

IDAHO MEN IN IT

More Charges of Land Frauds Poured in.

DUBOIS IS BEHIND THEM

He Attacks Heyburn, Against Whom He Has Grudge.

LAND RING AT LEWISTON

Heyburn Indignantly Vows He Will Defend Himself in Senate—Hitchcock Reserves Opinion Until Investigation Is Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 3.—Since it has been demonstrated that the Administration intends to bring to book all persons found to be criminally implicated in land frauds regardless of their rank or position, charges of all descriptions have been pouring in upon the President and Secretary Hitchcock, involving men of standing in almost every Western State. It is understood that names of two more United States Senators have been mentioned in charges recently filed, though the exact manner in which it is alleged they are involved cannot be ascertained.

In affidavits filed by Senator Dubois, of Idaho, charging frauds against W. F. Kettnerbach, George H. Koster and Clarence Robinson, all of Lewiston, the name of Senator Heyburn appears, he having, it is said, been employed as attorney for the Idaho land ring. Whether or not Senator Heyburn is directly charged with being a party to the alleged frauds is not known, as Secretary Hitchcock will not disclose the contents of the charges until he has had them examined.

May Be Due to Spite.

Secretary Hitchcock says, however, that in the great mass of charges now coming in, it is reasonable to assume that there are many wild and unfounded accusations made for personal or political purposes, and it is his opinion that too much reliance should not be placed on current rumors, at least until they are substantiated by the findings of special agents.

The relations between the two Idaho Senators are known to be anything but cordial, and the fact that Dubois rushed off to the White House with a batch of affidavits which even remotely connect the name of his colleague with shady land transactions is looked upon here as something of a political play. Dubois professes the utmost friendship for his colleague, but his past actions do not bear out this profession.

Heyburn Will Defend Himself.

Senator Heyburn is very indignant that his name should be dragged into the land scandal, even remotely, and says, if it is publicly charged that he is in any way implicated, he will go upon the floor of the Senate on a question of personal privilege and defend himself against his accusers, be they Senators, the Secretary of the Interior, parties known to be implicated, or whoever they may be.

The other Senator whose name has been mentioned in connection with the frauds is Clark, of Montana. But in his case absolutely nothing is known as to how or why his name is brought in at this time.

WHOM CHARGES IMPLICATE.

Prominent Citizens of Idaho—Special Agent is Investigating.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Not only are more indictments expected in connection

with the land-fraud conspiracy in which Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann are alleged to have been implicated, but similar frauds are alleged to have been perpetrated through the land offices at Lewiston and Boise, Idaho, and a large number of patents for the Roseburg, Or., land district have been held up pending investigation.

Fresh indictments are being prepared in Portland, Or., where the grand jury will resume its sessions January 18, and persons prominent in public life other than those whose names have been implicated are involved.

The dismissal of Oliver E. Pugin, the assistant attorney in the Department of Justice, who left here some days ago for Portland, is to assist in the framing of new indictments, a work in which he figured conspicuously during the postal investigation a couple of years ago. Mr. Pugin is expected to return here in time to take part in the presentation of the government's position before the Supreme Court in the United States in the Hyde-Benson case, which the government appealed to that body, of the discharge of the leading defendant on habeas corpus proceedings brought in New York. This case probably will be heard next month.

No successor to United States District Attorney Hall, who was removed last Saturday, has yet been selected, and it is expected that Francis J. Heney will remain in charge of the government's interests in the pending proceedings at Portland.

Frauds in Idaho Alleged.

An investigation of alleged frauds in Idaho has been brought about by affidavits addressed to President Roosevelt by Fred Culver, of Lewiston, Idaho, candidate for Attorney-General of his state on the Democratic ticket two years ago. The affidavits charge frauds against W. F. Kettnerbach, president of a trust company; George Kettner, cashier of a bank; and Clarence Robinson, all of Lewiston. The charges are made in connection with the entry of over \$1,000,000 worth of white pine, through J. B. West, Register of the Land Office at Lewiston. Mr. Culver sent the affidavits to Senator Dubois, who, without comment, transmitted them to the President.

Secretary Hitchcock, to whom the affidavits were referred by the President, instituted the investigation. Information sent to the Interior Department charges that frauds have been perpetrated on the Land Office at Boise, as well as at Lewiston, and it is estimated that the inquiry when fairly started will reach out in many directions, and many prominent citizens of Idaho may become entangled.

In connection with the Idaho affidavits it is alleged that a syndicate exists, formed to acquire valuable timber lands from the government. Other affidavits than those mentioned are expected shortly in the Idaho case.

An inspector of the Department of the Interior has been ordered to Idaho to investigate the charges, and he is believed to have already begun his labors. No information on the subject could be obtained at the Interior Department and Secretary Hitchcock will not disclose the results of the investigation, however, have been forwarded to the inspector. It is expected that he will keep Secretary Hitchcock promptly advised of all developments.

Roseburg Patents Held Up.

Within the past three weeks over 150 patents on timber and homestead lands in the Roseburg, Or., land office, covering about 250,000 acres of land, have been held up at the Interior Department pending investigation.

Roseburg is the home of Representative Hermann.

PUTER REBENTS ATTACKS.

He Says He Paid Mitchell \$2000, Also

Fulton Was Once His Attorney.

S. A. D. Puter does not like the names that are being hurled at him by Senator Mitchell and Senator Fulton, neither does he like the statements being made about him by these gentlemen and others who have expressed themselves on the land-fraud cases in the past few days.

"What makes me mad," he said yesterday afternoon, "is their calling me a convicted and self-confessed perjurer. I never went on the witness stand and denied anything; neither did I affirm a single thing. I do not see that I have perjured myself by doing what I have done."

"What about the statement of Senator Mitchell that he never received any money from you, much less that he was bribed by the \$2000 alleged to have been paid him by you?" Mr. Puter was asked.

"It is useless for either Hermann or Mitchell to contend that they never knew me," he said. "I was in the office with the claims expedited, for they were acquainted with me for six years prior to that time."

"I do not want to state that I offered the \$2000 Mitchell in the matter of a bribe," continued Mr. Puter. "I offered it to him knowing that he, as a Senator from

this state, had a great deal of influence with the Land Office. I had my attorneys in Washington and they were paid for looking after these same lands in which Mitchell interested himself, but they could do nothing for me. They had tried, but were not successful, and then I went to Mitchell."

"After I had seen Hermann the first time," said the land man, continuing his story, "I called upon him once more and he told me that he could do nothing for the land; that it had been thrown out in every stage and in every department and would have to be sent back to the Oregon City Land Office. I knew if that were so I was down and out and would lose all I had put into the property."

"Then I went to Mitchell again," said Mr. Puter, "and I told him that something had to be done. I gave him the \$2000 and told him to do the best he could for me; that unless he used his influence I would lose the land. I did not offer the money to him as a bribe, and I never let him have any idea that there was fraud connected with the transaction. I told him that the parties who had taken the land were scattered and that I could not get them together. If the claims were sent back to Oregon and would therefore lose all that I had invested. Neither did I offer the money to him as a bribe, for I never let him know that I was a Senator and had power with the office, and did not receive the money when the lands were sent to patent. I wanted the Senator to help me because he was a Senator and had power with the office, and I knew if that were so I was down and out and would lose all I had put into the property."

"I do not say that Mitchell whacked up with Hermann and I," said Mr. Puter, "but I know that Hermann reversed his judgment and passed the lands after I had paid the money to Mitchell. The public can therefore judge whether or not the Senator used his influence."

"I do not like the way they are talking about me," said Mr. Puter, turning again to his grievance. "I do not think that either of them or both together were employed by me and did receive therefrom a contingent fee when the lands were sent to patent. I wanted the Senator to help me because he was a Senator and had power with the office, and I knew if that were so I was down and out and would lose all I had put into the property."

"As for Senator Fulton," concluded Puter, "I do not see that it is right for him to jump in the way he has. He was at one time my attorney and took large fees from me for attempting to do about the same thing that the other men did. I had a case in which lands were involved which he looked for me, but which Judge McBride threw out of court as having no standing before the law. Yet the Senator took my money when he must have known the status of the case, and now he turns about and talks as he has in the interviews published. That is the lawyer of it, I suppose—but I do not think that he has the right to talk as he has done, when he has had the connection with me which he has had in the past."

"I don't know anything about the government's case, and I would not think it right to say anything if I did, but I do not think that my statements will fail to be proved to be true even if they are assailed as they have been. Perhaps I should not have said anything at this time, but I do not like the attacks they are making when they know what I say is true and when they know that they cannot truthfully deny it."

HENEY NOT APPOINTED.

Choice of Temporary Successor to

Hall Rests With Judge Bellinger.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Roosevelt has not appointed Francis J. Heney District Attorney for Oregon, to succeed John H. Hall, and no man will be permanently appointed to the office except a resident of the District of Oregon. Judge Bellinger has authority under the law temporarily to appoint a District Attorney for Oregon while the vacancy exists. If Heney has been appointed District Attorney it was by Bellinger's order, and the appointment will hold good only until the President fills this office permanently. It is not known in Washington that Heney has been appointed. So far as is known here, Heney still is Assistant District Attorney.

William M. Baldwin, Railroad Man.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—William M. Baldwin, Jr., president of the Long Island Railroad, is dead at his home in Locust Valley, L. I. Mr. Baldwin had been ill for several months. He was a son of William H. Baldwin, the philanthropist. He took an active interest in public affairs. Mr. Baldwin had undergone an operation for the removal of a cancerous growth in the intestines.

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