

AMERICANS FIGHT WITH SCOUTS

Nicaragua Now Tempting Field for Adventurous Youth Against Vasquez.

U. S. 'SCOUTS' SHOW METAL

In Recent Battle at St. Vincents at Least One Is Wounded After Hand-to-Hand Encounter in Attempt to Capture Guns

BLUEFIELDS, Nic., Feb. 20.—Americans took an active part in the battle between the insurgents and the Madriz forces at St. Vincents and at least one was badly wounded.

They were under Captain Victor Gordon, with General Mena, the contingent being known as "The American Scouts." The wounded man is William Wilkins, who joined with the Americans.

Another scout, G. T. Bushby, was wounded when a stone from behind which he was firing was shattered by a cannon ball. Bushby was thrown 50 feet, but he went back to the fight.

Many Attacks Made. In a dispatch that he has sent here, Captain Gordon says that the battle began on the 15th. The insurgents reached Chinon on the 15th, when, after ten hours of desperate attacks and counter-attacks, the enemy, under General Vasquez, retired to a secondary position, guns which disabled them, they caused a desultory artillery fire that ceased at 10 o'clock.

Vasquez can receive no reinforcements, and when Mena's men, who are expected hourly, arrive, General Mena will assume the aggressive and will attempt to drive Vasquez toward the lake. Early in the morning of the 18th the enemy's guns were trained on Mena's left, drawing out his forces, including the Americans. Mena reformed and recaptured the place.

The enemy then opened fire in front of a hill but Mena executed a flanking movement, the government troops to retire in great confusion. They abandoned many rifles and narrowly saved a Maxim. Some of Vasquez's personal effects were taken, and the General himself got away only by a close margin.

How Wilkins Was Wounded. When the enemy withdrew, Frank Reynolds, at the head of five other Americans, hotly pursued them, coming within 100 yards of capturing a Maxim, when his men were compelled to retreat. At times the bullets, shells and shrapnel came so thick that it was difficult to see. One of the men, Maxima, was captured by assault, this being the operation in which Wilkins was wounded. He was carried to the hospital in Chinon in the midst of a hail of bullets.

Once the Americans ran out of ammunition and before a new supply came they were compelled to defend themselves in a hand-to-hand fight. Five additional Americans under General Zeledon were placed in command of the enemy's left in a movement that shortly afterwards terminated in the enemy's complete retreat.

These Americans were Don M. Turner, of El Paso; J. H. Herman, of Massachusetts; F. E. Thomas, recently of Johannesburg, South Africa; Lewis Ross, of Milwaukee, and T. D. Moore, of Dover, Fla.

BURGLAR'S LOOT IS HEAVY

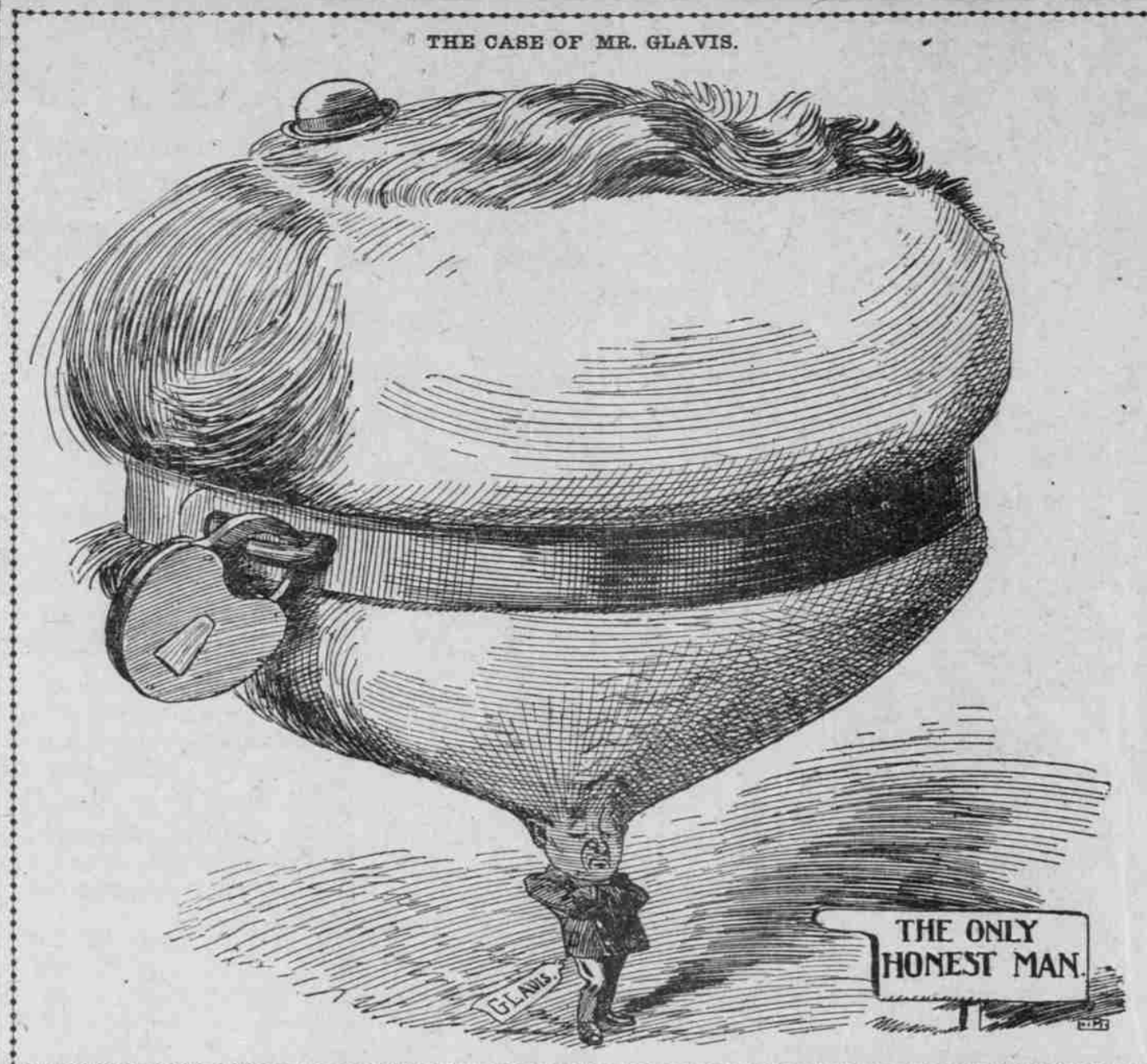
Store Robbed of 22 Pairs of Shoes, All Its Cutlery.

CLIFFS, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Burglars entered the store of Milan Robison at Columbus last night and robbed the place of 22 pairs of shoes, all the razors and pocket cutlery, a store of men's clothing, and various small articles. The postoffice, in the same building, was not disturbed.

EAST AND WEST TO DEBATE

Cornell Team Leaves to Meet University of California.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Cornell University debating team will leave for the Pacific coast the latter part of March to meet the University of California team April 5.



END DRAWING NEAR

Pinchot Diminishes as Figure in Inquiry.

HIS STORY UNIMPORTANT

Cross-Examination May Be Omitted. Statement by Judge Ballinger Relied Upon to Make Issues Clear to the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Persons who have been following carefully the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, think that the end is in sight.

Proceedings do not seem to indicate that Ex-Forester Pinchot will play an important part in the investigation. He has continued the story he wants to tell on the stand, and the impression is that it will not bear heavily on the question whether Secretary Ballinger has been guilty of irregularities or improprieties.

Horace Jones Reaches Washington. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.—Horace Tillards Jones, who assisted Francis J. Heney in the trial of Binger Hermann, arrived here yesterday to appear before the Congressional investigating committee and tell what he knows of the Cunningham cases in Alaska. Jones was referred to by several Senators to perfect other conservation measures so that they will be ready for consideration at the next session.

TAFT'S NEW PLAN PLEAS

fort will be made to report the bill. There is some prospect that this will be done. Railroad Bill to Follow.

Although the Senate could not be ready to take up the railroad bill until late in the week, it is being argued by members of the committee that the bill should be reported so as to have it printed and given Senators a few days to study its provisions.

Other Conservation Bills Wanted.

The one conservation bill that President Taft is determined shall be passed is that which gives to the President unrestricted power to withdraw public lands from settlement and place them in reserves. In the meantime an effort will be made by a special committee of Western Senators to perfect other conservation measures so that they will be ready for consideration at the next session.

Subsidy Is Unpopular.

Ship subsidy legislation is unpopular in so many sections of the country that some members are distinctly relieved at the prospect that the Humphrey bill, reported from the House committee on merchant marine, may not be taken up

THE CASE OF MR. GLAVIS.



TILLMAN IS BETTER

Recovers Speech; Recognizes Physician.

RESTFUL NIGHT PASSED

No Indications Pointing to Probability of Unfavorable Developments Are Noted, Official Bulletin Declares.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Favorable indications showed themselves today in the condition of Senator Tillman. The initial symptoms which aroused his partial paralysis and loss of speech has abated, and improvement has begun, according to a bulletin issued late this afternoon by the three attending physicians.

Today he recognized and called by name one of the physicians, a man whom he had seen only once before. Patient Speaks to Doctor.

Until tonight the Senator had spoken only two words since he was stricken last Thursday, but today, when the family physician entered, his face began to brighten as he recognized him, and said: "Hello, doctor." A little later the physician whom he had seen only once said to the Senator: "I don't suppose you remember me."

VIRGINIA BEATS RECORD

BATTLESHIP SHOWS BETTER THAN WHEN LAUNCHED.

Cuba Scene of 19.54-Knot Point, Reached in Trials by Atlantic Fleet Commander.

CHINA WARNED BY POWERS

Great Britain and France Join in Recommendation on Road Deal.

PEKIN, Feb. 20.—Great Britain and France have made joint formal and friendly recommendations to China that government should not proceed with the Chin Choo & Algon Railway scheme without taking into consideration the wishes of Russia and Japan.

\$250,000 BUYS MINE GROUP

Vancouver, B. C., Syndicate to Develop Jap Claims.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—A local syndicate has just completed the purchase from the Japanese owners of the famous Ewada Ikeda group of mines and claims on Queen Charlotte Island for \$250,000.

BALLINGER VETOES ENDURANCE TESTS

Line Forms in Los Angeles Far in Advance of Allotment in Advance of Yuma Farms.

HARDSHIP TO BE AVOIDED

Secretary Directs That Hall or Park Be Engaged and That Home-seekers Be Registered in a More Orderly Way.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Unwilling that a record-breaking endurance test should be held with the approval of the Government, Secretary Ballinger has adopted a new plan for the allotment of 40-acre farms at Yuma, Cal., in March.

The necessity for the plan arose from a hall or a baseball park, large enough to accommodate all who desire to participate in the allotment, being engaged in Los Angeles for March 1. To those assembled in the hall or park by 9 o'clock on that day cards will be distributed. On these, the names, age, height and postoffice address of each homeseeker must be written.

Plan Changed by Telegraph.

Hardships that would result from such an endurance test did not appeal to the Secretary, so he telegraphed the Land Office that a different plan had been adopted.

In accordance with the new arrangement, the Secretary has ordered that a hall or a baseball park, large enough to accommodate all who desire to participate in the allotment, be engaged in Los Angeles for March 1. To those assembled in the hall or park by 9 o'clock on that day cards will be distributed. On these, the names, age, height and postoffice address of each homeseeker must be written.

At any time between March 1 and March 19 the applicant may appear at the land office in Los Angeles and, upon being identified by the card, may make application for any of the 472 farms that the Government is to give away. An opportunity will be given to those who file on the same farm to decide among themselves which shall have the land. If this is not done, Government officials will choose the lucky person by lot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—As the result of a blunder, made either by Secretary Ballinger, of the Department of the Interior, or by the local branch of the United States Land Office, it may be necessary to call out the militia to prevent rioting on the morning of March 1, when allotments are made of land to be opened in the Yuma district.

The men and women who for two days and nights held places in the line on Broadway have organized to fight for what they claim are their rights and they say that unless they get them there will be such rioting that it will be imperative to call out the troops.

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Michigan's Senator Recovering.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan continued to improve today and his friends are confident that it will be only a short time until he recovers from his operation for appendicitis.

Representative Perkins Dying.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The condition of Representative James B. Perkins of New York, showed no improvement today and is regarded as extremely critical.

O. A. C. ARMORY ACCEPTED

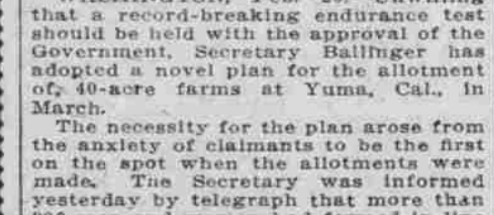
Largest Building of Kind in West Costs \$35,000.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The building committee of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College has accepted the new armory from Contractor Erlson. This magnificent structure was built at a cost of \$35,000 according to plans drawn up by Architects Benson and Hendricks of Portland.

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