

HITCHCOCK TELLS HERMAN'S FEELS

Withholding of Report on the Hyde-Benson Frauds the Worst.

DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION

Mitchell Pleaded for Respite and Got It—Hitchcock's Secretary Not Positive of Facts—Tanner on Benson Case.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—The man who forced Herman to resign the office of Secretary of Land Commission and who was later this city and in Portland, today was the responsible for his indictment, both in principal witness against him in the Criminal Court. Ex-Secretary Hitchcock spent an hour on the stand this afternoon, but during that entire time did not once mention the destruction of the letter books for which Herman is being tried. His entire testimony was intended to show why Herman was forced to resign.

Holsinger Report Held Back.

His most serious criticism, however, was in regard to the report of Special Agent Holsinger, exposing the operations of the Benson-Hyde land ring. Mr. Hitchcock testified that in the latter part of November, 1902, two or three days or a week after the report reached the Land Office, he heard of its existence (he did not remember how he had heard it) and immediately demanded that Herman submit the report to him. He said he regarded it as a great dereliction of duty on the part of the Commissioner that he did not acquaint him (Hitchcock) with the contents of the report immediately upon its receipt.

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He had one or two subsequent conversations with Herman and finally the resignation was brought in by Senator Mitchell, who, in presenting it, asked for its acceptance be deferred until after Herman's daughter was married. Mitchell also urged delay "on account of the approaching Senatorial election." Mr. Hitchcock did not explain what was meant by this.

Suspended Benson's Entries.

On cross-examination attention was called to the fact that in the ten days after the receipt of the Holsinger report, directed the chief of the proper division of the Land Office to suspend action on all applications and in Hyde's name and ordered investigation of the whole case. This evidence is important, for in the opening statement of the prosecution it was charged that the Holsinger report was held by Herman so long without action that it could be shown he was covering up frauds. Today it was proved that the report was received by the Land Office, November 18, 1902, and on November 21 Herman suspended entries and ordered further investigation of the entries made by J. H. Schneider, upon whose testimony the report was based. The report showed on its face that it was opened by the mailing division and referred to the proper subcommittee officers and did not go to Herman direct.

Scott Smith Not Positive.

Mr. Hitchcock was followed by Scott Smith, his former private secretary, who corroborated the Secretary's testimony, particularly with regard to the incidents attending the demand for Herman's resignation. His testimony was much less positive than what he gave at Portland last summer in the Blue Mountain case, and he today showed repeated evidences of bad memory, especially when pressed by counsel for the defense.

REPORTS 20 MEN MISSING

Body of One Greek Recovered From The Sacramento River. REDDING, Cal., March 12.—One body was recovered from the Sacramento River about Kenneth this afternoon, and the search continues for the Greeks who were drowned yesterday. The foreman in charge of the crew on the boat said there were 22 in his crew and all but two escaped, 20 being missing.

Protest Against High Rents.

ROME, March 12.—The growing increase in the price of rent is meeting with much opposition in Naples. Sunday a large meeting of protest was held.

man must have known Mitchell was not acting solely as Senator from Oregon when land cases for residents of other states were brought by him before the department. The objection was renewed on the ground that there was nothing to indicate that Herman knew Senator Mitchell was acting as paid counsel before the department for outside parties, and Justice Stanford ruled for the defense, thus excluding a letter written by Benson.

Benson Offered Fee First.

Subsequent questioning developed the fact that Benson voluntarily promised the firm a fee of \$500 if early action was secured on his land case, and the charge stated was not made by Mitchell and Tanner. Tanner added that the \$500 fee paid by Benson was placed with the receipts of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner and was divided between himself and Mitchell at the end of the month.

AMERICAN WORDS MADE

(Continued from First Page.) of the West in early days of history, had such a fashion of framing fictitious words, notes and bills of exchange, playing on the credulity of traders, that anything in the line of forged paper became to the Western "hog" or "bogus," and so the name has remained.

David Bowie, of early pioneer fame, invented a broad-bladed, sharp-pointed knife which has since borne his name.

Whence Came Buncombe.

Buncombe County, North Carolina, has lent its name to the country's westerners, and a synonym of boorishness, not because that is a characteristic of the people of that section, but because many years ago a member of Congress from Buncombe County persisted in making a speech when a general exodus of the members showed they didn't want to hear it. When he was finished, he said he might as well stop, he replied:

"Never mind, I'm talking to Buncombe."

The word in its new sense was first applied to the speeches that were made in Congress for the express purpose of being sent home to the admiring constituents, and later received its present application.

The word that is most typically American in its origin and use is possibly "gratuit." Like many other popular things, this name came out of the West, and became at once incorporated into the language and customs of the people. Its origin is not definitely known, but though it first appeared in print in the writings of the late "Josiah Flynt" Willard when he wrote "Tramping with Tramps," he never claimed the word as his own, and authorities show that it was known in the West before he ever used it.

Barbecue, "From Snout to Tail."

Barbecue, a method of preparing meat that is prevalent in the Southern States, is said to be from the French barbaque, "from snout to tail." Others say that America borrowed the name from the Indians of Louisiana, who grilled their meats on a wooden frame called barbecue.

Words Borrowed From Spain.

The Spaniards loaned many words to the vocabularies of letters in the Southwest. The first gold discovery in California was called a bonanza, from the Spanish word meaning "good-luck." Broncho is Spanish-American for a mustang, by broncho-busting is purely American in its origin and application. Cayuse is also Spanish, as is calaboose, a provincialism for the town of Jackson, Cal.

WILL CARRY OUT AGREEMENT

School Board to Pass Resolution and Suit to Be Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Mayor Schmitz today sent to President Roosevelt the following telegram:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (tomorrow) resolutions agreed upon will be adopted. Would suggest notice of dismissal of suit by you same day. Will live up to spirit and letter of agreement.

This dispatch means that the Board of Education tomorrow will pass a resolution in conformity with the agreement reached at Washington. The suit referred to is the one instituted by the Federal Government to enforce the rights of Japanese children. The following reply to the Mayor's telegram came from Washington:

I thank you and congratulate the people of the United States and especially the people of California on the outcome. I have directed dismissal of suit to take place immediately upon the adoption of resolutions by the Board of Education, as you request.

"HELLO" GIRLS ON STRIKE Operators in Western Montana Demand \$50 and \$60 a Month.

HELENA, Mont., March 12.—Alex Farrabee, president of the Montana State Federation of Labor, ordered a strike of telephone girls in Billings this afternoon, Red Lodge, Livingston, Lewistown and Great Falls. The demand is for the same wage scale prevalent in Helena, namely \$50 and \$60 a month, and that the Union girls discharged at Billings be reinstated.

Uncle Sam to Make Torpedoes. WASHINGTON, March 12.—Admiral Mason, chief of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance, has completed plans for the construction of a torpedo factory at the Newport Naval Station, and expects to advertise at once for proposals. This will be the first time the Government has undertaken to make its own torpedoes on a large scale.

The new factory will give employment to at least 200 skilled workmen. It is proposed to make every part of the torpedo except the steel shaft, which contains the compressed air used to drive the engine and propel the torpedo.

Housefurnishings Liquid Veneer Furniture Polish—Large size bottle, worth 60c—Special 39c Wire Rug Beaters—Extra strong, regularly 25c—Special 20c Fine New English China—in three different decorations; comes in dinner sets or odd pieces. Dinner sets—Of 167 pcs., priced at the set \$235



Every day brings more new arrivals in the Suit Room. Express shipments are keeping wagons busy. We're unpacking boxes every minute. Won't you look?

Shoes For Young Folks

Shoes for boys, misses and children for school wear, for dress wear, for anything. In each style we have all sizes and widths, making a perfect fit a certainty.

Style 463, for Young Ladies—Made of gunmetal calf, blucher cut, light soles; sizes 2 1/2 to 6, at \$3.50; sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at the pair \$3.00

Style 559, for Misses—Plain kid, with dull kid tops, regular lace style, with extension \$2.50

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Style 454, Misses' and Children—Dull kid tops, blucher cut, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, \$2.50; sizes 8 1/2 to 11 for \$2.00, and sizes 5 to 8 \$1.75

Style 550, School Shoes—Plain kid, blucher cut, with extension soles, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, \$2.19; sizes 8 1/2 to 11, for \$1.79; sizes 5 to 8, for only \$1.49

Style 775, for Boys—Norwegian calf, blucher cut, heavily quilted soles, with extension sole, sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 for \$2.89; sizes 1 to 2, pair, \$2.39; sizes 9 to 13 1/2, pair, \$1.98

Olas, Wortman & King Fifth St. Washington St. Sixth St. PORTLAND AGENTS ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS

Here's a Swagger Little Suit For \$20

Just Opened, fresh from the makers and ready to place on sale. Full of distinctive and original style, made of all wool materials; come in Eton or Pony jacket styles, jacket silk lined and trimmed with braid and buttons, three-quarter length sleeves, collars faced with fancy silk. Skirt comes in the popular plaited style. They come in black and white checks, tan and white checks, the very stylish stripes or plaids and invisible plaids. We hunted the entire garment market over to find these styles and values and we offer it as the best in these features to be had for the money. It's really a little wonder of a suit value, jaunty, natty style, materials that you can thoroughly depend on, \$20.00 and the price is only \$20.00

Superb Stock of White Goods

With so strong a "white season" as this promises to be, it behooves those who'd have full selections to buy early. You can't go wrong; so large an assortment as we can show you can suit the most exacting taste. Heavy white goods for washable tailored suits, many new ideas in mercerized effects, or the thin, gauzy materials that are dear to the heart of all women. Come a-lookin', we're always glad to show goods as nice as these.

Ribbon Sale

Twenty-three Cents the Yard for ribbon that always sells for 35c or more, that's what this sale is. The ribbon on sale comes in very pretty patterns, all silk, printed warp, and it is all 3 1/2 and 4 inches wide. Surely this is an offer worth while. We're selling this ribbon by the mile today—hurry in today \$23c for a few yards, at \$23c

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Men's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, printed in new, neat patterns, fancy borders; too good to sell at 10c—special \$66 "Vanderlog Sox," for feet that can't stand the ordinary kind—absolutely seamless, made of two-thread Egyptian yarn, with gusseted heel; reg. 25c value. 12 1/2c

WOULD END TREATY

Roosevelt Tells California Effect of Action.

ON JAPANESE EXCLUSION

Gillett Sends Dispatches to Legislature and Advises Nothing Be Done—Roosevelt Promises to Secure Exclusion.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 12.—The telegraphic correspondence between Governor Gillette and President Roosevelt on the subject of the proposed anti-Japanese legislation by the Legislature, was today submitted to that body by the Governor.

The Governor on March sent the following dispatch to the President: A bill now pending in our Legislature to submit to the voters two years from now the question as to whether or not Japanese labor shall be excluded from this country. Will direct the Legislature to take up your plans or make it more difficult for you to accomplish what you have undertaken to do by the way of Japanese exclusion. Please answer at once, as our Legislature is desirous of knowing concerning it.

Would End Negotiations. The President replied: I thank you for your kind and prompt attention to my request. Passage of a bill for submission to voters of California whether Japanese labor shall be excluded would interfere with my plans and make it more difficult for me to accomplish through the National Government what I am trying to do in the way of Japanese labor exclusion.

The assumption of power by the voters of California to settle this question, as urged by the National Government, would immediately end all my negotiations with Japan for friendly adjustment, because to negotiate a settlement we must have power to settle, while on the other hand California cannot negotiate a treaty under the constitution.

Nation Alone Can Exclude. It is, however, perfectly clear that under the constitution only the National Government can settle the question of exclusion, and such a vote of California as is proposed, would have to be treated as entirely advisory, while it would probably be regarded by those opposed to exclusion as an attempt to ignore the constitutional power of the United States and exclude Japanese in defiance of their treaty rights to come in.

I earnestly deprecate the passage of any legislation affecting the Japanese. The National Government has the matter in hand and can in all human probability secure the results that California desires, while at the same time preserving unbroken the friendly relations between the United States and Japan.

I have the interest of California most deeply at heart. I shall strive to accomplish for California, as for other states or sections of the Union, everything that can conserve

RIVAL TO BIG TRUST

Competition to United Cigar Stores Company.

WILL OPEN IN PORTLAND

Import Cigar Company, Backed by Frank Tilford, Promises to Open Chain of Stores in the Big Cities.

NEW YORK, March 12.—(Special.)—Fierce competition upon the United Cigar Stores Company is about to be started in every city of the country where the gift-giving retail tobacco center has its stores. Every store in Portland will be duplicated by the Import Cigar Company, which has just opened headquarters at 225 Fifth avenue, this city, and which is backed by Frank Tilford, the millionaire member of Park & Tilford, grocers, who is largely interested in the tobacco business.

Five stores have been leased in this city and work at establishing the chain of stores across the country will be started at once. Not only will the stores of the United Cigar Stores Company be duplicated, and even exceeded in appearance, but the business methods, including the giving of coupons calling for premiums, will be carried to even greater extent than by the original concern.

Mr. Tilford's position in the business world promises a lively fight.

Wonder of Japanese Navy. WASHINGTON, March 12.—A large number of American naval officers will watch with interest the entry into Hampton Roads May 5 next of the big Japanese

armored cruiser Tsukuga. Their interest is explained by two facts: First, that this is the ship with a speed on natural draught of about 22 knots, which is better than any of our own cruisers can do; was turned out from a Japanese shipyard by Japanese workmen, who are just beginning naval construction, yet the ship is perfect in every detail; and, second, that the vessel was under commission and on the high seas within two years from the date her keel was laid.

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EXPECT RETURN OF CASH

Detectives Think Treasury Money Was Loaned Tottering Bank.

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