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WICKERSHAM HANDS GLAVIS A FEW IN HIS SPECIAL REPORT

Attorney General's Statement of Ballinger Fracas Goes to Congress.

INTERIOR SECRETARY IS UPHELD BY HIM

Declares That Glavis Was Not Prompted By Best Motives In Attack.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — Louis R. Glavis, formerly chief of the field division of the General Land Office, suffered from magalomania and was not imbued with a deep sense of patriotic duty in making charges against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and others in connection with the coal land claims in Alaska, according to Attorney General Wickersham whose report on the controversy was sent to congress today by President Taft.

Wickersham severely arraigns Glavis. All the papers in the cases were sent to Congress in response to a resolution of Senator Flint of California. The attorney general's statement recites the charges preferred against Ballinger by Glavis on August 18, reviews the status of the Cunningham group of coal lands in Alaska, states Ballinger's relations with the claimants, cites the laws bearing on the case, quotes many letters written by Glavis and others regarding the claims and resultant controversy. In the opinion of Wickersham the charges of improper action are entirely disproved. He says that Ballinger was scrupulously careful in his connection with the matter. The suggestion "That it is unlawful for Ballinger to have any professional relations with these claimants because of his previous incumbency of office of commissioner of the Land Office is in my opinion unsound," says Wickersham.

Of the Cunningham claims Wickersham's report says: "The Cunningham locations were made in July and August, 1904. All but three of them proceeded to entry prior to May 1, 1907, and the remaining three in October, 1907. Payments aggregating \$528 being made and converted into the treasury. That the claims were investigated by Agents Love and Jones and were put into Glavis hands together with the investigation of all other Alaska coal land locations and entries in 1908. All the essential facts relating to the claims seem to have been ascertained by him in the spring of 1908." And, "indeed the claimants don't appear to have made any concealment of facts upon which their claims depend." The report goes on to say that Glavis had upwards of two years to investigate the claims, and frequent requests to bring the investigation to a conclusion met only with excuses for further delay and brought forth only criticism of his superior officers and requests for further assistance. Wickersham, says Glavis' claim that he prevented the government being defrauded is disproved by the records in the case, and that the intervention by the forestry department as procured by Glavis was unnecessary. Glavis is accused of suppression of essential letters and telegrams and other documents, and it is charged that his report "abounds in contradictions and misstatements," and he is charged with "appearing at all times to have been prolific in criticism and fault finding of other officers of his department, desirous of increasing his jurisdiction, ready with reasons for delay but never ready to complete anything he undertook," and that "Glavis' actions appear to have been founded upon a wholly exaggerated sense of his own importance and a desire for personal advancement rather than upon any genuine desire to protect the interests of the government and this species of megalomania has finally led him to submit to you charges of improper motives and conduct against his official

STRIKE STILL IS UNSETTLED

Switchmen and General Managers Agree Upon Plan to Settle But It Fails.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — Efforts to gain an adjustment of the strike of the switchmen on the railroads of the northwest have been abandoned. Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill, the mediators under the Erdman act, had a final conference with Perham, and it was determined "that nothing further could be done to effect a settlement.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 5. — Members of the Switchmen's Union representing the western railroads today agreed with the General Managers' Association to submit their requests for advanced wages and change in hours to arbitration under the Erdman act. The suggestion to do this was made by the switchmen.

NORRIS RAPS TAFT TODAY

Nebraska "Insurgent" Says They Cannot Be Intimidated By Combination.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — In an interview today, Representative Norris of Nebraska charged President Taft with singling out the house enemies of Speaker Cannon for punishment by withholding patronage and declared they would not be intimidated into silence by any combination between the President and the speaker.

Several are unsparing in their denunciation of the policy which is sought to punish a man for independence of thought and action as they express it. Not a few were loath to believe Taft would lend his aid to the effort to administer castigation to them for supporting the very principles and policies for which they claimed the party itself stood pledged.

GEN. RUCKER DEAD.

Oldest Retired Officer of U. S. Army Succumbs.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — General Daniel H. Rucker, the oldest retired officer of the United States Army, died here today, aged 98 years.

superiors which in my opinion are so unjust and unfounded as to merit his immediate suspension from the service." Speculation is rife as to the personnel of the committee to be named to make the investigation. The indications are the following will be selected: Senators Nelson of Minneapolis, Root of New York, Flint of California, Sutherland of Utah, Paynter of Kentucky, and either Clarke of Arkansas, or Hughes of Colorado; Representatives Dalzell of Pennsylvania, McCall of Massachusetts, Stephens of Minnesota, Martin of South Dakota, Howard of Georgia, Moon of Tennessee or Shirley of Kentucky.

In the House, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules but in the Senate, reference was postponed until tomorrow.

SENATOR PERKINS BADLY INJURED

Prominent Californian Slips and Falls On Icy Walk In Washington, Sustaining Severe Injuries.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — Senator Perkins of California, slipped on an icy sidewalk today and is believed to have seriously injured his spine. Perkins struck the ground with terrific force and lay for several seconds in a dazed condition. Dr. C. Lloyd Magruder was summoned and declared the senator had severely wrenched his spine in addition to

painful injuries about the body. Perkins has been in poor health for some time and the physicians do not feel justified in stating how soon he will recover.

WILSON IS INJURED.

Assistant Secretary of State Hurt By Fall On Icy Walk.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6. — Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, fell on the icy pavement as he stepped from an automobile last night and cut his face so badly that he is under a physician's care. Mrs. Wilson also fell but was uninjured.

SHOOT OFFICER NEAR SEATTLE

City Marshal Roehl of Auburn, Wash., Seriously Wounded By Howard Williams.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6. — City Marshal August Roehl of Auburn, 22 miles south of Seattle, was shot and seriously wounded last night by Howard Williams who, with two companions, all of Sumner, Wash., had been dripping heavily in the various saloons. After the shooting, the three men fled from town being pursued by deputy sheriffs.

Williams and his companions had been arrested for creating a disturbance, and were on the way to jail when Williams drew a revolver and shot Roehl in the mouth, the bullet just missing the windpipe and lodging in the muscles of his neck. It was removed by surgeons.

After the shooting the three men fled from town but were captured at Sumner soon after daylight. Roehl will recover.

FIND ASTRO IN MEXICO CITY

Man Who Tried to Fleece Capt. O'Kelly of Coos Bay Located By Frisco Police.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6. — C. A. Conlin, alias "Astro," ex-handcuff king and clairvoyant, who forfeited \$1,500 cash bail rather than face the charge of grand larceny, has been arrested in Mexico City, according to a telegram received by the local police from Chief of Police Felix Diaz of that city.

"Astro" is charged with having swindled aged Jasper O'Kelly, a wealthy boatman, from Coos Bay, Or. In searching for a long-lost stepdaughter, to whom he desired to pay a legacy of several thousand dollars left by her mother, O'Kelly sought the aid of "Astro's" alleged clairvoyant powers. "Astro," it is alleged, induced Stella Mattello, of Los Angeles, to pose as the long-lost girl. O'Kelly is said to have paid her nearly \$1000 before he discovered the fraud.

Steps will be taken to extradite him.

M. F. PLANT IN FROM FRISCO

Steamship Arrives Wednesday From South After Fairly Good Trip.

The M. F. Plant arrived in Wednesday from San Francisco after a fairly good trip up the coast.

The Plant will sail at 1:30 Thursday from North Bend.

Among those arriving on the M. F. Plant were the following:

- A. Harlocker, A. L. Harris, Geo. N. Black, Ursula Farringer, E. C. Paddock, R. S. Wright, E. A. Payson, Mrs. E. J. Mayfield, H. W. Sanford, Hazel Bennett, Mrs. A. C. Hammond, C. E. Kidder, C. D. Miner, H. W. Painter, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Edmund, J. A. Johnston, Alex Dawson, Mrs. E. E. Lucas, Mrs. Bartell, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, A. Berring.

Sails Today.
The M. F. Plant sailed this afternoon for San Francisco. Her outgoing cargo consisted largely of coal and boxes.

Among those sailing on the M. F. Plant were the following:

- Mrs. Mary Thomas, G. A. Niehaus, Homer Braut, F. Timmerman, C. W. Wright, Master Chas. Wright, Miss N. Duvie, Austin Brownell, Marion Reynolds, John Tiedeman, W. G. Petzoldt, Mrs. F. J. Braut and five children, Jim Aiken, John Leingren, W. H. Savigny, O. L. Collier, Mr. Maxhelmer, P. E. Kreamer, Peter Kinchen and Ed. Thomas, P. Slinger and Joe Slinger.

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DARING ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB BROOKLYN BANK TODAY

CHILD KILLED BY THE TRAIN

Sophia Storgard, Eleven Years Old, Run Down On Trestle to Bunkers.

Elsie Sophia Storgard, eleven years old, was struck and run over by a switch engine on the elevated trestle leading to the Beaver Hill mine bunkers near the depot last evening about 5:30. She was instantly killed, the wheels passing over her chest and almost cutting the body in two.

The child was a few months over eleven years old and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Storgard. She had been a deaf mute since birth but recently underwent an operation and Mr. and Mrs. Storgard believe that she was gradually acquiring ability to hear and talk.

A sad phase of the accident was the endeavor of Mrs. Storgard to protect the little one. For a long time, they have had difficulty in keeping her at home and feared that she might meet with an accident owing to her deafness. Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Storgard had planned to attend a social gathering but finding that Mr. Storgard could not keep Sophia with him, she remained at home. About 4 o'clock, she was kept busy with cooking in the kitchen and Sophia slipped out. This was the last they saw of her until word of the accident was brought to them about 5:30.

How she happened to wander down to the trestle and up to it is something no one can explain. The engine was pushing loaded coal cars up the trestle to the bunkers. About eight minutes before the accident, W. F. Miller and General Manager Mills walked up the trestle and did not see anything of the child.

She evidently was in the middle of the track and became terror stricken and couldn't move when the engine came backing down towards her. The accident was not discovered until they had passed over her, the engine being jolted. Mr. Boone who was riding on the running board of the engine saw the body first.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner Golden last evening. Conductor Kardell, General Manager Mills, Brakeman Boone and Andrew Storgard were the only witnesses. The jury consisting of Chas. Sendelbach, L. E. Blivens, Wm. M. Cox, J. W. Hunt, Carl Evertsen and H. Bradford found that the killing was accidental and exonerated the train crew from any blame.

First Accident.
Charley Gilbert was the engineer and the accident last evening was the first time that an engine handled by him has ever injured a person during his railway service of twenty years or more. The other members of the crew were Firemen Ellerbeck, and Brakeman Alex Wilson and Archie Boone.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the Swedish Lutheran church and was largely attended. Rev. J. Richard Olson delivered the sermons in both Swedish and English. The pall bearers were Hugo Hillstrom, Alfred Jutstrom, Carl and Ansel Johnson.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 5. — May wheat, \$1.13 1-4; July, \$1.04 1-8; September, \$0.91 1-8.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Jan. 5. — Wheat unchanged.

(By Associated Press.)
TACOMA, Jan. 5. — Wheat unchanged.

Hunting licenses renewed. Gunnery.

Four Bandits Attempt to Loot Private Institution In New York Suburb.

ONE OF CLERKS BADLY WOUNDED

Two of the Gang Are Captured After Battle With Crowd In Street.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 6. — A daring attempt to hold up and rob a private bank of the Green Point section of Brooklyn was made today. Four men attacked the clerks, shot one of them perhaps fatally and then gave battle to the crowd in the street. Two robbers escaped but two others were arrested and identified as members of the gang. The robbery occurred at the noon hour, the four men entering and inquiring about steamship tickets. Samuel Korn, a brother of Simon Korn, owner of the bank, suspected the men and started to remove a tray with several thousand dollars of coin and currency to the safe. Two of the men leaped over the counter and tried to seize the money. One robber fired several shots at Korn, one bullet in the neck inflicting what may prove a fatal wound.

LIBBY MINE STRIKE ENDED

Coal Miners Resume Work Today Under Old Scale After Short Strike.

A strike that for a time threatened to reach serious proportions at the Libby mine was adjusted last evening by Superintendent Hennessey and this morning all of the men resumed work. Only about a day was lost.

The trouble was occasioned by a misunderstanding over the price of coal. The O. C. & N. Company markets its coal at San Francisco through the Western Fuel Company under a term contract which fixes the price the company is to receive during the period the contract is in force. Recently, the coal strike in Australia has resulted in a shortage of coal in California and the Western Fuel Company boosted the price about twenty-five per cent.

When the miners here heard of the advance in the price of coal, they immediately asked for higher wages. They are receiving \$1 per ton now and wanted \$1.25.

"The trouble has been amicably adjusted and all the men returned to work this morning," said Superintendent Hennessey today.

GIRL IS LOCATED.

Missing Philadelphia Maiden Accounted For.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 6. — Miss Roberta DeJanon and Ferdinand Cohen, the waiter with whom she is alleged to have left the city December 29, are said to have been found. This announcement was made this afternoon by a person close to the girl's relatives.

"BLACK-HAND" IN CHICAGO.

Merchant Slain For Not Giving Up \$5,000.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 6. — Falling to comply with a demand for \$5,000 contained in a letter signed "Black Hand," B. Senesi, sixty years of age, an Italian merchant, was shot and killed by three men early today while asleep in the rear of his store. The assassins escaped.