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HAD VESTED RIGHTS

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative Campbell, of Kansas, called upon the Secretary of the Interior today and requested him to fully investigate the blanket lease of 700,000 acres of the best oil and gas lands in the Osage Indian reservation to the Standard Oil Company, alleging the lease was obtained by fraud. The subject was discussed at the Cabinet meeting today and at its close Secretary Hitchcock said the view of the administration is that parties owning under the lease had certain vested rights which would be unjust for the government to interfere.

Tragedian Ill

(By Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 21.—Sir Henry Irving, the world's famous tragedian, is seriously ill at Wolverhampton.

DEATH KNELL SOUNDED

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington D C Feb 21.—The death knell to all railroad rate legislation for this session was sounded today when Senator Elkins, the chairman of the inter-state commerce committee announced on the floor of the senate that all efforts to secure such legislation had been abandoned and that it was the intention of the committee to continue the investigation during the summer. This is considered final and therefore nothing further is to be expected along the line of rate legislation during this session.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN WRECK

(By Scripps News Association)
Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 21.—The north bound Southern Pacific coast line was wrecked between Santa Anna and St. Augustine, early this morning. Wm. Lowrie of San Francisco was instantly killed. Many passengers and crew were injured, among whom is W. W. Blank, county clerk of Fraitdale. The train was the first section of No. 9 and while going at a moderate rate of speed struck a land slide which had completely filled the cut. The engine, mail and baggage cars were hurled from the track turning partly over. Relief trains were immediately sent out, the track soon cleared and the train proceeded on to San Francisco with the injured.

Big Boston Fire

(By Scripps News Association)
Boston, Feb. 21.—Fire broke out this morning and destroyed piers 3 and 4 of the Hoosic tunnel docks together with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of freight which is badly damaged. The steamships Dilton Hall and Philadelphia's losses will reach \$1,500,000. Two firemen and two members of the Philadelphia's crew were severely injured.

Russian Fleet Coals

(By Scripps News Association)
Copenhagen Feb 21.—The third Russian Baltic squadron is today coaling near the Skaw, preparatory to proceeding on their journey to the far east.

Attacked by Japanese

(By Scripps News Association)
Tokio, Feb 21.—Oyama reports are to the effect that a small infantry was attacked by Japanese on the Kang Shang yesterday. The Russians shelled Capatsi Sunday with heavy guns.

Federal Grand Jury After The Beef Turst

(By Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 21.—The promoters, organizers and owners of the beef trust will soon have reason to know they are in business. By an order from Washington issued last evening a special grand jury venire will be issued today and ten United States deputy marshals were sent out with subpoenas this morning. Over twenty five members of the so called beef trust will receive calls from these United States marshals with instruction to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at once. When the jury is sworn in these men will be taken before it and an attempt will be made to indict all persons who were restrained by Judge Grosscup's decision in the beef trust case which was recently sustained by the supreme court.

District Attorney Sol. Berthez, who has been quietly mapping out his line of campaign for the past number of months will direct the fight for the Government. More than a hundred and eighty witnesses have been subpoenaed who will testify regarding the

operations of the packers. It is believed that the Grand Jury will occupy several weeks in their investigation as it will be the most exhaustive investigation ever conducted. Practically every man who is in any way prominently identified with the packing house business in the city of Chicago has been summoned to appear before the jury and measures will be taken to see that they attend.

The beef trust investigation will not be confined to the city of Chicago. Officers were dispatched today with subpoenas to fifteen other cities including St. Paul, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Omaha and St. Louis. The work of serving subpoenas in Chicago is practically completed this afternoon. Most of the witnesses are clerks, managers and private secretaries of the packers. The grand jurors which are to be drawn are to report March 2. From that time on the jury will delve into the workings of the alleged beef trust's manner of doing business.

Statehood Bill

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington Feb 21.—Advocates of the statehood bill have abandoned all hope of legislation this session. Senator Teller has served notice on them he will not allow the bill to go to conference so long as the conferees are not in favor of the bill which passed the senate.

Street Fights

(By Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—Dispatches from Baku, a city of about 200,000 on the Caspian sea state that in a street fight between the Mussulmen and Armenians Sunday thirty five were killed and wounded. Fighting was resumed yesterday and reinforcements were summoned and the rioters are being subdued today.

Supreme Court Rulings

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—The supreme court today rendered a decision affirming that of the lower court in the case of the State vs. Frank Guglielmo the Italian who murdered Freda Garacio in Portland, June 14, 1904. The decision is rendered on the point whether the deputy district attorney had the right to sign the district attorney's name to a criminal information. The supreme court rules that by prosecuting the case District Attorney Manning ratified the action of his deputy. Guglielmo has 20 days to file a petition for a rehearing.

The following opinions were also handed down:
State of Oregon, respondent, vs. James G. Lee, appellant. Appeal from Washington County. T A McBride judge. Reserved and a new trial ordered. Opinion by Justice Bean. The defendant was tried and convicted of stealing a calf from one Dennis. The lower court admitted testimony tending to show that Lee had committed other crimes, which the supreme court holds erroneous.

More Indictments

(By Scripps News Association)
Cleveland Feb 21.—The Federal Grand Jury this afternoon returned several indictments against Mrs. Chadwick and several bankers including Spear who was indicted for misapplication of funds of the Oberlin bank.

Cleveland Feb 21.—L P Olinger, president of the Worcester National Bank who is charged with embezzlement and making false entries, and J R Zimmerman, a director of the same bank charged with abetting and aiding in the offences, and O M Fraser and O C Little the president and cashier of the First National Bank of Conneaut Ohio, were jointly indicted this afternoon on eighteen counts.

Seven Reported Killed

(By Scripps News Association)
Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—The North Coast Limited was wrecked at Hope, Idaho, at seven this morning. It is reported that seven passengers were killed.

Re-elected Secretary

(By Scripps News Association)
Milwaukee Feb 21.—Sam Kroft was today re-elected secretary of the American Bowling Congress. The next tournament will be held in Philadelphia. J H Hanger of Louisville was elected president.

CAN STAND THE SHRINKAGE

(By Scripps News Association)
New York Feb 21.—The recent session of the Kansas legislature has had a detrimental effect upon Standard Oil stock. Standard Oil stock sold today for \$600 per share, a decline of thirty one points, within a week. It is stated that the drop represents a shrinkage of thirty one million dollars in the value of Standard Oil property.

State Of Terror

London Feb 21.—The exchange Telegraph has a St. Peterburg dispatch reporting a state of anarchy in the Caucasus district. Massacres occurring on all sides. Oil wells are ablaze, trains have been destroyed, river navigation stopped. The peaceful element is in a state of terror and the authorities are helpless.

No Building Bill

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington Feb 21.—Speaker Cannon today informed the committee on Public Buildings that he would not grant a rule for the consideration of the public building bill which carries appropriations for \$9,500,000.

The speaker was presented with a petition signed by 300 members of the House asking that the bill be considered but he was obdurate.

Clarence Crawford Appointed

(By Scripps News Association)
Salem Feb 21.—Governor George Chamberlin today appointed Sam White democrat, judge of the eighth judicial district Lawrence T Harris, republican, judge of the second judicial district and Claire Crawford, democrat, district attorney for the new tenth judicial district which comprises the counties of Wallowa and Union.

MANY MINERS KILLED

Observer Special

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—By an explosion of gas at the Virginia mines at 5 o'clock between 200 and 350 miners were entombed. The bodies of 107 dead have been recovered.

The mines are seven miles below Bessemer and belong to the Alabama Steel and Wire Company, which is owned by the Schulzners.

The number of men in the mine at the time of the explosion is now known to be one hundred and sixteen including the nine bodies removed. The cause of the explosion is known to have been that just before the day shift left the mines at four o'clock last evening, the men overcharged one of the "shots" and when the night shift went to work and "dry shot," it the gas was ignited and the flames shot upward a distance of several hundred feet and through the mouth of the shaft. The force of the explosion was sufficient to cause a large quantity of the timbering and walls of the shaft to fall which completely filled the mouth of the mine. The scenes at the mouth of the shaft, where the families of the entombed miners are assembled, is beyond all powers of description. Mothers, wives and children stand in mute despair waiting for the worst and hoping for the best, though there is little or any hope that a single miner will escape.

The work of rescue is continuing with unabated interest and by nine o'clock nine bodies had been taken from the mine. They were all blackened as to be almost unrecognizable. There are at present three hundred men at work attempting to open up the mine and render assistance to the living and remove the bodies of the dead. The work is progressing slowly on account of the great mass of earth between those entombed and the rescuers.

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Chicago Wheat Market

(By Scripps News Association)
Chicago Feb 21.—The wheat market opened at one dollar and three eighths and closed at one and seven eighths.

Are Charged With Misuse of Funds

(By Scripps News Association)
Salt Lake, Feb 21.—Inquiry into the financial affairs of the Utah commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition began in the House of Representatives this morning. Very grave charges have been made as to the misuse of the funds. Ex-governor Wells was the first witness. One of the members of the commission and a member of one of the best known families in the state is missing.

Governor Wells today told briefly the story of his discovery of his name being forged to warrants to the amount of \$100 and of the dramatic meeting of his brother-in-law John Cannon, secretary of the commission, who when confronted with the charge made no denial and Wells stated further that since that day he had not seen him and did not know where he had gone.

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