

NO LIMIT PUT UPON SCOPE OF INQUIRY

Ballinger-Pinchot Investigation Begun.

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION

Facts and Underlying Motives to Have Thorough Airing.

"MUCKRAKERS" TO TESTIFY

Department of Interior and Forestry Bureau to Be Subjected to Rigid Inspection — Nelson Likely to Preside at Hearings.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—President Taft has approved the Jones-Humphrey resolution for the investigation by a joint committee of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, which for a time threatened almost to wreck his administration, and the resolution was introduced in each branch of Congress today. It is a resolution purposely designed to give the committee the fullest scope for its work. Its joint authors are from the State of Washington.

Six Senators and six members of the House will constitute the committee. They are empowered to "make a thorough and complete investigation of the Interior Department, its several bureaus, officers and employees, and of the Bureau of Forestry in the Agricultural Department." The resolution directs inquiry into the subjects of "the reclamation, conservation, management and disposal of the public land of the United States, or any land held in trust by the United States for any purpose, including all the natural resources of such lands." The usual power to sit in the recesses of Congress, to summon and compel the attendance of all witnesses and to obtain documents is granted. In other words, if the inquiry is not as thorough, and if it does not go as deeply into the subject matter as that of any committee ever appointed by Congress, it will not be for want of authority so to do.

Committee Has Full Power.

Not only is authority given to probe into the merits of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, so far as it relates to the conservation and management of the public lands, but there is additional authority sufficient to go beneath the surface, to find the motive, to ascertain where the whole thing originated, and to discover whether, as is believed generally here, the whole series of attacks upon Judge Ballinger was inspired in the Forestry Bureau. If it is found that it was so inspired, the committee has full power to ascertain exactly which persons were parties to or the instigators of the attack. Under the broadest possible power to summon witnesses, there is little chance for the guilty ones to escape.

One feature of the investigation will be the opportunity it will give for the examination of the so-called "muckrakers" of Eastern magazine journalism, who have hoisted in some instances of their intention to force Secretary Ballinger out of the Cabinet. The jurisdiction of the committee is not limited. Thus, the magazine writers, whether they live in Washington, or in New York, or any other point, or whether they are in the field, will be compelled, when subpoenaed, to come and explain—and to substantiate, if they can—many of the things they have been telling their readers in the past six months. The country will have an opportunity to judge for itself how reliable they are. This one feature of the investigation promises to furnish the committee with much amusement.

"Muckrakers" to Be Called.

On the first list of witnesses summoned, therefore, it is likely that there will appear the following names:

I. R. Glavis, late special agent, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, Overton W. Price, Secretary of Forestry, A. C. Shaw, law officer, Forest Service, John B. Matthews, magazine writer, Norman Hays, editor of Colliers, Mark Sullivan, Colliers, R. W. Woolsey, magazine writer, H. A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, Fred Danneberg, Commissioner General of the Land Office, Frank Pierce, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

President Taft intends to have the committee name a competent attorney to conduct the investigation in chief and it is believed likely that each of the principals will be represented by counsel. The provision of the resolution for the employment of assistance, "legal or otherwise," has the full approval of the President. It will permit, also, if it is found advisable, the employment of experts in the subjects into which the committee will inquire.

Nelson Likely to Be Chairman.

Naturally there is speculation concerning the personnel of the committee. This cannot be foretold now with exactness. There is no doubt that Senate Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, who is chairman of the Senate committee on public lands, will be named by the Vice-President as one of the Senate members, and it is likely that he will head the list and that ultimately he will be chosen as the chairman of the joint committee. Indications are that he will be chosen as the chairman of the joint committee. Indications are that he will be chosen as the chairman of the joint committee.

COTTON MARKET LONGS IN PANIC

SENSATIONAL BREAK SENDS PRICE TO LOWEST LEVEL.

Big Southern Bulls Buy 150,000 Bales in Effectual Effort to Check Decline.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—There was a sensational break in the cotton market late today, with May delivery selling off to 15.60c, or 57 points lower than last night, 64 points below the best level of the day and 34 points or \$4.39 per bale below the high level of the season.

The weakness in the stock market probably contributed to the Wall-street selling, but selling orders came from all directions and it looked as if there was a regular panic among the longs, following the record-breaking advances of late last year.

It was rumored that the cotton interests were unloading and it was also reported that a strong Wall-street clique had been formed to depress prices in consequence of the failure of trade demand to improve as rapidly as expected with the turn of the day.

Today's advance from the South were generally bullish. There were rumors of increased offerings, which probably aided in precipitating the tremendous liquidation late in the day. It is estimated that the big Southern bulls bought fully 150,000 bales in an effectual effort to check the decline.

ARMLESS, BUT BEATS WIFE

Spouse Black and Blue From Blows When Police Arrive.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—A special from Everett today says: Everett has an armless wife-beater. Richard Beardon lost his arms in a railroad accident some years ago, but he is still beating his wife with the clubs. Beardon was arrested Sunday morning on complaint of his wife's parents. A call was sent to the police station for an officer and the answering officer found a window broken and evidences of a rough house. To the arresting officer Mrs. Beardon said she did not wish to see her husband again. Last evening Beardon's father-in-law brought to the police station the prisoner's effects in a flour sack.

HUGHES OPPOSES NEW TAX

Governor Would Limit Source of Income Subject to Levy.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Governor Hughes, in his annual message to the Legislature today, dwelt at length on the proposed constitutional amendment conferring on the Federal Government the power to lay and collect an income tax "from whatever source derived" without apportionment among the states according to population, and in conclusion recommended that this amendment be not adopted.

The Governor said he was in favor of giving the Federal Government power to tax all incomes, save those derived from state or municipal bonds.

HIS SUBSTITUTE IS JAILED

Brother Takes Prisoner's Place in Box but Is Detected.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 5.—During the trial today of Joseph Rossi, charged with being the leader of a gang of box-car thieves, the defendant disappeared while the court was taking a recess and his brother, Frank Rossi, took his place before the bar. The brothers bear a striking resemblance, but the substitution was discovered.

The real defendant was haled into court and the substitute was sent to jail for five days for contempt of court.

CLEMENS STILL GRIEVES

Mark Twain Sails Again for Sojourn in Bermuda.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—In bad health and grief stricken at the recent death of his daughter, Jean, Samuel L. Clemens, sailed for Bermuda today. Mr. Clemens said the ailment of which he complained on his arrival from Bermuda two weeks ago had returned. He attributed the pain in his left breast, however, to indigestion, "and that is not the sort of ailment that causes people to die," he added. He expects to be away for a month.

GOVERNORS JOIN HANDS

Executives of Texas and Coahuila Exchange Greetings.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Governor Jesus de Valle, of Coahuila, Mexico, and Governor Campbell, of Texas, are, and by their staffs, met today at Spofford, Tex., near the international border, exchanged greetings and together went to Del Rio, Tex., on a special train. At Del Rio three days' festivities have been arranged in their honor. The meeting is for the purpose of cementing the friendly relations of the two adjoining border states, and getting the Governors better acquainted.

THREE SCORE ARE MISSING

Twelve Fishing Boats and Crews Disappear After Storm.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 5.—Twelve boats and 60 men of the Canso fishing fleet have been missing since yesterday's gale, and the Department of Marine and Fisheries has been asked to despatch steamers in search of them.

SELL CHINA ROAD, PROPOSES KNOX

United States Offers Manchurian Plan.

RUSSIA NOT READY TO AGREE

Neutralize Railroad and Avert Danger of Invasion.

NEW ROAD IS PROJECTED

Knox Supports American-British Scheme, but Russia Will Oppose Strenuously — Secretary's Aim is to Head Off Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—The Russian Foreign Office has received a memorandum from the United States Government proposing as a solution for the Manchurian dispute the neutralization of railroads in Manchuria by their sale to China, financed by an international syndicate.

The United States invites Russian participation in such a scheme. Supervision of the railroads would be placed thereby in the hands of the powers responsible for the financial arrangement, who would see that the lines were conducted on a purely business basis, and not used for political or strategic purposes.

Last October, when a meeting was arranged at Harbin between M. Kokovoff, the Russian Minister of Finance, and the late Lord Rothen, then president of the privy council of Japan, the sale of the Russian railroad interests in Manchuria was being considered seriously. The success of the present plan is dependent upon Japan's assent.

Equal Opportunity, Is Aim.

The advantages of such an arrangement from the viewpoint of international relations are believed to be many. It would remove a constant source of friction between Russia and Japan; the doctrine of equal opportunity would be safeguarded by the powers, and by closing the line to the transportation of troops and munitions, Russia's anxiety with reference to a Japanese attack upon Siberia would be relieved.

American Road Opposed.

The American memorandum further announces that a syndicate composed of Americans and Englishmen has obtained the concession for the construction of a railroad from Aigun, in Northern Manchuria, to Chiu Chow Pa, and that the British and American governments intend to support it diplomatically.

This part of the memorandum has been received less favorably by Russia, for.

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MURDER ON TRAIN AROUSES FRANCE

DEMAND IS MADE FOR AMERICAN STYLE OF CARS.

Confession of Soldiers Who Slew Mme. Gouin Shows How Easy Train Crimes Are.

PARIS, France, Jan. 5.—(Special).—Confession of two soldiers who are accused of killing Mme. Gouin, the wealthy widow of Jules Edouard Gouin, who was governor of the Bank of France, on a train near Paris, December 18, have demonstrated so forcibly the insecurity of travel in Europe that there is a strong demand for reform, which may lead to the Americanization of train service, at least in France.

After maintaining innocence for a week, the men broke down and gave the details of the crime, which showed how easy it is to commit a murder on a train even during such a short journey as that between Fontainebleau and Paris.

Mme. Gouin was alone in a first-class compartment when, watching her opportunity, two soldiers entered from the corridor. While the train was between Fontainebleau and Paris, they got in their hands only five francs (\$1) and some jewels.

Although there were passengers in adjoining compartments of the car, they heard no noise because of the rattle of the train.

Coincident with the arrest of the murderers of Mme. Gouin, is the trial at Nice of a man for shooting a wealthy passenger on a train, with robbery as a motive. The revelations have alarmed foreign tourists, who often carry large sums of money.

PREACHER'S TRIAL BEGINS

Elopes With Girl, but Forgiving Wife Helps Him Secure Bail.

OTTAWA, Kan., Jan. 5.—The trial of Rev. Wallace M. Stuckey, the Williamsburg editor-preacher, on a charge of abducting 15-year-old Lorena Southerland, began here today.

Stuckey, while pastor of a church at Williamsburg, disappeared with the girl last summer and later was found living with her at Waukegan, Ill.

Stuckey was arrested and the girl was rescued back by her parents.

Stuckey abandoned his wife and children to go away with Miss Southerland, but his wife arranged for his bond and defense.

AMERICAN HELD TO BLAME

Engineer on Russian Submarine Must Serve Week in Prison.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—Joseph K. Meade, an American, and two local engineers were condemned by the Superior Court to one week's arrest for negligence in connection with the explosion on the submarine Dragon in the Neva River last August. This reverses the decision of the Admiralty investigating committee.

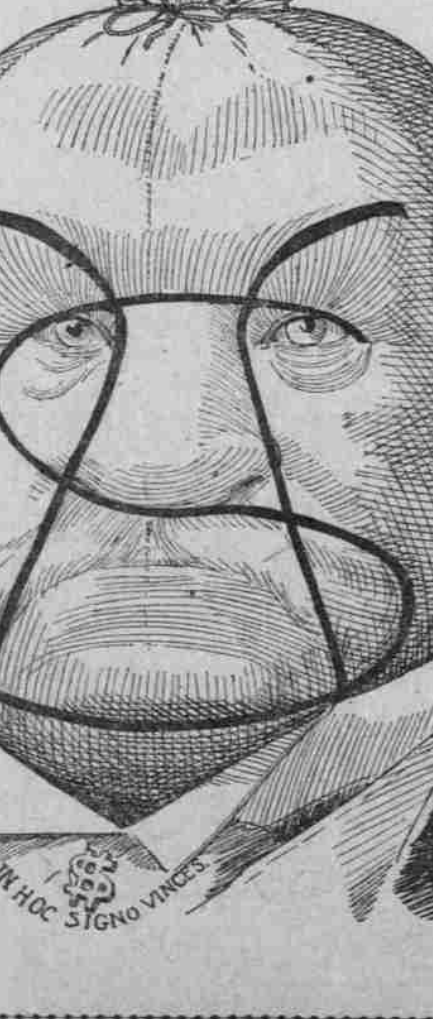
Meade, whose home is in Baltimore, was the engineer of the Dragon. He and 15 others were injured in the explosion.

FIVE BURNED WITH HOME

Three Generations Die When Kentucky Home Is Destroyed.

BURNSIDE, Ky., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Martha Corder, her daughter, Mrs. James Kidd, and three small children were burned to death in a fire today, which destroyed the Kidds' home at Plevens, Ky.

HEAD OF THE MONEY TRUST.



TAFT USES 'STATUS QUO' AS BIG STICK

Not All Insurgents Incur Displeasure.

LASH IS FOR EXTREMISTS

Defeat of Alliance With Democrats Is Purpose Sought.

HITCHCOCK NOT TALKING

President Holds That Patronage Implies Reciprocal Support — Senate Thus Far Not Involved in Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—While no formal statement was forthcoming at the White House today, there was no attempt in Administration circles to deny that President Taft is withholding certain customary Congressional patronage from those insurgent Senators and Representatives who, adherents of the President say, show no disposition to support Administration measures.

President Taft is reported as taking the attitude that if an obligation rests upon him to give certain patronage to a representative of his party, there is a reciprocal obligation upon the representative to support the President.

Whip Misused, Say Some.

Several of the so-called "insurgents" came out in interviews today, saying that they heartily agreed with the President's legislative programme and asserting that instead of using the "whip" on them, the President should use it on those leaders who in the past had opposed the Roosevelt policy which Mr. Taft is seeking to enact into law.

On the part of the President it was said today that withholding of patronage does not apply to all the "insurgents" and has absolutely nothing to do with their fight against Speaker Cannon or the House rules.

Obligation Is "Reciprocal."

Victor Rosewater, Republican National committeeman from Nebraska, one of the insurgent states, saw President Taft this afternoon and, in an authorized interview, said:

"The President said to me that he wanted me to help correct reports that are being circulated to the effect that he is using the patronage club to whip so-called 'insurgents' into line.

"The President says that there is a well-founded custom that has become a rule that, in making certain appointments, such as Postmasters, the President should act on recommendation of members of Congress in whose districts the appointments lie, if represented by a member of the same political party. This obligation resting on the President, however, is reciprocal, he feels.

Status Quo Is Preserved.

"The Republican Congressmen, he declares, is under a similar obligation to support legislation recommended by the

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MOUNTAIN AT LAST SCALED IN WINTER

TACOMANS ACCOMPLISH INITIAL FEAT ON EAGLE PEAK.

Professor Leads Four Young Men to Dizzy Heights Near Mt. Rainier on New Year's Day.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—For the first time in the history of mountain climbing by white men, Eagle Peak, near Mount Rainier, has been scaled in winter. The ascent was made on New Year's day by a Tacoma professor and four young men.

The party was headed by Professor J. E. Flett, of the high school, who was accompanied by George Casar, Dugal Judson, Don and Fred Winston.

Starting for the summit at 8 A. M., Saturday, the party reached the crest at 2 P. M. after a hazardous climb, especially from an altitude of 4500 feet to 6000 feet at the summit.

In crossing Lake Christine the party had to wade through soft snow nearly to their necks. The snow to the peak averaged from four to six feet and was very soft, making climbing extremely difficult.

Although the ascent was made the day Tacoma was visited by one of its worst storms, there was no wind at the summit of Eagle Peak.

SOLDIER FOUND STARVING

Aged James Ennis, War Veteran, Refuses to Become County Charge.

Penniless, without a morsel to eat and already in a near-starving condition, James Ennis, a pioneer and old soldier, was found on the west side of the Willamette River Tuesday with only a shelter of slabs against a log.

He was independent and declined to become a county charge.

Rev. D. A. Thompson, assisted by some of the members of the Presbyterian Church, is looking after the old man, who declared that he would never go to the poor farm, but would go to the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. Application has been made for his admission there.

Ennis was at one time a member of the Portland police force and fought in the Rogue River and Nez Percés Indian wars.

FACE TWISTED, BOY SUES

Teacher Rebukes Him for Expression He Cannot Control.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Raymond M. Atherton, a boy, has entered suit in the Superior Court for \$20,000 damages against the city of Tacoma, alleging that as a result of an electric shock administered to his face were contracted, causing him to be rebuked by his schoolteacher for facial expressions for which he was not responsible, and that he is unable to attend school for this reason.

He also alleges that his nervous system was badly shattered and that he lost a finger of his right hand. He alleges he received the shock while attempting to turn on a light October 18, 1908.

FRANCHISES MAY BE LOST

Probe Committee Makes Recommendations in Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Mayor Taylor today received the report of the committee appointed by him in October, 1908, to investigate the most important of municipal corruption in San Francisco, as disclosed by the investigation of the Oliver Curtis deal, the most important of these are the annulment of franchises that have been obtained by fraud; the enactment of a statute compelling public service corporations to testify against themselves and the chasing as a felony of the sale of columns of a newspaper unless plainly marked as columns sold.

MATCHES KILL TWO BABES

Little Ones Eat Off Heads of Phosphorus Tapers.

OAKLAND, Jan. 5.—The poisonous sulphur of perfor matches claimed its second tiny victim within a week here today when two-year-old Viola Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown, died after eating the heads off a bunch of phosphorus tapers.

On Saturday last Francis Bishop, two years old, met a like fate.

TRAIN KILLS DEAF CHILD

Ten-Year-Old Girl Meets Horrible Death at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Annie Stogard, 10-year-old daughter of Andrew Stogard, was run over and killed in the local railroad yards this afternoon.

The child was playing near the track unattended by the trainmen, and, being deaf and dumb, she could not hear the train.

COOS MINERS ON STRIKE

Oregon Coal Company Refuses Advance in Wages.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—The miners at the Libby coal mine, owned by the Oregon Coal & Navigation Company, went on strike today. The trouble arose over a demand for increased wages, which the owners refused to grant.

LOVE MAN CAUSES ROCK ISLAND DROP

Rumors of Reid's Plans Unsettle Market.

RAILROAD MAN TO RETIRE?

Denials of Reported Action Come Too Late.

STOCK BREAKS 71-2 POINTS

Weakness in Preferred and Common Issues Has Unsettling Effect on Wall Street's List. Steel Falls.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(Special).—Following the announcement that the Rock Island had passed the quarterly dividend period without declaring a payment on the preferred shares, the Rock Island stocks today broke precipitately, the common declining 7 1/2 points and the preferred 3 1/2 points.

The weakness in these issues had an unsettling effect on the whole list. Steel common lost 1 1/2 and declines of two to three points in 14 other leading stocks were noted.

Preferred and common were sold heavily during the first hour on stories that Daniel G. Reid, one of the most prominent of the Rock Island group, had suddenly decided to close out his stock market interests and sail for an extended trip abroad.

Stock Drops Before Rumor Denied.

Before these rumors could be denied, Rock Island preferred broke 3 1/2 points and the common nearly 5, compared with last night's closing.

At Mr. Reid's office it was said positively that the stories of a European trip were absolutely without foundation.

Wall street believed that dividends would be resumed on the preferred stock at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. A number of people who are usually well informed still believe that dividends will be declared in the near future despite the recent, erratic movement in the common shares.

Reid to Retire From Steel Trust?

A high official of the United States

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