. "Housholder says Jax. Attorneys get sum of \$20,000.00" do you recall the publication of that? A-I do.

Q-Did you get any subsequent claim from the Mayor of Jacksonville with reference to the Housholder letter? A-I did. Q-Have you it there? (Witness produces telegram.) Q-Then the article appearing in the right hand column of the Sanford Herald on July 17, was that the basis of the information communicated to you by the Housholder letter? A-It is.

(Article read in evidence). Thereupon telegram from Alton, Jacksonville Mayor was admitted in evidence without objection and marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 66. Defendant's Exhibit No. 66 read to the jury. Q-Mr. Dean, go back to the time when Forrest Lake was Mayor of the City of Sanford, did you ever ask Mr. Lake for a copy of the City Charter of the City of Sanford? A-I did.

Q-Did he hand you such copy? A-He did not, he suggested that we get one from the City Manager's office. We did not, but I showed him the copy of the charter and asked him if that was the latest edition and if it included all amendments, and he told me it was the whole work. Q-Is this the charter that you showed him and asked if it was complete? (handing witness book.) A-Yes.

Q-Do you recall the date of that conversation? A-As near as I can recall now, in the winter of 1920. Q-You were going to the closing of the Seminole county bank? A-Yes. MR. CARSON: We offer the entire charter in evidence not necessarily to read it—but that either side may read from it when necessary. MR. LANDIS: No objection. Thereupon the City of Sanford dated and filed in evidence and marked Defendant's Exhibit 67.

Sanford Herald of Tuesday February 14th 1925 a headline: "Legal Expenses of City Cut by \$2000 Dismissed." Do you recall the publication of that story? A-I do. Q-Do you recall whether that is the story that Judge Housholder used to refresh his memory in court the other day? A-I think it was.

(read) Q-I point out to you in the second column of the first page of the Sanford Herald of Thursday February 16th a story headed: "Killer Report on City Affairs is Made Public," and I will ask you if you know where you got that report? A-Got that from Mr. Miller. Q-Mr. Frank Miller? A-Yes sir.

(Short recess) Q-This story on the upper left hand two columns of the front page of the Sanford Herald of Tuesday March 20th "City Wins in Second Phase of Fight for Retaining Its Bonds." I will ask Judge Herring to read that. (read) Q-Mr. Dean, I point out to you article in the Herald of Monday July 9th 1920 headed: "Bonds Bearing Six Percent Disposed at 96," and ask if that appeared in your paper? A-It did.

Q-Then an article July 10th on the front page headed: "City Commission Refunds State Road Debt Twice," and ask you if that appeared in your paper? A-It did. (Both articles read) Q-Mr. Dean, on July 10th there was a story with the city audit as to Mr. DeCotte's fee, it's entitled, "Commission Audit," and on the right hand column is the story do you know who handed that audit to you, or do you want to look at the story to see? A-I don't remember. No. Q-Will you better look at the story and refresh your memory. A-The audit accompanied a letter from Mayor Housholder.

(read) Q-I point out to you Mr. Dean, in the seventh column, front page of the Sanford Herald of Friday July 20th a story under the heading: "More DeCotte's Account Figures Issued by Mayor," and ask you if you published the item and where you got it? A-We did, it came from the Mayor's office. (read) MR. CARSON: Judge Landis, the next item I have is "Sanford Forum" of Saturday July 21st in which the letters of Mr. DeCotte and James H. Lee in the Sanford Herald in regard to the William Henry letter are published in full. It isn't necessary to read them.

MR. LANDIS: They have both been read. Q-I will ask you whether on Saturday July 21st you published in full Mr. DeCotte's letter and James H. Lee's letter with regard to the William Henry letter? A-Yes. MR. CARSON: I will ask you to read, Judge Herring, the story on the front page of the Sanford Herald of Friday July 27th "City Wins Point in Bank Suit on \$5,000 Warrants." (read) Q-I call your attention Mr. Dean to the story on the front page of the Sanford Herald of Thursday November 1st 1920, story headed: "City Millage is Fixed at 20—Valuation Cut," and ask you if you published that story in your paper? A-We did.

(read) Q-Mr. Dean, I point to column 2 page 1 of the Sanford Herald of November 20th 1920 a story, "Two Commissioners Go East to Talk City Financing," DeCotte Also Gets to Push Suit Against the National Bank." Do you recall the publication of that story? A-I do. (read) Q-Mr. Dean I call your attention to the front page story, left hand column, Sanford Herald of Saturday December 26th, "Bankers Turn Down Scheme to Fund Debt" Do you recall the publication of that story? A-I do.

(read) Q-Mr. Dean, I point out to you a two column headline on the left hand side of the front page of the Sanford Herald of January 9th 1920 and ask you if you recall the publication of that story, "Housholder Gives Farewell Message to Sanford Citizens?" A-I do. (reads part before recess) THE COURT: (readmen, we will recess to 9:30 tomorrow morning. You will be guided by the instructions heretofore given you. (Recess to 9:30.) Court reconvened 9:30 A. M. August 12th 1920, Jury polled and in box.

MR. CARSON finished reading of Mayor Housholder's farewell address. (Direct examination of R. L. Dean continued.) Q-Mr. Dean I point out to you on the upper left hand column of the Sanford Herald of Monday July 14th a story headed: "DeCotte Released as City Attorney by Commission." I ask if you recall the printing of that story in the Sanford Herald? A-I do. (read) Q-Mr. Dean, did the Sanford Herald prior to your knowledge be-

language: (reading newspaper quotation from Count 2 of the declaration). I ask you on what that information was based, Mr. Dean? A-That information was based on a report obtained from the city clerk. Q-Did you believe it to be true at the time of its publication? A-I did.

Q-In this second count you are charged with having published an article in your paper in which language is used: (reading newspaper quotations from count 2 of declaration beginning at top of page 11 through and including first part paragraph top of page 11). Do you recall where you got the facts and statements on which that editorial was based? A-Most of those facts came from the city records in the city hall.

Q-And did you believe them to be true at the time you published them? A-I did. Q-Then on the same day it is alleged that you published this editorial paragraph: "What everyone is asking now—Why is George DeCotte sore at the Herald? Because the Herald is trying to stop his gray train." Did you mean by the article, as explained to you, that Mr. DeCotte's fees were extortionate? MR. LANDIS: We object to that for the reason that it calls for a mere matter of opinion because it is leading, and this is his witness, and third because it is irrelevant, immaterial on any issue.

Q-It is charged in the declaration that you meant to charge that the plaintiff had charged excessive, extortionate and extortionate fees for his services. The declaration charges that you meant to charge that the plaintiff charged the City of Sanford excessive, extortionate and extortionate fees for his legal services rendered. Did you mean that? MR. LANDIS: Same objection. (Continued on Page 5)

Elton J. Moughton Architect First Nat'l Bank Bldg. Sanford, Fla. A blast of shrapnel in France... She vows no one will learn of her hasty marriage... Then the young girl, daughter of the war-bride... Inmate the tide and KNOW you own it.

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Is The Country Doctor Coming Back

For a long time past the vanishing of the country doctor, from the places, that once knew him and in which he rendered valuable and appreciated services, has been sincerely deplored. The country doctor in the long ago past, and until a comparatively recent period of time, was an institution, a combination of physician, counselor and friend in every rural community. The country doctor occupied a place and position all his own. He was looked up to and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Many Medical colleges are located there is a civic or semi-official organization that has charge of health work in that territory. Apparently it has at its disposal a fund that can be drawn upon for the establishment of physicians in rural communities where now there are no doctors. Through this fund is planned, first of all, to give fifteen rural doctors a chance to do postgraduate work at medical schools of first rank. At the same time funds are being raised and used for the establishment of hospitals in selected rural communities. In these hospitals country doctors will have opportunities to "refresh" their knowledge of methods useful in their practice under this plan young doctors will have opportunities for advanced study and observation, and some of them at least, may be impressed sufficiently with the need for physicians in rural communities to locate there and practice their profession.

It has been said that "A good doctor and a good school are prime necessities in bringing up a family in the country." Schools are being established everywhere in the rural section, and if the family doctor also can be established once more in rural communities, then life away from cities and towns will be made more inviting than it is now; and also rural life once again will be made all the better healthier and happier by having the family doctor to officials very much as did country doctors in the years that are past.

State Chamber of Commerce is after the way in Iowa who wrote his paper about the "terrible" conditions in Florida following the Medfly invasion. He was probably a citizen of Florida at one time, being cared for by the state at Chastaboochee. Starks Telegraph.

Report Of Libel Action Against Sanford Herald

(Continued From Page 5) ... the plaintiff was the head of the city government of the City of Sanford, Florida ...

Q—On what did you base that? ... the fact that the libel, as published, apparently took Mr. DeCottis' advice on any subject ...

Q—The seventh count is based upon the editorial alleged to have been published by your paper on the 16th day of July, 1928 ...

Q—You have been here then about six years—little less, than six years? ...

Q—Mr. DeCottis, what business did you go into when you came here? ...

Q—What paper did you go in with? ... The Sanford Herald ...

Q—Are you a graduate of any college? ... I am ...

Q—What school? ... Yale ...

Q—You carry a degree from that institution? ... I do ...

Q—When you came to Sanford what club associations, if any, did you affiliate with? ...

Q—Are you a member of each and every of these associations? ...

Q—You are still a member of the American Legion? ...

Q—Are you affiliated with any church? ...

Q—Do you believe in a God? ...

Q—Have you stated on the street publicly and to large numbers of people that you were an atheist and that the world and people were all come by chance as a matter of evolution? ...

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Q—What time of the year is 1927? ...

Q—I think it was the first of October—the first week in October ...

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Q—Mr. DeCottis, what business did you go into when you came here? ...

Q—What paper did you go in with? ... The Sanford Herald ...

Q—Are you a graduate of any college? ... I am ...

Q—What school? ... Yale ...

Q—You carry a degree from that institution? ... I do ...

Q—When you came to Sanford what club associations, if any, did you affiliate with? ...

Q—Are you a member of each and every of these associations? ...

Q—You are still a member of the American Legion? ...

Q—Are you affiliated with any church? ...

Q—Do you believe in a God? ...

interest; they should not be issued ...

Q—No, but you say that bond, had been issued twice didn't you? ...

Q—All right, did you go under ...

Q—All right, what did D. L. ...

Q—He said that refunding bonds should not be issued to pay interest ...

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what led you to believe that Mr. DeCottis was occupying a throne? ...

Q—That's a figure of speech, ...

Q—It simply means that he had taken Mr. Lake's place in the running of the municipal government ...

Q—You meant by "throne" that he had simply taken the Mayor's job over? ...

Q—No, I didn't mean the Mayor's job ...

Q—Well, that's the position Mr. Lake had? ...

Q—And Mr. Lake had been president of the board of bond trustees, hadn't he? ...

Q—Yes ...

Q—Did you mean Mr. DeCottis took that job? ...

Q—I did not ...

Q—What did you mean when you said "throne"—meaning place—that he took Mr. Lake's place? ...

Q—I meant Mr. Lake had run the City in an autocratic manner that whatever he said went regardless of what you call the position, and that after he had resigned that Mr. DeCottis took that place ...

Q—Then you meant to say to the public here that Mr. DeCottis was now running the city government? ...

Q—I did ...

Q—What was Mr. DeCottis doing that led you to believe he was running the City government? ...

Q—He was making advice ...

Q—On what? ...

THE COURT: Objection overruled. Exception noted. He has already answered it.

Q—Then when you talk about Mr. DeCottis running the City Government the example you have given was simply a matter of legal advice, wasn't it? ...

Q—No, I wouldn't say that it was ...

Q—Then you think that when the City Commission asked Mr. DeCottis to determine whether or not the Hutton claim was a legal, valid, binding obligation against the City, that that was not legal advice? ...

Q—I might be called legal advice, but I thought the question for the court was more important. I thought the claim should have been audited, and as a matter of fact it was audited and the audit was unfavorable to the payment of it ...

Q—What audit are you referring to? ...

Q—The Auditor's Commission ...

Q—Here is the Commission report. Now find the place where it is referred to and reported upon favorably by the auditor? ...

Q—There seems to be a special question about a warrant for \$24,500.00 from the Hutton Construction Co. and this should not be paid until investigation clearly shows it to be a legal obligation of the City. If there seems to be a doubt a Court determination of the City's liability should be sought ...

Q—Now then, He didn't settle it did he, the auditor? He didn't tell them whether to pay it or not? ...

Q—He said if there was any doubt there should be a Court determination ...

Q—Yes, and don't you know there has been ...

Q—I don't know that there was before it was paid ...

Q—Don't you know that there has been now a legal determination by the court that that was a legal, valid, binding obligation against the City of Sanford? ...

Q—No, I can't say that I do ...

Q—You don't. All right. Now he says "Should not be paid until investigation clearly shows it to be a legal obligation of the City." Now, didn't the auditor thought there was some question of legal liability there, didn't he? ...

Q—He did. Then the City Commission took it up and asked Mr. DeCottis, the City Attorney, if that was a legal obligation, didn't they? ...

Q—Yes ...

