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INQUIRY INTO FRAUDS START

GLAVIS INVESTIGATION ACTUALLY COMMENCED BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TODAY

GALLERIES CROWDED WITH MANY ANXIOUS SPECTATORS

Glavis, Pinchot, Taft, Ballinger, government et al., fracas put before the congressional committee for hearing today—Committee will go to Northwest in the coming summer to investigate.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A scandal probing in the fatuous Ballinger-Pinchot controversy began today when L. R. Glavis, who was removed from the office of chief of the field division of the land office by President Taft, was called before the joint committee of congress to begin his testimony. It is not expected that all the evidence will be obtained and a report submitted before next congress.

The taking of evidence will place on record the most minute details of the manner in which the disposal of public land has been made under the direction of Ballinger, and every phase of the famous Cunningham-Alaskan coal cases with a vast amount of detail regarding the other cases, closed, proposed or pending. In addition to hearing evidence here, the committee will make a trip to the Northwest this summer and will go to Alaska, where they will actually investigate at first hand the charges that the government has been defrauded of the most valuable coal deposits.

Great public interest is shown by the enormous crowd that throngs the committee room and all the adjacent halls, anxious to hear a word of the testimony or see the leading participants in the affair which caused so much confusion in high places.

It is believed the investigation will proceed somewhat slowly at first as the committee evidently intends to go into the matter systematically with the purpose of clearing up every phase under discussion before passing on to the next feature.

Attorney George Pepper, of Philadelphia, appeared as counsel for Gifford Pinchot. The public expects that Pinchot will appear in person and give voice to his complaint against the interior department and the expression which led to his dismissal and that of his subordinates. Glavis is attended by attorneys L. D. Brandeis, of Boston, and Joseph Cotton, of New York.

LOCATED RELATIVES

BODY OF GRACE JOHNSON WILL BE SHIPPED TONIGHT

Inmate of tenderloin dies suddenly of heart disease yesterday.

The body of Grace Johnson, one of the "Girls of the row," making her headquarters with Mable Montague, who died suddenly yesterday of heart disease, will be shipped to Port Townsend, Wash., tonight by Undertakers Henry & Carr. Word from relatives of that town was received today by wire by the undertakers, and the remains will be shipped tonight.

The three states to elect United States senators this year are Mississippi, Maryland and Virginia.

OWNER OF THE CUBS



Whenever big baseball deals are talked about the name of Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs is sure to crop up. He has been a prominent figure in baseball for several years.

DIVORCES ARE DENIED

MAN AND WIFE BOTH FAIL TO BE SEPARATED.

Both sought separation but were foiled by today's decree.

Orange McOmber and Sadie McOmber both of Perry, must continue to live as man and wife, following a decree handed down today in Circuit Court, after a hearing recently held in which both parties tried to be separated. Both filed a plea for divorce on the same day, several months ago, and recently the hearing was held. In refusing to grant legal separation to the two, the court points out that they lived together after the time that alleged cruelties were practiced upon each other. Considerable family matter cropped out in the hearing.

No Bank Failures.
There has not been a single failure of a national bank in Washington and Montana during the past three years, according to E. T. Wilson and F. H. Luce, government examiners who cover the two states.

Holiday in Australia.
Melbourne, Jan. 26.—Australia's national holiday, the anniversary of the first white settlement, was celebrated today as a public holiday throughout the commonwealth. Business was suspended and programs of sports and festivals carried out in all the larger cities and towns.

Sixteen Years in Prison
Toronto, Jan. 26.—Sixteen years in prison for pocket-picking, besides many short jail sentences for minor offenses is the record of Jessie Thompson, perhaps the most notorious woman thief in the world. The woman has just been returned to jail for three months, after conviction of pocket picking.

Youthful Sailors Missing.
Everett, Wash., Jan. 26.—Much anxiety is felt here today for the safety of a party of five young people of this city who set out to sail on a pleasure trip yesterday in a 16-foot sloop and have not been heard of since. A search is being made today but no trace has been found, and as last night was very stormy it is feared the sloop may have floundered.

Divorce Granted.
Judge Knowles today granted a divorce to James B. McKennon from Mary E. McKennon, on grounds of desertion.

PARIS IN CALAMITY

High Water Proves Such Big Danger That Parisians Flee With Their Valuables

Paris, Jan. 26.—The dawn today thousands of flood victims, many of which had not tasted food for two days, were standing in soup and bread lines leading to public kitchens, established with relief funds to which many wealthy Parisians are contributing.

The city today is in a wretched state. Following the heavy fall of snow last night, warmer weather prevails today which is melting the snow and swelling the floods that are sweeping down the Seine. The Paris weather bureau offers no immediate relief. Indications pointed to more rain and snow during the day. Two hundred thousand houses were rendered uninhabitable in the inundated districts.

Although the water stands five feet deep in the basement of his residence, Robert Bacon, United States Ambassador to France, is sticking manfully to his post today. His house, which is in Avenue Gerber, is almost surrounded by water from the river. Its heating and lighting facilities are put out of commission and telephone connections are severed.

People are preparing to flee and almost every citizen, with the valuables he cares most for, is holding himself in readiness for any emergency. A situation of such terror and anxiety has seldom been known, except in the city about to be sacked by an oncoming army. The military today was compelled to resort to resort to actual cannonading in their battle against the oncoming flood.

To save the little town of Lux from immediate destruction the dyke was bombed and great holes torn in its structure with cannon balls to permit the river and swollen waters to spread over the surrounding lowlands. An unexpected quarter when encroaching water made its way toward a great gas plant in West Paris. Nearly the entire city uses gas and the supply is furnished by this plant for lighting and cooking.

An enormous trunk sewer broke at Clichy today, setting loose a vast flood of sewage which turned the national road into a filthy canal. The entire city trunk sewer is in grave danger of collapse. Basements in the city contain eight feet of water.

Fear Coming Night
The Paris Chamber of Deputies this afternoon went into a special "Calamity" session, following reports that the city is face to face with a terrible calamity which is feared will result during the night from the rising waters. The towns of Nugent and Saint Maur are completely inundated.

The cabinet this evening estimates the loss throughout France to be \$100,000,000, with strong probability that it will reach \$250,000,000. The Seine is roaring in its fury and increasing hourly by a great weight of water coming down on it from above Paris. Tonight it threatens to tear out all barriers and send its flood sweeping through the great city.

UNION LEADS ALL COUNTIES IN EXTENDING TAX ROLL

Leading every county in the state, including Multnomah, which for several years has carried off that honor, County Clerk Ed Wright yesterday won for himself the distinction of being the first clerk in the state to turn the tax collecting roll over to the collecting department. The event preceded by three weeks the earliest time that the roll has gone to the sheriff in Union county in the memory of the present officials. As stated the turnover was previous to custom in this county and also outdistanced all other counties in the state.

County Clerk Wright and his corps of assistants are to be congratulated and complimented on the alacrity

and speed with which the complicated extensions were made this winter. It was the strenuous attention to copying the roll on the part of Mrs. Bull and Miss Anna Alexander, the clerical force, and the rapid but correct computation of the many special levies and regular levies on the part of Clerk Wright and his deputy, Forest Ivanhoe that permitted the prompt completion of the work.

Preparation and extension of the tax roll is a far more voluminous and tedious task than many give it credit for, necessitating computations untold, and copying and reading that is often discouraging.

SENTIMENT GROWS.

New state of Southern Oregon becoming popular in sections.

Eureka, Calif., Jan. 26.—The movement to make a new state to be called "Siskiyou" out of 14 counties, half in Northern California and half in Oregon, comprising the richest part of the Pacific coast, is growing still more today.

Yreka, the county seat of Siskiyou county, is favored for the capital of the proposed commonwealth. Great interest is being manifested here.

Another Nail in Cook's Coffin.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Another nail will be driven in the coffin of Ex-

HENRY W. MUDGE.



Henry Mudge is the newly elected president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, succeeding B. L. Winchell. Mr. Mudge was formerly second vice president of the road. He is an attorney on western lands.

JOY RIDERS IN ANGRY MOODS

RUN LABORER DOWN AND TRY TO KILL HIM.

Run auto back and forth over his back to get results.

Tacoma, Jan. 26.—Despite systematic search by the police they have not secured a clue to the identity of the drunken "Joy Riders" who early yesterday tried to murder John Menar, a laborer. After they had accidentally knocked him down Lemar declares the driver then deliberately forced the wheels of the big auto back and forth over his prostrate body twice despite his pleadings for mercy. Then, believing him dead sped away leaving him lying in the muddy street.

EUGENE SEEKS DELEGATES

The La Grande Commercial Club has been asked to appoint delegates to the "Commonwealth Conference" at Eugene on February 1 and 2. The matter will come at a subsequent meeting. The program to be carried out there by prominent speakers is:

ECONOMIC—A Forestry policy for the State of Oregon. Procedure to secure the earliest and largest utilization of Oregon's water resources. Program for bringing the Willamette Valley under irrigation.

SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL—Improvement of the conditions of the country life in Oregon. Organization and agencies for publicity in the public affairs of Oregon.

EDUCATIONAL—Invigoration of moral education in the public schools of Oregon.

FIGHTER COMING TOMORROW.

Many La Grande fans will get an opportunity to see him first time.

Tomorrow morning on No. 7, if the train is nearly on time, James Jeffries and his following of athletic stars will appear in La Grande and many fond admirers of the big fellow will get their first glimpse of him. If the train is late he will come from Baker City by special train. It is thought the big show will start about 2 o'clock, and not later than 2:30.

BAKER MAN HURTS BINGER

HIS TESTIMONY MOST BINDING AGAINST HERMANN OF ANY YET INTRODUCED IN THE TRIAL

QUOTES CONVERSATION WITH HERMANN ABOUT LAND MATTER

Hermann quoted as saying "What is the difference, Callahan"—Baker

City attorney comes nearest tying Hermann to frauds than any evi-

dence yet produced by the govern-

ment attorneys.

Portland, Jan. 26.—Binger Hermann was connected directly with the knowledge that Mays and Jones' activities in school lands in the Blue Mountain reserve for the first time today by the testimony of Emmett Callahan, a Baker City attorney. "Callahan, why bother about it," Hermann is quoted as having said during the conference at Washington concerning the Blue Mountain reserve.

"It is only a matter of some 200,000 acres. The state will benefit by the transaction as well as a few men and these men are our friends and are Oregonians." This in substance, was a conversation of Hermann with Callahan, as told by Callahan at today's trial. He continued by saying that Hermann had mentioned Mays and O'Dell as being two Oregon men who would benefit by the creation of the reserve.

TWO GAMES NEXT FRIDAY

LOCAL GIRLS' FIVE WILL MEET PENDELTON ACADEMY.

High school boys will meet the B. E. A. aggregation once more.

A double header basket ball game will be played at the rink next Friday night when the high school girls' team will play the Pendleton Academy girls, and the boys from the high school play the B. M. A. aggregation. Fast and snappy games will no doubt result. The local girls have put on many additional qualities since the last game and should be able to be winners.

Land Congress in Missouri.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 26.—A great exposition designed to "show" the world the possibilities of the undeveloped portions of the "show me" state, was opened in Springfield today by the Missouri Land and Industrial Congress. The exhibition and the program of addresses have been divided into sections devoted to mining, agriculture, waterways, live stock, dairying, forestry, and conservation, poultry and fruits and good roads and railroads. Gov. Hadley and dozens of other prominent men of the state will address the congress, which will continue through three days.

Although Missouri has the fourth largest city in the Union, and is one of the few states having three cities of more than 100,000 population, large portions of the state are practically undeveloped. Springfield is the commercial center of this great virgin territory of Southern Missouri, and for this reason was chosen as the place for holding the big congress.