

COVILLE GRAFT SMELLS FOULLY

Senate Holds Nose and Passes Bill.

LAWYERS MAY ROB INDIANS

Allowed Fee of \$150,000 Without Earning It.

PILES' STRANGE ATTITUDE

Expired Contract Revived for Benefit of Two ex-Senators, Who Lobby for the Graft, and Spokane Lawyers—Veto Is Probable.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—The Senate this evening placed its seal of approval on the Coville graft, which was slipped into the Indian appropriation bill conference report, whereby these Indians will be robbed of 10 per cent of the \$1,500,000 appropriated for them for surrendering the north half of their reservation, the said 10 per cent to be distributed among 10 attorneys who claim to have procured this appropriation. For bold, unalloyed graft this legislation has no equal and, what is equally surprising, it received the votes of both Washington Senators.

Too Odorous to Be Aired. This graft was so foul-smelling that no attempt was made to pass part of the Indian money to these lawyers while the bill was being regularly considered by either the House or the Senate, but the provision was slipped in by the conference committee contrary to the rules of parliamentary procedure. The offensive amendment does not directly authorize the payment of \$150,000 to these lawyers, but requires the Court of Claims to determine how much they are respectively entitled to, no one lawyer to receive more than \$15,000.

As pointed out by Senator Clay, the amendment is so cleverly drawn that it can be construed only as a command to Congress to the Court of Claims to award each attorney \$15,000. Did Nothing for the Money. Vigorous attacks were made on this amendment today on two grounds. First: The contract originally made with the Covilles under which the attorneys were to receive \$150,000 if they secured an appropriation of \$1,500,000 expired in 1904, and nothing had been accomplished in the meantime. Today, when the appropriation is made, there is no contract in force. Secretary Hitchcock having refused to renew it because he believed the scheme a graft. Therefore it is contended that the lawyers had nothing on which to base a claim for pay.

But, what was more important, it was shown by Mr. Chase, of South Dakota, had in fact rendered the Coville Indians no service; had done nothing to earn the \$150,000, and were not entitled on any theory to one cent of the Coville money, but, as soon as Congress authorized the payment of the Coville claim, the lawyers rushed in and attempted to collect a fee they had not earned.

Piles' Remarkable Statement. At this juncture Senator Piles made the most astonishing and what is regarded as the most damaging statement. He declared that, when elected to the Senate, he believed the Covilles were not entitled to no service; had done nothing to earn the \$150,000, and were not entitled on any theory to one cent of the Coville money, but, as soon as Congress authorized the payment of the Coville claim, the lawyers rushed in and attempted to collect a fee they had not earned.

Grafters on Floor of Senate. During the debate McMurber of North Dakota and Clapp of Minnesota fought vigorously for the graft. Dubois defended the amendment, stating that the Coville Indians were anxious that these lawyers should be paid \$150,000.

Ex-Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, one of the beneficiaries, was on the Senate floor all day, anxiously watching the debate and talking with Senators who were suspicious of the amendment. Ex-Senator Butler, of North Carolina, another beneficiary, was not present.

WHAT CLAIMANTS HAVE TO SAY

Claim Is Just, and They Have Spent Money for Indians.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—F. C. Robertson is best known for his defense of the Couer d'Alene dynamiters in 1888. M. J. Gordon is attorney for the Great Northern in Spokane and R. W. Nazum is a criminal attorney of considerable local reputation. Mr. Nazum said: The amendment that was passed, putting the claim up to the Court of Claims for settlement, was my own suggestion. It was such a large amount that we all concluded that we would rather take our chances with the Court of Claims than in Congress with such fellows as Tillman against us, as we had reason to believe that he would be. The claim is a just one. We have before the authorities for 16 years and we have never received a cent. We have spent more than \$8000 in getting the matter before Congress and this is as near as we have come to settlement. We have a bona fide contract with the Indians for the defense of the claim, and our services were easily worth the claim. The committee told us a year ago that on account of the large amount of money involved we were to have us wait a year. We have done so and now I believe the claim will finally be settled.

SMALL FARMS FOR IRRIGATORS

Unit Reduced to Twenty Acres—Appraise Lots on Townships.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—The Senate this evening passed the Mendell bill amending the national irrigation law so as to permit the Secretary of the Interior to reduce the minimum area of farm units in Government projects from 40 acres to 20 acres. The bill was amended in the Senate by prescribing regulations for granting an extension of time to settlers under irrigation projects for completing entries when delay is caused by failure of the Government to complete the project and the minimum area of farm units in Government projects in the time specified by the land laws.

It was amended also by the insertion of a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to appraise lots in Heyburn and Rupert townships and sell them to occupants who have erected permanent buildings thereon not readily removable.

Northwest Rural Carriers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—Rural carriers appointed: Oregon—Madras, route 1, Henry M. Davis, carrier, Lewis A. Davis, substitute; Milwaukie, route 1, August C. Arnold, carrier, Mary A. Arnold, substitute. Washington—Snohomish, route 1, James O. Lemaster, carrier, R. H. May, substitute.

Colonel Dyer to Vancouver.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—Lieut. Col. Alexander B. Dyer, artillery corps, is detailed for service in the vacant position of military secretary of the department and will proceed to Vancouver barracks for duty as military secretary of the Department of Columbia.

Seattle Canal Bill Signed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—The President today signed the bill authorizing James A. Moore, of Seattle, to build a ship canal between Lake Washington and Puget Sound.

SHIRKING IS NOT ALLOWED

STANDARD OIL MEN MUST ATTEND ST. LOUIS HEARING.

Hadley Secures Order for Pierce and Priest to Testify—No More Delay for Him.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—The hearing of evidence in the Missouri ouster proceedings against the Standard and Waters-Pierce Oil Companies was resumed today before Special Commissioner E. A. Anthony.

Counsel for the oil interests asked for a continuance of the hearing on the ground that H. C. Pierce, who is the president of the board of directors of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, is unavoidably detained in New York, and also because Judge H. P. Rice, who is the attorney for the Standard, is detained at home by illness. Attorney-General Hadley asserted that the illness of Lawyer Priest was a mere subterfuge for delay, and he threatened to have an attachment issued for Pierce, whose course, he said, had been one of persistent evasion.

Mr. Hadley declared that when the hearing recently was postponed on Pierce's plea of illness, Pierce was making a reservation on a train for New York and returning to St. Louis, and only abandoned the purpose when discovered by opposing parties.

When the hearing was reconvened after recess, Mr. Johnson made a statement to the court to the effect that Judge Priest had been advised by his physician to rest for a week and would follow the advice. In view of the enforced absence of Judge Priest as leading counsel and of the probable inability of Mr. Pierce to come from New York at the present time, he requested a postponement until two weeks from today.

Attorney-General Hadley brought into question the sincerity of Mr. Pierce in requesting a postponement at any time as a witness and said there was an apparent element of uncertainty about Judge Priest's being able to attend, although he was able to go to French Lick Springs.

Mr. Johnson warmly disclaimed any insincerity of intentions on the part of either.

Commissioner Anthony interposed by saying that the court believed that Mr. Pierce ought to be here to testify by next Friday morning at 10 o'clock and next day.

Attorney-General J. P. Lightfoot, of Texas, attended the session today as a spectator.

Receiver for Investment Concerns.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 11.—In the Federal Court here today an order was made appointing the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, of St. Louis, receiver for the Colonial Security Company, of St. Louis; the North American Investment Company, of Delaware, and the American Net Reserve Company, of Kentucky. An order was also made citing the State Treasurer to show cause on June 12 in Kansas City, why he should not turn over to the receiver the \$200,000 security fund on deposit by each company to protect Missouri bondholders.

LAST OF ADDICKS, HAIL TO DUPONT

Delaware Republican Caucus Ends Senatorial Fight.

ELECTION COMES TODAY

Ten Stand by Gas Man to End, but Powder Man's Nomination Is Made Unanimous—Democrats Not Voting.

DOVER, Del., June 11.—(Special.)—By a vote of 20 to 10 the caucus of Republican members of the Delaware State Legislature late tonight chose Colonel Henry A. Dupont for United States Senator, defeating Edward J. Addicks, who for the last dozen years has been struggling vainly to attain the coveted honor. Thirty-two votes were cast, one being for H. H. Ward.

Tomorrow at noon the Legislature will elect Dupont to the Senate by a solid Republican vote, every member who entered the caucus tonight being bound by a pledge to support the nominee.

Fights Until Vote Is Cast.

Eleven years ago, when Addicks flung his banner to the breeze in Delaware politics, he was a man in the prime of life, a millionaire, a man of wonderful ambition and an indomitable fighter. The end of the struggle finds him prematurely aged, broken in health and fortune, a decrepit and pathetic figure, a ghastly wreck of a mighty ambition. He was a game fighter to the last minute. Even until the caucus in the Senate chamber at the capitol was voting him out of politics forever, Addicks, in his room at the Hotel Richardson, was declaring to newspaper men:

"I control that caucus absolutely. I cannot be beaten. Tomorrow I will be United States Senator from Delaware."

Cast Last Ballot for Addicks.

How desperately Addicks fought was shown by the appearance here tonight of Representative Henry Marshall, who today resigned a Federal position, and of Senator D. O. Moore, who recently became postmaster of Laurel and who resigned from the Legislature February 25. Both of them demanded and were accorded admission to the caucus, and both voted for Addicks.

D. O. Moore's resignation as a State Senator had been accepted by the Governor March 2, but he came here declaring the acceptance of his resignation by the Governor amounted to nothing and he would cast his vote for Addicks or know the reason why.

There was a full attendance of members of both wings of the Republicans at the caucus tonight. There was a long discussion, and when the vote was finally taken it stood:

Dupont, 20; Addicks, 10; H. H. Ward, 1.

Make It Unanimous.

Following the announcement of the vote Senator Connor, an Addicks supporter, made a motion that Dupont's selection be made unanimous, which was adopted.

The Democratic members of the Legislature have criticized Governor Lea for calling an extra session, and they have declared they will take no part in the voting.

GREAT PRAISE FOR GEARIN

Washington Paper Applauds His Stand on Election of Senator.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—The Washington Times prints a remarkable news story and editorial on Senator Gearin and his attitude on Senatorial election. The story says Mr. Gearin has done real service in the cause of popularizing Senatorial elections, in that he has refused to be considered in connection with the Oregon Senatorship, which was within his grasp, because the popular vote of the state was against him.

The statement that Gearin has carried the Legislature is, of course, a mistake. Editorially the Times says:

All honor to John M. Gearin, Senator from Oregon, who has sacrificed an excellent chance of a full term in the United States Senate in order to stand by his convictions and the law of his state in favor of popular election of Senators. If his present sacrifice fails to secure him a seat at the next election in his state, all guesses will go wrong as to the efficacy of popular elections.

It developed that, while Bourne secured a bare popular majority, Gearin had probably carried the Legislature. His friends wired him that it was all right, he would be chosen by the Legislature, anyhow. Gearin did not hesitate. He wrote to Oregon urging the Democrats in the Legislature to support the Republican and make unanimous the legislative ratification of the people's selection to give the new law proper baptism in the faith of the people.

"I honestly believe in popular election of Senators," he said in substance, "and I want to prove it by having my own party sacrifice for the cause."

Without doubt the Democrats in the Legislature will do as their chief has asked. Senator Gearin has given a fine example of unselfish patriotism. Oregon has undertaken to set an example to the Nation in its new election law and Senator Gearin has emphasized the example by his own sacrifice and self-denial. Oregon has undertaken to set an example to the Nation in its new election law and Senator Gearin has emphasized the example by his own sacrifice and self-denial. Oregon has undertaken to set an example to the Nation in its new election law and Senator Gearin has emphasized the example by his own sacrifice and self-denial.

TOO EARLY TO SPEAK PLAINLY

Bryan Noncommittal on Nomination. Opposed to Socialism.

BERLIN, June 11.—"This is so sudden," said William J. Bryan, with a laugh, when he was told today of the adoption by recent State Democratic Conventions of resolutions favoring his nomination for the Presidency of the United States in 1908. "This is the first announcement

of the news to me. I have been off the main caravan route for sometime and have been absorbed in what I have been seeing and doing."

Mr. Bryan had been moving so rapidly since he left Vienna on Friday that letters and telegrams for him did not reach him until today. He said the possibility of his nomination had had little to say, declaring it is too early to speak of that question, but taking up the subject of the political requirements of the day, he said:

"Before leaving home I tried to distinguish between Democracy and what can properly be called Socialism. Democracy recognizes competition as legitimate and tries to protect the competitive principle from attack. Socialism sees competition as an evil to be eliminated by public ownership of the means of all means of production and distribution. While this distinction cannot be overlooked, the Democratic platform of progress and reform and not merely of opposition to Republican policies or Socialistic ideas.

"In our fight for the absolute elimination of private monopolies and for the regulation of corporations in general, it is necessary that the party shall be free from any suspicion of alliance with the corporate interests. There have been dominating American politicians in this end campaign contributions must be limited to those who have the public interest at heart. I trust that public sentiment will require all parties to keep their eyes open so that hereafter no party will be under party obligations to shield corporate offenders.

Alluding to conditions in the meat industry, Mr. Bryan said:

"The beef trust is not different in character and methods from other trusts. The inevitable tendency of a private monopoly is to increase the price of product and to lower its quality. Why should anyone expect anything else from a trust than the lowering of quality when a monopoly is established? Observe. I have the words of the private monopoly, as uttered by those of the whole people. Quite a different principle comes into operation when the interest of all is alone in view."

Herman Ridder, of New York Staats Zeitung, and Mr. Bryan had a long talk today on the political situation in the United States. Mr. Bryan will leave here for St. Petersburg tomorrow and from there will visit Sweden and Norway. He will arrive in England early in July and will then visit France, Italy and Switzerland. He will sail on the steamship Princess Irene from Gibraltar on August 20 and to arrive in New York on August 23.

Benson Goes to Take Toga.

OTTAWA, Kan., June 11.—Judge A. W. Benson left this morning for Topeka to report to Governor Hoch his acceptance of the appointment to the United States Senate. Judge Benson had been persuading the members of the delegation at Washington to lose no time in reaching there, and will leave this afternoon for the East.

Bryan Speaks in London July 4.

LONDON, June 11.—William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to make a speech at the American celebration on the Fourth of July.

Liner on Beach Is Pulled Off.

CAPE MAY, N. Y., June 11.—The steamer "Waterloo" of Liverpool and Queenstown for Philadelphia, with more than 1000 persons on board, which grounded on shoals at the entrance to Delaware Bay early today, was pulled off the beach by a tugboat at night by means of a cable. The liner on the beach today, nothing was done until the night tide came up, when several tugboats fastened cables to her bows and pulled her off the beach without much difficulty. After clearing the shoals the Westernland swung around and steamed to the Delaware Breakwater, where she will remain until morning.

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