



WEST'S DEMANDS TO BE PRESENTED

Conservation Congress Will Hear Them.

GOVERNORS MAKE DECISION

Pacific and Rocky Mountain States Get Recognition.

RIGHTS TO BE DEFENDED

Conference at Salt Lake City Outlines Desires of Western People to Preserve Land for States and Nation by Sane Method.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—

Resolving to take part in the proceedings of the St. Paul Conservation Congress and adopting a platform of principles directly opposed to the Pinchot policies, the conference of Rocky Mountain and Pacific States Governors concluded its labors shortly before noon today.

This morning's meeting was an executive session and while a full report of its proceedings was not made public, it is known that the bureaucratic administration of the Forestry Service and the evils of Pinchotism received merited criticism.

The conference went on record as favoring state administration of natural resources, and it was quite evident from the expressions of attending Governors and representatives that, in their opinion, Western men are more capable of carrying on the work of conservation than the theorists of the East, whose sole knowledge of the great empire west of the Rockies is obtained, they declare, by reading the muck-raking articles of Eastern magazines.

Declaration Is Adopted.

The full text of the platform and declaration of principles, which was adopted by an unanimous vote, is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Governors of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States affirm as a platform of principles to be urged upon the National Conservation Congress, to be held at St. Paul, Minn., September 5 to 9, 1910:

"First, that in legislatively solving the problem of conservation the National Congress adhere to the doctrine of Abraham Lincoln that the public lands are an impermanent National possession, held in trust for the maturing states.

"Second, that state government, no less beneficially than National Government is capable of devising and administering laws for the conservation of public property; and that the National and state governments should legislatively co-ordinate, to the end that within a reasonable period of time the state governments be conceded the full and complete administration of such conservation laws as may be found adaptable to the varying needs of the several states.

Common Welfare Menaced.

"Third, that the experience of the conservation states demonstrates that the disposition of public property made under existing National conservation laws and regulations have tended to intrude monopolies and interests menacing the common welfare; and that modifications of such laws and regulations should be promoted by the conservation congress.

"Fourth, that the elimination from the National forest reserves of all homestead and unimproved grazing lands is immediately expedient.

"Fifth, that the use and control of all water power inheres of right in the states, within restriction, insuring perpetual freedom from monopoly.

"Sixth, that the privilege of American citizens to seek and develop mineral wealth wherever it may be found should be fully amplified and secured by laws.

"Seventh, that the idea of deriving Federal revenue from the physical resources of the states is repugnant to that adjustment of constitutional powers which guarantees the perpetuity of the Union."

Participation Is Question.

The principal object of the conference was to determine whether or not the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States should participate in the St. Paul Conservation Congress.

The formal request of Governor Marion E. Hay, of Washington, that these states be represented on the programme at St. Paul was denied by officials of the Conservation Congress and this plain and positive manifestation of discourtesy and unfairness prompted Washington's chief executive to call the conference of Governors which adjourned today. Fearing that the conference of Governors might refuse to sanction the appointment of delegates to St. Paul, officials of the Conservation Congress became alarmed and an extra day during which all Governors or their representatives will be given a hearing was added to the programme.

A delegation of St. Paul business men appeared before the assembled Governors and their representatives last evening, told of the change of programme and promised the West fair treatment.

Resolution Is Adopted.

This promise led to the adoption of the following resolution introduced by Governor James H. Brady, of Idaho, at this morning's session:

"Whereas, This conference of the Gov-

PARKER, FAILING, DENOUNCES COOK

MOUNT MCKINLEY TOO DIFFICULT FOR ASCENT.

Photograph Displayed by Polar Faker Now Believed to Be Those of Smaller Peak Nearby.

SEWARD, Alaska, Aug. 19.—The Parker-Browne Mount McKinley expedition passed through Seward today, sailing on the steamship Portland for Seattle. The party was unsuccessful in its efforts to scale the peak. Members of the expedition assert that they have conclusive evidence that Dr. Cook did not reach the summit.

The members of the Parker-Browne party corroborate the statements made by C. E. Husk, who recently led an unsuccessful expedition, that the peak climbed by Dr. Cook and used in his photographs as Mount McKinley is a smaller peak, easy of access and 10 miles away from the real summit.

Professor Herschel Parker, who is at the head of the expedition that just returned, took photographs of the lower peak. He says these will prove that Dr. Cook's statement that he climbed Mount McKinley are not true. Professor Parker places no credence in the statement made by Tom Lloyd, of Fairbanks, and his associates that they climbed the mountain from the Fairbanks side.

Those in the party which returned today are: Professor Herschel Parker, of Columbia University; Belmont Browne, of Tacoma; Professor J. H. Cuntz, of Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.; Herman L. Tucker, of Newton, Mass.; Waldemar Grassie, of Columbia University; and Merle Leroy, an Alaskan packer.

PATTEN GUARDS HIS CASH

Card Sharks on Liner Disgusted. He Works for University.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Among the passengers who arrived on the Adriatic from Liverpool today was James A. Patten, the man who engineered the big bull movement in cotton last winter.

A gang of half a dozen card players boarded the steamer with the purpose of getting Patten into a game and plucking him. For the first three days out from Liverpool the card sharks hung around him like leeches. Then, seeing that he was not to be caught, turned their attention to other passengers. Patten told reporters he was in earnest about retiring from business. He said:

"I have made all the money I need and I'm going to quit. But I'm not going to loaf. I will have plenty to do. Probably my most active efforts will be spent in behalf of the Northwestern University, of Evanston, Ill., just outside of Chicago. I am one of the regents of the institution and we have a big improvement plan under way. I am deeply interested in it."

WEALTHY AUTOIST JAILED

Death of Girl, Struck by Speeder, Brings Bitter Denunciation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The police took into custody today E. T. Rosenheimer, son of a wealthy needle manufacturer, in connection with the death of Miss Grace Hough, who was hurled from an automobile going 50 miles an hour.

Rosenheimer said he was in his machine, but denied that it struck a car.

At the inquest into Miss Hough's death, held later, Coroner Schwanecke denounced Rosenheimer as the most brutal and heartless joyrider he ever had before him. He declared it to be his intent to put the facts before the District Attorney.

Rosenheimer's wife, who had been listening to the proceedings, fainted when the emergency Coroner sent her husband, who was held in \$25,000 bail, back to a cell.

BLOOD SHED IN SHAM FIGHT

Paraffine Bullet Seriously Wounds Centralia Guardsman at Cosgrove.

COSGROVE, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Private Minches, Company M, Washington National Guard, whose home is at Centralia, Wash., was shot in the back with a paraffine bullet this morning during a sham battle between the Idaho and Washington militia. The bullet was fired at a range of about 30 feet and tore a hole in Minches' back as large as a man's fist. After first aid remedies had been administered, Minches was hurried to the field hospital and is now resting easily. Chances are good for his recovery.

This is the second accident during the maneuvers. Last week a private in the Montana National Guard was slightly injured by falling on a bayonet during sham battle.

It is rumored that the camp will break up after the militia leave on August 26.

SCRAMBLE FOR PLATES ON

Hamilton Club Seeks Larger Hall for Roosevelt Banquet.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Although invitations to the Hamilton Club banquet to Theodore Roosevelt, on September 8, have been out only 24 hours and plates are quoted at \$7.50 each, 400 reservations were made today and the entertainment committee began figuring on larger quarters for the event, as the present quarters accommodate only 675 guests.

It was before the Hamilton Club that the "strenuous life" was launched and the "big stick" became a symbol of the Roosevelt policies.

BALLINGER "COUP" LAID TO NORTON

Plan Does Not Meet Approval of Taft.

"BAD POLITICS" CRITICISED

President Repudiates Bright Idea of Private Secretary.

FALSE IMPRESSION GIVEN

Offer to Resign Once Made by Ballinger, but Refused—Cannon, However, Is Not in Good Books of Administration.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 19.—Past suspicions that Secretary Norton was instigator of a plan to force Secretary Ballinger's retirement and eliminate Speaker Cannon from the present campaign are confirmed by a correspondent at Beverly Hills who is close to Taft. This correspondent, in a dispatch to the Washington Times, commenting on the situation says:

"It is conceded here now that plans to oust Ballinger and kill Cannon sounded plausible in print, but were really far from practical. How far the President himself was agreeable to the movement to get rid of Ballinger cannot be determined, but it is certain that when the issue was made he refused to back up Secretary Norton, who is generally credited with having fathered the scheme.

Offer to Resign Once Refused. Inquiry among those familiar with the situation has developed these facts about Mr. Ballinger: A year ago, when charges against him broke, he offered to resign his portfolio. The President refused point blank to accept his resignation and assured Mr. Ballinger that he would stick by him because of his belief in Ballinger's innocence. Since then the President and all the members of the Cabinet have more than once assured the Secretary of the interior of their support.

Ballinger, therefore, has taken the attitude that he will not resign unless he is asked by Taft to do so. This the President has refused and still refuses.

Cannon's Situation Different. With Cannon the situation is different. Taft has never been an admirer of the Speaker. There is no doubt that Representative Longworth, in issuing his statement of defiance yesterday against Cannon had the consent and approval of the President.

And it can be said today that the Administration is no longer lined up with Cannon. But the wisdom of attacking Cannon is now doubted by many politicians, for it is a foregone conclusion under any circumstances that the Speaker has only the slightest chance of re-election to his position.

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REFUSAL OF AID TAKEN TO COURT

SECRETARY KNOX ACCUSED OF WITHHOLDING LETTER.

American, Threatened with Imprisonment in Mexico, Asks Correspondence Be Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Application for a writ of mandamus to compel Secretary Knox to submit State Department records concerning the case of Dr. James E. Buckley, of Chicago, who says he was refused help from the American Embassy at Mexico City when he was threatened with imprisonment, was filed here today in the District Court.

Dr. Buckley alleges that James G. Bailey, charge of the American Embassy last December, ignored an appeal for aid. The doctor was in danger of arrest on a charge of having administered cocaine, in defiance of Mexican law, to a patient suffering from appendicitis. The patient said the use of the drug was against his wish.

When he sought an explanation from Mr. Bailey, the doctor says he was told no attention was paid to such complaints until the applicant for help "was already in jail."

Dr. Buckley says he had Senator Jones, of Washington, write for an explanation from the State Department. The answer of the department to the Senator included only a portion of the letter of advice to the department from Mr. Bailey and that portion Dr. Buckley characterizes as "slandering and scurrilous and a false defense."

He asks that the entire correspondence be made public.

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Ex-Illinois Officials Held for Graft.

CONFESSIONS ARE SECURED

Frauds Said to Involve Loss to Company of \$5,000,000.

ACCUSED MEN PROMINENT

System of Graft Uncarried Makes Political Crooked Work Pale to Insignificance, Official of Railway Says—Bail Secured.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The first blow in the \$5,000,000 Illinois Central graft scandal has fallen, and three officials of the road were landed in jail, although but for a few minutes.

It was a full confession from an official of the Blue Island Car & Equipment Company, declared to involve not only these, but numerous other of the road's former officials, that finally resulted in the arrests.

The men arrested today were: Frank B. Harriman, former general manager for the Illinois Central, released on bond of \$40,000; John M. Taylor, former general storekeeper at Burnside, released on bond of \$40,000; Charles L. Ewing, former general superintendent of the Illinois Central lines north of the Ohio River.

Charges Stoutly Denied.

In each case the prisoner was charged with conspiracy to commit an illegal act and obtaining money by means of a confidence game. In each instance the prisoner stoutly maintained his innocence and declared that if a conspiracy existed it was on the part of the road to persecute them. The warrants were sworn to by President Harahan of the railroad concerned.

Back of the interests there is a tragic story of the "sweating" of an official of the Blue Island Car Repair & Equipment Company, and finally of a confession that furnished what is accepted as the clinching bit of evidence against the former road officials.

Although the identity of the man who confessed to the irregularities in the repair concern's transactions with the lawyers who are prosecuting the case, it was found that he had lost all of the money he had made out of the transactions through poor investments.

Sweating Brings Results.

He being financially irresponsible, it is declared that the road refused to prosecute him in the civil suits, but used all of its energies in an effort to wring a confession from him that would convict the other officials who resigned under fire.

The result, it was declared tonight, was a complete breakdown and confession. In his statement, which will be used as the basis for the present

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PORTLAND STANDS HIGH AMONG CITIES

CLEARINGS SHOW FOURTH HEAVIEST INCREASE.

While Seattle and Los Angeles Are in Decrease Column, Oregon Metropolis Ranks High.

With an increase of 33.9 per cent in its bank clearings for the week ending Thursday evening, Portland again takes front rank among the cities of the country as indicating a prosperous condition.

Only three cities—Oakland, Atlanta and Detroit, with respective percentage increases of 47, 34.3 and 32—showed gains greater than Portland, but this city has been in the lead for so long that its bankers willingly grant the others their temporary honors.

While Portland has persistently shown a gain in its bank clearings, other Coast towns have reported decreases, notable among these being Seattle and Los Angeles, with losses of 7.5 and 2.7 per cent, respectively. Spokane's increase was 6.7 per cent, while that of Tacoma was 4.6. San Francisco's increase was 6.5, Sacramento 14.5, and Helena 13.9. Salt Lake City's percentage of decrease was 25.1.

What makes Portland's record all the more remarkable is the fact that there have been no unusual conditions here to cause the gradual improvement in financial circles. The growth is healthy, substantial and indicative of the general prosperity of the community. The amount of the week's clearance was \$9,921,000.

The aggregate clearance figures for the country again show an encouraging increase over last week, but the decrease from the corresponding week last year is still considerable, being over \$700,000,000.

New York is again in the decrease column with a loss of 34.3 per cent. Both Chicago and Boston, which rank next to New York as financial centers, show losses of 4.1 and 7.8 per cent, respectively. Philadelphia remains on the increase side with a percentage of 3.2. St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Baltimore have the narrowest kinds of gains, while the clearings of Cincinnati and New Orleans show a falling off.

With continued steady growth Portland's clearings will soon reach the comfortable sum of \$10,000,000 per week, which will cause it to outrank Buffalo, Indianapolis, St. Paul and other cities acknowledged to be larger.

RANCH DEEDED IN FEAR

Mother of Ten Says Husband Compelled Signature With Rifle.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Alleging that her husband, Thomas Hart, of Wilbur, held a loaded Winchester rifle within two inches of her head, and threatened to kill her unless she signed a deed conveying the family ranch to a third person, Mrs. Heston Hart caused her husband's arrest today. He will be arraigned tomorrow morning on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The Harts are prominent in Douglas County, where they have resided for many years. Mrs. Hart is a daughter of David McKay, a merchant at Wilbur, and is related to Grant Dimick, of Oregon City. She has ten children, the eldest of whom is 15 years old.

Mrs. Hart has gone to live with her parents and says she will have nothing more to do with her husband.

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UNION LEADER ARRESTED

Chauffeurs' Organizer Charged With Embezzlement of \$500.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Edward J. McGuirk, National organizer of the Chauffeurs' Union, is under arrest at Central Police Station, accused of embezzling \$500 from E. C. Handy, local union organizer, in San Francisco, who declares he gave McGuirk money out of the organization's treasury in San Francisco when the accused man visited the Coast city recently.

The charges against McGuirk set forth that he went to San Francisco to perfect an organization of the chauffeurs there and that Handy provided him with \$500 from the organization's strongbox. It is declared that McGuirk appropriated the money to his own use.

TAX REDUCTION DENIED

Commissioner Arland Criticizes Statements in Newspapers.

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Owing to the absence of County Commissioner Willis Hopkins, the County Board of Equalization took no action today regarding a sweeping reduction on valuations of timber in ranges 7 and 8, which move has been the object of inquiry of the grand jury the past two days. The Board adjourned rejecting all application for a reduction.

Commissioner Arland assailed the newspapers this morning for statements made concerning the attempted reduction and branded the stories as untrue. Other members of the Equalization Board say the stories are true.

SERMON LEADS TO CAPTURE

Man Breaks Jail, Preaches and Identity Becomes Known.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Sheriff Chrisman has recaptured M. S. Taylor, one of the three men who broke jail a few nights ago. Taylor is the young man who made himself prominent in the work of the local churches, and passed worthless checks on the friends he had made there. He was caught about 15 miles from Utn. He preached at a church in that community, which fact was reported in town and led to his recovery.

ANGRY SQUATTERS BLAMED FOR FIRE

Incendiarism Charged at Medford.

REVENGE GIVEN AS MOTIVE

Burning Forests Give Rise to Call for 500 Men.

7 RANGERS THOUGHT LOST

Conflagration Around Mount Pitt, Fanned to Roaring Furnace by Wind, Entirely Beyond Control—Timber Is Very Dry.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Belief has become fixed among Medford citizens and the crews of fire-fighters that practically all of the fires which have broken out in the big timber belt west of Mount Pitt are of incendiary origin. This belief is based on the fact that there have been no continued electrical storms by which the cause of the fires could be fixed on lightning flashes, and fires which started earlier in the week are so far removed from the conflagrations which broke out yesterday and during the preceding night.

Significance is given to the rumor by reason of the well-known differences between the officials of the Forest Service and the "squatters" on the Cascade National forest, located in part along the course of Big Butte Creek.

Suspicious Blazes Arise. Two fires yesterday broke out in township 34 south of range 2 east, the land claimed by the squatting settlers, and which the foresters are said to have withheld from patent under the claim that it is not more valuable for agricultural purposes than it is for timber.

Most of the squatters were in possession of the unsurveyed lands in 1907, when that land was taken into the reserve, and the foresters have thus far been unable to eject them. The feeling against the Forest Service is said to be very bitter among the 75 or more squatter families residing along the Big Butte.

The fact that a number of fires are burning between the homes of the squatters and the main range, and which cannot be accounted for by the presence of any cause for fire, has awakened gravest suspicions.

Seven Rangers Hemmed In. Seven rangers are hemmed in by the fire and it is believed they will lose their lives. The fire is wholly on the Government reserve and the loss will exceed 100,000,000 feet of timber.

At noon today Chief Ranger W. C. Neff, of the Crater forest reserve, arrived at Klamath Falls and at once endeavored to secure 500 men and tools and supplies for three or four weeks to fight the fire. He also sent word to Portland for soldiers to fight the Dubois and 500 troops will probably be sent from the Medford side of the range.

Fire Appears at Intervals. The path of the flames is 18 miles, and at noon today it was three miles wide, but Mr. Neff thought that from would be five miles before night. From the appearance of the flames the fire had evidently been started at intervals of half a mile for the entire 18 miles, giving evidence that the fire was set by some one who had a grudge against the forest rangers.

The fire has been burning for several days and is now beyond the control of the rangers, as a strong wind is blowing and the timber is very dry.

Should the line of fire running east from Cat Hill and Buck Lake form a junction with the fire on the Klamath side of the Cascade range, there will be a solid wall of flames with a frontage of more than 40 miles. The flames are traveling north.

Ashland's Water Supply Cut Off. Ashland's water supply is threatened by a forest fire which broke out this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The fire is raging at a point three miles above the intake and Guard Claude Dubois says that the fire was beyond control and that Company B, of the State Militia, the Ashland company, has been ordered out to fight the flames.

A heavy wind from the south blew up the canyon this afternoon and fanned the flames to a roaring fire, racing through the treetops at the rate, at times, of 30 miles an hour. Little hope is entertained of checking the fire until the wind dies down. Guard Dubois was badly burned, being unable to get out of the fire when a strong gust of wind arose. He has been 55 hours without sleep.

Flames Leap Canyon. So fierce was the fire that a wall of flame hundreds of feet long leaped across the canyon, which at this point is in the treetops and in the dry condition of the woods it is leaping from tree to tree and the whole countryside is lighted up.

There is another fire further up the canyon at Long's cabin. All communication between this fire and the City of Ashland has been cut off as the re-

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