



## MAMMOTH HOTEL SOON TO BE BUILT

### \$1,000,000 Building Projected for Portland.

## DEKUM HOMESTEAD IS SITE

### Rich Local Syndicate to Lease Site From Mr. Sweeney.

## H. C. BOWERS FOR MANAGER

### One Obstacle After Another Disappears and Few Days May See Negotiations Fully Completed. Building to Be 12 Stories.

Negotiations are now under way whereby a hotel representing an investment of between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000 will probably be built by Charles Sweeney on the Morrison-street frontage of the Dekum homestead, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets. A syndicate of local capitalists is being organized by Theodore E. Wilcox, J. C. Atkinson and H. C. Bowers, the present manager of the Portland Hotel. This syndicate represents largely the sellers of the Portland Hotel stock, which was transferred recently to the Norman brothers and other Spokane capitalists.

Mr. Sweeney will build the hotel himself and will lease it, with the ground, to the syndicate, for management by Mr. Bowers. John M. Gearin, of the firm of Dolph, Mallory, Simon & Gearin, is acting as Mr. Sweeney's agent in the matter and is conducting the negotiations from this end. Mr. Gearin said yesterday:

"This plan has been under consideration for several months. The entire plan is built around Mr. Bowers and the securing him as manager of the new hotel. For many years he has wished a hotel for himself, and now, as Mr. Sweeney is anxious to build here, it seems to be assured that it will be built. At first the negotiations were rather vague and we first planned to build on the entire block. Then the plan was held up by the proximity of the Lincoln High School and the state law which prohibits the location of a hotel with a bar within 400 feet of a public school building. Then Mr. Sweeney submitted terms upon which he would build.

"One by one these objections to the plan have been removed. The new high school has been provided for and we have the assurance of the School Board that the school is to be transferred to a new location. Then the lease becomes much more feasible from a business standpoint, in that it will require but 200x100 feet of ground instead of a full block, as first planned. Now Mr. Sweeney's terms are practically understood by the parties interested at this end and at last a close of the negotiations is in sight, although nothing absolutely definite can be said until Monday or Tuesday of next week, when I expect to have a detailed outline of the plan from Mr. Sweeney. He is now in New York and has written.

### Hotel Largest in Northwest.

"The ground will be leased on a valuation of approximately \$250,000 and the building will cost as now planned about \$750,000, although it may run as high as \$1,000,000 before it is completed. It is planned to make it the largest and finest hotel in Portland and the Pacific Northwest. This can undoubtedly be accomplished. It is for him in particular that the building will be built."

The site in question has a frontage of 200 feet on Morrison street and 100 feet on both Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets. It is said the plans for the building include a hotel covering the entire half block and containing 580 rooms and about 12 stories high. The structure will be the finest of its kind north of San Francisco.

### T. B. Wilcox Fully Decided.

J. C. Atkinson declined to discuss the situation yesterday. He admitted that he had agreed to attempt to enlist Portland capital in the plan, but said that until any negotiations which might or might not be under way had been closed he did not wish to make any statement. Mr. Wilcox is at present out of Portland and while he could not be located yesterday it was learned from a number of his friends that he had fully decided to go ahead with the hotel plan and that he is daily expecting the negotiations to be closed.

## GEN. LEE QUARREL CAUSE

### Civil War Veteran Dying; Doubts Hall of Fame Rights.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—His skull fractured, Philip W. Heman, a Civil War veteran, lies dying in a local hospital here following a quarrel last night with a Confederate soldier, J. D. Evans. The man had disputed on the advisability of placing the statue of General Lee in the National Hall of Fame. Evans has not been ordered arrested.

## 126 TONS OF FISH TAKEN IN ONE HAUL

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER FISHERMAN IS CHAMPION OF INTERIOR.

### His \$9000 Worth of Rough Fish Taken in Tetonka Lake Will Be Canned as Salmon.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—David Gutenheim, a veteran river fisherman of Diamond Bluff, Wis., made the largest haul of rough fish in the history of the Upper Mississippi at Tetonka Lake, near Waterville, Minn., when his nets brought him to the surface \$9000 in marketable fish. The haul weighed 126 tons.

This haul of fish will be sold to buyers in New York City, where it is said, can rough river fish, into imitation salmon after they have been prepared by a secret process. Agents of the fish buyers who work along the Upper Mississippi say the rough fish is sold in the Jewish settlements in the metropolitan cities, but this is controverted because of the big rough fish which invariably cover them, making them objectionable.

Mr. Gutenheim, who is one of the largest fishermen on the Upper Mississippi, employs seven men and in his haul from Tetonka Lake used 1800 feet of net. His haul would have been much larger had not snags tore out large gaps in one end of his nets and permitted tons of fish to escape.

Last Winter Gutenheim set the previous high mark record haul of the Upper Mississippi when he drew 60,000 pounds of rough fish out of the Mississippi River near Red Wing, Minn., after having his men work for two months clearing the bottom of the river of snags. Seven large cars were used to ship that catch to Eastern buyers. That catch netted him \$7000.

## MINER ALLEGED BIGAMIST

### California, on Wedding Tour, Arrested in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—George C. Robbins, a mining man, said to be well known in Los Angeles and Southern California, is in custody here awaiting extradition on a charge of bigamy.

Robbins was arrested last night in response to a request for his detention that came through the American embassy at Washington and which was said to have been made at the instance of the California authorities.

Robbins and his bride came to Mexico City a week ago. He is alleged to have another wife in California. This he denies.

The charge against Robbins is not maintainable under the Mexican law, and he will be held until extradition papers arrive.

## 300 TAKE UP LONG WAIT

### Line Is Formed in Los Angeles for Land Opening March 1.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—Three hundred men and women are lined up tonight on the sidewalk in front of the Chamber of Commerce building, awaiting the opening to entry of farms in the Yuma irrigation project on the morning of March 1.

From the determined look on their faces it would go hard with anybody who tried to get into the building ahead of them on the momentous morning.

Grouped about oil stoves tonight, the embryo entrants patiently sit in blankets and comforters. Seated in rocking chairs, on boxes, cushions and even the cold curbstone, they while away the weary hours with reading, telling stories and playing cards.

## MOROCCO GIVEN 48 HOURS

### France Demands Loan Signature or Customs Seizure.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Government has instructed M. Reunault, Minister to Morocco, to dispatch a special court to Fez bearing France's ultimatum to Mulid Hafid regarding the signing of the recently arranged Moroccan loan.

France demands a ratification of the accord within 48 hours. If the Sultan refuses, H. Galliard, French Consul at Fez, and the French military mission located there, will be ordered to leave the city immediately. France proposes then to seize the Moroccan customs.

## GLAVIS' MOTIVES ARE QUESTIONED

### Evidence of Malice Is Being Sought.

## SCOPE OF QUESTIONS WIDE

### Adverse Reports Come After Ballinger Left Service.

## PLENTY OF HELP GIVEN

### Witness Admits Transfer to Oregon Cases Did Not Harm Government's Interests—Testimony Partly Hearsay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Louis R. Glavis was under cross-examination all day today before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee and, when adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning, there was no indication that John J. Vertrees, attorney for Secretary of the Interior, was approaching the end of his case.

The scope of the testimony given by Mr. Glavis and the latitude allowed by the committee in his cross-examination are almost without precedent. The cross-examination, particularly, is one of long questions and long answers. Usually the questions have to do with the construction to be placed upon letters, telegrams, etc., that have been read into the record. It frequently is necessary to go over these documents several times and to quote freely from them.

### Lawyer and Witness Wrangle.

Some idea of the latitude given to Mr. Glavis may be gained from the fact that, including the two sessions today the printed testimony of this one witness alone covers nearly 200 pages.

Mr. Vertrees and Mr. Glavis had several long wrangles in the afternoon as to the meaning of many letters and telegrams. A typical instance was a telegram from Mr. Ballinger in reply to a message from Commissioner Bennett of the land office, in which the Secretary stated his reluctance to act in the Alaska cases, and suggested that Mr. Bennett make the necessary orders himself as to postponing the hearings.

### Telegram Construed Two Ways.

Mr. Vertrees sought to show that this means that Mr. Ballinger was not directing the Alaska cases in any way whatsoever. Mr. Glavis, on the other hand, insisted that the only construction he could put upon the telegram was that it showed that none of the officials in the department dared do anything in the cases without first consulting the Secretary.

Mr. Glavis contended that the telegram conveyed a specific order by Secretary Ballinger. Mr. Vertrees, at the morning session, drew from the witness the important fact that at the time Cunningham claims were ordered clear dated in January, 1908, and in fact up to the time that Mr. Ballinger left the service as commissioner of the land office in March 4, 1908, there had been no adverse reports on these claims and that the Cunningham journal which contained the first evidence of alleged agreement among the claimants had not then been discovered.

### Evidence of Motive Sought.

The late afternoon session was devoted to an inquiry into motives of Mr. Glavis (Concluded on Page 8.)

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## TILLMAN LOSING POWER OF SPEECH

### Hemorrhage of Brain Causes Aphasia.

## RIGHT SIDE IS PARALYZED

### Control of Vocal Organs May Never Be Recovered.

## BRAIN SPECIALIST CALLED

### Verdict of Doubtful Outcome Pronounced by Physicians—Danger of Fatal Outcome Believed Not to Be Immediate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Benjamin Ryan Tillman, senior Senator from South Carolina, is critically ill. His condition is extremely grave, and Dr. E. F. Pickford, attending physician, said late today that the outcome of the Senator's illness would be determined within 72 hours.

The Senator's right side is almost wholly paralyzed and aphasia has developed as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage on the left side of the brain. He has nearly lost the power of articulation, which is regarded as the most serious symptom. He may recover from the paralysis, but it is said he probably never will regain complete use of speech, his dearest and most cherished weapon as a legislator, and the keen edge of which has enlivened many debates in Congress.

### Brain Specialist Consulted.

This is Senator Tillman's second stroke of paralysis. The first occurred nearly two years ago, when he suffered a nervous breakdown. At that time he was treated at an Atlanta sanitarium and later took a trip for his health.

Late this afternoon, Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, was called into consultation with Dr. Pickford. While it was asserted that the Senator's mind was fairly alert and that he was conscious of the happenings near him, Dr. White, as a specialist on diseases of the brain, the seat of Mr. Tillman's illness, was asked to make an examination.

### Condition Is Grave.

The verdict of the physicians after the consultation was that the Senator's condition was extremely serious and that the outcome is doubtful.

The fact that Dr. Babcock will not leave Columbia until tomorrow seems to corroborate the statement that there is no immediate danger of a fatal turn in the Senator's condition.

Absolute quiet has been enjoined and no one except relatives sees the patient. The Senator's wife and their eldest son, Benjamin R. Tillman, Jr., are with him. His other two children, Harry C. and Sallie May Tillman, have been summoned.

## DR. COOK ADMITS IDENTITY

### In Chile, Explorer Says He Will Yet Prove Pole Trip.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook today admitted his identity. He visited his old comrade, the Belgian engineer, Rysselberghe, for some hours.

The two men were members of the Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897-98, and the engineer recognized Cook when they were fellow passengers on the steamer Valdivia. Until now, however, Cook had refused to recognize his former companion.

Cook told Rysselberghe, it is said, that he was preparing a complete account of his Polar explorations, which, he maintains, will prove that he reached the North Pole.

## HUNT TO STAY IN ARMY

### Taft Overrules Dismissal of Captain for Breaking Pledge.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Captain John E. Hunt, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, whose regiment is now stationed at Seattle and Spokane, was recently court-martialed in the Philippines and recommended for dismissal from the Army because of his failure to keep a pledge to refrain from the use of liquor for a period of 10 years.

President Taft, after a review of facts, overruled this recommendation and issued an order to the effect that Hunt be reduced 25 files and be given a reprimand for his unseemly conduct in the Philippines.

## EARTHQUAKE BURIES SIX

### Crete Shaken and Number of Buildings Are Damaged.

CANEA, Crete, Feb. 18.—A severe earthquake was felt throughout Crete at 6:25 this morning. It was accompanied with violent subterranean explosions.

In this city a number of buildings were damaged and a minaret of the mosque crashed through the dome.

In the village of Varditiro, a house collapsed, burying six persons in the ruins. (Concluded on Page 2.)

## MRS. ASTOR DOESN'T ASK FINAL DECREE

## RUMOR OF RECONCILIATION WITH COLONEL GROWS.

### Failure of Attorneys for Rich New York Woman to Appear in Court Basis for Belief.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—It was expected that the application of attorneys for Mrs. Astor for the final decree of divorce from her husband, John Jacob Astor, would come up today before Supreme Court Justice Mills at White Plains, but none of the attorneys appeared.

The time limit within which Mrs. Astor may apply for final judgment, following the granting of the interlocutory decree three months ago, expires on the last day of this month.

Judge Mills, when asked if he had heard from attorneys for Mrs. Astor, said that none of them had been received, any word when they would apply to him for a decree.

Failure to secure final judgment has led to the presumption that there may yet be a reconciliation between the colonel and Mrs. Astor.

## PORTLANDER, RICH, LABORS

### Thomas Cully Wanders Away From Pasadena Home; Gets Work.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Thomas Cully, wealthy, who makes his summer home in Portland and his winter home in Pasadena, wandered away from his rooms at 171 Waverly Drive, on Tuesday night, but has been located. His friends state that he has found a job and will go to work, but they refuse to give his new address.

Two weeks ago he was walking about on Colorado street, became suddenly ill with stomach trouble and was taken to the Pasadena Hospital. It was stated at the time that his mind was affected. He is a recluse and has but little to say regarding his property, but his intimate friends state he owns much valuable property in different parts of the country.

## TREPHINE REFORM FAILS

### Man Operated On for Criminal Tendencies Again Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—John C. Quentlin is under arrest for an alleged violation of a parole granted by the Superior Court.

Court officials and medical men were greatly interested in Quentlin's case not long ago, when, following his arrest for bogus check transactions, it was alleged that a pressure of the skull upon his brain was responsible for his criminal tendencies. He was removed from the jail to the county hospital, where a piece of the skull was removed.

After the operation, Quentlin exhibited symptoms of a reformation, and, following his conviction, was released on parole. Within a short time he was again arrested for passing worthless checks.

## FICKERT ACCUSES BURNS

### New Prosecutor Says Detective Convicted at Gallagher's Flight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The report of the grand jury filed with Presiding Judge Van Nostrand before his discharge today contained a letter from District Attorney C. M. Fickert, in which William J. Burns and the other agents of the preceding occupant of his office are accused of withholding the evidence which they had gathered in the graft cases. Mr. Fickert's letter also asserted that James L. Gallagher, the main witness for the prosecution, left the state with the knowledge and connivance of Burns.

The report denounces the County Jail as a nursery of corruption and a school of crime. Several of the city and county officials are grilled in the report for the careless manner in which their offices are conducted, and they are especially rebuked for their lax office hours.

## 1,000,000 ACRES WANTED

### Oregon to Ask Congress for Big Additional Carey Act Grant.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The Desert Land Board has decided to request the Oregon delegation in Congress to try to secure the passage of a bill granting to the state 1,000,000 acres under the provisions of the Carey act. In addition to that already granted.

The bill will also be made to include certain lands in connection with the Warner Lake project, which are to be drained by this project.

The State of Idaho has secured the withdrawal of 2,000,000 acres in addition to its regular allotment and it is believed there will be but little difficulty in getting an extra million for Oregon.

## M'CREDE NAMES NAVY MEN

### Vancouver and Tacoma Boys to Go to Annapolis.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 18.—Representative McCredie today announced appointments filling two vacancies at Annapolis Naval Academy.

To the first vacancy he appointed John P. Kiggins, son of the Mayor of Vancouver, appointing Lester B. Core, of Kalama; L. A. Fullerton, of Olympia, and Earl Jones, of Tacoma, as first, second and third alternates, respectively.

Clarence McReavy, of Tacoma, was appointed midshipman in the second instance, with Fullerton, Jones and Gore as alternates in the order named. In the event Kiggins or McReavy fail to pass the entrance examinations, their alternates will be eligible in the order of their appointments.

## MONEY MEN HAVE GRIP ON ALASKA

### Morgan Agent Tells of Pending Deals.

## GOAL SYNDICATE IS FORMED

### Cunningham Claims Awaiting Validating Decision.

## SENATORS GET EVIDENCE

### Financier Sends Counsel to Committee on Territories to Answer "Exaggerated" Reports and Beveridge Asks Many Questions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, got his committee on territories into action today and within a short time had established the fact that the Alaskan syndicate owned by J. P. Morgan & Company and the Guggenheim brothers had a steel grip on the natural resources of that territory.

The fact of significance brought out is that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate has an option on the celebrated Cunningham coal claims through which came the quarrel that resulted in Gifford Pinchot being dismissed as United States Forester and brought on the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot investigation now under way.

### Possession Awaits Decision.

These claims, according to the testimony brought out by the Indian Senator, are now held in suspense awaiting the decision of the Government as to whether they are valid. If they are eventually approved, the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate will come into possession of them. The Alaskan syndicate is the general name for the various companies operating in Alaska, all being owned by the Morgan-Guggenheim crowd.

Some days ago Senator Beveridge received a letter from J. P. Morgan & Co. asking permission to send representatives to answer "exaggerated reports printed in the magazines and newspapers of the week of the syndicate had not that company and the Messrs. Guggenheim." The permission was given and today John N. Steele, general counsel for the syndicate, and Stephen Birch, managing director, appeared.

### Syndicate Counsel Tells Story.

Mr. Birch was put on the stand and his story drawn out by Mr. Steele. It resulted in testimony that all the money spent in the enormous development of Alaskan resources had been furnished by the syndicate itself; that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate had not shared to the public a single bond or a share of stock; that the syndicate had never received anything from the government in the way of money, grants of land or special rights.

It was testified further that the syndicate owned the railroad and had no interest in any other in Alaska; that it owned one copper mine and had no interest in any other, and owned no coal lands at all. Testimony was given about the negotiations for the Cunningham claims, but it was said these hinged upon patents being issued for the claims and that these negotiations had come to nothing.

### Monopoly Is Denied.

It was shown that the syndicate was formed in 1898 by the purchase of 48 per cent of the stock of the Northwestern Commercial Company, which owned the Northwestern Steamship Company and the Northwestern Fisheries Company. The latter company packs 300,000 cases of salmon annually, as compared with a pack of 2,000,000 cases by other interests.

Last year the Alaska Steamship Company was formed by reorganizing the companies in which the syndicate had bought large interests and it now operates 12 steamers, or rather 11, as reports today indicate that one has been lost. A long list of steamship companies in which the Alaska syndicate has no interest was given in support of its claim that it was not a monopoly. The railroad owned by the syndicate is now 193 miles long and is to be extended to 292 miles.

Both Messrs. Steele and Birch insisted there was no truth in the reports that the syndicate had, or was seeking, a monopoly of railroad, steamship lines, fisheries, copper mines and coal lands in Alaska. They denied with great emphasis that they were trying to "gobble up" Alaska.

### Coal Company Is Formed.

It was denied by Mr. Birch that ex-Governor Hoggatt, Major Richardson, chairman of the Alaskan Road Commission, of Del Norte, Wickesham, ever had been authorized to act as a lobbyist for the syndicate.

Interrogated by Senator Beveridge concerning the syndicate's interest in the coal-land claims, Mr. Birch replied that Messrs. Guggenheim had agreed to form a \$5,000,000 corporation to develop the lands; one half-interest to be held by the Guggenheims and the other half by Cunningham and his associates. The Guggenheims were to pay \$250,000 for their half, he said, and in addition were to loan \$100,000, if it was needed.

Messrs. Birch and Steele will be cross-examined by the members of the committee at another hearing.

**PROGRESS!**

ORIGINAL: A small wooden structure.

YESTERDAY: A two-story wooden structure.

TO-DAY: A modern building with a glass facade.

NEXT WEEK: A taller modern building.

NEXT MONTH: A very tall modern building.

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