

BALLENGER'S RECORD

Will be Probed by House Committee.

HEED GENERAL CLAMOR

Investigation Will be Made Probably Right After the Holidays—Resolution in the Hands of the Committee

(Special to The Evening News.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The sensational attack made upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in the House of Representatives, yesterday, by Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, makes it practically certain that the House organization cannot stave off an investigation of the general land office very much longer. Possibly this investigation will be authorized just after the holidays. The prevailing sentiment of the House is that there must be a full investigation of the charges brought against the Secretary by L. R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the United States general land office, concerning Mr. Ballinger's relation to the Alaska coal fields matter. The resolution demanding such investigation is now in the hands of the rules committee, having been referred to that body by Speaker Cannon. The country is thoroughly stirred up over the alleged actions of Secretary Ballinger, and only an official investigation of his methods will satisfy the public.

POPE INTERVENS FOR KING'S WIFE

(Special to The Evening News)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Despatches from the Central News Correspondent at Rome says that the Pope has notified the papal representatives at Brussels that King Leopold, who died at an early hour this morning, was regularly married to the Baroness Vaughn San Remo of Italy, in

1908. This information is said to have been given in order that protection to her reported marital rights may be effected.

COOK MAY NOT PROVE HIS CLAIM

(Special to The Evening News.)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Danger from another quarter now threatens the reputation of Dr. Cook, the North Pole celebrity, according to the statement of a member of the committee now investigating the data sent from New York by the explorer-scientist. The committee calls attention to the fact that storms in the polar region renders it absolutely impossible for any to be exactly accurate in securing data, and says that Cook's figures if positively correct, will cause more suspicion in the minds of investigators than if inaccuracies exist. The committee has begun its work of investigating Dr. Cook's claims, and expects to reach a decision within a fortnight.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE IN NICARAGUA

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Following the resignation of Zelaya, President of Nicaragua, it is now reported at Managua that General Vasquez, leader of the government troops near Rama, will surrender. A rumor has also obtained to the effect that the Zelayan revolutionary armies will now combine to support Estrada for the presidency will no doubt accept the honor, and it is said that he favors the equal suffrage of the sexes, and in event of his accession to the presidency Nicaragua will become the first equal suffrage nation in the world.

I WILL MAKE SITTINGS
Up to and including Sunday, December 19th, and have them finished for Xmas. Cloudy weather is all sunshine at my Studio. Let me do your framing and save you money.
CLARK'S STUDIO
Roseburg National Bank Bldg.

MESSAGE IS TAME

W. J. Bryan Finds Flaws in Document

SHERMAN LAW IS GOOD

Taft Mistaken as to Amending Anti-Trust Legislation—Law Only Needs to be Inforced Says the Commoner

(Special to The Evening News)
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 17.—In today's issue of the Commoner William J. Bryan editorially asserts it as his honest opinion that President Taft's recent message to Congress is one of the tamest documents that ever came out of the White House. Mr. Bryan says that no honest tariff revisionist among the people can find a note of comfort in the President's reference to this very important subject. The Commoner also declares that it is plain to unbiased minds that forthcoming special messages cannot suggest anything that is unacceptable to the "favored" interests. "The President," adds Mr. Bryan, "says the Sherman anti-trust law needs amending. Mr. Taft is mistaken. The law only needs enforcement."

BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS THREE MEN

(Special to The Evening News)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The huge boiler at the Royal Clay Works exploded today and three employees of the company were blown to atoms.

GRANTS PASS AND ASHLAND

Franchises Granted for Electric Line Between These Towns
GRANTS PASS, Dec. 16.—John B. Allen, who has been seeking franchises for an interurban electric line

between Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass, was granted a franchise Monday evening by the Grants Pass Council. The franchise runs for 50 years, with proper restrictions for use and time within which to commence work. This road will be a great aid to the development of the Rogue River Valley, as it will serve as a means of rapid communication between the cities of the valley.

WILL RECOGNIZE PRES. ESTRADA

(Special to The Evening News)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, has introduced a resolution in the House directing the administration to recognize Estrada as President of Nicaragua. The resolution also carries a clause making it necessary for the government to notify Estrada that the United States demands that he punish former President Zelaya for his atrocities.

FATHER SWIMS RIVER

To Get Assistance For Perishing Family

ARE FINALLY RESCUED

Family of Nine Children and the Parents Stranded on Island in a Storm Without Food or Shelter

(Special to The Evening News)
ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—A story of a great hardship and terrible exposure has materialized in the arrival of Levi Frank and wife and nine children from a point 400 miles up the Mississippi River. Frank and his family started from the wilds of the frozen northland several days ago in an open boat, and fought their way through a turbulent stream and through terrific winter storms of snow, sleet and wind. To add to their misery, the scant food supply the family started with became exhausted and they suffered from hunger. In addition to all this trouble the boat became stranded on an island, and for five days death from starvation stared the family in the face. To secure assistance for his perishing family, Frank undertook to swim from the island to the mainland, and the icy water brought on a severe sickness. The family was finally rescued and brought to this city here one daughter is now in the hospital suffering from pneumonia and typhoid complications, while the father is also in a precarious condition from the exposure and hardship he endured. Every assistance is being given the unfortunate family, but the wonder is that any one of them came through the terrible ordeal alive.

SWITCHMEN ASK FOR ARBITRATION

(Special to The Evening News)
SPOKANE, Dec. 17.—The assertion is made here today that every union workman in the service of the railroads involved in the switchmen's strike will walk out after noon Saturday, if the demands of the strikers are not arbitrated. The striking switchmen declare that they do not care so much about the six cents additional an hour that was asked of the railway companies, but they do demand moderation in the physical examination required and the abolition of the age limit. The switchmen believe that it is only fair and just to the man who serves the company well and faithfully for the best part of their lives that when they have passed the limit of their middle life they should be retained in the service.

COOK'S RECORDS ALONE ACCEPTABLE

(Special to The Evening News)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—The committee investigating the records of Dr. Cook have announced that the affidavits made by Loose and Dunkle, of New York, in which these men claim that they fabricated records for Cook, will be ignored by the scientists. The gentleman having this matter will base their decision entirely upon the records of Cook's trip to the North Pole as submitted by him.

Read The Evening News for news.
VIOLIN LESSONS
Amos W. Hiestor, violinist at Star theatre, will accept pupils for violin. Especial attention to juveniles. Inquire at Star theatre or phone 885.

KING LEOPOLD IS DEAD

His Passing Was Painless—Death From Heat Embolism

ALBERT HIS SUCCESSOR

For Present Government Will be Administered by Regents—An Exchange "Eulogizes" the Deceased Monarch

(Special to The Evening News)
BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The National Monitor announced today that pending the accession of Prince Albert to the Belgian throne to succeed the late King Leopold, the government will be administered by a regency consisting of the council ministers. The King died this morning at 2:35 o'clock, the immediate cause of death, according to Dr. Thir Thirar, chief physician, was heart embolism. "We were most apprehensive when performing the operation," said Thirar, "because we were aware of heart trouble, but the operation was absolutely necessary to prevent terrible suffering. Thanks to the operation, the King's death was painless." Leopold's death occurred on the forty-fourth anniversary of his formal ascension to the throne, although his kingship dated from December 10, 1835.

Beards Found Him Out
Leopold, King of the Belgians and ex-lord of the Congo, is dead. Few lamentations will accompany his departure from this life. Stricken Congo will not go into mourning. Blinded eyes will not weep nor will the maimed hands of the black man be clasped in anguish at the aged monarch's death. The woe of the blacks gave him means for living a sinful, useless career of pleasure. He placed the curse of avarice and all its attendant horrors upon the central empire of Africa, and if the walls of the suffering, the death rattle of the dying can reach his dulled ears, his lone way out of the world into the beyond will be a haunted and a terrible one.

Leopold goes off the stage. Conventional regrets will be expressed. Decey will subdue the voice of the multitude, but there will be a murmur of relief at his exit. Leopold of the twentieth century would have made an ideal Roman emperor of the second century. As the former passed away unregretted, Leopold has gone.

SEATTLE HOT BED OF VICE

Grand Jury Investigation Reveals a Frightful Deceit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The county grand jury has taken up investigation of the traffic in women slaves, in which Seattle ranks second only to New York, according to a Government commission. A Japanese gave to the grand jury a list of disorderly establishments operated by Japanese throughout the city, together with information covering the amount of protection money paid by the proprietors of all these establishments and the names of alleged importers of women.

The grand jury was told that police officers patrolling the Japanese district have distinct orders not to enter alleged disorderly houses on any pretext unless there is a disturbance. The jury was told that all business between the police and the proprietors of the establishments is transacted through plain clothes men.

A committee from the grand jury today visited the Japanese quarter, examining basements of hotels and employment offices. In several places

it was discovered that underground passages connect offices of various sorts with disorderly houses and that gambling houses with apparently reputable offices, were running with underground connections.

Seattle's high rank in the slave commerce is due to its being the port of entry for Japanese slave women and the port of shipment of European slave women to the mining camps of Alaska.

A Jackson street place presented a typical instance of the method employed in the construction and operation of the subterranean resorts. Entrance was gained through an apparently respectable place of business, leading from the ground floor to the basement was a long winding stairway which ended in a small ante-room. The investigators were confronted by a heavily barred door, equipped with a peep-hole, through which a lookout could scrutinize any visitors.

Through the door they gained entrance to a larger room where it was the custom of the watchmen to make further inquiry before permitting prospective patrons of the place to pass.

Once past the first outpost they were conducted along an underground passage and up another ante room where a final examination was made, from this ante-room a stairway leads down to the main resort, which was equipped as a gambling house, saloon, and poolroom.

Other passages connected with the Japanese lodging-houses furnished a means of egress in case of a raid, and a method of communication between the gambling resorts and the disorderly houses adjoining.

Several witnesses appeared before the grand jury today but the hearing was behind closed doors and aside from the general trend of testimony, none of the evidence was made public. No indictments have been returned, as the investigation has not been completed.

FIVE MEN ROB OKLAHOMA BANK

(Special to The Evening News)
GERMINE, Okla., Dec. 17.—Three bandits held the citizens of the town at bay with Winchester rifles late yesterday afternoon, two others of the gang entered the Citizens Bank and looted the institution. They were very deliberate in the transaction, and secured \$10,000. After taking the bank funds they mounted their horses and rode away. As soon as the men of the town recovered from their surprise a posse was organized and started in pursuit. This affair favors of the work done by the Jesse James gang in Minnesota more than twenty-five years ago, but differs in the result, as some of these free booters were killed in the town and others were captured shortly after and served a long term in the penitentiary for their crime.

Phone Main 6231
Office Phone Main 3209

Parcraft Secret Service Agency

We are prepared to do all legitimate Detective Work (both civil and Criminal) in all parts of the United States
C. F. PARKER Superintendent
214-216 Henry Bldg.
PORTLAND, OR.

THE BEST PLACE FOR GIFTS



If you're puzzled over the Christmas problem, come in and look over the many beautiful, useful, modestly priced gifts to be found here.

Something for every member of the family, young or old. Heavy special shipments for the Christmas trade arriving daily.

Come in and let us show you how easily and economically your Christmas problem can be solved.

Josephson's

ESTABLISHED 1877

SINCE 1877 WE'VE BEEN TREATING PEOPLE SQUARE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

COME IN AND WE WILL ASSIST YOU IN SELECTING YOUR PRESENTS

Our stock is large and Better than ever

- Australian and German Decorated China.
- Suit Cases.
- Graphophones.
- Rugs and Draperies.
- Children's Carts and Rockers.
- Chiffoniers and Dressers.
- Center and Library Tables.
- Morris Chairs and Rockers.
- Couches and Lounges.

Space is too limited to name the many beautiful articles that will please you. Come in and see.

ROSEBURG FURNITURE CO.

Headquarters for Celebrated Columbia Graphophones, Double Discs and Indestructible Records.