

GIVE UP PER; ESCAPE PENALTY

Offer Is Made to Government by the Harriman Coal Companies.

LAND IS WORTH MILLIONS

Attempt to Secure Immunity From Prosecution by Restoring Land Fraudulently Obtained, But Only Part of Plunder.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(Special.)—It was learned tonight that the Harriman corporations, whose ramifications extend to coal lands and other vast interests in the Far West, are offering to restore to the Government properties they have heretofore claimed as theirs by good and ample title. They purport to do this rather than be prosecuted.

Coal land worth in the aggregate millions of dollars is to be restored to the public domain, as a result of recent activities of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Commission several months ago investigated the land frauds in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. It was found that this whole section was honeycombed with corruption and its reports indicated that the General Land Office had been either hopelessly incompetent or worse in permitting the railroad companies and their allied corporations, the Union Pacific Coal Company, the Utah Fuel Company and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to secure, by various and devious methods, control of great areas of the richest coal land in the West.

Offers to Capitulate. As a result of its investigations, the Department of Justice was given transcripts of testimony taken at Omaha, Salt Lake, Denver and Pueblo by Interstate Commissioners "Proty and Clark" and was directed by the President to prosecute in any case where there was ground for prosecution.

At the first suggestion of prosecution, however, the Union Pacific Coal Company has capitulated. It has made a proposition to the Government that it will return a large area of Wyoming coal land and accept of a large area of land which is worthless. The Government law officers of course considered this proposition and, while final action has not been taken, it was learned from the authority of men who have been conducting the investigation that it will probably be accepted and the land returned to the public domain.

Got Scrip Land by Fraud. But this is only a beginning. The land involved in this case was secured under "Surveyor-General's scrip." This is a sort of license issued by the General Land Office to people to whom by error land has been granted. It was not really the property of the Government. The scrip entitled the holder to his choice of an equal area of non-mineral land, and the Union Pacific Coal Company is a subsidiary corporation of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. All the stock of the company, except qualifying shares for directors, is owned by the railroad company. The coal company has secured a large amount of this scrip and used it to secure entry of land, which was rich in the finest bituminous coal of the Wyoming field.

Offers Only Part of Whole. As it is the coal company is anxious to return the valuable land to the Government and to end the matter will not be allowed to end there. While there is no possible defense to the title under which this scrip land has been claimed, although very valuable, constitutes only a small part of the coal land now held by the Union Pacific Railroad, the Union Pacific Coal Company, the Utah Fuel Company and other concerns, the title to which is under investigation.

LETTERS FROM MRS. EDDY

Mother of Christian Science Names Trustees and Tells Reasons.

CONCORD, N. H., April 3.—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy issued a note tonight bearing on her appointment of trustees to handle her estate, as announced in the notice filed in the Merrimack County Supreme Court yesterday in the action brought to compel an accounting of her property. The note, which was sent out from "Pleasant View," bearing the signature of Mrs. Eddy, follows:

I am pleased to say that the following members constitute the board of trustees who own my property:

1. Henry M. Baker, who won a suit at law in Washington, D. C., for which it is alleged he was paid the sum of \$100,000 before he was received by a native of New Hampshire.

2. Archibald McLellan, editor-in-chief of the Christian Science periodicals, circulating in the five grand divisions of our globe; also in Canada, Australia, etc.

3. Josiah E. Pernal, Justice of the Peace and member of the National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.

To the aforesaid trustees I have committed the affairs remaining of the estate of my beloved son, the labor that is known and loved by the human race, and which I have no doubt will be a blessing to the world and time for spiritual thought and the higher criticism.

LETTERS TO MOTHER CHURCH

Tells "Beloved Children" Not to Fret About Evil-doers.

BOSTON, April 3.—Two communications from Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy were read at tonight's meeting of the First Church of Christian Science, the mother church of the denomination. The first communication was addressed to the mother church. In it Mrs. Eddy says:

"When I was a child I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, when I became a man I got away childish things." That passage of scripture and its concluding declaration may be applied to old age is a solace.

Perhaps you already know that I have heretofore personally attended to my secular affairs, to my income, deposits, investments, expenditures and my employees. But the increasing demands upon my time and labor and my yearning for more peace in my advancing years have caused me to resign the management of my affairs to the charge of my property, namely, Henry M. Baker, Archibald McLellan and Joseph E. Pernal.

As you are the first reader of my church in Boston of about 40,000 members, I inform you of this aforesaid transaction. Lovingly yours in Christ, Mary Baker Eddy.

SAYS ACTION PROVES CHARGE

Plaintiffs' Counsel Consider Mrs. Eddy's Incapacity Admitted.

CONCORD, N. H., April 3.—Counsel for the plaintiffs in the Eddy case said today that it appeared to them that Mr. Streeter, personal counsel for Mrs. Eddy, and those who have charge of her case have after mature deliberation arrived at the same conclusion as to the incapacity of Mrs. Eddy to manage her business affairs that her son reported when he saw her in January. This suit, they declared, is not directed to Mrs. Eddy or at Christian Science. The position of the petitioners from the beginning has been that, because of her incapacity to manage her business affairs, reformation as to the management, control and accounting thereof was necessary for her protection.

Now that the imperative need of this reform is conceded, counsel said, a restraining question would seem to be whether the interests of Mrs. Eddy will be cared for and protected by a receiver appointed by the court or by trustees appointed by an acting guardian as a continuation of the old regime.

ISLANDS ARE NO PACIFIED

NEW SECRET SOCIETY FAVORS SECESSION TO JAPAN.

Factory Makes Uniforms for Filipinos to Fight for Japan—Brigands Roam Many Provinces.

MANILA, April 7.—The President's proclamation fixing July 30 as the date for the election of a National Assembly finds a somewhat involved political situation in the islands.

Puljanism still exists in Samar and, while the authorities have no fear that it will result in an insurrection, brigandage in the unsettled areas still prevails. In Nueva Ecija, Laguna, Pampanga, Bulacan, Tayabas and Cavite provinces, the Japanese sentiment is apparently under a pretext to incite the people. The progress party is not considered likely to elect its whole ticket, as the independent party is making a strong showing. Advice from the provinces indicate that the two parties' friends are inconstant, both posing as friends or as enemies of the Americans, as the situation demands.

The Governor of Laguna Province has discovered the existence of a reorganized society, similar to that formed under Spanish rule, now headed by Domingo Gamboa, a man allied to Dr. E. E. Eddy, a martyr in the cause of the Filipinos. The reorganized society shows the elapsing hands of the Japanese and Filipino, and the right path of the members ends with the words "without quarrel."

A factory where uniforms were made to clothe Filipino soldiers to fight for the Japanese has been discovered at Tayabas, 62 miles from Manila. The Government has been informed of the situation and the facts have not been made public.

Ladronism exists in the Iloilo and Capiz districts of Panay, but the constabulary continues to make progress in the Samar and Leyte districts matters are improving slowly. The other provinces are only active politically.

SENDS BOMB TO HIS RIVAL

Massachusetts Man Makes Physical Wreck of Man Girl Preferred.

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CHURCH MERGER OPPOSED

Disciples and Baptists in Negotiation on Union.

CINCINNATI, April 4.—With a proposition before it looking towards the merger of the Disciples and Baptist Church organization, the ninth annual congress of the Disciples of Christ met here today. The merger was fought on the ground that the missionary society funds given for a specific purpose cannot be applied to educational purposes, and that complications would arise if the educational work, comprising some forty Christian colleges in various parts of the country, should be placed in control of the missionary societies.

Before the educational society the shortage in the number of ministers was the principal topic.

THE LAWSON IS IN PERIL

Lost in Gale by Gunboat, Which Suffers Much Damage.

CHARLESTOWN, April 2.—The gunboat Paul Jones from Sabine Pass bound for Morris Hook, Va., came into port today seriously damaged by a storm. The captain says the schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which was in tow, parted the hawser during the height of the gale and had not been seen since.

The Lawson is a schooner of 4000 tons net register, was loaded with oil and had a full crew and equipment.

The average size of a laborer's family in England and the United States is three persons; in Germany, five persons.

HITS AT HIS FOES

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I do hereby and for the reason here stated withdraw my name from your further consideration as a party candidate for the Mayoralty, reserving to myself the right and privilege at any time to put the matter to the supreme test before the people should I care to do so.

Thanking you and through you the Democratic party for the many favors which it has granted me, I am, Very respectfully yours, HARRY LANE.

The reply of Mr. Thomas will be received by Mayor Lane today. It was written last night and is as follows:

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Incidentally, it is my belief that the principle of Democracy is to grant to each individual independence in belief and action. That Democratic principles are broad enough to cover every interest whether small or great, whether National or local, is my truly, G. H. THOMAS, Chairman Democratic County Central Committee.

Clever Move on Lane's Part. That Lane has a clever purpose in view, not revealed upon the surface of the letter, is the opinion in Democratic circles. His only probable opponent for the Democratic nomination is Chairman Thomas. There is reason to believe that Mayor Lane and his advisers are very confident that Lane would beat Thomas for the Democratic nomination and that the Republicans would have the following only a minority in the Democratic party. This minority is practically the same as opposed the nomination of Word for Sheriff a year ago and threw its votes to Stevens, the Republican candidate. These votes unquestionably elected Stevens and defeated Word. There is reason to believe that if these votes should be cast against Lane and for a Republican candidate for Mayor, last year's outcome might be repeated. Lane seems to be taking steps to keep this vote away from the Republican nominee.

This he might accomplish by staying out of the Democratic primaries, allowing Thomas to win the Democratic nomination and thus keep a large number of dissatisfied Democrats away from the Republican nominee. They would probably go for Lane the Democratic nominee and his chief opponent the Republican nominee. In carrying out this programme Lane evidently would expect to receive the large bulk of the Democratic votes, just the same as if he were the Democratic nominee. This means of course that Lane would run independent. It will be observed that Lane has been strongly hinted at this outcome by "reserving the right to put the matter to the supreme test before, should I care to do so."

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PEACE IN PROSPECT

Trainmen's Offer May Avert Railroad Strike.

ANSWER TO ULTIMATUM

Government Mediators' Work Has Good Prospect of Success—Long Conference Ends in Proposition of Compromise.

CHICAGO, April 3.—A settlement of the controversy between the Western railroads and their conductors and trainmen seems nearer tonight than at any time since Commissioners Knapp and Neill succeeded in behalf of peace. After the delivery of the ultimatum of the general managers to the representatives of the men this afternoon, a long conference was held and the final result was that the labor leaders came to an agreement which they requested the Government officials to deliver to the managers tomorrow.

While it is not known officially what the exact nature or what the basis of settlement agreed upon is, it is stated by a man in authority that the prospects for a peaceable settlement of the difficulty were bright tonight.

Brewery Strike Is Settled. ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Contracts for three years were signed by the representatives of the various brewers and the striking employees, and the strike was officially declared terminated today. There was a deadlock for two hours before the contracts were signed because the proprietors insisted on the insertion of an arbitration clause in all contracts. The strikers objected but finally yielded. The increase in wages and the changes in hours go into effect immediately. Operations will be resumed in the breweries as usually tomorrow.

TACOMA STAYS IN LEAGUE

Bellingham Promised Admittance When Portland Comes In.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—"For business reasons" Bellingham was today thrust out of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League. Tacoma, which had surrendered the franchise because backing was not sufficient, was reinstated, and the other club bailed. Bellingham will comprise Butte, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Vancouver, B. C.

A meeting of the directors and president representing Bellingham was being represented. Bellingham was placated with the promise that when Portland comes in next year the League will be made eight clubs and will include Bellingham.

CHURCH IS SUED FOR SALARY

Pastor's Son Forecloses Mortgage on Salem Edifice.

SALEM, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—Proceedings have been commenced in the Circuit Court here by Oscar W. T. Mueller, son of the late Rev. Jacob Mueller, for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage given by the Reformed Bethany Church of this city, to secure the payment of a promissory note aggregating the sum of \$200, which covers the services of Rev. Mr. Mueller as pastor of the church for a period of 28 years.

It appears from the action that the deceased received practically no compensation for his services during all that time, and the son is now trying to secure payment for the benefit of the family. Before this amount due the father, Oscar Mueller, also holds a note for \$200, the payment of which is included in the mortgage property.

ASTORIA MURDER CASE OPENS

Case of Captain C. M. Forest, charged with murdering George Fisher, a member of the crew of the schooner Annie Larsen, was called for trial in the Circuit Court this afternoon. When court adjourned this evening the panel of 24 jurymen had been selected and only eight escaped. The Sheriff was instructed to summon a special venire of 12 talsmen to report tomorrow morning.

HE WANTED TO BE SENATOR.

Roosevelt's Explanation of Harriman's Interest in Depeu.

It was authoritatively declared today at the White House that the real reason for E. H. Harriman's interest in the election of the state ticket in New York in 1904, reference to which was made in the communications which passed between him and the President, was that he desired to advance his own ambitions. It is asserted that Mr. Harriman wanted the position of Senator, now filled by Mr. Depeu, and that this was the reason why he was anxious to have him appointed Ambassador to Paris. The inference from Mr. Harriman's attitude, according to the statement made at the White House, was that if Mr. Depeu could be induced to go to Paris Governor Higgins was prepared to appoint him to the vacancy.

ITALIAN MARQUIS SHOOT HIMSELF.

FLORENCE, April 3.—Marquis Glindo Peruzzi de Medici committed suicide with

CONSPIRACY TO THWART

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the Fall of 1904, when he raised his famous \$200,000 fund, Mr. Harriman was ambitious to become United States senator did not budge the little financier from his determination to remain silent. Mr. Harriman, when asked if he had anything to add to his formal statement, replied:

"Don't you think I've said enough?" Later, when asked to make a statement relative to his Senatorship aspirations, Mr. Harriman refused positively to say anything.

Men who have received many letters from Mr. Harriman and are familiar with his phraseology declared positively today that he never constructed the letter which he sent to Sidney Webster. He has a peculiar blunt style and generally uses blunt sentences. It was declared that the Webster letter was too lucid, clear and cleverly written for Mr. Harriman to have been the first author. The supposition is that Mr. Harriman had one of his numerous secretaries or lawyers draw up the form of a letter and that he used the draft in the dictated letter sent to Mr. Webster.

It is the opinion that there are still many interesting chapters yet to be disclosed concerning the intricate plot.

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