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## PLUNDERERS OF NATION'S DOMAIN

### Senator Warren Said to Lead Them.

### HERMANN ONE OF HIS TOOLS

### Government Grip Tightens on Utah Land Thieves.

### MANY OFFICIALS INVOLVED

### Machinery of Law at Work Against Men Who Ruled Land Office to Rob Nation—Evidence Against Hermann.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The grip of the Government and of justice is tightening slowly about the organized gangs which, it is alleged, have for years, with the connivance of the Land Department, robbed the public domain of coal, mineral and timber land valued at many millions of dollars. In the end, it is stated, every member of these gangs, whether he be a plain citizen of the United States or occupies high official position, will be made to answer in the criminal courts for his complicity in the most gigantic frauds said ever to have been perpetrated on the United States Government.

Here at Salt Lake City another step is being taken toward the end which President Roosevelt is seeking eagerly, namely, the punishment of all corporations and all persons who shall be shown to have assisted in the wholesale pilfering of public lands. Incidentally this move toward justice and toward the restoration to the Government of its own is resulting in the re-organization of the Department of the Interior, including the Land Office. Few persons except those residing in the states in which these enormous stealings have been perpetrated realize the enormity of the crimes which are alleged to have been committed against the National and some state Governments.

**All Running Down Thieves.**

Every agency of the Government, including the Interstate Commerce Commission, the secret service, the Federal grand jury and the court of equity, has been set in motion to accomplish the end desired. While the Interstate Commerce Commission is taking testimony here tending to show that the Rio Grande railroad and its allied companies, the Utah Fuel Company and the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, have been securing by fraudulent means all of the coal land in the State of Utah and consequently building up their monopoly in this line, the Federal grand jury here is awaiting the outcome of the hearing with a view to gathering all of the guilty ones into its net.

**Suits to Recover Land.**

M. C. Burch, special attorney of the Department of Justice, who has been given charge of the prosecution of all land fraud cases, is here, giving his support to the Commission and gathering data with a view to bringing later the necessary suits to recover land which is alleged to have been stolen.

Mr. Burch is preparing to bring suits in Wyoming for the recovery of many thousand acres of lands. He already has begun five suits in this state against the Denver & Rio-Grande Railroad Company, the Utah Fuel Company and the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, seeking to recover more than 30,000 acres alleged to have been taken illegally from the Government. Owing to the statute of limitations, the Government cannot go back beyond a period of six years, but the land frauds already uncovered and which will be disclosed during this period are so stupendous as almost to stagger the imagination.

The speculations of which the Govern-

ment complains have been perpetrated in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, California, Oregon and possibly in other states. The robberies of the public domain have been almost as extensive, it is charged, in timber land as in mineral land.

**Senator Warren at Head.**

That such enormous frauds, extending through a long period of years, could not have been perpetrated without the complicity of the Land Department is said to be a patent fact.

During the hearing here today a glimpse of the real power behind the throne was given when it was stated by Government land agents that they had been compelled to see Senator Francis E. Warren regarding official business of the Land Department. Senator Warren is charged with having ruled the Land Office for a number of years. It was his influence and that of Senator Clark which secured the appointment, during President McKinley's administration, of Will-



Vandevanter to be Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department. Vandevanter was the legal conscience of the Land Department, and Vandevanter had been attorney for the companies charged with stealing the land. It was Warren who made Congressman Frank W. Mondell Assistant Land Commissioner, who later put Binger Hermann in the position of Commissioner and who succeeded him by present Commissioner Richards. It is Warren, it is claimed, who still controls the land offices from Nebraska and the Dakotas to California and Alaska.

**Lid Held On at Washington.**

The evidence today showed that special agents of the Government Land Department have been protesting for several years against the fraudulent acquisition of land in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, but without avail, and that in several instances they were either suspended, transferred or told flatly that the irregularities of which they complained were of their own business. Michael A. Myer, now agent of the Land Department at Portland, Or., was for 16 months agent of the Department at Denver and has been in the service for 28 years. Myer said he had much of the official rottenness of the gigantic land grabs.

### CLOSED EYES TO LAND FRAUDS

**Hermann Involved in Utah Cases.**

**Clark Calls Lawyer's Buff.**

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 27.—"It is none of your business," is the answer which the General Land Office at Washington gave Charles Kingston, former Register of the Land Office at Evanston, Wyo., when he reported that he suspected irregularities in connection with applications to enter coal land and asked for instructions to allowing the entries. This is the testimony which Mr. Kingston gave today before Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark, who began an inquiry into the coal monopoly of the intermountain country today.

At the time Mr. Kingston referred to Binger Hermann, was Commissioner of the General Land Office.

In the course of the proceedings E. M. Allison, Jr., one of the attorneys representing the Rio Grande Railroad, made a speech which Mr. Clark interpreted as a threat and was given a severe rebuke.

**Dynamite Keeps Out Opposition.**

The principal witness at the forenoon session was Robert S. Spence, of Evanston, Wyo., an attorney, who told of the methods of the Union Pacific Coal Company in acquiring coal lands in Wyoming and in keeping out opposition companies. He testified that agents of the Union Pacific Company used dynamite in their efforts to keep men with oil-drilling machinery out of Uinta County, Wyoming.

## TAKES FIVE LIVES TO SECURE \$1000

### Wholesale Poisoning by Young Woman.

### HUSBAND AND CHILDREN FIRST

### Landlady and Her Brother Share Same Fate.

### EXHUMING THE BODIES

### Bridget Carey's Two Little Girls Killed With Poisoned Candy to Gain Insurance—All Deaths Within One Year.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—The most remarkable case of wholesale poisoning of persons to secure insurance money that has ever been unearthed in this city has been charged against Bridget Carey, who was arrested tonight. The woman, who is 32 years old, is charged with having poisoned her husband, Patrick, her two children, Mary aged 8 years, and Annie, aged six, who died a week ago, and Patrick and Celia Cook, tenants in the Carey house at 192 Hamilton Street.

### Got \$1000 for Five Murders.

All of the alleged victims died within eleven months, and the police allege that Mrs. Carey benefited by their deaths to the extent of \$1000 through collection of insurance. Investigation is being made of the death of her two children, which occurred last week. It was said at the time that their deaths were caused by eating poisoned candy or candy that contained deleterious substances. An analysis of candy such as the children are said to have purchased showed that it contained no poisonous substance and, when Governor Physician Widaworth made an analysis of the stomachs of the children he found the little girls had died from arsenic poisoning.

According to Captain of Detectives Donaghy, it was learned that the children were insured for \$25 each and that Mrs. Carey collected this amount after their deaths. The police officials say they learned that the woman had secured poison and further investigation showed that Patrick and Celia Cook, brother and sister, who lived with Mrs. Carey, had died within a few months under suspicious circumstances.

### Death Soon Follows Insurance.

Miss Cook had been the lessor of the house, and Mrs. Carey was a tenant. The police officials say that Miss Cook was insured for \$200 in favor of Patrick Cook, her brother, and that on August 12 she died. Patrick had been insured for \$500 in favor of his sister. He collected the insurance on her policy after her death and Mrs. Carey took up the lease of the house. Thereupon Patrick Cook made his insurance in favor of Mrs. Carey, and shortly thereafter was stricken ill and died. The police officials say Mrs. Carey secured the insurance.

After the death of the children the police learned that the woman's husband died suddenly about ten months ago and by physicians, who were called in at various times during the illness of the alleged victims, they were urged to make a rigid investigation. The bodies of Patrick Cook and his sister have been exhumed, and that of the woman's husband will be disinterred.

### USED COMPANY'S MONEY

### State Accuses George Burnham of Stealing for Brother.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The jury to hear the case against George Burnham, Jr., trustee and counsel of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, on a charge of grand larceny, was completed today and Assistant District Attorney Nott outlined the prosecution's case. He said the pecuniary benefit of the larceny of \$7500 alleged against George Burn-

ham, Jr., fell to Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, but that George Burnham, Jr., was his accomplice and shared equally in his guilt. Mr. Nott said that J. Douglas Wells, a former vice-president of the Mutual Reserve, had sued Frederick A. Burnham individually and that the suit had been settled by the payment to Mr. Wells of \$7500 from the funds of the company.

"In brief," said Mr. Nott, "the defendant, Frederick A. Burnham, took the company's money and paid it to Wells' attorney for the settlement of a suit brought against him on a personal loan, and entered it on the company's books as a payment of another matter. We will prove that the policy-holders' money was looted by these defendants, so that the suit of Wells would not be accounted in court and concealed by making false entries."

### Black Hand Bomb Misses Fire.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 27.—An attempt was made today by unknown persons, supposed to be members of the



W. A. Richards of Wyoming, Commissioner of General Land Office.

Black Hand, to kill Burgess A. O. Murrah, through the medium of an infernal machine which he received by mail. The arrangements failed to explode when opened.

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## TILLMAN TALKS ABOUT NEGROES

### Ignores Threats and Speaks bluntly.

### MANY DETECTIVES GUARD HIM

### Declares Negro Is Made of Inferior Clay.

### SOUTH RED BEFORE BLACK

### Denounces Race Equality and Says "To Hell With Such Law"—Condemns Roosevelt for Discharging Troops.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The efforts of the colored citizens of Chicago to prevent United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman from delivering an address here tonight in Orchestra Hall, because of the position he has assumed toward the negro race, were unsuccessful. When the South Carolina Senator arrived in Chicago early in the afternoon, he was told of threats of injunction proceedings to prevent his appearing on the speaker's platform tonight and of a money consideration that had been offered if he would cancel his engagement, but Mr. Tillman declared that it did not make any difference to him what the colored people of Chicago did, he was going to fill his engagement tonight, and he kept his word.

Until he leaves for Fond du Lac, Wis., tomorrow, Mr. Tillman will be guarded by police and private detectives. This is in accordance with an order issued by Mayor Edward J. Dunne who was scheduled to preside at tonight's meeting, but who refused to do so after a committee of colored citizens had visited him a few days ago and offered strenuous objections to Mr. Tillman's appearance on the speaker's platform.

### Protected by Detectives.

Mr. Tillman gave his address protected by 40 detectives under personal command of Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler. In anticipation of trouble a number of policemen were kept in nearby stations in reserve, but they were not called for. Six colored policemen mingled with the crowd of blacks and whites that blocked the street in front of the hall, to arrest any one who made a disturbance.

In the audience were many colored people, but they listened to Mr. Tillman's remarks good naturedly and, although he was interrupted many times by those who wished to ask questions, the meeting passed off without trouble.

### Gives Mayor Dunne Slap.

In leading up to his address, "Shall the United States Annex Cuba?" Mr. Tillman took occasion to criticize the Mayor's action in refusing to preside at the meeting. He said:

"I have been told that I have been snubbed by the Mayor of this city. I never saw Mayor Dunne in my life. I did not ask him to be here tonight to introduce me to this audience, nor did I ask any one else to do so. If any one has been snubbed, it is these gracious ladies, who planned this meeting to secure money for the Chicago Union Hospital, who requested Mayor Dunne, the creature of a political hour, to come forward and add his mite.

"I have been advertised to discuss the annexation of Cuba, but in view of the fact that I could not discuss this subject without discussing the race question, I am going to go at the matter hammer and tongs, straightforward, like a man. Therefore, I shall discuss the race problem pure and simple, from the American standpoint and not from the Cuban standpoint. Owing to my experience with the question and the diligent study I have made of it, I believe I am better qualified to discuss this question than any other man in America. I am going to base my appeal on facts—on theories.

"While discussing the 15th amendment to the Constitution, which, he declared, gave the negro every right that a white man had, he was interrupted several times by one of his listeners, who kept asking:

"How about Kentucky?"

"Finally Mr. Tillman seemed to lose his temper and exclaimed:

"Oh, shut your mouth. You don't know

the A B C of this thing. I forgot 40 years ago more than you ever knew.

"You make up your minds that equality before the law, which the 15th amendment guarantees, is right and should be enforced, notwithstanding its results. If this law was enforced, it would result in two states at least being dominated absolutely by negroes, while four other states would be so near being governed by the negro, that there would practically be an equal division of offices."

### "To Hell With Such Law."

"How about the law? The law? To hell with such law."

After telling in detail how the negro is prevented from casting his ballot in the South, Mr. Tillman said:

"There is a great deal more to this question than the little racket here in Chicago."

A voice: "How about the negro Judge?" (referring to Judge Barnett, colored, the only Republican nominee for Municipal



Binger Hermann, Former Commissioner of General Land Office.

Court Judge, defeated at the recent election.)

Mr. Tillman replied:

"Why I will tell you about your negro judge and about your political machines putting him up your ticket and bamboozling the poor ignorant boobies who elect him, and when afterward you fellows who voted the ticket without knowing what was in it, find a little truth, about it out in it. No matter what the people may do or say, the white race in the South will never be dominated by the negro, and I want to tell you now that, if some state should ever make an attempt to have such a Carolina, we will show them in their faces, and that we will make it red before we make it black."

### Negro Is Inferior Clay.

God Almighty made the Caucasian of better clay than the Ethiopian, or the African or any other race. The Ethiopian is a burr-head. He has done absolutely nothing for history, nor has he ever achieved anything of great importance. There are no great men among the race. Yet this people has been pitched out by the fanaticism of the North and fired up to the equality of the North were in a great measure responsible for this state of affairs. In conclusion, he said:

### Parting Shot at Roosevelt.

Now, as a general illustration of the injustice that is sometimes done, President Roosevelt discharged three companies of colored soldiers without court-martial and, in doing this, he punished innocent men for the crime of a few. In doing this, he transgressed the authority of the law, and he ought not to have done it.

Mr. Tillman arrived over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. He was met at the depot by a committee of women who have in charge the interests of the hospital in behalf of which the Senator is to lecture. Mrs. Adele Keeler, the head of the committee, after greeting the Senator, said:

"We hope, Senator, that you will not say anything that will be likely to stir up trouble."

"The Senator replied:

"Mrs. Keeler, I think I will say just about what I feel like saying in my lecture."

No other statement was made by the Senator who was immediately driven to his hotel.

About a dozen police officers in uniform and a number of others in plain clothes were in the depot, but there was no demonstration of any kind, nor were there any negroes in or about the depot.

After visiting his hotel, Mr. Tillman was invited by a number of friends to attend a luncheon at the Froquois Club. While there, he made a short address, in which he said:

"I have no desire to make trouble, and did not suppose that my coming here would cause a hullabaloo. I am surprised that there has been any effort to stop my lecture, especially in the North. It is also surprising that a number of citizens should claim that a Senator of the United States has no rights to speak. That is the kind of intolerance that men in the South, who in this case, however, the interference is north of the Mason and Dixon line and by the colored people.

### Goes to Plead With President.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 27.—(Continued on Page 4.)

## FATHERS OF CITY IN BRIBERY DEAL

### Pittsburg Scandal Spreads Day by Day.

### VOTES SOLD THROUGH BROKERS

### Mayor Pursues Whole Gang of Franchise Jobbers.

### BETRAYED BY QUARRELS

### Broker's Suit Let in Ray of Light and Whole Affair of Tube City Railroad Is Coming Out.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 27.—With the rearrest of C. S. Cameron, president of the Tube City Railroad, and Councilman William A. Martin, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the railroad out of \$70,000, this time the police authorities being the prosecutors, and their subsequent release on \$13,000 bail each, the alleged councilman bribery scandal is to be thoroughly and publicly ventilated and promises to involve the majority of the members. The hearing in the case has been set for Saturday.

Mayor George W. Guthrie has taken personal charge of the case, directing the police investigation, and reiterating emphatically that every person found to be implicated, either councilman or railroad officials, in the distribution of the \$70,000 graft money, will be arrested and prosecuted. More arrests are to follow those of Cameron and Martin, it is said, and in each case the charge will be bribery.

### Seventy-Two Councilmen in Deal.

Seventy-seven members of Select Councils and 25 members of Common Councils are said to be implicated in this conspiracy. The police have the names of these men and are keeping them under surveillance. Any attempt by any of them to leave the city will mean their immediate arrest.

According to the evidence said to have been gathered by the police and now in the possession of the Mayor, the Councilmen were to act favorably on the ordinance desired passed by the Tube City Railroad. The railroad was to distribute \$70,000. Of this sum, \$40,000 was to have been distributed among 65 Councilmen, while the remainder was to have been given to three other Councilmen who acted as agents in the deal.

### How Truth Came Out.

The position taken by C. R. Richardson, who entered the first suit against Cameron and Martin for conspiracy, was that of a broker. Richardson had made a statement to the police, alleging he loaned Cameron \$70,000 at the legal rate of interest. Cameron was to deposit this money in the bank after showing it to a committee of Councilmen. The money disappeared mysteriously and Richardson, believing a conspiracy was on to beat him out of the money, entered suit. Richardson's action disclosed several suspicious details and the matter was taken up by the Mayor, with the result that evidence has been gathered, it is said, revealing to the police one of the most gigantic councilman bribery scandals ever known in Pittsburg.

John S. Robb, Jr., assistant District Attorney, arrived from the East today on a summons of District Attorney Stewart. It is possible that a special session of the grand jury will be called to investigate the scandal.

### Father of Eugene V. Debs.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 27.—J. D. Debs, father of Eugene V. Debs, formerly Socialist candidate for President, died here tonight, aged 85 years.

## THE SIX HARD-LUCK BROTHERS TELL WHY THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE YEAR'S BLESSINGS



Mayor Lane Is Thankful for a Nice Quiet Year—Not.



John D. Debs Is Thankful That Columbus Discovered America for Him



Wm. Hearst Is Thankful That a Few Brickbats Missed Him.



Enrico Caruso Is Thankful That He Has a Good Finish Left.



Count de Castellane Is Thankful That He Saved His Reputation.



Mr. Bryan Is Thankful for Whatever Happens, as Long as It Happens to Some Friends of His—Viz: Mr. Hearst, Mr. Sullivan, et al.