



SCHIVELY REFUSES TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Insurance Investigation Is Closed.

STATE TREASURER TO BE NEXT

John G. Lewis Asked That His Books Be Checked.

STATE OFFICERS TREMBLE

Lax Methods of Auditing Stir Up Public Sentiment and Disclosures of Unintentional Law-breaking Are Feared Everywhere.

SEALED CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST E. W. ROSS, LAND COMMISSIONER.

OLYMPIA, May 12.—When the legislative committee that is investigating state officers met today, sealed charges against State Land Commissioner E. W. Ross were read. The charges were sent from Seattle, and their nature was not announced. The findings of the committee in the case of ex-Secretary of State Sam H. Nichols, resigned, and Insurance Commissioner John H. Schively, both charged with exacting exorbitant fees from insurance companies, will be reported to Governor Hoy next Monday. Members of the committee deny charges have been filed against Land Commissioner Ross.

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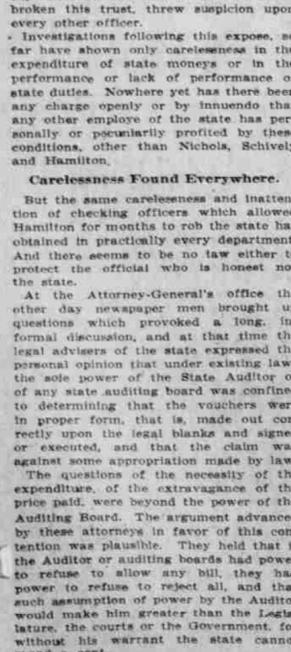
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Insurance Commissioner J. H. Schively, by his attorney, George Israel, today refused to testify before the legislative investigating committee on the ground it might tend to incriminate him. The committee then announced no more witnesses would be called in the insurance department investigation, and after writing some documentary evidence into the record, the investigation of that department would be considered closed. Chairman Allen announced the committee will now check up the office of the State Treasurer, as requested by Treasurer John G. Lewis, "and at the conclusion of that examination will possibly hold another open session of this week, if anything develops that we want to take up in open session."

State Officers Disorganized. Washington's entire state administration is disorganized, officials and clerks are all wondering "where they are at," and nearly every one on the payroll is unsettled whether his official head is to fall into the basket or not. A week ago things were different. Then it was thought the resignation of Secretary of State Sam H. Nichols and the expected resignation of Insurance Commissioner J. H. Schively would clear up the atmosphere, the legislative investigating committee would make its report on those two officers, the Attorney-General would decide to prosecute no further, so long as the two officials had quit, and things here would settle down to the usual calm that obtains when the Legislature is not in session. The Hamilton expose was a bomb. It exposed the carelessness, the recklessness and generally unsatisfactory condition of the Auditing Department of the state. That Hamilton, whom all men had trusted, whom all had felt confidence in, had broken this trust, threw suspicion upon every other officer. Investigations following this expose, so far have shown only carelessness in the expenditure of state moneys or in the performance or lack of performance of state duties. Nowhere yet has there been any charge openly or by innuendo that any other employee of the state has personally or pecuniarily profited by these conditions, other than Nichols, Schively and Hamilton.

Carelessness Found Everywhere. But the same carelessness and inattention of checking officers which allowed Hamilton for months to rob the state has obtained in practically every department. And there seems to be no law either to protect the official who is honest nor the state. At the Attorney-General's office the other day newspaper men brought up questions which provoked a long, informal discussion, and at that time the legal advisers of the state expressed the personal opinion that under existing laws the sole power of the State Auditor or of any state auditing board was confined to determining that the vouchers were in proper form, that is, made out correctly upon the legal blanks and signed or executed, and that the claim was against some appropriation made by law. The questions of the necessity of the expenditure, of the extravagance of the price paid, were beyond the power of the Auditing Board. The argument advanced by these attorneys in favor of this contention was plausible. They held that if the Auditor or auditing boards had power to refuse to allow any bill, they had power to refuse to reject all, and that such assumption of power by the Auditor would make him greater than the Legislature, the courts or the Government, for without his warrant the state cannot spend a cent. They held further the sole purpose of

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WIRELESS USED TO LIGHT AUDITORIUM

HARRIMAN ELECTRICIAN DOES WONDERFUL FEAT.

Transmits Power Six Miles in Air, and Floods Omaha Hall With Brilliant Rays.

OMAHA, Neb., May 12.—Lighting by electricity without the use of wires was successfully accomplished by Dr. Frederick H. Millner at the Electrical Exposition now in progress at the Omaha Auditorium. The doctor is with the Union Pacific as experimental electrician, and is working on a cable wireless signal for the control of trains. This is to be worked in connection with the block signal system. One year ago, in the Union Pacific shops in Omaha, Dr. Millner constructed an electric truck to travel about the yards by wireless. This truck is started by wireless and goes four speeds ahead and four speeds back without any power other than the wireless. By an apparatus somewhat similar to that used with the truck, the switch at the Omaha Auditorium is opened and closed. The lighting of the Auditorium is something that is beyond the power of any person to explain. Through the courtesy of Colonel Glasford at Fort Omaha, the wireless apparatus there is put in operation, then at the Auditorium, six miles away, by an instrument constructed by Dr. Millner, the electric waves are gathered, brought into the Auditorium, where, after the electric power from the lighting plant has been cut, they pass to the switchboard and out over the wires and through the hundreds of lamps. This wireless power can be thrown on or off simply by pushing a button in the little machine constructed by the doctor.

Taft Favors Road Work

Thinks Good Roads Movement Will Aid Unemployed Men.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Taft today addressed the following letter to C. Jefferson Davis, president of the Unemployed Protective Association, whose headquarters are at Cincinnati, O.: "I have your letter and suggestion with reference to methods which shall increase the amount of work and render employed the unemployed. I understand you are about to attend the Good Roads convention at Baltimore, and I have no doubt that the proposition for the construction of good roads and further attention to them means a great deal more work for the unemployed. I write this to you to express my sympathy with the work you are trying to do, and my willingness to assist wherever it is consistent with my views of the National jurisdiction."

DEPUTY LOCKED IN JAIL

Prisoner Makes Escape From Clark County Lock-up.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Slamming a heavy door of the County Jail shut in the face of George Johnson, a Deputy Sheriff, Charles Kitchen, sentenced to 15 years for burglary two weeks ago, left the unlucky deputy locked in the jail and made a dash for liberty. Using the deputy's keys, Kitchen unlocked the front door and ran off. Officer Cresap, who saw the fugitive, fired two shots at him when he would not halt, but neither is thought to have taken effect. All exits from the city are being watched. Mrs. Sappington, wife of the Sheriff, heard Johnson's knocks and cries and let him out.

WESTON ENCOUNTERS GALE

Wind Blows Veteran Pedestrian Into Ditch, but He Plods On.

ELLSWORTH, Kan., May 12.—Edward Payson Weston, who is walking to the Pacific Coast, had not reached here at midnight, although he was momentarily expected. He left Salt Lake, 40 miles east, shortly after 12 o'clock, and was reported as making good progress, despite rough roads and high winds. Weston was blown into ditches several times and the light in his lantern was extinguished, but he kept plodding on, declaring he could lose no time.

FRAUDS ON COLLECTORS

London Art Dealers Accused of Swindles Involving Huge Sums.

LONDON, May 12.—Frauds involving hundreds of thousands of dollars are alleged against a number of well-known Bond street dealers in a suit now being heard before Justice Grantham. The charges are brought by the executors of the estate of the late C. Dickens, who are suing a dealer named Arthur Ellis. They allege that Ellis defrauded Mr. Dickens by palming off on him spurious Mexican chinaware as old Dresden.

DIVORCE RECORDS BROKEN

San Francisco Judge Grants Seven Decrees in 28 Minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Seven divorces in 28 minutes—just four minutes to a decree—was the new record established today in the speedy dissolution of the marriage bond by Superior Judge George H. Cabanis. The Judge was in a hurry and took the examination of the seven plaintiffs and seven corroborating witnesses out of the hands of the attorneys. The quickness with which questions and answers came made the court gasp.

MORE FROST IN FRUIT BELT

Colorado Orchards in Danger of Freezing Weather Again.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., May 12.—The weather observation tonight predicts that before morning the temperature will probably go below the freezing point in some portions of the Grand Junction fruit region. The advanced condition of the buds makes cold weather at this time doubly dangerous. Preparations for smudging have been made.

LOVE FEAST HELD WITH SEATTLE MEN

Sound City Says Nice Things to Portland.

"HEALTHY RIVALRY" STIMULUS

Trip Over Fair Grounds and Banquet Arranged.

TOWNS GIVE GREETINGS

Stops Made at Olympia and Tacoma and Villages Along Route Turn Out to Welcome Party With Brass Bands and Speeches.

VALUES HAIR ABOVE LIFE

Denver Woman Dies Because She Refused to Have Haircut.

DENVER, May 12.—That Mrs. Manna Patter Walley, 24 years old, sacrificed her life rather than submit to the loss of her luxuriant tresses is the belief of Denver physicians who attended the woman until her death. Mrs. Walley died yesterday at her home in Berkeley, where she had gone in the hope of regaining her health. It is the opinion of the physicians that the vitality which should have sustained Mrs. Walley was consumed in her great wealth of hair, which had attained the length of 90 inches, and was of a deep auburn color. When told she must lose her tresses or perhaps die she chose the latter course and would not hear of having her locks shorn.

Taft to Aid at Opening

President Accepts Invitation to Visit Gunnison Tunnel.

MONTROSE, Colo., May 12.—The committee having in charge the celebration incident to the approaching opening of the Gunnison tunnel today received a letter from President Taft, accepting an invitation to attend the opening. Acceptances have also been received from Director Newell, of the Reclamation Service; Chief Forester Pinchot and President Taft. The acceptance of President Taft is held in high esteem, being held between August 15 and 20.

Seattle Boosts Portland.

At the dinner given on the Exposition grounds tonight by the officers of the Exposition and the Chamber of Commerce, the glory of Portland was acclaimed as earnestly as that of Seattle. It was also pointed out that the A-Y-P Exposition was not a Seattle show, but a fair that would result in benefit to the entire Northwest. The hosts and guests also agreed that the healthful business rivalry between the two cities was a stimulus that could bring only good results. The train bearing the Portland excursionists arrived in Seattle shortly after 4 o'clock. The visitors were met at the station by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the officers of the Exposition. Special cars were provided to take the party to the Exposition grounds, where the visitors were shown about the buildings. At 7 o'clock a dinner was given at the Washington Cafe, on the grounds. Before introducing the speakers, President J. E. Chillberg paid a compliment to the people of Oregon for their progressiveness. "Oregon was the first state to make an appropriation for participation in the fair," said he. "You were the first" (Concluded on Page 4.)

RADICAL CHANGE IN INTERIOR RATES

RAILROADS PROPOSE PLAN TO INTERSTATE BOARD.

Will Deal Blow to Pacific Coast Cities for Benefit of Interior Towns.

CHICAGO, May 12.—(Special.)—The most radical change in the history of Western railroads in the method of rate-making will soon be made, if the plan prepared by transcontinental railroads should be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. A committee of traffic executive officials of Western roads is in Washington and will appear before the commission tomorrow and present to that body a comprehensive plan for a reduction in rates from the Middle West to Interior Pacific Coast points in line with the decision of the commission in the Spokane rate case. The committee is headed by J. C. Stubbs, traffic Director for the Harriman lines, and the proposed reductions in many of the commodity rates vary from 25 to 50 per cent. If the plan goes through it will be a severe blow to Pacific Coast cities; will increase the business of the Middle West and intermediate points and will result in the building up of jobbing centers at Salt Lake, Denver, Reno and other inland points. The plan goes through it will be a severe blow to Pacific Coast cities; will increase the business of the Middle West and intermediate points and will result in the building up of jobbing centers at Salt Lake, Denver, Reno and other inland points.

PARIS MAY BE GENERAL

Host of Most Active Men Dismissed.

CONTEST MAY BE GENERAL

All Paris Unions Prepare to Aid Postal Employees.

MINERS REFUSE TO HELP

Walk-out on First Day Is Only Scattering and Mails Are Interrupted at Few Points—Violence Is Discouraged.

PLAN BIG COAL MERGER

United Companies Will Have Capital of Over \$37,000,000.

BALTIMORE, May 12.—The Consolidated Coal Company today announced that negotiations had been completed for merging the Piedmont Coal Company, the Somerset Coal Company, the Clarksburg Fuel Company, the Pittsburg & Fairmont Fuel Company and their subsidiaries, including railroads, floating equipment, docks and other property with the Consolidated, thus making the latter corporation the largest mining industry of its kind in the world. The companies have a combined capital stock of \$37,000,000 and own and control 200,000 acres of coal lands in Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

SCIENCE FAILS TO CURE

Consumptive Girl Inhales Gas While Reading Eddy Cult.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—Miss Myrtle Brown, a High School pupil, daughter of well-to-do parents in Glendale, was found dead in a lodging-house here today. She had inhaled gas and while dying had read from "Unity of Good," by Mrs. Eddy, the book being found beside her body clamped in her hand. Her father, who identified the body, can give no reason for her suicide other than that Christian Science had failed to cure her of consumption.

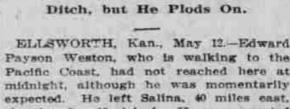
BONI WILL GO HUNTING

Anna Gould's Former Husband Going to Canadian Rockies.

MONTREAL, May 12.—The Canadian Pacific Railway today received a communication from Count Boni de Castellane, ex-husband of Anna Gould, asking that arrangements be made for guides, etc., for a hunting trip after big game in the Rocky Mountains the end of July.

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PREMIER CLEMENCEAU OF FRANCE.

SCORE HURLED TO DEATH BY BLAST

Half Ton of Dynamite Fired Prematurely.

CITY OF ALBANY IS SHAKEN

Officers of Quarry Company Among Those Killed.

DEAD SCATTERED ON HILL

Preparations to Enlarge Quarry by Firing 8000 Pounds of Explosive Had Been Made When Accident Occurred.

1000 Pounds Explode.

One thousand pounds of dynamite exploded and the bodies were hurled hundreds of feet. As darkness was falling a wagon drew up to the engine-house loaded with bodies that had been picked up back on the quarry hill. The preparations for today's blast had been going on for six weeks. Thirteen holes, 25 feet deep, had been drilled at points about 25 feet back of the big quarry and the explosion of the dynamite, with which they were to be loaded, was expected to displace 40,000 tons of rock.

Part of Charge Placed.

More than 800 pounds of dynamite were to have been used. The workmen had placed 500 pounds in six of the holes and were working on the seventh, when a percussion cap was discharged prematurely. A terrific explosion followed, throwing tons of rock into the air, and scattering the bodies of the victims in all directions. The explosion was distinctly felt in this city, and many people thought the shock was one of earthquake. As no second shock followed, the alarm soon subsided.

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