BALLINGER GETS HIS MEN TO WORK

New Land Commissioner Making Good in Disorganized Office.

STARTS REFORM ALREADY

Insists on Promptness With Correspondence and Makes Clerks Farn Salaries-Burdened With Barnacles Ignorant of West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash orregionian news flureau. Washinston, March 21.—President Roosevelt picked the right man when he appointed R. A. Ballinger, of Seattle Commissioner of the General Land Office. Mr. Ballinger is going to make good. He is properly constituted to run a hig Government office on business principles; he is a good executive officer; he knows how to handle men and bow to direct their work, and, combined with other qualifications, he has a thorough, comprehensive and practical idea of the public land question.

Gallifornia the Santa Margarita tunnet will be repaired short of several days. It was hoped to open the valley line by this evening, but rain is falling again today and work is retarded.

The Salt Lake road reports no change in conditions on that line. It may be open shortly after April I, if no further damage ensues. The eastern lines of the Southern Pacific and Santa Pe are open. The indications are for more rain here.

CALIFORNIA STORM BROKEN land question

is not unusual for new Government It is not unusual for new Government officials to inaugurate reforms when they enter upon their public duties. In this respect Mr. Ballinger is like the resibut, unlike the great majority, he is not reforming for the sake of making a change, but reforming with a view to improving a badly disorganized service. He is reforming as fast as he finds need of reform, and only so fast.

Answers Letters Promptly.

Having had a vast amount of correspondence with the Land Office during the years he has been practicing law in Scattle. Mr. Bailinger had some idea of the way in which business was conducted in the Land Office at Washington. He knew, for instance, that correspondence was loosely handled; that letters were sometimes held six months before being sometimes neid six months perfore being scknowledged, when, under a good ad-ministration, they could have been an-swered the day they were received. Hav-ing personal knowledge on this point, the new Commissioner was not slow about issuing an order to the chiefs of all San divisions to the effect that all mail must thou be answered within 48 hours of receipt, except in cases where considerable search interaction can be supported by the cases of the cases are the exception, not the rule. Already Senators and Representatives and ac-credited attorneys have noticed a great change in the Land Office method of coa-

Makes Clerks Work Full Time.

When the President ordered the suspension of all public land entries pending examination in the field by a special agent, thousands upon thousands of cases accumulated in the Land Office because there were not enough special agents to make the necessary examinations. A few days ago the President revoked that order, the pending cases were released, and it was up to Mr. Ballinger to setrid of them as expeditiously as possible. He had been convinced that Government clerks in his department were not over-He had been convinced that Government cierks in his department were not over-burdened with work; he found that authority existed for temporarily prolonging their hours of labor and he forthwith asked the Secretary of the Interior to require the Land Office clerks to work an extra half hour each day until the congestion should be relieved. The Secretary is sustaining the new Commissioner and accordingly issued the order. retary is sustaining the new Commis-sioner and accordingly issued the order. This did not please the clerks, but it has demonstrated to them that they must do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay and they must apply them-selves during office hours. The more diligent they are, the sooner the con-gestion will be relieved and the sooner they will get back to the regular work-ing day of seven hours, not counting a half hour for lunch.

Office Badly Demoralized.

As a matter of fact, Ballinger has fallen into an office that is badly in need of reform. The Land Office became demoralized under Binger Hermann, of Cregon, Hermann had no executive ability; he was utterly incompetent to fill the position of Land Commissioner, and naturally many abuses grew up under his administration, which led to great confusion. Hermann's successor, while a practical Westerner, did not possess that rare executive ability that was demanded of a man in the position of Land Commissioner, though he did make a number of reforms. His great trouble was that he did not go far enough. Therefore, it was did not go far enough. Therefore, it was left to Mr. Ballinger to reorganize the Land Office and he has entered upon the task as if he were determined to make it

The General Land Office has more than its share of old. Incompetent clerks. Many of them have been there 20 years or more and, like all Government clerks of long service, they have fallen into ruts and it is hard to imbue them with new and mod-

isions are of this same sort; men who have been in their respective positions for two or shree decades. It is also a remarkable fact that only one chief of division in the Land Office is a Western man. The others come from states that have not an acre of public land and in consequence these chiefs have no practical idea of conditions in the West. Their colirs knowledge of the public domain has come through reading and through discussing land questions with men from the West. It is a second-hand knowledge. This is a serious handlesp to the Land Office and it would not be surprising if the flext year any many radical changes. the next year saw many radiesl changes in the make-up of the Commissioner's advisory staff. Such changes as this will not be made hastily, for the Commissioner will get thoroughly acquainted with the various division chiefs and ascertain for himself what men are competent and what men are not. But it is a competent and what men are not. But it is a competent and what men are not. But it is a safe bet that when-ever be finds a chief of division who is in-competent, he will find some way of re-placing him by a man competent to fill-the place.

Cannot Shake Them Off.

Under the civil service law there is no Under the civil service law there is no way of ridding the Government service of old worn-out clerks—"barnacles"—as they are called in Washington. They can be reduced in rank, but there is no provision for turning them out on the cold world. The Land Office is handicapped by the large number of barnacles that have been collected within its walls, and as long as they remain on the roll it will be difficult to keep the work of the office up to date.

It may be set down for a sure thing however, that, if any man can bring the work of the office up to date, Mr. Bailin-ger will do it. He's the right kind of man for the place and is the stronger in the position because he accepted the of-fice against his protest.

Stenographer Breaks Record.

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Miss Rose L.

Friese, two times winner of the National championship typewriting contest, at the Coliseum last night won the championship for the third time, winning permanently the silver cup offered and breaking the world's record for copying dictations from shorthand notes. The record she established last night was 2445 words in 30 minutes. This is 260 words better than her last record, which was made a year ago at the contest held at Madison Square Garden, New York. Garden, New York.

TRAINS EXCHANGE TRACKS

Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Make Wide Detours.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 22-The railroad situation between here and San Francisco is practically unchanged from yesterday. The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, by a combinaton of tracks, are able to get trains through the San Joaquin Valley. The Santa Fe is run-ning all trains regularly, although its line is still washed out at Stockton. At this point the Santa Fe is using the Southern Pacific tracks between Oakland and Calve.

The Southern Pacific is keeping both o its regular value trains running by de-touring over the Santa Fe between Mo-jave and Colton. The coast line is open as far as San Luis Obispo from Los Angeles. It is not expected that the dumage at the Santa Margarita tunnel

Floods Are Receding and Train Service Is Resumed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Insestorm which has bung over California has been broken and conditions everywhere have greatly improved. The rivers running through the great interior valleys which flooded vast tracts of land and threatened several cities have fallen rapidly, and no more damage from this source is apprehended. Tele-graph communication, which for a time was interrupted in every direction, has been restored. The Weather Bureau predicts clearing weather, though

been lifted, but both the Southern Pa-cific and Santa Fe Companies are mak-ing stremous efforts to repair their lines, which were damaged by wash-outs and landslides. Trains are being outs and anosines. Frains are cents run today over both the Ogden and San Joaquin Valley lines to the East, though they are not on regular schedule time. Traffic on the Shasta route is interrupted near Redding, and regular service cannot be resumed for several

service cannot be resumed for several days. The Coast line is blocked by a landslide at Santa Margarita and may be tied up for two or more days.

One overland limited train, leaving at noon today, will go East by way of Fresno, Stockton and Sacramento, making a detour of over 500 miles. Oregon trains leaving tonight are not expected.

ing a detour of over 500 miles. Oregon trains leaving tonight are not expected to get beyond Kennett.

Many railroad passengers are going from here to Pertland, Or. by steamer, transportation being supplied by the railroad companies. Thirteen delayed overland trains are expected to arrive here today.

Levees Break at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 22.-Re ports from the down-river district are to the effect that the levees have broken in four piaces between Court-land and Walnut Grove. Liver, Staten, New Hope and Brannan Islands are flooded. The only islands which have thus far withstood the storm are Grand, Ryner and Sherman, but when the morning reports were received the crest of the flood had not reached them.

Utah Train Service Demoralized.

OGDEN, Utah, March 22,+Nothing more than a stub train carrying passengers is to leave Ogden over the Union Pacific this afternoon. Railroad traffic in every direction is demoralized. The Southern Pacific has scheduled a train from Sacramento to arrive late this evening with-

MURDERER HAS POSSE AT BAY

Crazed Italian Miner Fortified in Lonely Mountain Hut.

SPOKANE, Wash, March 22—(Special.)—Chief Constable of Provincial Police Bullock Webster, Constable Young, of Nelson, and Constable Wilson, of Creston, B. C., with a posee of citizens, are endeavoring tonight, under cover of darkness, to surround a lonely hut on a craggy bluff on the southern end of Lake Kootenny, where a ball-crazed Italian prospector. Glacomo Tornetti, after hav-ing murdered his mate. Guiseppi Aerreni,

Ing murdered his mate, Guiseppi Aerreni, is holding the posse at bay with a rifle and \$10 worth of cartridges purchased before his crime was discovered.

Tornetti murdered his comrade during a quarrel and then took refuge in the shack, which is on a bluff overlooking the lake, not far from Kuskanook, Wilson proceeded to the spot, but on his way up the steep bluff was met with a ferce sommand to balt under pair of death What is still more deplorable is the fact that the chiefs of many of the distribut the chiefs of many of the distribute are of this same sort; men who have been in their respective positions.

The plan of the united police is to rush the but under cover of darkness, even at the cost of a life or two,

MAY GET TACOMA FRANCHISE

Bellingham Is Anxions to Enter the Northwestern League

BELLINGHAM, Wash, March 2 - "Bellingham can have a buseball franchise if it wants it," said W. H. Lucas, president of the Northwestern League, who arrived in the city today at room. "Tacoma has decided that it does not want to retain the team, and Mike Lynch and a team already signed up will acc pany the franchise if it comes to Belling-

Lateas is having no difficulty in secur-ing the bonus wanted and will probably close a contract for placing the team

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GREAT INVENTION

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POSSIBLE RESULT OF WAR

Inventor of Explosives Declares Pacific Coast Defenseless and Japan Could Occupy California Before We Got Ready.

NEW YORK, March 21-Hudson Max-im, inventor of high explosives, made the dinner tendered Sir Percy Sanderson, retiring British Consul, by the Canadian Club tonight, the occasion of the first announcement concerning a new safety de-tonating fuse which he has invented after ten years of experimenting and which, he declares, has been the aim of inventors for years. By it, he said it is possible to send an armor-piercing shell through armor and cause it to explode at exactly the distance behind the armor desired by the gunner. It will not matter whether the armor is one inch or 12 inches in thickness, the inventor said.

Final Victory Over Armor.

Mr. Maxim recalled that several years ago he made the Canadian Society dinner ago he made the Canadian Society dinner the vehicle to carry to the world the news of his invention of the high explo-sive now known as maximite. Tonight's announcement, he said, marks another step forward in the art of war mechanics and means the final victory over armor, as at present hardened, by armor-piercing shells.

By the new safety detonating fuse, Mr. Maxim said, he could tell the dinsit. Maxim said, he could tell the din-ers about a new smokeless powder, stabilite, which he had just begun to manufacture, but which is still in the process of experimentation. This new weapon of modern warfare. Mr. Max-im declared, would wipe out, he was canvinced, many elements of danger attaching to the use of smokeless pow-der.

Pacific Coast Defenseless.

The speaker prefaced his talk about high explosives by a talk on the com-paratively undefended scaboards on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the

Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States. The tremendous expense of modern warfare, he said, makes the unprepared nation the only inviting bait. He continued:

Poor old China is a good sample of what may happen to a nation unprepared to maintain its own peace by being prepared for war. We are relatively as defenseless as China, Suppose some other nation should attempt to force our hand and call our bluff. Thanks to England, she does not call the bluff. call the bluff.

When the Venezuelan trouble came we put our backs up and showed our teeth, and do you know what the real truth was? Our capacity, our National capacity, for the manufacture of amokeless powder at that time was one charge for one 10-inch gun each day. Now, as a matter of fact, on our Pacific Coast we are absolutely defenseless.

Japanese have 730,000 trained veterans and we have 50,000 veterans—who spend their time in shoveling and in waiting on the What Japan Could Do.

It is true that we have got behind us the great American genius, but, while that is getting to work, the Japanese might capture the Pacific Slope, land 250,000 troops and occupy California. And Cali-fornia is rich enough in her own right to support the whole Japanese mation. In experiments at Indian Head on Tues

It is possible to so adjust the fuse that it will be utterly impossible for the shell to explode after it has been fired from the gun. This is highly important in the use of high explosives.

The new powder is not affected by the impurities. It will not decompose like the ordinary powder. It can be made and used in the same day. I think it will save from \$300,000 to \$350,000 in interest money to the Government annually.

The

Spring

Medicine

WIFE AND PARTNER DIE Mrs. Fred Belasco's Death Fatal Shock to W. A. Mayer.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.-Mrs. Fred SAN FRANCISM, March 12-Mirs Fred Belaxco, wife of the senior partner of the Aleazar Theater, and known on the stage under the name of Juliet Crosby, died suddenly at I o'clock this morning, and an hour later M. A. Mayer, Mr. Belasco's partner, died of the shock.

The Belasco and Mayer families lived in adjoining flats on Sutter street, near Laguna. Mayer married Belasco's sister and the two have been associated.

Laguna. Mayer married Belasco's asster, and the two have been associated in business for several years. Mayer has not been in good health, and when he got a message informing him of Mrs. Belasco's death he felt to the floor in a swoon. He did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Belasco's celebrated, her. 20th

Mrs. Belasco celebrated her 30th birthday lost Saturday. She made her first appearance on the stage of the old Alcazar theater, where Fred Be-lasco, the young manager, fell in love with her, and they were married nine years ago. She was possessed of won-derful versatility and frequently took part in plays on less than 20 hours' preparation, having her lines perfect.

The Belascos were extremely happy in their married life, and the husband is prostrated by the shock of her death.

Both Mrs. Frederick Belasco and Mr. Mayer are well known in Portland, both in theatrical and social circles. Mrs. Be-lasco was last in this city when her husband came here to prepare for the open-ing of the Belasco Theater, now the Hel-lig. At that time she desired to be the leading woman of the stock company which the firm was organizing for Port land, but Mr. Belasco preferred having her in San Francisco with him.

Ar Juliet Crosby, Mrs. Belasco was popular with the patrons of the old Alcagar, in San Francisco. She also appeared for a special starring engage ment with the Belasco stock company in Los Angeles, for several weeks last Summer. One of her pronounced successes was playing the title role in "Madam Butterfly," the dramatic version of her brother-an-law, David Be-

Mr. Mayer was the business head of the firm of Belasco & Mayer, while Belasco attended to the theatrical department. Mayer was instrumental in having the firm buy the Belasco Theater property on Washington street, which was sold recently to a syndicate headed by S. Morton Cohn. While the company lost money in its stock company, the sale of the property re-imbursed the investors.

Mr. Mayer was very oppular with the

Mr. Mayer was very popular with the people in his employ and one of his hab-its was to take all the members of the stock company out to dinner when he visited Portland or Los Angeles.

SHIP IS FAST ON ROCKS

Northwestern May Be Total Wreck on La Touche Island.

SEATTLE, March 22.-A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez, Alaska, The steamer Portland arrived here at

midnight with the passengers and mail from the steamer Northwestern, which was wrecked Tuesday morning on a rock near Beatson's wharf. LaTouche Island. The vessel was leaving the bay en route to Valdez, when a flurry of wind caught her and threw her bow on, on the rocks. She went on easily and Captain Truebridge thought no damage done, but he could not pull her off.

As the tide lowered the steamship settled on the rock supplies her best or the steamship betaled.

tied on the rock, punching holes in the forward compariments. The forward bulkhead held and the engine-room and freight compariments are still dry, though there is 17 feet of water in the forward

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\$5000 to float the vessel from the rock on which she is impaled. which she is impaled.

Captain Truebridge will return to the wreck tonight by the Santa Clara, taking with him gasoline tanks for air drums, with which he hopes to lighten the bow of the vessel. In case he is successful he will beach the ship, but he has little hope of being able to dislodge her.

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Death in Prairie Fire.

BONESTEEL S. D. March 22.-A terrible prairie fire driven by a fierce wind, raged on the reservation west of here yesterday. Mrs. C. B. Younn and her daughter have been burned to death. The entire population of Herrick fought the Baunes to save the town. Many farmhouses have been burned.

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