



CABINET TO DECIDE BALLINGER ISSUE

Secretary Leaves Result to Colleagues.

DEFINITE ACTION DEMANDED

Committee's Failure at Minneapolis Is Embarrassing.

TAFT MUST APPROVE, TOO

Absence of Dickinson Will Prevent Drawing of Party Lines—Department Suffers From Long-Drawn Uncertainty.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Whether R. A. Ballinger's resignation as Secretary of the Interior will follow immediately the Cabinet meeting September 26, to attend which he is now en route from Seattle; or whether he will retain his position indefinitely—at least until after the delivery to Congress of the reports of the committee that investigated his stewardship of the public domain, depends now upon the attitude of his Cabinet associates.

Mr. Ballinger is coming to Washington, his friends say, wholly unopposed to any act on his part for which he should be condemned and has determined to force his chief and his official colleagues to be in effect his judges.

Colleagues to Judge. If they concur in the view at present attributed to Mr. Taft that the accused Secretary shall be sustained as an innocent and persecuted man, he will retain his position; if they fail to back him up, he will resign. That this is Mr. Ballinger's position, was learned here today upon authority hardly to be questioned.

At the first meeting of the Cabinet after the summer recess, Secretary Dickinson, the Democratic member, will not have returned from the Philippines and will therefore be absent from the meeting. It is expected that the meeting is expected to last three days. It will surprise nobody here if the Ballinger case occupies a large part of the time.

Rumors have been constant and decidedly definite here during the last few days that Mr. Ballinger's resignation would be one of the first developments of the Cabinet meeting; but his friends, including his associates in the Interior Department have refused to believe that he would retire, "under fire," and have pointed to his oft-repeated declaration to the contrary and to the recent statement attributed to him that he would resign only at the specified request of the President.

Some of these, however, today admitted that they themselves and the Secretary are alive to the fact that the turmoil and uncertainty into which the protracted controversy has plunged the Department must be abated soon unless this important branch of the public service is to become hopelessly demoralized.

Delay Disappointing. Nobody here doubts that a majority—all but one of the Republican members—of the investigating committee will sustain Secretary Ballinger. But Secretary Ballinger and his partisans here were greatly disappointed that the absence of Senators Root and Flint from the Minneapolis meeting left the pro-Ballinger portion of the committee in the minority and permitted the Democrats and the Insurgent Republicans member to put forth reports condemning him. These reports for many weeks will stand before the country as the only findings of the committee; whereas he had relied on the majority for a vindication.

It is this failure of the committee to take final action which, it is said, has determined Secretary Ballinger's course. It was said here today by a close friend of the Secretary that had the majority of the committee been ready to report at the Minneapolis meeting, he would then have tendered his resignation to the President and urged its acceptance on the ground that the dissensions which it has been a party were detrimental to the public interest.

Action to Be Demanded. When the committee failed at Minneapolis to take action as a whole, and when there was no quorum at the subsequent meeting in Chicago it became apparent that no decision could be expected for several months.

This situation is said to have convinced Mr. Ballinger that his position, in spite of the President, has become untenable. Unable, as he sees it, to resign as either vindicated or condemned by the committee, he has decided, it is said, to demand of his superior and his Cabinet associates either vindication or condemnation.

Secretary Ballinger left his home in Seattle yesterday and will reach Washington several days in advance of the Cabinet session. His purpose in thus expediting his return is believed to be to counsel with his immediate subordinates and to gain their assistance in preparing for his demand upon the Cabinet for a "show down."

HASTY WEDDINGS MAY BE DIFFICULT

Ten Days' Notice Before License Issues Is One—Divorce to Be Opposed by Courts.

CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE REFORMERS PLAN OBSTACLES.

First on the List of Bills Comes the Marriage License Measure, Which Provides 10 Days' Notice for Parties Intending to Get Married Before the License Will Be Issued by the County Clerk.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Proposed measures, aimed at marriage and divorce reform, were given discussion and promised support today at the meeting of the Inter-Denominational Commission on marriage and divorce for Northern California, where it was decided that the next Legislature should be asked to enact several new laws.

First on the list of bills comes the marriage license measure, which provides 10 days' notice for parties intending to get married before the license will be issued by the County Clerk.

A divorce examiner, whose duty it would be to appear at every divorce trial and contest the action on behalf of the state, would be created. Another would require every defendant to be present at the trial, either in person or substantial affidavit, and that strenuous efforts be made by judges to effect a reconciliation where possible.

Francis M. Moody, of Pasadena, field secretary of the commission, explained the bills. The second Sunday in November was selected by ministers present as the time for opening a campaign against the divorce evil.

DR. BROUGHER BUYS HOME

Los Angeles Property Worth \$10,000 Is Deeded to Family.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, who came here a little more than a year ago from Portland, today set at rest reports that he was not going to stay in Los Angeles long, by purchasing a beautiful residence on Crown Hill, on Fourth street, near Lucas. Immediately after the purchase he deeded the house and the lot to Mrs. Brougher, as a gift to his wife and his children, who returned recently from Oregon, where the family spent the summer. Speaking of the house, Dr. Brougher said:

"Mrs. Brougher has wanted a home of her own here for some time, so I thought she might as well have it. She has been especially eager to have a home since her return from Oregon, where we lived for some years."

With certain alterations and improvements Dr. Brougher is having made, the property will be worth \$10,000. He expects to move into the house about October 1.

CHINAMEN BUY REVOLVERS

Mongolians in Stockton Arm Themselves for Tong War.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The sudden run on the gun stores of this city by Chinamen, who are arming themselves in the belief that a tong war is certain, today resulted in almost every high-priced revolver being sold.

The owners were surprised this morning to have Chinamen call in twos and threes and purchase the best makes of pistols, paying from \$10 to \$20 each for what they believed to be reliable weapons. The swarm in the stores increased and long before the day was over, most of the high-class pistols were sold.

When questioned this evening, several of the old-time Chinese declared that they would not be surprised at an outbreak at most any time, though they are making every effort to keep the trouble from extending to Stockton. They have special watchmen at the trains and will not allow strange Mongolians to stop here.

PEARS BRING TOP PRICE

Rogue River Bartletts Sold for \$2.90, Buero d'Anjous at \$5.90.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Banner prices are being realized by Rogue River Valley pear growers in Eastern markets.

Dillon Hill, who received an average price of \$3.33 a box for three carloads of Bartletts, received as high as \$2.90 a box for some of them. George E. Marshall received \$5.90 a box for his shipment of Buero d'Anjous.

The prices reported from the East for the late shipments of pears are higher than those of earlier shipments. The reason given is that the California pears are now out of the markets.

NELSON IN AUTO WRECK

Battling One Thrown 20 Feet Into Field When Speeding.

ROOSEVELT FIND FRIENDS DIVIDED

Colonel Meets Leaders on Both Sides.

GROMWELL QUITS STANDARD

Staten Island Condemns Support, Says Committeeman.

REPLY MADE TO BARNES

"Old Guard" Leader Condemns "Appeal to Mob"—Indeed Blessed in His Enemies, Is Colonel's Prompt Retort.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—County politicians from all parts of New York gathered today at Theodore Roosevelt's editorial offices to tell him where they stand in the fight now on within the Republican party. The Colonel talked from morning till night with leaders on both sides, but as he was leaving at the end of the day the only statement he would make was that he had not a word to say.

Some brought back word that the Colonel had been informed of dissatisfaction within his own ranks, but none of them was willing to go on record by name. George Cromwell, president of the borough of Richmond and member of the Republican state committee, was the only one who did not hesitate to say where he stood.

Staten Island Anti-Roosevelt. "I'm going to vote against Roosevelt," he said. "I have taken that resolution after thinking it over carefully, and I hear nothing but condemnation from my people in Staten Island."

Colonel Roosevelt is to leave at 7:45 o'clock tomorrow morning for Syracuse, where he will speak at the state fair tomorrow afternoon.

Unfriendly Resolution Tabled. After the New York County Republican Committee had unanimously re-elected Lloyd A. Griscom as its president tonight, Adam Gruber, an assembly district leader, who has finally gone on record against Colonel Roosevelt, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the New York County Committee of New York disapprove as unjust and dangerous to the liberties of the people the utterance of ex-President Roosevelt in respect to the judges of the United States Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals."

With a shout of disapproval the resolution was tabled and the meeting adjourned.

Taft Is Cheered. The committeemen cheered Mr. Gruber. (Concluded on Page 2.)

SEAWALL FALLS; HOMES IN DANGER

SCORES OF MEN WORK TO SAVE LONG BEACH HOUSES.

MILE OF CONCRETE WALK GOES OUT WITH TIDE, AND LIGHT POLES FALL LIKE NINE PINS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Scores of men are working unceasingly to fortify residences along the ocean front at Long Beach against the waters which broke through a protecting cement wall last night and left the houses exposed to the fury of the breakers.

Many beach houses were left undetermined by the washing of the waves, and unless the foundations are reinforced within the next few hours they will fall into the sea. A half-mile of the breakwater, as much of the seawall and nearly a mile of concrete sidewalk were washed out.

One building collapsed from the force of the waves. An apartment building of 40 rooms is in a most perilous position, and there is every probability that the building will fall. The house is now standing on the sheerest ledge. The danger had been threatened for three days and residents were apprehensive of their momentary peril.

Electric light poles fell during the night like ninepins. The trouble is due to the unusually high tides. The waters will continue to increase until Sunday.

FLEET PRACTICE DELAYED

Atlantic Weather Too Stormy for Prescribed Work With Guns.

U. S. S. KANSAS, at Sea on Southern Drill Grounds (By Wireless Via Portsmouth, Va.), Sept. 16.—Father Neptune and the weather have been playing their parts in annual fall battle practice of the Atlantic fleet with too much vim, and as a consequence have somewhat disrupted the plans of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet. The greatest difficulty is being experienced by the 15 battleships in securing satisfactory weather for their allotted time at night target practice. Only five of the battleships have completed their work in that direction since they arrived on the southern drill grounds, 30 miles south of the Virginia Capes, on Tuesday.

Battle practice, which had been planned for last night, was again prevented, as on Wednesday night, by the heavy weather. An attempt was made at towing the target rafts in order that the big guns of the battleships might shoot at the moving objects, but it was abandoned, owing to the rafts breaking apart. In securing the drifting floats, two men were washed overboard and were rescued with difficulty.

Admiral Schroeder's plans call for at least four more days of practice, and this can be had only after the weather moderates. No day practice has yet been held. Continuation of heavy weather may, in that case, delay the fleet's visit to New York, where the men and officers anxiously are looking forward to shore liberty.

"DRYS" WANT NO ELECTION

Attempt to Prevent Vote on Liquor Question in Puyallup.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Suit was filed in the Superior Court today by N. D. Jamelson, on behalf of "drys" of Puyallup, asking an injunction to prevent City Clerk in securing calling a special local option election.

A "wet" petition with 283 names was recently filed asking for the election, which was held in Puyallup in November. The "drys" allege the petition contains many fraudulent names and ask the court to prevent the election. Puyallup is now dry. (Concluded on Page 2.)

AMERICANS FLEE TO ESCAPE DEATH

Experience in Honduras Is Exciting.

OREGON MAN'S LIFE SOUGHT

H. C. Downing, of Salem, Kept Prisoner for 16 Days.

AMERICAN FLAG INSULTED

Men Accused of Being Rebel Sympathizers Take Refuge in Home of Fellow-American, but Place Is Sacked—Engine Stolen.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—H. C. Downing, railroad engineer from Salem, Or., has reached here after a thrilling experience in Honduras, where his life was threatened because he was suspected of being in sympathy with the revolution of Marshal Bonilla.

Downing and another American, F. B. Miller, were living together at La Guna, near the Government barracks. The night that General Marin's division routed Downing and Miller started for the marine headquarters to investigate the situation. Government troops pursued them and a Honduran officer cried: "Kill the Americans!"

Reaching Miller's house the American flag was raised. The flag was torn down by the Honduran soldiers and the two men were forced to flee to the home of Mr. Van Blaricum.

Men Prisoners for 16 Days. There a sentry was found on the front steps. Miller and Downing entered through a rear passage and for 16 days were kept prisoners in the place, surrounded by troops, demanding their surrender before the American Vice-Consul at Puerto Cortez could act and procure bond for the men.

Later, in their absence, the two men were tried by court-martial and convicted of being revolutionists. But for the firmness of Mr. Van Blaricum in refusing to give them up, the Americans would no doubt have been murdered. Downing and Miller stole a locomotive at night and ran down to the port at the other end of the city, where they boarded the steamship Hiram.

Authorities All Anti-American. Mr. Miller went to Belize, British Honduras, while Mr. Downing came here. Mr. Downing says that he does not believe the revolution of Manuel Bonilla has really started yet. He says the crowd in authority at Puerto Cortez is all anti-American and made up principally of friends who were put in office by the military revolution that elevated Davilla to the Presidency.

As showing the absolute contempt for the American Government felt by that gang of natives, Mr. Downing says that Mr. Miller's house, on which the American flag was flying, was destroyed by fire. (Concluded on Page 2.)

TOP PLACE STILL KEPT BY PORTLAND

BANK CLEARINGS STATEMENT SHOWS US UP WELL.

GAIN OF 29.3 PER CENT OVER CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR LEADS ALL COMPETITORS.

Portland keeps its first place among the leading cities of the country in the bank clearings column.

In the statement of comparisons furnished by Braintree's for the week ending Thursday, Portland makes the best showing of any large city, with a gain of 29.3 per cent over the clearings of the corresponding week of last year. When it is considered that the Fall grain movement has as yet hardly started, this showing is the more remarkable.

Conditions on Puget Sound are still about the same as they have been. Seattle's total is 14.8 per cent less than it was last year, but Tacoma shows a gain of 6.6 per cent. Spokane reports an increase of 11.2 per cent. San Francisco's weekly clearings are 5.2 per cent less than last year's and those of Los Angeles show a gain of about the same percentage.

For the country as a whole there is a decided shrinkage, as compared with a year ago, but this is largely due to the falling off in speculative activity at New York, where the weekly clearings decreased 33.8 per cent.

BOYS' ESCAPE IS FOILED

Young Desperadoes Nearly Kill Reform School Superintendent.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 16.—In a desperate attempt to escape from the New Mexico Reform School at Springer today three youthful desperadoes nearly killed the assistant superintendent, Barron Dekab Sampell.

Sampell was cut and slashed with butcher knives and beaten with a poker, but it is believed that he will recover. The attack was made in a recreation room, where 23 boys were assembled. Without warning the three plotters rushed Sampell, who was unarmed. He struggled until weakened by loss of blood, when the boys wrested from him the key to the vault where arms are stored.

Then the three, followed by several other boys, dashed toward the vault, only to be met by three guards armed with rifles. Seeing their only avenue of escape cut off, the boys surrendered. They are now closely confined.

ARMY PARADES IN MEXICO

Dedication of Liberty Shaft Closes Centennial Celebration.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—Mexico crowned the centennial of her centennial today with the dedication of a monument to the independence of the Republic. There was a grand parade from the National Palace to the site of the monument, the base of the monument is a replica of the Liberty Bell in the form of a bell, between this city and Chapultepec, where the ceremonies were held. Ten thousand soldiers, marines, rurales and representatives of other powers were in line. The feature of the programme was an address by President Diaz. The monument is an imposing granite shaft crowned by the figure of Liberty, and the base is surrounded by bronze figures representing the various phases of the national life.

DOG IS WON BY \$5 FINE

Laura Mitchell Seizes Canine Denied in Divorce Plea.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Laura Mitchell, divorced wife of Albert Mitchell, of Portland, was fined \$5 in police court today for trespassing on the premises of her father-in-law at Tumwater in an effort to get possession of a dog. The divorce was granted in Snohomish County last week and the decree denied her plea for possession of the dog.

Last night she came here, secured the animal and left in an auto for Lacey, where she was arrested, as she was about to board a train. Following the trial the father-in-law decided to permit her to keep the dog, and she left the courtroom smiling.

MAN MAY BE BANKROBBER

Denver Police Say They Have Jesse Darc, Wanted in Kansas.

DENVER, Sept. 16.—Jesse Darc, who tried to hold up a county bank 20 miles from Clay Center, Kan., December 23, and was put to flight by the paying teller and a woman employe, was arrested today at a grading camp in the suburbs of this city.

RICH WOMAN DUPE OF CULT, SAYS SON

Man Wants Fortune Given Theosophist.

FIGHT BREAK WILL BEGIN

\$150,000 Legacy Bequeathed by Woman, Charged.

TWO INFIRM PERSONS WED

George L. Patterson, Son of Mrs. Harriet P. Thurston, Declares Mrs. Katherine Tingley Is Not Entitled to Money.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 16.—Suit was filed in the Superior Court today to contest the will of Mrs. Harriet P. Thurston, who died at Newburyport, Mass., recently. In her will there is a legacy of \$150,000 to Mrs. Katherine Tingley, head of the theosophical organization at the Point Loma homestead. The contestant is George L. Patterson, a son of Mrs. Thurston. The complaint alleges conspiracy and undue influence. Mrs. Thurston was 74 years old. Her estate is estimated, according to the contestant, to be worth from \$400,000 to \$700,000.

Infirm Couple Married.

The complaint alleges that in 1907 Mrs. Harriet P. Thurston, then Mrs. Harriet P. Patterson, went to the homestead; that two years later she was married to Clark Thurston, an official of Mrs. Tingley's organization, and that Mrs. Tingley induced them to marry, both being infirm.

It is asserted that the will was not signed in the presence of George Butler and Mabel Reusch, whose names appear as witnesses.

Mind and Body Affected.

It alleges that for more than five years prior to the time of her death Mrs. Thurston was afflicted with disease of both mind and body and was so feeble as not to be competent to transact business or attend to the ordinary affairs of life and that Mrs. Tingley, with the aid of several of her associates, took advantage of Mrs. Thurston's condition to induce her to make the legacy to the head of the Universal Brotherhood, as Mrs. Tingley is styled.

Associates Held in Plot.

It is charged that in furtherance of a conspiracy Mrs. Tingley placed these associates in contact with Mrs. Thurston and that they urged her to dispose of a large part of her fortune by leaving it to Mrs. Tingley or persons under her control, and that they impressed upon the old woman the doctrine that the people of the world should constitute one universal brotherhood; that family ties were to be regarded as of minor importance; that her three children were not entitled to the greater part of her fortune and that her son, who is now contesting the will, was not a fit person to receive any part of the estate.

Petition Is Presented.

The petition was presented in court this afternoon in the presence of Mrs. Tingley and several of her advisers. Her attorney, Senator Wright, said: "There is not much to say now. The facts will all come out when the case is tried."

COUPLE MARRIED AT FAIR

Klickitat County Thousands Witness Ceremony—Big Apples Admired.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Uhlman J. Sanders and Mary L. Wade were united in marriage yesterday in the presence of several thousand people, they having captured the prize offered for the ones having a public wedding at the county fair grounds. Rev. W. H. Jones, of the Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

The fair opened yesterday with the largest display of Klickitat County products ever gathered. The apples have taken the greatest interest, as people here have just awakened to the fact that Klickitat County can raise the finest of non-irrigated apples. Prizes will be awarded Saturday, which is the closing day.

GLASS LENS FIRES FOREST

Ranchman Accused of Starting Blaze Would Prove Alibi.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A glass lens arranged in a frame so that inflammable material underneath it would be ignited when exposed to the rays of the sun, was exhibited today in the United States District Court, where Henry Clay, a ranchman, was placed on trial before a jury on a charge of starting a fire in the San Diego forest reserve.

Harold Marshall, superintendent of the reserve, told on the witness stand of finding the device, which is alleged to have been placed in position by the defendant with the deliberate intention of setting a fire and being able to prove its alibi arrested.

HINDS' ELECTION CONCEDED

Famous Parliamentarian Is Sure of Seat in House.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 16.—William H. Pennell, the Democratic Congressional candidate in the First District, today conceded the election of Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian of the National House of Representatives.

The First and Fourth districts will be represented by Republicans and the Second and Third by Democrats.

