

KILLED AT BIRTH

No Scandal in General Land Office.

RICHARDS IS SOLID

Hitchcock Denies He Has Aught to Investigate.

RUMORS OF CLIQUE CONTROL

Charges That Promotions Go by Favor, and About Other Irregularities Discredited by Secretary of Interior.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(Special.)—Secretary Hitchcock is planning a careful and extensive investigation of the General Land Office. It will be begun as soon as the work of collecting the evidence in the Oregon land fraud cases is completed and other urgent matters are out of the way.

The manner of making promotions will be probed. It is alleged that there is a certain clique or combination of a bipartisan character, which has arrogated to itself the right to arrange promotions, and that Elmer Hermann was Land Commissioner. No one, it is said, who does not wear the stamp of approval of this clique has been able to progress.

Another charge is that Chief Clerk J. T. Macey, a New Yorker, has been using the clerical force in preparing political speeches for Congressmen. Macey admits that considerable "political correspondence" has been handled by him, but denies that he ever prepared political speeches, using the office force. One of the most serious accusations is that the clerks in the office were practically held up and required to contribute to a \$500 fund to buy a wedding present for ex-Chief Clerk Metzger, a Missouri man. Macey and A. C. Shaw, now chief of the public lands division, it is said, solicited the money in such a way that the clerks knew it was to their best interest to subscribe.

HAS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE

Hitchcock Denies There is Basis for Attack on Richards.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28.—Daily sensational articles indicate that investigation is to be started in the General Land Office which will result in the removal of Commissioner W. A. Richards. Secretary Hitchcock, when asked about this report, declared it had no foundation in fact and admitted that he knew nothing that justified any man in intimating that Mr. Richards would be removed.

The stories in question intimate that Mr. Richards and his chief clerk have abused their privileges by promoting clerks and employees in their office, have required Land Office clerks to prepare speeches for members of Congress, and hint at other acts not specified.

FEAR BRINGS OUT THE BRUTE

Men Trample on Girls in Panic at Factory Fire.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A trifling blaze in the shirtwaist factory of Max Roth, which occupies the five upper floors of a six-story building at Walker street, today started a panic among the 300 girls employed there. There is but one exit, besides the fire-escape, a narrow, steep staircase. When the cry of fire was raised the girls crowded down the stairway, falling over and trampling upon each other and before all were out a dozen of them fainted from fright and slight injuries. The panic was increased by the conduct of some of the men employees, who trampled upon the women in their own haste to escape. One girl's hip was fractured.

CASES OF BAKER AND LINDSLEY

Report Leaves Doubt as to One, but Clears Other of Charges.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28.—The Attorney-General has received the report of Special Agent Ramsey, who investigated charges against George H. Baker and Joseph B. Lindsley, recommended respectively for Marshall and District Attorney of the new Eastern Washington Judicial District. No action has yet been taken and the Attorney-General declines to discuss the report.

Postal Affairs in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28.—Washington Postmasters appointed—Echo, Stevens County, N. C. Shawer, vice Carl Tessman, resigned; West Sound, San Juan County, C. W. Rasch, vice O. H. Smaby, resigned.

Order for Burton's New Trial.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—The mandate of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Senator Ralph Burton, charged with accepting compensation from the

DAVIS HITS AT DR. REID

Answers His "Frenzied Report" on Canal Zone.

WOULD REMOVE THE DIRECTORS

Equitable Policy-Holders Make Their Charges Against Hyde & Schiff.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—State Senator E. Brackett of Saratoga, today filed with Attorney-General Mayor a petition asking leave to begin an action in the name of the people for the removal from office of James H. Hyde and Jacob Schiff, of New York and such other directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society as may be proved guilty of misconduct toward the interests of the policy-holders of the Equitable. The petition is brought in the names of Senators Brackett and others from Saratoga as policy-holders.

EQUITABLE PROTEST DELAYED

New York Policy-Holders Want Hyde's Plan Rejected.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—Superintendent Hendricks, of the State Insurance Department, today postponed for one week the hearing on the protest of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, representing many policyholders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, against the plan for "mutualizing" that society adopted at the recent meeting of the directors. The postponement was decided in spite of a strong protest made by Thomas S. Pratt, of Ogdensburg, representing the policyholders.

WILL ORGANIZE BROADER UNION

Western Federation Explains Plan Attacked by Gompers.

DENVER, March 28.—William D. Hayward, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, emphatically denied today the statement attributed to him to the effect that he expected to replenish the treasury of that organization with contributions sent by other unions to aid the strike in Colorado.

NO BIG GAME HUNTING IN ALASKA.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—As the result of representations by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, it was determined by the Cabinet today that no permits should be issued this year for big game hunting in Alaska, except for authorized representatives of museums. Similar action was taken last year because of the rapidly being destroyed and it was desired to preserve it so far as possible for the benefit of the natives, although they are required to comply with local game laws.

Estimate of Cotton Crop.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Census Bureau today issued a special cotton ginning report on the total crop, showing the total crop at 12,975,000 bales, to be valued at \$2,845,457,000.

VLADIMIR MAKES DIRE THREAT

If People Raise Hand Against Czar, Woe to Them.

VIENNA, March 28.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Zeitung gives an interview with Grand Duke Vladimir, who is quoted as saying that he doubted the existence of any real revolutionary movement, but that the government is watching the situation carefully and if the people raise their hands against the Emperor they will receive greater punishment than before.

DEMANDS OF YALTA WORKMEN

They Seek Rights Which Every American Has Long Enjoyed.

YALTA, Russia, March 28.—A meeting held today, attended by thousands of workmen, adopted a resolution to petition the throne, first for abrogation of laws limiting civil rights; second, for free speech; third, for freedom of press; fourth, for the right to strike; fifth, for liberty of conscience; sixth, for equal rights for all nationalities and religious; seventh, the immediate conclusion of peace with Japan; and eighth, for popular representation in the constituent assembly.

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The best after-dinner pill, purely vegetable, easy to take, never injures the system. Hood's Pills. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass. Made by Hood's Pills.

MANY PIANOS FIND HOMES

Saturday and Monday's Piano Sales Break All Previous Records.

Announcement of the Early Close of the Elfers Co-Operative Clubs Creates Greatest Interest—Many Who Have Been Delaying Purchase Hurry Now to Secure a Bargain.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The following cablegram from Panama was made public at the War Department today: Secretary of War, Washington.—The substance of the report of Colonel William C. Gorgas, medical corps, U. S. A., chief sanitary inspector, for the month of February, 1905:

Sick in hospitals, 161; the entire force on the rolls for the month of February, 7000; percentage of sick in hospital, 16.1; deaths, 2 per centum. Number of deaths, 9, which is equivalent to a rate of 14 per 1000 per annum.

The French commenced work in 1881, during which year their entire force averaged 220, and their deaths in the Ancon Hospital only were 72, or at the rate of 67 per 1000 per annum, nearly five times the American rate.

The deaths from yellow fever in the Ancon Hospital only during the year 1901 were 25 in an average force of 623; while the deaths from yellow fever during the past 10 months is a force averaging 2300 were only six. The French statistics only relate to the Ancon Hospital. It all deaths among the employees under the French director the mortality would be much higher.

BARRACKS FOR MARINES AT ANCON.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Panama Canal Commission today authorized the construction of a marine barracks at Ancon, Panama, at a cost of \$55,000.

FUNERAL OF SENOR DE ASPIROZ

Distinguished Assemblage Attends Solemn Service in His Memory.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The profound regard cherished by the American Government for the late Senor Don Manuel de Aspíroz found suitable expression at a religious service in his memory held at St. Matthew's church today, which was attended by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, members of the Cabinet, the entire diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court, Senators and members of Congress and many other officials and personal friends of the deceased Ambassador.

REBELS HONOR DEAD COMRADE

Sing Revolutionary Songs at the Funeral—Outbreak in Caucasus.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—The funeral today of a student named Yakovlev, who on his liberation from eight months' solitary imprisonment for revolutionary propaganda literature, hanged himself, his mind being unbalanced, was the occasion of a striking revolutionary demonstration. Disregarding police warnings, crowds of students followed the funeral cortege singing revolutionary songs and scattering pamphlets. The coffin was covered with flowers and banners, revolutionary and the workers.

Plan for Religious Liberty.

ROME, March 28.—Pope Pius is expecting very shortly a visit from Count Schöenbeck, Roman Catholic archbishop and metropolitan in Austria, for the purpose of submitting for the approval of the Vatican a plan of reform dealing with religious liberty. The plan has been evolved by the co-operation of all the bishops of Russia on the Czar's initiative.

Confignation at Nijnii Novgorod.

NIJNII NOVGOROD, Russia, March 28.—A fire at the Mazoula grain depot has caused heavy losses, estimated at hundreds of thousands of rubles. The flames threaten to spread to the shipping.

Livonia in State of Siege.

RIGA, Russia, March 28.—The Minister of the Interior has ordered the proclamation of a minor state of siege in Livonia, the order dating from yesterday.

Oil Works Burn at Baku.

BAKU, Caucasus, March 28.—The works of the Mantachef Petroleum Company and the Baku Petroleum Works, at Bibi-bay, are on fire.

King Edward's Farewell to White.

LONDON, March 28.—King Edward received Henry White, retiring Secretary of State, at the palace today.

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Imported creations from PARIS and LONDON, exquisite NEW YORK conceptions, SMART HATS from our own workrooms, copies of striking English and Paris models. It is an unusual gathering of smart hats that all women will greatly appreciate.

In Addition We Offer the Following Opening-Day Specials:

\$7 Dress Hats \$4.25 \$3 Street Hats \$1.89

Today and Thursday we offer ladies' Trimmed Dress Hats, made of fancy straw braid, some maline, chiffon and lace hats, embracing all the wanted shapes and combinations of trimmings. A complete range of colors. Regular price \$6.00 and \$7.00. Special \$4.25

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Exhibition of the Newest Models in

SILK COSTUMES Silk Tailor-Made Suits, Silk Shirtwaist Suits.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS High-class, in Broadcloth, Etamine, Panama, Fancy Sicilian Serges and Cheviots.

SILK AND LACE COATS AND EVENING WRAPS. SILK WAISTS, CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS, CHIFFON WAISTS, MULL AND LINEN WAISTS.

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\$18.50 Tailor-Made Suits \$12.75

Today and Thursday we offer: Women's tailor-made Suits, made of fine all-wool cheviot, in this season's most popular 23-inch fly-front jacket, collarless, lined with satin, fancy stitched and braid trimmed. The skirt is made in the new flare shape, colors black, brown and navy. These garments have been carefully chosen in order to combine smartness of style and lowness of price. Real value \$18.50. Special \$12.75

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Advertisement for Lipman, Wolfe & Co. featuring millinery, suits, and a special offer of \$18.50 suits for \$12.75. Includes illustrations of hats and a woman in a suit.

of the American Embassy, at Buckingham Palace today, and made him farewell prior to his departure for Rome, where he succeeds George von L. Meyer as American Ambassador to Italy. Mr. White will leave England for Rome next week. It is said that President Roosevelt is anxious that all the new representatives should be installed by the time peace negotiations are approaching conclusion.

THE WOMAN'S SILVERFIELD'S FOURTH AND MORRISON

THE NEWEST DRESS HATS

We are constantly displaying all that is the most up-to-date in feminine headgear—we are constantly receiving small shipments. Our resident buyer in New York buys up every desirable late style and hurries it here by express, so that in this manner we can show styles almost as soon as they are seen on the streets of our Eastern cities.

Our Suit Salons

Our showing of Ladies' Suits, Cloaks, Costumes, Jackets, etc., on our second floor is daily attracting more attention. The ladies of Portland have always known about the quality of our garments and are now finding out that in order to obtain exclusiveness at a nominal price they must come to the Silverfield Co.

Ladies' Furnishings

Our stocks of Belts, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Hand-Bags, Hosiery, Combs and Hair Ornaments is new and entirely up to date. We give these departments much of our attention and always endeavor to have styles and novelties not kept by any other firm. Our prices are no more than you would pay for articles kept by every other firm in the city, giving you the always coveted opportunity of being a little different with no increase in the cost.

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The new styles for 1905-1906 in Fur Jackets, Coats, Ties and Stoles are here. You can now have your Fur Garments repaired, remodeled or stored at a very slight cost.

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