



GLAVIS' OPINIONS COLORED REPORTS

Ex-Chief Assumed to Pass Upon Law.

ORDERS REVOKED PROMPTLY

Protest Against Clear Listing Heeded Without Delay.

MORE WITNESSES CALLED

Finding of Official Letters Among Glavis' Effects to Be Told to Committee—Explanations of Witness to Be Heard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry continued today. Louis R. Glavis continued on the stand under cross-examination by John J. Vertrees, attorney for Secretary Ballinger.

Mr. Vertrees examined the witness almost wholly upon the documentary evidence, and it was necessary to read much of this anew that he might properly frame his questions. This required much time.

Subpenas were issued today for several witnesses who, Mr. Vertrees announced, would give testimony as to the finding of 24 official letters, which had been missing, in boxes left by Mr. Glavis in the grand jury room of the Seattle Federal building.

Mr. Vertrees devoted a large part of the day to bringing out the fact that when Mr. Glavis protested against the clear-listing of the Cunningham claims by telegram on January 23, 1908, the order for clear-listing was immediately revoked without awaiting further explanation from Glavis and that this state of affairs has continued down to the present time.

Full Leeway Given.

The cross-examination of Mr. Glavis was continued by Mr. Vertrees, counsel for Secretary Ballinger, who began by demanding that the witness give direct reply to questions, instead of explaining every question by tedious reference to the records. The committee ruled that Mr. Glavis might make as many and as long explanations as he liked.

Mr. Glavis has shown that he knows how to take advantage to the full of this privilege. He has been skillful in parrying questions, "yes" or "no," he has insisted upon his right to follow with the explanation, usually involving his opinion of the case, and often concluding with the statement that in this manner he was convinced of Judge Ballinger's unfitness for the office he holds.

Interest in the proceedings has been heightened since counsel for both sides appeared. Mr. Vertrees has disclaimed that he sought to hamper the witness, but that he was endeavoring only to prevent his branching out into long dissertations and expressions of opinion instead of satisfactory answers. Party lines have been drawn in the committee discussions of these issues.

Party Lines Drawn.

The Democrats always have voted on the side of Mr. Glavis. So, also, has Mr. Madison, the "insurgent" Republican from Kansas. These circumstances already indicate that there will be a majority and a minority report when the inquiry is completed.

Mr. Vertrees today questioned Mr. Glavis about the opinion given by Assistant Secretary Pierce as a result of which he had testified that he regarded Mr. Pierce as unfit for his office.

"You base your condemnation of Mr. Pierce upon your construction of the law?" asked Mr. Vertrees.

"Yes, sir," Mr. Glavis replied.

Mr. Vertrees then took up the witness' accusations of misconduct against Fred Dennett, Commissioner of the Land Office. Glavis had declared that after hearing H. R. Harriman, one of the claimants, make certain admissions relative to his claim, Dennett answered a telegram from Glavis saying none of the claimants had made admissions.

Telegram Was Year Old.

Mr. Vertrees brought out that Glavis' telegram had been sent more than a year after the Harriman admission and that the witness knew of no other admissions among the 900 claimants.

"Yet you condemn Mr. Dennett as an improper official from this?"

"Not from that alone," replied the witness.

Glavis admitted that an affidavit he made June 23, 1908, as to certain statements which a claimant named McDougal had said he had made to Dennett, may have been too broad. If it was, the witness said, he was anxious to correct it.

"What else did Dennett do," asked Mr. Vertrees.

"Well, he wrote those funny letters from Seattle and Portland."

"How did you get copies of those letters?"

"Special Agent Spalding acted as Dennett's stenographer and told me about the letters and I asked him to furnish me with copies."

"You ordered him to do so, didn't you?"

"I was his superior officer."

"He refused, and you ordered him?"

"He hesitated. He said the letters were private. But they were mailed under a..."

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GAY HOSE MAKES MINISTER 'SPORT'

CHURCH STEWARD STARTS TROUBLE; ALL RESIGN.

Colorado Woman Also Hates Fashionable Shirts and Turned-Up Trousers on Preachers.

LAJARA, Colo., Feb. 15.—If a minister, a Methodist minister, wears gay hose, turned up trousers and fashionable shirts, is he a sport and unfit to lead his flock? Apparently the official board of the First Methodist Church of Lajara and Bowen thinks such a mode of dressing indicates a "sport," for as a result of charges brought against him, Rev. B. F. Turner, pastor of the church, who came to Lajara from the East three months ago has resigned and his resignation has been accepted.

When Rev. Mr. Turner came to Lajara he was immediately placed under investigation. Mrs. Ella Hamilton, one of the church stewards, finally acquainted the minister with the following beliefs:

That he turned up his trousers.

That he wore a cap.

That his shirts were fashionable.

That his trousers were light-colored.

That he went skating with young people of the church.

Summarized, she believed him a man of the world.

Heated discussions before the board resulted in the minister's resignation but failed to bring harmony for the church board also has resigned.

OPERATORS' JOKE SERIOUS

Wyoming Men "Celebrate," Thereby Tying Up Union Pacific.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Feb. 15.—It was learned today that tie-up of the Union Pacific system in Wyoming last Saturday was due to the action of two operators at Dana.

These men celebrated Lincoln's birthday so earnestly that they refused to clear trains, turned the red signal board, holding all fast mail trains, and then hung out a sign on the door saying:

"This office is closed."

Railroad officials at Laramie finally found the Sheriff and the men were arrested and will be prosecuted for delaying the mails.

MISSOURI RECOUNT ASKED

Governor Will Appoint Folk if Vote Is Against Stone.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—Governor Hadley challenged Senator Stone today to consent to a recount of the ballots cast in the Senatorial primary election.

He said that if Senator Stone and ex-Governor Folk consent and the recount showed that Senator Stone was not nominated, he would appoint Folk as Stone's successor.

Governor Hadley in his statement said he would then run against Senator Stone, if the ex-Governor did not enter the contest. Governor Hadley has telegraphed to ex-Governor Folk for his consent to open the ballot boxes.

RINK WEDDING OPPOSED

Tacoma Ministers Aroused Over Advertised Skating Hall Ceremony.

TACOMA, Feb. 15.—Ministers of Tacoma are showing great indignation at the proposed marriage ceremony advertised to take place at a roller skating rink tonight when the bride and groom are to appear on roller skates, accompanied by a bridal procession of roller skaters.

The manager is having a hard time under the circumstances to get a minister to officiate, but declares his readiness to put up a guaranty that the event will take place.

BOARD MEMBERS OUSTED

Petition for Injunction Is Denied and McCarthy Rules Roost.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The efforts of Mayor P. H. McCarthy to oust from office members of the Board of Health appointed by his predecessor, ex-Mayor Taylor, were sustained in at least one legal aspect today when the petition for a permanent injunction sought by the ousted members to protect themselves from molestation by the McCarthy appointees was denied by the Superior Court.

The temporary injunction granted ousted members of the Board of Education was dissolved at the same time.

DELAWARE IS DELIVERED

First American Dreadnought Formally Turned Over.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 15.—The battleship Delaware, the first of the American type of dreadnoughts to be completed, was delivered formally to the Government upon her arrival today at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The Delaware will be placed in commission at this yard in the early Spring.

VALENTINE GIVER SHOT

Lad With Message Mistaken by Woman for Burglar.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 15.—Edward Bowman, 11 years old, was shot by Mrs. W. H. Pierson last night and died today.

The lad ran up to put a valentine on the porch and was taken for a burglar, the woman shooting through the door.

FATHER'S DEED OF CHILDREN INVALID

Young Mrs. Tillman Victor in Suit.

GRANDPARENTS MUST YIELD

Court Holds Law Is Infringement of Constitution.

SENATOR EXPLAINS STAND

Court Has Taken Great Responsibility From His Shoulders, He Declares, and Future Will Determine Who Is Right.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 15.—Granting the mother's plea for the custody of her two children, the Supreme Court of South Carolina today handed down a decision in favor of Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., who sought to recover her two little girls, Douschka Pickens Tillman and Sarah Stark Tillman, from the possession of Senator B. R. Tillman, Jr.

The decision is based on the ground that the deed of transfer by B. R. Tillman, Jr., was invalid, as applied to the mother, the act under which it was made being in violation of the state and Federal constitutions. The court, therefore, granted the application for habeas corpus.

Father Cannot Deed Child.

As soon as the decision was announced, attorneys for young Mrs. Tillman took steps toward getting the children.

If the statute is to be construed as giving the father arbitrary power to do away with the custody of his children, the court held, the law is an infringement of the rights and privileges assured in the state Constitution and similarly in the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The opinion says:

"It seems perfectly clear that the general assembly cannot empower the father, Father Has No Claim.

The court further concludes that the father, B. R. Tillman, Jr., can have no claim to the custody of the children and therefore the suit narrows down to a controversy between Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., and Senator and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr. Without passing on the conflict of testimony in the affidavits covering the marital differences of the couple, the court concludes that the children should be in the custody of their mother, who, it is held, is better fitted than the grandparents to care for them.

In 1903 Lucy Dugas, granddaughter of Governor F. W. Pickens, was Governor of South Carolina, and daughter of Mrs. Lucy Holcomb Pickens, connected with the best families of the state, was married to Benjamin R. Tillman, Jr., eldest son of Senator Tillman. In November, 1908, they parted, young Mrs. Tillman alleging that her husband drank and mistreated her.

Reconciliation Short-Lived.

Last February there was a reconciliation, which lasted until December, 1909, when young Mrs. Tillman became ill in Washington. Hardly had she begun her convalescence, she alleges, when her husband, under pretense of taking the little girls to see their grandmother, carried them off to the West.

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TACOMA EDITOR IS SUED

Politicians Demand Damages for Alleged Slander.

TACOMA, Feb. 15.—A warrant was sworn out today for the arrest of Frank W. Cameron, publisher of the Civic Spokesman, on a charge of criminal libel. The complaint is made by Ray Freeland, present City Treasurer, and candidate for Councilman, and A. V. Pawcett, candidate for Mayor.

The alleged libel is said to have been contained in a published interview between Freeland and Cameron in which statements derogatory to Pawcett are said to have been made by Freeland. The latter declares that he made no such statements and says on the contrary that he and Pawcett are good friends and he had no occasion to make such statements.

MINERS LOST UNDER SNOW

Search Parties Fail to Find Men Struck by Slide.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Searching parties out all day today failed to find any trace of Walker McKinley, aged 25, and Louis Vaid, an Austrian, aged 25, who were buried in a snowslide at Burke, Idaho, yesterday. The men were on the way to the Arlington tunnel when struck by the slide. Snow continues to fall at Wallace. It is now two feet deep and at the Tacoma mine, three feet. This is the hardest winter these places have experienced in many years.

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NEW YORK BOODLE SACK OPEN LONG

Corruption Fund Gleaned for 3 Years.

SENATOR CONGER CONFESSES

Republican State Chairman Got Contribution, Is Told.

STRINGENT INQUIRY ASKED

Allis' Accuser Says American and Grotton Bridge Companies Held Coin to Bribe Legislators. Two Solons Unnamed.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—That the American Bridge Company raised a corruption fund in 1902, 1903 and 1905, was testified today in the Legislative bribery investigation, when State Senator Ben N. Conger was cross-examined.

Plans were laid for wider investigation to follow the present inquiry into the charges of Senator Conger that Senator Jonathan P. Allis took a \$1000 bribe from an agent of the American Bridge Company.

Allis' accuser was taken in hand by Senator Newcomb and forced to confess that the American Bridge Company had raised a corruption fund in 1902, 1903 and 1905. Conger admitted the Legislative bribery fund over to the Grotton Bridge Company, in which the witness and his brother, Frank, were interested. A grim smile flashed across his harassed face as he volunteered this information relative to the purpose of the fund:

"There was a contribution to the state chairman of the Republican state organization in 1902."

Sweeping Inquiry Demanded.

Today's developments made clear that the administration had concluded that the public demand for sweeping investigation is too insistent to be ignored.

This morning Senator Walworth introduced a resolution providing for an investigation practically without limit as to time or place, within the state, but it was referred to the finance committee and probably will not come out in as radical form as when introduced.

Although the resolution is accepted here as the product of the recent conferences between Governor Hughes, Speaker Wadsworth and other party leaders, such a source by no means insures its adoption.

When Senator Conger returned to the stand today before the Senate he took up the story of the events of April, 1901, where he left off last Friday. After leaving Albany, he said, he and Hiram G. Moe went home by way of Syracuse and Auburn, remaining at the latter place all night.

Check Stub Identified.

Conger identified the stub of the \$6500 check which originally represented the alleged bribe fund. It was dated April 22, 1901. He said his brother Frank's checkbook was delivered to him in 1902.

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HIS DEBTS UNPAID, CHINAMAN IS BLIND

DEAF, ALSO, AFTER BREACH OF NEW YEAR CUSTOM.

Hinted He Is Made Horrible Example of Failure to Conform to Racial Usage.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Instancing the horrible consequences that follow a breach of the racial custom of liquidating debts at the New Year season, Me Jim John, for 37 years one of the leading Chinese merchants of this city, tells the tragic story of a man named Wah.

Wah came here when a mere boy and was naturally bright. He became a house servant and rapidly learned English. Later he engaged in business and was a power in the Chinese colony. The gambling fever gripped him, though, and he became a slave to the habit. Soon all his money was gone.

Three years ago at the New Year season for the first time in his life Wah was unable to pay his debts, and according to custom he became an outcast. Next year he was in the same position financially, and soon after that his hearing began to fail. Last year he again had no money, and soon after the New Year celebration ended he began to lose his sight. Now he is totally blind.

Wah has no money and what will happen to him after the celebration closes is a matter of conjecture. Although Me Jim John would not admit it as the truth, the impression prevails that Wah is being tortured in a manner white people do not know, as an example to the Chinese of what they may expect if they fail to pay their debts at the first of their year.

There are fewer Chinamen in Astoria than in former years and the celebration lacks something of its usual gorgeousness and prodigality. Although the Chinese have been generally prosperous during the past year, the enthusiasm of the New Year season is not upon them.

BANK ROBBED OF \$10,000

Desperados Clean Way by First Capturing Town Watchman.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 15.—Early today burglars blew the safe of the Citizens' Bank of Chatsworth, Ill., and escaped to the south with a team, taking \$8000 in currency and \$2000 in silver. Night Watchman William Kyle and Albert Keller, a citizen, were bound and gagged by the robbers.

Night Marshal William Cahill was taken unawares at the city pumping station about 1 o'clock by two desperados, bound and gagged, and taken to a garage opposite the bank. With Cahill out of the way, the bank door was forced, and work on the safe commenced. A baker on route to his shop next was caught, tied hand and foot, and dragged into the bank. There he remained until 4 o'clock, when he was able to loosen himself, and gave the alarm.

In the meantime the safe door was soaked and opened, presumably with nitroglycerine. With the \$10,000 safely stowed away in a sack, the robbers left town and drove east. Cahill, while he remained in the bank, saw the robbers were four in the party. The loss by the bank is covered by insurance.

AGISETTES ARE SEIZED

Milliner and Jeweler Arrested on Complaint of William Finley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Charged with having agi-settes in their possession, Mrs. Jana Doe Bagnalla, a fashionable milliner of this city, and Charles Isaacs, manager of local jewelry firm, were arrested today on warrants issued at the instance of William Finley, secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies. Finley yesterday seized an agi-sette-decorated hat from the millinery store and later took some of the feathers from the show window of the jewelry store. These are the first arrests since the passage of the law making it a crime to have possession of agi-settes.

HOSPITAL PROVES HOODOO

Patient Recovers; Leaves Institution; Falls; Again Patient.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Charles Vogt, an employe of the Utah Construction Company, builders of the Watson-Klamath extension of the Southern Pacific, who has been in the general hospital in this city for some time for treatment for rheumatism, was discharged yesterday having recovered.

As he started to walk down town from the hospital he slipped on the icy walk and broke one of his hip bones and had to be taken back to the hospital.

SEARCH ON FOR DUTCH SHIP

Prinz Wilhelm II, Eight Days Overdue From Amsterdam.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 15.—The cruiser Utrecht left today in search for the Dutch merchant steamer Prinz Wilhelm II, eight days overdue at Paramaribo.

The Prinz Wilhelm II sailed from Amsterdam on January 21.

LL. D. AWAITING HUGHES

Pennsylvania Plans to Confer Honor on New York's Governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—The University of Pennsylvania announced today that at the annual exercises on Washington's birthday the degree of doctor of laws will be conferred on Governor Hughes, of New York.

Governor Hughes will deliver the University day oration.

Disaster Charged to Neglect.

DENVER, Feb. 15.—The News today says: Criminal neglect and incompetency on the part of State Coal Mine Inspector John D. Jones, Superintendent Kilpatrick, mine boss Williams and the management of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, are given as the cause of the Frimgro mine disaster of January 12 in a report issued by Trinidad Miners' Union, No. 198, Western Federation of Miners. Resolutions adopted by the union ask for the removal of Inspector Jones and the Coroner of Las Animas County; they also demand that the Governor appoint a commission to investigate the disaster and the claims the explosion which killed 76 men was caused by one of the foremen lighting his pipe in the mine.

German Grain Firms Fall.

HAMBURG, Feb. 15.—The failure of seven grain firms in the provinces of Schleswig-Holstein and Hanover was announced in the Produce Exchange today. The failures were due in part to speculative engagements in soda nitrate and partly to short selling of barley.

NAVAL TUG NINA IS SIGHTED AT SEA

South Bound Steamer Makes Report.

VESSEL DUE IN BOSTON TODAY

With Staysail on Derrick Post, Boat Makes Headway.

DISTRESS SIGNALS ABSENT

Captain of Passing Steamship Merely Salutes Tug and Continues His Voyage—Did Not Know of Anxiety for Craft.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 15.—Bound up-coast for Boston with a staysail rigged on the forward derrick post, the little naval tug Nina, which has been missing since February 6, was sighted at 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon off the battleship Louisiana by the whaleback steamer Bayview, which arrived today from Sears Point, Me.

Captain Cummins, of the Bayview, says the Nina apparently was all right, that she flew no distress signals and that, as he did not then know of the anxiety about her safety, he merely saluted the tug and continued his voyage.

The opinion of Captain Cummins is the Nina put into the Delaware Breakwater for shelter on the night of Sunday, February 6, and remained there until fair weather set in last Saturday. Skippers say it is nothing unusual for vessels to lie in front of the breakwater four or five days without reporting.

At the rate of speed she was making when he passed her, Captain Cummins figures that the Nina should reach Boston tonight or early tomorrow.

HOPE HAD BEEN ABANDONED

Navy Officials Prepared to Abandon Search for Nina.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Hope of finding any trace of the little tug Nina and her crew of 22 men had been practically abandoned by naval officials tonight, when word was brought by press dispatches that the vessel had been sighted off Newport News.

By those directing the investigation, it was believed early today that the Nina did not proceed farther north than Fenwick Island, off the coast of Delaware, and instructions were at once flashed to all vessels in the zone north of that point to discontinue their patrols and report to their stations. This reduced the searching squadron to the battleship Louisiana and the scout cruiser Salem, which were ordered to survey waters from Fenwick Island south to the Virginia capes.

A storm is reported brewing at sea and making its way to the coast, and this confirmed the department's intention of recalling the craft to their stations to prevent the possibility of any further disaster.

COAL STRIKE AIDS JAPAN

Australia Is Forced to Get Fuel From the Orient.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—That the great coal strike in Australia, which has been demoralizing all business in the country and vicinity for months is not nearly at an end yet is the news brought here by the steamship Makura, which arrived from Sydney last week. One of the most interesting points regarding the strike is the benefit Japan is gaining by it.

The first shipment of this Japanese coal arrived at Melbourne January 2. No difficulty was experienced in getting the wharf-laborers to handle the foreign coal. There are still 94 steamers tied up in Sydney alone.

The chief efforts of the government have been directed toward supplying the railways and mail steamers. At Sydney the Federated Seamen's Union has 390 idle men on its list, while at other ports the number makes another thousand. Relief pay at the rate of one pound a week is disbursed. Direct passenger service from Sydney to other important ports along the coast has been discontinued.

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