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GLAVIS RAPS AT BALLINGER

COLLIER PRINTS ARTICLE WHICH TEEMS WITH ACCUSATIONS OF STRONG SORT

ALASKAN COAL LANDS IN DANGEROUS HANDS HE SAYS

Deposed Government Agent Comes
Back at Ballinger With a
Terrific Attack.

New York, Nov. 9.—L. R. Glavis today in a magazine article, attacks Secretary of the Interior Richard Ballinger at length, setting forth his reason to substantiate the charge that he was and is connected with fraud in Alaska. Collier's Weekly will publish the article in full on November 13. The prelude to the attack, which goes into the minutest details follow:

(By L. R. Glavis, Copyrighted 1909 by F. F. Collier & Son.)—From 1902 to 1909 I was in the field service of the General Land Office, for the last two and a half years chief of the field division. In September 1909 I was summarily removed from my position with out a formal hearing by Richard A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, by the authorization of the president of the United States. That removal was accompanied by the publication of a letter of the President to Mr. Ballinger. I believe that my removal was unfair. I believe that the president's letter was grievously unfair because in it the president gives weight to a charge against me which I have never

had the opportunity to see or answer. The president states in his letter that I withheld from him information favorable to my superiors. I do not know of any such information withheld by me, nor am I conscious of doing my superiors an injustice. Nevertheless, I should not now make any public statement of the matter were it not still possible to save for the government many thousands of acres of coal lands which I believe that the land office may in the near future grant to fraudulent claimants. The hope that my statement may help to arouse public sentiment, and that this danger to the national resources may be averted, is what actuates me. This statement will simply give facts and leave to the judgment of those who read whether or not the land office has been zealous in the public service.

With this as an introduction Glavis sets forth what he considers the facts in the case, goes on in detail with the Alaska "frauds", states there was a leak in the land office, asserts that Ballinger urged congress to help the claims, points out how Ballinger illegally became attorney, how the president "whitewashed" Ballinger, refers to Pierce's decision on the fraudulent claims, alludes to Wickersham's overruling of Ballinger, how Ballinger was against investigation by congressmen, how he wished to push the trial through when the government was not ready and how the land office is "telling the truth."

In a final burst of attack he asserts the Alaskan coal lands are now in danger in Ballinger's hands.

Note—the article in full is on file in the Observer office where those who are interested can peruse it.

Cooked Food Sale.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society will hold a sale of mince and pumpkin pies and all kinds of cake at Bohnenkamp's hardware store on Wednesday, November 24. Buy your Thanksgiving cakes and pies.

FINCH MUST DIE FRIDAY

GOVERNOR ALONE CAN SAVE HIS LIFE BY COMMUTING HIS SENTENCE AT ONCE

HARRY DALY HAS LITTLE CHANCE TO ESCAPE PENALTY.

Strong Pressure Brought to Bear To
Save Off The Death of
Finch.

Salem, Nov. 9.—Two executions will take place Friday unless Governor Benson grants clemency. James A. Finch convicted of killing Ralph Fisher the prominent Portland attorney, and Harry Daley, convicted of killing Harry Kenney, a Portland saloon man, are the condemned men. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to secure the commutation of the sentence for Finch. Governor Benson is now going over the testimony in the Finch case and has sent a formal official letter calling for certain information to Judge Bronaugh who resided at the trial and to District Attorney Cameron, of Portland, who prosecuted the case. A petition with many signatures has been presented to Governor Benson for his consideration.

In Daley's case a petition signed by the jurors, citizens of Portland and a few business men has been laid before the governor, but Daley seems to have no immediate friends or relatives to work for him.

ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY

REFUNDING OF WATER BONDS TO COME UP FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TOMORROW

ATTEMPT TO REFUND FOR ONE PER CENT LESS INTEREST.

Matter of Much Importance to City
Will Have To Be Decided
At The Polls.

Tomorrow is the date set by the city council for holding the special election to vote on the proposition of refunding the \$30,000 bond issue due now on the old water system. At the same time the \$30,000 issue due in 1912 will also be presented for refunding.

The entire \$50,000 in bonds is now bearing six per cent interest. It is believed that the entire sum can be refunded for 5 per cent thus saving one per cent on \$30,000 for three years. The refunding under the election cannot be at the higher rate of 5 per cent. In order to make this saving the proposition of refunding the entire issue is to be submitted. On the 1912 issue the city has the option to pay at any time.

The voting places as stated in the election notices are, First Ward, court house; Second Ward, council chambers; Third Ward, Ramsey building, on Pennsylvania avenue; Fourth Ward, opposite Harris' hall in old meat market building.

A special meeting of the council will be held tonight to hear remonstrance to the improvement of West Adams avenue where the new macadamizing is being considered.

CONSISTORY IS DELAYED.

Outcome of Next Cardinal Creations Remains a Mystery.

Rome, Nov. 9.—It has been learned from the best Vatican authority that the next consistory will not be held before December. As to the number of cardinals to be created at that time, all predictions are merely guesses. It is certain Monsignor Mender Bello will be made patriarch at Lisbon and probably Monsignor Granito Di Belmonte will be made nuncio at Vienna.

Banker a Suicide.

Nampa, Idaho, Nov. 9.—Coroners jury today decided that J. L. Ocheltree, cashier of the Middleton State Bank, came to his death by suicide. The body was found yesterday. Investigation by the bank directors do not show any discrepancies in the accounts and the cause of the suicide is a mystery. The bank examiner will arrive tomorrow and a further investigation of the affairs of the bank may reveal a cause for the self inflicted murder.

MEN STARVED BUT ARE FIRM

NO LET UP IN AFFAIRS AT SPO- KANE JAIL

Hunger Strikers Being Taken From Jail in Unconscious Condition.

Portland, Nov. 9.—That the government has taken notice of the situation in Spokane, and when the final showdown comes to the Industrial Workers at Spokane, the government officers will be found standing at the door of the jails armed with warrants for nearly fifty per cent of the men arrested in the cause of free speech, according to some of the government officials here.

Spokane, Nov. 9.—A score of Workers of the World arrived in Spokane today from Battle Mountain, Nevada, for the purpose of assisting in the fight against the city council for the privilege of free speech. There was one desertion in the jail today when John Donovan gave up the fight for a big fat chicken sandwich.

There is no abatement of the fight and the city seems to be filling up with Workers at a fast rate. Just as to what the next move of the Workers will be is somewhat worrying the city council as heavy damage suits are being filed against the city, and these if carried into the higher courts may work untold harm to the finances of Spokane.

The hunger strike, which has now continued for several days is becoming another serious problem. Many of the prisoners are half famished but still resolutely refuse to take food. One of the prisoners, Joseph Gordon, was removed to the hospital today in a half starved condition. Agnes Fair, a woman was removed to the city hospital last night. She had to be taken out on a stretcher and fears are entertained for her recovery.

The central labor union has now taken up the fight and last night called on the council for a modification of the ordinance. As the labor vote of Spokane is very strong this may have the desired effect of causing the city council to repeal the obnoxious ordinance.

TAFT'S TOUR NEAR FINISH

CROSS-CONTINENT TOUR TO END NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT IF PLANS CARRY

HAS CEMENTED ELEMENTS BY HIS LONG JOURNEY.

President Taft Will be able to Better
Cope with the Problems of
the Next Congress.

Wilmington, N. Car., Nov. 9.—At eight thirty Wednesday night President Taft will have completed his long tour of the continent. After his arrival at Washington he will remain ten hours after which he will go to Middleton, Conn., to assist in the inauguration of Shannklin as president of Wesleyan College. He has been presented views of the entire nation and as a result his annual messages to congress can be forecasted. He will advocate the Postal Savings Bank, ship subsidy, creating of a merchants marine and the simplified form of government.

Has Cemented Elements.

Taft believes that the southern trip gained for his policies many friends among the conservative Democrats of the South. He believes that he is now in touch with several elements of his own party and that he is better prepared to deal with the different problems that may arise at the winter session of congress.

MOTOR CARS ARE VIEWED

THREE TRAINS AS ONE SECTION PASSES HERE.

Rumored that Motor Train is to Be Put in Service on Branch.

Puffing and snorting like a thing of enormous power and terrific speed facilities, three motor trains running as one section pulled into La Grande today from Omaha, bound for Portland, from where they will be distributed to three different sections of the country. The motor cars are for service on the O. R. & N., out of Portland, the Salem, Falls City & Western railway and the Oregon & California.

The like of these motors have been seen here before but these are of the more modern make. It is rumored that a similar train is to be put on the Elgin run.

Each train is of the very best variety, consists of the motive power, a gasoline engine, express, mail and coach compartments all in one. The entire combination resembles a torpedo in front and a boat from the rear. Its seating capacity is considerable and the interiors are almost palatial.

After halting for supplies the train proceeded westward, but not until a large number of local people had viewed the new venture in passenger transportation.

known Pendleton printer.

Anson Woods of Weston is in the city this afternoon on his return from Enterprise where he has purchased 450 acre of wheat land.

Gilliam Promoted.

Karl Gilliam writes his folks from the Philippines, that he lost his grade as corporal but has gained that of sergeant.

THE FAIR

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HAVE IT MADE IN ANY STYLE YOU DESIRE AT A SAVING OF FROM
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THE LOT INCLUDES BROWN, GREEN CAST, BLUE GRAY, WITH
STRIPES AND CHECKS, INVISIBLE PLAIDS, ETC., IN BOTH LIGHT
AND DARK MIXTURES, ALSO BLUE SERGES AND BLACKS. THE
MATERIALS ARE WORSTEDS, SERGES, UNFINISHED WORSTEDS,
CHIVOTS, ETC.

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SHOES, SLICKERS, HATS, IN FACT EVERYTHING TO KEEP
DRY DURING THE WET WEATHER AT PRICES THAT ARE
LOWER THAN ELSEWHERE.

THE FAIR

MANY CASES FOR HEARING

GREAT BATCH OF DEFENDANTS TO BE TRIED

Register Bramwell Awaits Word To
Testify in Federal Court

A long list of land cases are being set for hearing by the officials of the local land office. It is expected that within a few days the cases in which Asa B. Thomson, Scriber, and about 50 other defendants are involved, will be set for hearing soon.

Register Bramwell expects in a few days to be called to Portland as a witness in a hearing before the Federal court of the cases wherein Col. J. H. Raley, John Vert, Joe Parkers and a large number of prominent men of Umatilla county are the defendants in the action. A demurrer in the case was taken under advisement by Judge Wolverton about a year ago but was overruled a few weeks ago. So the cases must come to trial.

PORTLAND PASTOR FINED BY WALLOWA CIRCUIT JUDGE

Jack Huston and the Rev. W. T. Euster, pastor of the Sunnyside Methodist church of Portland, plead guilty of setting out fire in the Wallowa forest and were fined \$25 each in Enterprise yesterday morning, according to a report brought down this

afternoon by their attorney, Will M. Peterson of Pendleton. Mr. Peterson is at the Foley this afternoon and will continue his journey to Pendleton tonight. The Rev. W. T. Euster was last year pastor of the Methodist church of Pendleton. Huston is a well