

CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST BALLINGER

Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Says Secretary Is Guilty of Nepotism.

GRAFT OF FUNDS HINTED

Mismanagement of Affairs of Department Alleged and Advance of Nephew to Position of Affluence Specified in Statement.

BALLINGER DENIES CHARGES. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Secretary Ballinger late tonight issued a long statement, in which in most vigorous terms he declared the charges made by Representative Hitchcock before the Congressional special committee, and aimed at the Interior Department and the General Land Office, were without foundation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Complications were added to the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy today by Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, through sensational charges made in Congress against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, a statement accusing Mr. Ballinger of directing the affairs of his department to the material benefit of his nephew, Jack Ballinger, of Seattle, and of being guilty of gross extravagance and mismanagement.

The Senate adopted the resolution for the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot affair, as agreed upon in conference, and the House will adopt it tomorrow. The most important allegation of Mr. Hitchcock is that funds of the Interior Department were improperly used in paying private traveling expenses of Secretary Ballinger's nephew, The Secretary and other officials of the Interior Department will be subpoenaed to appear before the house committee on expenditures, to which Mr. Hitchcock's charges were addressed.

Hitchcock Suggests Witnesses.

Mr. Hitchcock suggested to the committee that the following Government employees be called to furnish specific information: explaining that he was persona non grata with the committee Department, and that the committee was in a better position to obtain the facts: J. D. Yelverton, chief of division P, or his assistant; Bert Marshall or Irving Hiltchcock, chief of the accounts division, General Land Office, concerning the purchase of desks, filing cases, etc., out of the million-dollar fund; Frank Bond, chief clerk of the General Land Office, concerning 80-odd clerks performing ordinary clerical duties not connected in any way with the protection of the public domain, though so paid.

Concerning the office of chief of the field service, occupied by H. Schwartz, the statement alleged that the position was created for Mr. Schwartz without warrant of law, his salary being raised from \$4200 as special agent to \$4200 as chief of field service, or \$700 more than his immediate superior, the Assistant Commissioner. His messenger's salary was also raised from \$720 a year to \$900, it is alleged.

Ballinger's System Confusing.

Mr. Hitchcock suggested that doubtless the other excessive salaries and large expenditures were paid out of this fund and recommended investigation of statements made by Mr. Ballinger in a letter to him that declared Mr. Ballinger's system of files has "no mixed, confused and befogged the clerks, that it is now absolutely no one who knows anything about anything that appertains to the office," requiring more than 100 clerks against 15 under the old system.

Special agents, says Mr. Hitchcock, have been selected from clerks at Washington, who have been doing nothing of the lands of the West, nor of fraudulent methods, nor of law. He cites particularly the case of Howard L. Wilcox, appointed by Commissioner Bennett, Mr. Schwartz' indorsement of Wilcox recommending him as a "near dentist."

ACCUSED TO HAVE COUNSEL

Republicans to Select Members of Committee Wednesday.

Mr. Hitchcock's charges were contained in a statement presented at a meeting of the committee called to permit Hitchcock to substantiate his charges of extravagance in the Interior Department. The committee decided to subpoena Commissioner Bennett, of the General Land Office, and all others to appear before the committee next Wednesday.

The statement alleges improper use of the \$1,000,000 appropriation "for the protection of the public domain against frauds," by the purchase of expensive furniture, mounting into the tens of thousands of dollars, the erection of a certain large brick chimney for a land office at considerable expense, "the employment of some 80 additional clerks, salaries increased and in one case at least doubled," out of this million-dollar fund (citing the case of Chief of the Field Service Schwartz as this instance); long telegraph bills, which "cover long extracts from the newspapers sent in by traveling representatives of the General Land Office; selection of special agents not at all qualified," etc.

His statement asserts that when Mr. Ballinger became Commissioner of the General Land Office he reduced the salary of Law Clerk Wright, so that Judge Wright's \$2000 salary would be given to Jack Ballinger, his nephew, not under the title of law clerk, but under the title of clerk by Mr. Ballinger's order, of confidential clerk. I have been told Mr. Wright died of disappointment and humiliation thereafter.

Jack Ballinger Provided For.

Jack Ballinger remained a year in the service, the statement says; his manner of living about the time his uncle resigned, in March, 1908, being alleged to illustrate "the reckless expenditures of the Land Office." "It was announced," the statement goes on to say, "that young Jack Ballinger was leaving the Land Office to resume law practice in Seattle. In order that he might receive a final check-off, he was designated as special temporary inspector of offices, an evident outrage on the treasury. This enabled him to draw traveling expenses from Washington to Seattle and per diem also.

"Within two weeks after reaching Seattle he resigned, as understood in advance, and resumed law practice, including, of course, practice before the

land office out there and also in Washington. Mr. Hitchcock declared this to be only one of many outrages.

BALLINGER DENIES CHARGE

Ex-Special Agent Says He Was Appointed to Office by Roosevelt.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17.—Jack Ballinger, who, it is alleged, was favored by his cousin, the present Secretary of the Interior, at the expense of the Government, today evening having been given a cent through his cousin or any other person connected with the Government service, except salary received under President Roosevelt. Jack Ballinger is now at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, representing the settlers in the fight over overflowed shore lands.

"It is absolutely false that my cousin or any one else ever favored me, especially in the Government business," stated Mr. Ballinger. "I was appointed by President Roosevelt as principal examiner of land claims and contests and was detailed as private secretary to the Secretary of the Interior at a salary of \$2000 a year. "The man who previously held the place died and I was appointed to fill the vacancy, so that I took no one's place. That is all there is to the affair." Jack Ballinger is a second cousin of the Secretary.

BALLINGER IS TO MARRY SOON

Secretary's Cousin Will Wed in Seattle, January 29.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—John Ballinger, nephew of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, is in Idaho on law business. He was secretary to his uncle while the latter was Mayor of Seattle, and was his confidential secretary when the present head of the Department was Commissioner of the General Land Office.

John Ballinger will be married in Seattle, January 29, and is expected to return this week.

BOY SKATES INTO 'LIFE'

YOUTH FALLS THROUGH ICE; GETS 3 BATHS IN ONE DAY.

"Eddie Murphy of East 62d Street," New York, Has Unexpected Peep Into Luxury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—When little Eddie Murphy, living in this city, got a pair of pot metal skates for Christmas, he did not have the least idea how he was going to be the means of his literally "falling" into a chapter of high life, with luxurious appointments and invited attendants. And for that matter, he probably does not relish his advent into fashionable quarters, and, indeed, would have been happy if only the skates had filled their mission, that of affording the long stroke glides over an icy surface with companions of his own choice.

As it was he ran the gauntlet of extremes in baths. Together with a chum he was aimlessly skating about on thin ice on the lake at Central Park, near the Fifth avenue entrance, and with the daring of the true young American he just once too often and plunged into the icy water when the "rubber" ice gave away. His companion ran out of the park shouting at the top of his voice, and chauffeurs stationed in front of the Plaza Hotel hurried to the lake, arriving there just in time to rescue the boy from drowning.

From the chilled waters of the lake he was dragged and at the solicitation of one who ran out of the Hotel Plaza after witnessing the rescue, he was taken to the hotel and stripped of his scant and untidy clothing. Eddie had only read in fairy stories and seen on show posters the many beautiful things in reality which surrounded him and he had never seen the luxurious baths of the Plaza. He was first treated to a steam bath and later given an electric bath with all the trimmings. Three baths on the same day is a record that Eddie is probably not very proud of, and it probably will take some time before he can get used to his companions on the East Side—even if he did emerge from it clean and whole, his hair scented with sweet odors and his body rubbed with a soothing ointment. Before he escaped from the hotel he identified himself as Eddie Murphy, of East Sixty-second street, that's enough.

BIG DRAIN FUND IS ASKED

Ballinger Wants \$250,000 to Dry 30,000 Yakima Acres.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 17.—Secretary Ballinger today recommended the appropriation of \$250,000 to irrigate and drain from 30,000 to 40,000 acres of low land at the Yakima Indian reservation not included in the present irrigation project. Unless this appropriation is made the land, in time, will be drowned out by surplus water from the irrigating canals and will be rendered worthless. About 25,000 acres of good timber land remain there.

Helke Held Under \$5000 Bail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Charles B. Helke, secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, whom Collector Jacob declared to be the "man higher up" in the sugar customs frauds, was today arraigned in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court and held in \$5000 bail to plead next Monday on indictments charging him with making false entries of sugar cargoes and conspiring to defraud the Government.

Millers Oppose O. R. & N. Rates.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special).—The Wasco Warehouse Milling Company, of The Dalles, has filed with the Oregon Railroad Commission a formal complaint against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., alleging that the company exacts unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory charges for the switching of freight in carload lots in the company's yards at The Dalles.

Basketball Game Canceled.

By agreement between the managers of the basketball team of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, the game scheduled between those teams for tonight has been cancelled. No reason is given for the cancellation. Another game scheduled later in the month will probably be played.

DAVIS' POLITICAL OPINIONS BOILING

Main Fight of Fall Campaign Will Center on Gubernatorial Chair.

3 REPUBLICANS IN RACE

B. F. O'Neil, Who Helped Elect Brady, Now Wants Seat—Incumbent Defies Anti-'Dry' Forces. Judge Bryan Only Democrat.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special).—With the Democratic party a minority in Idaho, skirring to gain the spoils of the Republicans, there is enough agitation in the state to keep the wisest politician guessing. Recent developments indicate that the center of political attraction will be focused on the Governor's chair. The direct primary, to be operative for the first time in the fall campaign of 1910, gives promise of keeping the party leaders busy.

The campaign started when B. F. O'Neil, Republican state chairman in charge of the campaign a year ago, announced his candidacy for Governor, making "commercialism" a plank in his platform. Having done all in his power to elect Governor Brady, now in office, Mr. O'Neil now declares his friends have urged him to become a candidate for the reason that the party needs him.

Mr. O'Neil is one of the most prominent bankers of Idaho, and is of the self-made variety. In the last Legislature there was no secret made of the fact that he aspired to the political office of Senator Heyburn, and the senior member of the Upper House was forced to hurry from Washington to Idaho to save himself from what looked like certain defeat. This move blocked the plan to place the senior Senator on the ticket. Through it all O'Neil at no time showed his hand.

Governor Brady Alert.

Governor Brady is aware of the political movements around him and is not to be caught napping. The Brady organization is probably the strongest in the state today. It is said in political circles that politicians are opposed to the chief executive but the electors, as a whole, are said to be for him, upheld the party pledges and demanded that the planks adopted be made into law. This gave Idaho the direct primary and local option as they stand today on the statute books. Probably the only complaint made against Governor Brady, by politicians, was caused by his delay in announcing gubernatorial appointments during the last legislative session. Brady, to his intimate friends, has been a man of peace. Although bitter conflicts have been waged over the local option elections held in various counties, Governor Brady defied anti-prohibitionists and stood by the party act. He even went so far as to go into his own county, Bonanza, and campaign for the issue, swinging that county into the "dry" column.

Those who are shifting the scenes on the political stage view with apprehension the combinations that are in the process of formation. Well-based information leads politicians to believe that O'Neil has tied his fortunes to Senator Borah, and that the O'Neil-Borah compact will stand out against the Brady-Heyburn alliance. It is said to have been made binding. The Governorship, heretofore, has been used as a stepping stone to higher honors. Under the present program, Governor Brady would succeed Senator Heyburn after serving a second term. O'Neil would become Governor, and Borah would be replaced by O'Neil when his term expires. But the gap appears when O'Neil enters the gubernatorial race two years ahead of time. If he is elected, oblivion may be the future of Governor Brady and Senator Heyburn.

Farmer Found Shot Dead. TRENTON, Mo., Jan. 17.—James Humphreys, a well-known and wealthy young farmer, was arrested yesterday, and is in the county jail here as a result of the inquiry into the killing of James Hatcher, a farmer, who was shot from ambush near Lindsey, Mo., last Friday night. Ten empty shotgun shells were found near Hatcher's body, which was literally filled with shot. Neighbors said Humphreys had complained that his corn was being stolen, and threatened to shoot the thief on sight. A sack of corn was found near Hatcher's body, but his friends ridicule the suggestion that he stole the grain.

Gooding Also Ambitions.

Ex-Governor Gooding, also a prohibition candidate, will be put forward by his friends to enter the race. That will make two candidates from the South, Brady and Gooding. The Gooding forces were given a severe blow by the election of Brady, and it is not believed Gooding will be able to gather sufficient strength to be a power in the coming campaign.

Senator John Hart, acting Governor, is timber for the head of the party, but not for next Fall. Hart is said by his friends to be holding back for the election of 1912, when he will be able to swing into line with a Mormon following. Being a bishop in the Church of the Latter Day Saints, he is entitled to be recognized in a state which is controlled politically by the Mormon vote.

Secretary of State Lansjon has announced he is not a candidate for Governor. Lansjon is known to be close to O'Neil and will probably be in line to swing the western part of the state for the Northern banker. Judge Allshie and ex-Governor Morrison are not opposed to having their names considered.

The Democratic camp presents a far-different scene. With the minority party, any strong man who can take the old Dubois and anti-Dubois factions would be welcome. While prominent men like Fred T. Dubois, ex-Senator, Judge Bryan, of Caldwell, David L. Evans, J. L. McClellan and T. L. Quarles are mentioned as probable leaders, Judge Bryan, of Caldwell, seems to be the choice of the majority. He is neutral to the Dubois and anti-Dubois factions. Leaders of Democracy say he will be offered and accept the nomination under the direct primary. If he is named, the Dubois Democrats declare they will be for him, although they may attempt to have him stand upon an anti-Mormon plank, the hobby of Dubois and the issue that rent the party a year ago. The Democrats expect victory through a breach among the Republicans.

Both Parties Puzzled. With the National political situation puzzling, politics in this state are far from reassuring to either Democrats

New vs. Old heating

Antiques may be desirable in furniture but not in heating methods. The work and dirt and danger from ashes, soot, coal-gases, and uneven heating arising from use of old-fashioned methods are not for our times.



AMERICAN & IDEAL RADIATORS & BOILERS

are the most approved modern outfits for scientific (science is but another name for simple, common sense) heating. With IDEAL Boilers and AMERICAN Radiators you can resist the wintry elements instead of being driven by them.

These outfits for Hot-Water and Low-Pressure Steam heating distribute the heat uniformly to all parts of the house—a thing which old-fashioned heating methods cannot be forced to do, especially on windy days.

ADVANTAGE 13: Proper size water-ways which insure quick and continuous circulation of a volume of water correctly proportioned to the needs of the radiators above is a strong point in the construction of all IDEAL Boilers. Thick volumes of water or sluggish pockets are not effective in taking up the heat. Whereas, thin water-ways make for rapid and liberal heating results, with greatest economy of fuel.

The form and size of the water-ways in IDEAL Boilers are most accurately planned and have so much to do with bringing out their wonderful fuel economizing results.

There is no kind of inhabited building, old or new, farm or town, but which can be perfectly warmed by one of our outfits. Every building owner will be intensely interested in our book, "Heating Investments."

In IDEAL Boilers and AMERICAN Radiators heat is taken from fire instantly by the Steam or Water; and the free unobstructed circulation insures rapid deliveries of warmth to the rooms—each means full value of fuel economy.



A No. 132 IDEAL Boiler and 265 ft. of 3/8-in. AMERICAN Radiators, costing the owner \$125, were used to Hot-Water heat this cottage. A No. 3-25-W IDEAL Boiler and 700 ft. of 3/8-in. AMERICAN Radiators, costing the owner \$310, were used to Hot-Water heat this cottage. At these prices the goods can be bought of any reputable, competent fitter. This did not include cost of labor, pipe, valves, freight, etc., which installation is extra and varies according to climatic and other conditions.

AMERICAN RADIATOR COMPANY

Write to Dept. N-12 282-286 Michigan Avenue, Chicago Public Showrooms and Warehouses located at Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco, Brantford (Ontario), London, Paris, Berlin, Milan.

or Republicans. Both are at sea. It would seem, however, that the Fall campaign will depend greatly on influence of the press and the personality of the candidates. The amazing strength of local option with the unknown effect of the direct primary law render the political outcome exceedingly difficult to prognosticate.

It is known at this early stage of the campaign that James H. Brady, B. F. O'Neil and Paul Clagstone are candidates for Governor. With the Democrats, Judge Bryan has signified his willingness to shoulder the party standard. These slender facts provide little on which to base predictions.

THIS AD. IS ONLY FOR OWNERS OF E-M-F "30" AUTOMOBILES

Our records of owners of E-M-F "30" Cars are not complete---we lack names and addresses of several hundred owners, and in many cases where cars have changed hands we haven't the address of the new owner.

As long as there is an E-M-F nameplate on the car we consider it ours and our duty to extend every courtesy and attention to its owner.

We guarantee every car, no matter by whom sold, and always stand back of the guarantee.

During the past few weeks, for well-known reasons, some owners, we are informed, have not received prompt service. We want to hear from all such.

Also we would like to hear from every one of the 10,000 owners of E-M-F cars, if only to be sure we have your correct name, address and number of your car for our files.

Write us, and in return for your trouble we'll send you "Another Talk With Flanders" on selling automobiles and taking care of the customer.

THE E-M-F COMPANY, Manufacturers of E-M-F "30" and Flanders "20" Automobiles Detroit, Mich.

Member of A. L. A. M.—Licensed Under Selden Patent.

Advertisement for Lennon's Gloves, Umbrellas, and Hosiery. Text includes: 'Lennon's SPECIALISTS IN Gloves Umbrellas Hosiery Agents for Everwear Guaranteed Hose. Very Special for Today, Tuesday Men's and Women's Umbrellas, handles worth up to \$10.00, on sale at... \$4.95 Women's "Onyx" Pure Thread Silk Hosiery, black and all colors, \$1.50 val. for 95c. 309 Morrison St.