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ALASKA AFFAIR REVIVED

DEMAND THAT SECRET INVESTIGATION BE MADE PUBLIC, FOLLOWS DISCLOSURES

BOYCE-SUTHERLAND WAR CAUSE

Startling Charges of Political and Civic Corruption Appear Sufficient to Create General Demand for a Lifting of the Secret Investigation now Going on Relative to Alaskan Affairs of Recent Years.

Washington, May 26.—Allegations of political and civic corruption including charges that the Guggenheimer syndicate caused the removal of Federal District Attorney John B. Boice and United States Marshal D. A. Sutherland of Alaska have resulted today in a demand that the "lid be lifted" from the secret investigating committee being carried on by a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee. The committee met today to consider the lid lifting, and it will probably announce a decision soon.

Borah on the Committee.
Senator Knute Nelson, chairman of the Ballinger committee, is likewise chairman of the committee hearing the Boice-Sutherland cases. Others of the committee are Borah of Idaho and Overman of North Carolina. One of the charges that caused the publicity was that the Guggenheimer activity began after one of their employees had been convicted and the District Attorney and the Marshal in question had begun the work of indicting the "higher-ups." It is alleged that the company spent \$70,000 in trying to keep an employee out of prison.

Boyce and Sutherland allege the beginning of the trouble was at the battle near Valdez on September 14, 1907. Two men were killed. The Guggenheimer interests had begun the construction of a railroad grade near Valdez and the people of the city organized a company and said they would take possession of the grade which the Guggenheims had abandoned but the Guggenheims sent a force of men under Edward Hassey to hold the grade.

Hassey Named Marshal.
Hassey was appointed Deputy United States Marshal. After the battle, Hassey was charged with murder but was acquitted, though a year later he was tried for assault with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. Sutherland submitted the committee a letter written by Hassey to counsel for Guggenheimer in Seattle which presented an itemized bill for \$1800 paid a witness in Hassey's first trial.

The bill is said to show in detail how the money was spent for entertaining the witness. It is alleged that a Guggenheimer agent approved the bills and they were paid.
Chircan Nelson of the subcommittee on the senate judiciary ruled against the open session of the committee hearing the charges that the Guggenheimer interests were instrumental in ousting Boyce and Sutherland from offices in Alaska.

PREACHERS GET POOR PAY.

Government Issues Statement Showing Relative Prices Paid Them.

Washington, May 26.—The average annual salary of a minister of the gospel is but \$663. In all his denominations represented in the compilations on this subject in Part I of a special report on the census of religious bodies for 1906, which is now in press preparatory to its submission by United States Census Director Durand to Secretary Nagle of the department of Commerce and Labor. The report was compiled under the supervision of William C. Hunt, the

chief statistician of the population in the Census Bureau, and the statistics were collected partly by correspondence and partly by special agents.

It is pointed out in the introduction that this is the first time an attempt has been made in a United States census to secure official statistics concerning salaries paid to ministers. It is stated that the results of the census are not entirely satisfactory on account of the failure of some ministers to report their salary and of others to report with sufficient clearness. Of the grand total of 186 denominations in continental United States, the reports state that 15 have no regular ministry and 69 either pay no stated salary or made returns that were not sufficient to warrant tabulation.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SINKS.

All on Board Drown When Packet Strikes Submarine.

London, May 26.—A French submarine was sunk to the English Channel today by the Calais-Dover packet after a collision. All on board the submarine were drowned.

LOYAL TROOPS REPULSED

AMERICAN GUNNERS HELP INSURGENTS BEAT MADRIZ.

Government Troops Preparing Another Attack on Estrada.

Bluefields, May 26.—Suffering heavy loss, the Madriz' troops which have been attacking Estrada's position the last two days were repulsed and the revolutionists are now strengthening their position on Bluefields, while the government troops are organizing for another attack.

Madriz lost 200 killed in the repeated attacks by 500 Madriz troops in the last charges yesterday and scores reached the trenches before they were killed.

Rapid fire guns operated by Americans are responsible for the insurgent victory.

Many skirmishes took place today but there was no serious fighting. A greater part of the Madriz troops have fallen back toward Rama where they are resting. The Americans here are clamoring for an investigation of the report that the Venue stopped and searched the schooner Esfurerzo, flying an American flag.

WOMAN KILLS BURGLAR.

Grapples With Thief, Then Knocks Him Out of the Window.

New York, May 26.—"I think you will find a dead burglar in my back yard," said Mrs. Dora Getman to two policemen today when they answered screams for help. The woman said a man entered her apartments. She threw a cuspidor at him and knocked him down. Then they grappled and fought into the kitchen where she grabbed a rolling pin and knocked him through the window.

The policemen found the dead body of Lewis Gladith, long suspected of being the leader of a gang of East Side thieves. The woman was not arrested.

Large Lumber Contracts.

Portland, May 26.—The St. Louis Car company today signed contracts with several lumber companies here for forty million feet of lumber. This is the largest single order ever given in the history of the coast.

Stanford Crew Defeated.

Seattle, May 26.—Taking the lead at the jump the University of Washington eight beat the Stanford University crew by four lengths over a three mile course on Lake Washington this afternoon.

IN "UNION" THERE IS STRENGTH

There is no use for anyone to argue further against the advancement of Union and Wallowa counties, for the "dog's eyes are sot."

Yesterday's glorious meeting of the Union and La Grande business men welded the circle in such a way that nothing can sever it.

Surrounding dining tables in the Foley hotel where an exquisite dinner was served, business men delighted to go on record as being ready and anxious to do something in a concerted manner to place the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county in the show windows of the world.

That bunch from Union are exceptional men. All La Grande agreed that they were the most invigorating, most refreshing lot of optimists that ever crossed the city's threshold. They were out to advertise their stock show on June 3 and 4 and if they did not do a good job then advertising does not pay, and we would never admit such a statement as that.

Postmaster Davis of Union made an excellent point when he admitted that Union, along with other portions of the valley, had been enjoying a state of coma for thirty years, but now the awakening had come and Union is alive to her finger tips and ready to do something. He agreed that we must unitedly burn some red fire and get in the game.

President Collier, of the La Grande commercial club, entered into the spirit of the occasion and made a talk that resounded in the ears of every fellow citizen causing a desire to be a part of the big machine that is to do things in these two counties.

Toastmaster Charles Cochran, besides making everyone happy with his pleasant stories, dealt with conditions that appeal to him. He was born in this valley and has a right to say just what he thinks, and he said it.

Judge Wilson, known from Pendleton to the Snake river, made a talk in which he almost rolled up his sleeves and plead for irrigation and strong commercial organization.

Robert Withycombe, an ardent Grande Ronde enthusiast, told the people what they could do if they would only unite and made a lasting impression on everyone present.

It is conceded by all that there never has been such a meeting held in this valley. Men are straining the traces to get action started. The resources of this valley are crying out to them and people are listening.

At no time in the history of Eastern Oregon has such a genuine revival of enthusiasm and "get there" pervaded the Grand Ronde valley and soaked across the line into Wallowa county.

After La Grande has turned out en masse to the Union horse show, it is in order to get the Union crowd and combine it with La Grande's bunch and all make a trip into the Wallowa country.

This is a good thing and it must be passed along.

Wallowa people are our people. Their country is our country, and if anything can be done to turn immigration into that valley La Grande is only anxious to lend a helping hand.

This whole affair reminds one of a good old-fashioned revival, where people get enthused and do a little shouting if they choose.

And we say, let the good work go on "while the light holds to burn, etc." All are welcome; there are no closed doors in this great publicity movement. Only one thing is required to become a full fledged member: You must get the habit. Get it by vaccination, if no other way, but you must get it.

It is no place for loafers; it is no place for men who have a grouch, or who possess any jealousy of their neighbors.

But it is a place for big, broad minded citizens who have reached a point in life when they do not continually look for that mote in thy brother's eye; when they are willing to let their fellowmen have a chance in the world; when they view humanity, not as perfect, but as brothers possessing human weaknesses.

To make known your desire to get into this game, which is the best that has ever been played in these two counties, first make it positive that you are going over to Union to that stock show, and then join the Grande Ronde valley men who are working not only for their own interests but for yours as well.

BANKER MORSE SICK.

Prisoner has Been Removed from Prison to Prison Hospital is report

New York, May 26.—It is reported that Charles W. Morse the New York banker, confined in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta is sick. He has been removed to the prison hospital. Mrs. Morse confirms the reports and says his health has been falling since he was imprisoned.

PATTEN WILL RETIRE.

Wheat King Announces he Will Quit Wheat Business in July.

Chicago, May 26.—James Patten the wheat king, announced officially today that he will retire permanently in July. The fact that Patten's previous announcement preceded a coup in the market is causing his opponents to wonder what new grain option he is planning. Patten said he intended to rest during the summer and go to Europe next fall. He admitted he might "trade a bit for amusement."

TRACT SALE IS SPIRITED

GOVERNMENT REALIZES \$6 FOR "ICE CAVE" FORTY.

Galloway and Alexander of Elgin Shoot Price \$4,ward

Spirited bidding, which came near breaking the record for prices paid for isolated tracts at sales held in the La Grande office in recent years, resulted today in 40 acres of isolated land lying about six miles from Elgin being knocked down to Cecil A. Galloway for \$6.00 per acre. Customarily this land brings about \$1.25 an acre. William C. Alexander, also of Elgin, was the opposing bidder and the fun continued until Mr. Alexander backed down.

Ice Cave on Tract.

The piece of land in question is somewhat of a freak as under one of the rocks cliffs which predominate in that region, is an ice cave in which considerable quantities of ice can be found at any season of the year. The cave in which the ice is located is sufficiently large to permit a person to chop away the ice. The place is one of the freaks so prevalent in Union and Wallowa counties.

HONORS ROOSEVELT.

Colonel Declines to Speak When Called Upon For Address.

Cambridge, Eng., May 26.—An honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Colonel Roosevelt by the university here today. Students called for a speech but Roosevelt declined to talk.

Bad Weather Prevents Flight.

New York, May 26.—A continuous spell of bad weather prevented Curtiss from attempting to fly from Albany by the New York World. Curtiss de-tempt to win the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York World. Curtiss declared he would not attempt the flight until the weather was favorable.

Blinger Family Moving.

Washington, May 26.—Washington is on the qui vive today following the announcement that the family of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger is preparing to leave Washington, that the household goods are packed and that the preparations foreshadow the resignation of Ballinger.

Rumors that Ballinger intends to slide out gracefully following a submission of the congressional investigating committee's report which will probably exonerate him have been rife for several days.

M'COURT FLAYS INSANITY PLEA

FRIENDS RELY ON FULTON SPEECH

SCRIBER CASE GOES TO THE JURY THIS EVENING FOLLOWING LONG ARGUMENTS.

Government Attorney Scorns Insanity Plea in his Final Arguments Before Scriber Jury Many La Grande Witnesses Who Have Been Held in Portland During Trial Returned Home From Portland Today.

Portland, May 26.—The Scriber case went to the jury this afternoon. Prosecutor McCourt closed the state arguments this forenoon. He ridiculed the plea of insanity to explain forgeries of notes which caused the bank's wreck. Ex-senator Fulton for the defense is closing his arguments this afternoon. Scriber looks like a living corpse.

Fulton's friends say his masterpiece in final pleading will be set forth this afternoon when he will put all his power into the final plea. He will use the evident mental and physical strain of the trial as a subject for his plea and friends of the defendant are placing much reliance in the ex Senator's speech.

All La Grande witnesses in the Scriber trial have been released and practically all are home. A crowd of a half dozen returned this morning from Portland and they include: S. N. Bolton, T. H. Crawford, J. E. Reynolds and F. L. Meyers.

To Jury This Evening

Those returning from Portland say that in all probability the case will be given to the jury this evening. Last evening saw the last witness called, and an hour devoted to arguments by the United States District Attorney. It is planned to have all the arguments with the jury before this evening.

HOT LAKE IS HOST.

Union Boosters Served with Courtesy at The Lake Last Evening

Hot Lake, May 26.—(Special)—Hot Lake gave a fitting climax to the series of entertainments given in the honor of the touring business men of Union, when the management was host to the party of forty last evening. The company was taken through every department in the Sanatorium and given free use of the library and news stand. Light refreshments were served them. With the echo of three lusty cheers from the Union "bunch" and the equally fervent answer from the Hot Lake people the caravan continued its last lap of the real big journey.

Tires of Japanese Husband.

Carson, Nev., May 26.—Mrs. Junlor Aoki, formerly Gladys Emery daughter of arch-bishop Emery of San Francisco, whose marriage to a Japanese house servant in her father's home caused the coast a sensation, last year, is here to establish legal residence for the purpose of securing a divorce. She is accompanied by her baby which was born in Seattle where they were married and lived for some time.

Officers and Directors Responsible

Albany, N. Y., May 26.—The racing game in the tsate is believed to have been killed today when the senate passed the Perkins bill making the officers and directors of racing association criminally responsible if betting is permitted. The lower house also passed a bill prohibiting oral betting. Both measure are to be sent to the governor for his signature.