

MONDELL BACKS SEC. BALLINGER

Public Land Question Comes Up in Bill Before Congress.

CHANGE IN COAL LAND LAW

Wyoming Congressman Seeks to Dispose of Surface Rights to Property as Though No Coal Existed Beneath.

ORIGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Dec. 6.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the House committee on public lands, today introduced a bill following the lines of Secretary Ballinger's recent recommendations, permitting the surface entry of public lands known to contain coal deposits.

In the main, the bill provides that public land known to be underlain with coal in commercial quantities, shall, so far as the surface is concerned, be open to entry under the homestead or desert land act, according to the character of the surface land, and shall also be subject to selection under the Carey act, with a view to its irrigation.

Plan to Separate Rights.

It is the purpose of the bill to entirely separate the surface rights from the rights to the coal beneath. If the present coal land laws are continued in effect, the coal will be subject to entry under prevailing regulations. If the new law is changed, then the coal deposits will be subject to entry or to lease in accordance with the provisions of the new statute. But the Mondell bill is independent upon a coal land law for its enforcement; it disposes solely of the surface rights, as though no coal existed beneath the surface.

Mr. Mondell is frank to say that it will take a great deal of discussion and practical testing to make the bill workable. He will bring it before his committee at the earliest possible date; will have hearings and get the views of officials and members competent to discuss the subject, and will bring it before the assembly early date to get the bill in shape for consideration by the House.

There are many of intricate features to be worked out. Some provision must be made for adjusting conflicts between the surface entryman and the man who later obtains the coal, or a lease to work the same. To some extent there will be conflict, and this must be regulated by law, or else there will be endless friction.

Instance Given in Illustration.

For instance, a surface entryman may build his home, barns and other buildings, lay out his fields, and make all improvements. The coal land entryman coming along later may find that he can best develop the coal by sinking a shaft on the site of the house or barn. To permit him arbitrarily to compel the settler to move his building without compensation would be unjust; yet in some instances there might be good reason why he should be permitted to sink his shaft where he can do it to best advantage. Some basis of remuneration must be provided, but how to do it effectively presents a nice problem. Again, there must be some provision in the law which will protect the settler from reckless prospecting all over his land, to the detriment of his fields, crops and property.

This conflict of interests is the one great drawback to the dual system of developing lands containing coal deposits, and until it can be worked out satisfactorily, legislation of this character will stand little chance of passing. It is to meet this situation that Mr. Mondell is introducing his bill this early in the session.

CALHOUN TRIAL REOPENS

San Francisco Court Again Hears Alleged Bribery Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The second trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with offering a bribe to a board of supervisors during the administration of Mayor Schmitz, was resumed today before Judge Lawrence. A special venire of talesmen was summoned and the examination of prospective jurors was resumed. During the first part of the trial, which was postponed on account of the impending municipal election, three jurors were passed subject to peremptory challenge, and the trial was postponed on account of further examination. The defendant appeared in court but was excused from attendance today. Assistant District Attorney O'Grady appeared for the people and the defendant was represented by Stanley Moore.

CONTROLLER'S POWER OK'D

Government's Right to Examine Banks Affirmed by Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—That the Controller of the Currency is an agent of the Government with power to examine into the affairs of National banks was decided by the Supreme Court in the United States vs. John M. Corbett and others in favor of the Government. Corbett, cashier of the First National Bank of Ladysmith, Wis., was indicted with others on the charge of making a false report to the Controller.

MICE BITES KILL INFANT

Pets Gnaw Hands of Babe as It Sleeps, Poison Fatal.

BARNWELL, S. C., Dec. 4.—Blood poisoning, caused by the bites of pet white mice, resulted in the death of the six-week-old child of E. W. Holman. Last Friday afternoon the child was left alone on a bed. The mice, which were pets of the babe's elder sister, climbed on the bed and gnawed the infant's hands. Her cries brought assistance, but the lacerations resulted fatally.

WIFE TOO FOND, HE SAYS

Man Who Lives With Mother Wants Divorce From Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A well-dressed, well-groomed young man entered the West 100th street station last night with an indignant expression on his

face. He walked to the desk and greeted Lieutenant Sheehan and then asked the officer if he could tell him how he could obtain a separation from his wife. The seeker after advice said that he had recently married a young woman and that at the time it was expressly understood that she was not to look to him for support, as he had to take care of his mother.

Then, with a sullen look, he told Lieutenant Sheehan that his wife had been visiting his home nearly every day, had been staying to dinner, and had remained over night far too often to suit him. He made his statements without a smile, and as if he were the most aggrieved person on the face of the earth. "How can I get a separation," he again asked the Lieutenant.

"You had better go to the morgue," said the Lieutenant, "taking his visitor over from head to foot. That's the only place I know where you can get one."

The man, whose identity the police were unable to learn, turned away with a disgusted gesture and walked to the door. Outside the station he was approached and asked for his name. "Who are you? What do you do?" he questioned in turn. "No, I will not tell my name," he said, and hurried away.

BIG SCHOONER ASHORE

MAJESTIC GOES AGROUND ON POINT PFEIFFER.

Captain and Crew of Nine Men Reach Land Safely—Vessel Owned in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The steam schooner Majestic, bound from San Pedro to this port in ballast, is ashore, Captain E. Keegan and the crew of nine men got ashore safely after the schooner went aground on Point Pfeiffer. The schooner, which is a vessel of 449 tons, is owned by I. J. Harmon and leased by H. J. Knowles, both of this city.

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 6.—Captain E. Keegan and his crew of nine men from the wrecked steam schooner Majestic arrived at Monterey, 25 miles north of the scene of the wreck, today, and told the story of the wreck. He said that he endeavors to keep his vessel 12 miles off shore, but the strong westerly current, combined with the wind, carried her toward the land. One blade of the McCulloch screw was breaking to a great height, and along the shore was a perpendicular bluff, toward which the vessel was rapidly driven, soon striking the shore.

At daylight a boat carrying a line succeeded in reaching the shore, but it was nearly 24 hours later before the crew was landed. First Mate Trainor had a narrow escape from drowning. While climbing up the face of the bluff he fell a distance of 20 feet into the sea, but was rescued by the sailors at the risk of their lives.

The members of the crew are now at Pfeiffer's ranch house, eight miles from the stranded steamer, which has been carried up on the sandy beach under the bluff by the heavy seas, and which will probably be total loss. The Majestic was built only a year ago. She cost \$150,000.

The revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch, which arrived here today, left immediately for the scene of the wreck, and will attempt to float the stranded vessel. The cutter reported having passed the schooner, which is now being towed by the tug Navigator with the steamer Excelsior in tow off Davenport's Landing, making slow progress toward San Francisco. The Excelsior was driven ashore at Moss Landing during the storm that wrecked the Majestic, but was floated.

STEAMERS COLLIDE, ONE SINKS

Cleveland Boat Lost, With Other Badly Damaged.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 6.—A wireless message from a steamer down the St. Mary's river has reported a collision between the two vessels. The crew of the Steinhilber was taken off, while the crew of the Berwind remained on board.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS LOSE

Racetrack Men May Have to Stand Trial in Omaha.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—United States District Judge Van Fleet today denied the petition of E. C. Moore, R. D. Prentiss and W. D. Prentiss, who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States of Omaha for trial on charges of alleged prizefight and racetrack swindlers. Counsel for the men announced they would appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The defendants allege that the conspiracy of which they are charged was formed in Canada, out of the jurisdiction of the Omaha court.

JAPANESE REACH HAWAII

Baron Shibusawa Placed Under Guard at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Dec. 6.—The Honorary Commercial Commissioner of Japan arrived here today on their return home from their three months' tour of the United States. After a reception, the delegates were taken about the island in automobiles. At the request of the local Japanese Consul, Baron Shibusawa, the leader of the delegation, was guarded by a special detail of plain clothes men. This action was taken because of the manifestations made here against the Japanese by Corcoran after the recent assassination of Prince Ito.

\$30,000,000 CLAIM LET GO

Mrs. Yerkes Relinquishes Interest in Big Estate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Judge Cutting, in the Probate, confirmed an agreement entered into some weeks ago by Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles L. Yerkes, the executor of the traction magnate's estate, and heirs of the estate, by which Mrs. Yerkes relinquishes personal claim to property in New York and Chicago valued at \$30,000,000.

Plot to Kill Kaiser Revealed.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—An anarchist weekly, the Freie Arbeiter, says the sudden arrests at Breslau last week, on the occasion of Emperor William's visit to the Cardinal Knip, were due to the discovery of a plot to assassinate the Emperor in which plot one Noack was supposed to be the ringleader.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IS ASSURED

Chairman Alexander, of House Committee, Asks Data to Be Given Him.

IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

In Spite of Demand for Economy, It Is Hoped to Get Through Measure Providing for Most Important Projects With Low Figure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—There is every indication that a river and harbor bill will be passed this session.

Chairman Alexander, of the House committee on rivers and harbors, today sent notification to all the members that they will be asked soon to submit whatever data they desire considered by his committee with respect to appropriations for their respective districts.

To those whom he saw personally, Chairman Alexander said it was his purpose to pass a river and harbor bill this session, notwithstanding a general demand for economy. An effort will be made, however, to hold the bill down to a comparatively low figure, eliminating all but the most necessary projects.

MONEY ADVISED TO BE SPENT

Secretary of Treasury Recommends Much for Northwest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—In his estimates to Congress today the Secretary of the Treasury recommended the following appropriations, which are of interest to the Northwest: For the mouth of the Columbia river, \$1,500,000. For the Cello Canal, \$1,000,000. For the Columbia River Lightship, \$100,000. For Crater Lake Park, \$500,000. For the Columbia River quarantine station, \$450,000. For the administration of reserves, Oregon, \$280,042; Washington, \$258,809; Idaho, \$426,680. Puget Sound Navy Yard, \$921,000. Pacific Coast torpedo station, \$145,000. Continuation of a road up Mount Rainier, \$25,000. Public buildings, as follows: Tacoma, \$150,000; North Yakima, \$25,000; Bellingham, \$25,000; Lewiston, Idaho, \$10,000; Moscow, Idaho, \$10,000. Construction of a small non-seagoing light vessel for Pacific coast, entrance to Puget Sound, \$90,000. Kelleys Bluff lighthouse, Henry Island, Washington, \$20,000. Aids to navigation in Puget Sound, \$41,600. Aids to navigation in Alaska, \$80,000. Steam lighthouse tender for Alaska, \$225,000. Marking the Alaska boundary, \$100,000. Care of Alaska, \$10,000. Education in Alaska, \$200,000. Alaska cables and telegraph systems, \$75,000. Survey and allotting Colville Reservation, \$22,000. Classification and appraisal of Yakima lands, \$20,000.

SEATTLE CANAL BILL PUT IN

Government Asked for \$2,500,000 to Make Fresh-Water Harbor.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Announcement was made at the Interior Department today that in view of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of water power sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger has withdrawn temporarily from all forms of entry 56,471 acres along Snake River in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, 2471 acres along South Boulder Creek in Colorado, 1760 acres along Warner Creek in Oregon and 400 acres along Tunk Creek in Washington. These also have been withdrawn from immediate entry 241,298 acres in Wyoming and Idaho, for it has been discovered that they contain valuable deposits of phosphates. This was done, it was said, awaiting proposed legislation, affecting the disposal of phosphate lands.

BALLINGER WITHDRAWS LAND

Takes Out 56,471 Acres on Snake, 1760 Acres on Warner Creek.

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ELLIS TO AID SHERMAN COUNTY

Will Introduce Bill for Relief of Those Illegally Dispossessed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Ellis said today he would present and soon introduce a bill for the relief of the Sherman County settlers, who were dispossessed of legally entered lands because of conflicting rulings of the Interior Department, which gave their farms to the Northern Pacific under its grant. He hopes to have this measure considered this session.

VERY WOULD QUIT HIS JOB

District Attorney of Eastern Washington Has Had Enough.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Washington Senators today received word from A. G. Avery, District Attorney for Eastern Washington, that he will not be a candidate for re-appointment. His successor has not yet been chosen.

Shoup Statue to Be Accepted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Heyburn and Representative Hammer will tomorrow introduce resolutions providing for the formal acceptance by Congress of a marble statue of Senator Shoup, of Idaho, recently erected in Shoup Hall in the Capitol building. The ceremonies will probably be held Saturday, January 15.

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White, soft Wool Blankets, cozy, comfortable and with pretty borders; regular values \$5.50 and \$6.00; special, \$4.35 and Vicuna Brown Blankets, very heavy and close woven; easily sold at regular retail price of \$5.00; now, special for only \$3.95. Scarlet Wool Blankets—very fine material and weave. For those who prefer a warm color, this is a bargain; regular \$6.50, now \$5.00. Sanitary Gray Blankets—very fine weave; soft and of splendid quality; a blanket regularly sold for \$5.50; special now for \$4.45. Dainty pink Wool Blankets. These are a specially attractive lot, \$5.00 close-woven, strong and lasting; regular price \$6.50; special for \$5.00. BATH ROBE BLANKETS—A very fine quality of material, just the thing for after the bath. Reversible colors of a score of kinds. Brown, white, gray, blue and red predominate in delicate mixtures. Any taste easily suited in colors and shades. Regular price, \$2.50 each; SPECIAL NOW FOR ONLY \$1.95. ALL-WOOL WHITE BLANKETS, from \$6.00 to \$25.00 per pair. In a variety of plaids. We also show Auto Robes and Steamer Blankets.

CHINA AFTER HARBIN Russian Rights There Not Political, Complains Empire. STATE DEPARTMENT HEARS Circular Invokes Agreement Between Emperor and Russo-Chinese Bank Creating Chinese-Eastern Railway. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The State Department has received a long circular note from the Chinese government restating the principles involved in the Harbin situation and invoking the agreement of 1896 between China and the Russo-Chinese bank, creating the Chinese Eastern Railway, to show that the Russian rights recognized therein were only such as were natural and necessary to its business management and showing that no political rights were thus transferred to Russia. China protests that the exercise of rights of administration at Harbin and along the Chinese Eastern Railway is also a violation of the principles of the treaty of Portsmouth. The Russians, under an agreement entered into at St. Petersburg with Li Hung Chang, the Chinese envoy sent there to the coronation of Emperor Nicholas, claim not only exclusive jurisdiction of the Eastern Siberian road, but they also claim authority over the cities and towns along this road to exclusion of Chinese authority. The United States has heretofore protected against these claims on the part of Russia, on the ground that they involve Chinese sovereignty in these cities and towns, notably Harbin. The United States has heretofore protected against these claims on the part of Russia, on the ground that they involve Chinese sovereignty in these cities and towns, notably Harbin. The United States has heretofore protected against these claims on the part of Russia, on the ground that they involve Chinese sovereignty in these cities and towns, notably Harbin.

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