

COAL LAND FRAUD

Inquiry Into Alaska-Michigan Company's Deals Moves Apace.

OFFICIALS FACE CHARGES

Heads of Development Concern Accused of Conspiracy Against Government—Tracts Involved Worth \$5,000,000.

DETROIT, Mich., March 6.—Government investigation into alleged Alaska coal land frauds involving approximately 45,000 acres of land valued at more than \$5,000,000, resulted in the issuance tonight of Federal indictments charging seven individuals with conspiracy against the United States Government.

Conspiracy Is Charge.

The government's contention is that the defendants conspired to induce 200 to 300 individuals to become stockholders in the company by making fraudulent and fictitious location of certain Alaska coal lands, thereby violating the land entry laws of 1916, which made it illegal for more than four persons to form a company for locating Alaska coal lands and taking out patents on more than 640 acres.

McAlpine Is Head.

The Michigan-Alaska Development Company was organized under the laws of Arizona. W. W. McAlpine, is president.

The coal lands involved are at Juneau, Alaska, and include several contiguous tracts near Homer, on the western end of the Kenai Peninsula, bordering on Cook Inlet. The claims are said to have been located by about 200 Michigan residents and a hundred other claimants from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle and other Western points.

It is said by the defendants that strictly individual entry of the lands had been made and that the Michigan-Alaska Company was organized as a benefit association to aid the stockholders or claimants better to protect their title and to develop their lands. They deny stock was to be sold and insist the corporation was not formed for the exploitation of the coal lands.

INQUIRY BEGUN BY BALLINGER

Land Office Agents Have Worked Four Years on Detroit Case.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The investigation that led to the indictment returned tonight against Bushnell and the other men accused of attempting to defraud the Government of Alaska coal lands was begun about four years ago, while the present Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ballinger, was Commissioner of the General Land Office. It was by Mr. Ballinger's orders that field service agents of the Land Office began the inquiry.

In the last few months, Mr. Ballinger said tonight, more vigorous attention has been paid to the investigation, with the result that the case has been ready for some time to turn over to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

LOVETT NOT COMING HERE

Harriman Officials on Tour Postpone Visit to Portland.

Portland is certain not to be visited by the executive heads of the Harriman system this month and probably not for several months.

A telegram has been received by local officials announcing the departure of Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the system, and Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, to include the Northwest in their tour of the Coast that has just ended. The party has started Eastward because of the pressure of business in New York and Chicago.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, who was traveling with the party and who contemplated an independent trip to Portland, has also advised the local officials that he will have to forego the pleasure of a call here for a few months at least.

The Eastern men, however, have announced their intention of coming to Portland before summer. By that time it is likely that they can be taken on the trip over the newly-constructed Deschutes line as far south as Redmond. Although Judge Lovett visited Central Oregon before any railroad was built into that section he is eager to see the transformation that has taken place since then.

10-STATE BODY PLANNING

New Western Development League to Meet at Salt Lake Soon.

Definite plans of work as provided in the new constitution of the Western Development League will be outlined at a meeting of the new association March 20 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The call has just been issued by ex-Governor James H. Brady, the president.

PENINSULA STICKS TO ROSE

Association Organizes Anew and Plans Big Festival Display.

The preliminary organization of a new Peninsula Rose Association was effected last night in Kenton under the auspices of the Kenton Push Club by the election of Ernest Dyer as temporary president and C. M. Carter as temporary secretary. It was the regular meeting night of the club.

Mr. Carter, representing the old rose association and the Peninsula, said that it was up to the Kenton people to start a movement for a preliminary rose organization. Mr. Dyer and others said that the Peninsula fought not to drop out of the Rose Festival, and it was decided to form a temporary organization, and then elect permanent officers at a meeting to be held next Monday night in the hall at Peninsula Station.

EMERITUS MEN APPLY

PORTLAND DOCK COMMISSION POST ATTRACTS.

Three Noted Experts of Europe Recommended for Chief Engineer of Local Body.

Three eminent engineers of Europe have been recommended for the position of chief engineer of the Portland Dock Commission. The appointment is to be made next month. The salary will be from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year.

Among those mentioned is A. F. De Groot, of Amsterdam, Holland, who is recommended by Ambassador Loudon, of the Netherlands, at Washington, D. C. In writing to the Commission the Ambassador recites a number of important projects in which Mr. De Groot was the principal engineer in their construction, among them being the large dock and canal works at Delft, Holland.

John K. Blythe, chief officer of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, gives an excellent testimonial for W. Henry Hunter, of Manchester, England, who was chief assistant engineer in the building of the Manchester Canal. He served under Sir Leader Williams and also was a member of the commission of European engineers appointed by President Roosevelt to make an examination of the Panama Canal.

From the Rotterdam, Holland, Chamber of Commerce comes the suggestion that the Portland Board employ H. A. Van Yesslestein, a noted engineer, who has had important tasks in charge in connection with the work of pushing back the Zuyder Zee, of Quebec, Canada. St. George Rowell, of Quebec, Canada, is recommended by the Quebec Board of Trade.

In this country, among the engineers who have been applied for the position or have been recommended by some authority are: John Duthrie, 648 Belmont street, Portland; John Lyle Harrington, Kansas City, Mo.; J. S. Skonberg, Beck building, Portland; Major Thomas W. Symons, Albany, N. Y.; Robert G. Dieck, 514 Corbett building, Portland; M. K. Miller, Oakland, Cal.; Frank C. Kelsey, Tacoma, Wash.; J. H. Mortin, 324 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland; and C. E. Cleaver, Seattle, Wash.; George A. Kyle, Portland.

FATHER DUNCAN IN CITY

Missionary to Alaska Indians Here on Visit to Friends.

Father William Duncan, aged 79 years, who has been for 23 years a missionary to the Alaskan Indians, and who was recently reported dead, is very much alive at the Perkins Hotel, having arrived in Portland from Seattle late last night. He said when seen at the hotel that he was very tired from his journey.

ZION COURTHOUSE GORY

MAN DARES JUDGE TO COLLECT FINE; FIGHT STARTS.

When Police and Fire Chiefs Finally Get Offenders to Jail, 50 Voliva Henchmen Attempt Rescue.

CHICAGO, March 6.—(Special.)—Frontier methods of justice, the sort where the judge used to step from the bench of authority and take court costs out of the defendant's hide, became popular in Zion City, Ind., when Jesse Bull was haled before Justice Bellows to answer an assault charge resulting from a Voliva demonstration Saturday.

ALBANY PIONEER IS DEAD

L. H. Montanye, Civil War Veteran, Expires at Mill City.

ALBANY, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—L. H. Montanye, veteran of the Civil War, resident of Albany for 35 years and ex-Representative from Linn County in the State Legislature, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rev. William McLeod, in Mill City.

WILCOX

Edwin Wilcox, aged 60, son of Mrs. Julian N. Wilcox, died last night at his residence, 29 North Seventh street. Death was caused by acute congestion of the lungs.

VELGUTH'S SOUGHT

Wife of ex-Convict Charges Him With Non-Support.

WOMAN HERSELF BLAMED

Sister of Man Accused Says Mrs. Velguth Lives Extravagantly and Tells of Trip to Nearby Tavern at Night.

Bernard Velguth, who won notoriety in 1906, when he was sent to the State Penitentiary for disturbing the peace of the gas company, is again in the limelight. A warrant demanding his arrest on a charge of non-support was obtained yesterday by his wife, formerly Nadine Nichols, a widely-known Pacific Coast beauty. Desire to pamper her whims, it is alleged, was the reason why young Velguth stole from the gas company some estimated to aggregate \$15,000.

Mrs. Wagner, a sister of Bernard Velguth, living at 601 Fillmore street, places the responsibility for the latest family trouble on the woman. She said: "After the night of the society circus last June my brother's wife did not reach home until nearly 3 o'clock in the morning, several hours after she and a friend had taken me home in an automobile. Her actions were such as to arouse my brother's suspicion after she reached home, and he wished to leave her at that time, but was persuaded to change his mind."

Tavern Trip Blamed.

"It was difficult for Bernard to hold a position, as his employers did not wish his presence where he was working, and finally started him in the dairy business in Irvington and hired a man and woman as assistants, the woman to do the cooking. But his wife was not satisfied and he was forced to abandon that. We suggested that he go back into the automobile business, in which he had won some success, but she objected. Things went from bad to worse, and despite all our efforts to smooth matters they separated a few months ago. She demanded that he relinquish all relations with his family, which he refused to do."

"My brother was paying her \$30 a month. One night he and some friends met his wife and asked her to accompany them in an automobile. My brother's automobile followed the other, which went to Claremont Tavern. He was naturally shocked by her conduct and decided to stop paying her the allowance. The warrant for his arrest is the result."

Young Man Working Hard.

"During my brother's trouble we took her into the house and gave her the best room. We do not wish to injure her. We consider the whole affair as unfortunate, particularly because Bernard has been working hard to make up for past mistakes."

Mrs. Nadine Velguth could not be reached last night. Her attorney, Chester G. Murphy, said that she had called him up yesterday morning and recited her troubles and that he had advised her to let them before the District Attorney.

At a late hour last night Bernard Velguth had not yet been taken into custody.

I was Crippled, could hardly walk and had to Crawl

down stairs at times on my hands and knees. My doctor told me I had an acute attack of inflammatory rheumatism. I was in the hospital for weeks, but was scarcely able to walk when I left it. I read about Dr. Miles' Nervine

bought a bottle and began to get better from the start, and for the past six months I have had scarcely any pain and am able to walk as well as ever." J.H. SANDERS, P. O. box 5, Rockaway, N. J.

Few medicines are of any benefit for rheumatism, but Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine did for it. One ounce of salicylate of soda added to one bottle of Nervine makes an excellent remedy for rheumatism, which is now known to be a nervous disease and therefore subject to the influence of a medicine that acts through the nerves, as does

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to George W. Monroe in his now-famous caricature, "Pansy Burns," loud of mouth and personality and generally comical.

John T. Murray, an attenuated individual, who dances delightfully, is responsible for a great deal of the comedy in his role of Souseberry Lushmore, in search of his home.

In the 15 musical numbers there are only two that take rank in a popular repertoire, "Rings on My Fingers," new once again as sung by Elizabeth Mayne, a plump, pretty maid with a nice big voice, and "Amina," as Alma Youlin sings it, in a particularly good voice that shows flexibility, purity and precision.

The score is unusually vigorous and almost invariably picturesque, although a few of the airs are built after conventional models so closely that they recall the past. The "baby doll" chorus girls that ever pranced onto a local stage put through some fancy drills and fantastic dance steps that bring enthusiastic recalls.

Vaudeville specialties, no better than one sees every week at the local vaudeville houses, are offered by Milo De Leon, an acrobatic dancer; Mona Desmond, whose spirited Spanish dance is pretty, and Milo Prager, a toe-dancer, whose artistry is further evidenced in a "Dreily" and again in a "Genie" dance.

"The Midnight Sons" is most notable for its astonishing color and spectacular scenic effects. On the big bits of the entire show is the closing scene of act one, in which is depicted the observation platform of a train speeding along on a moving picture film with a joyous party of honeymooners; singing and waving at the audience, the latter seeming to follow close behind the train past flying fields, telegraph poles and into a storm.

The interior of the theater, shown in the first scene of the second act is a tremendous piece of work, with a balcony of "super" and a parquet filled with applauding folk, while the vaudeville acts are presented in rapid succession.

The piece will be on view all week at the Heilig, with the regular matinee.

MUSICALES AT EILERS

Two Farewell Recitals Before Moving to New Quarters.

Eilers Music House has arranged two Autopiano Recitals, the first of which will take place on Friday, March 10.

John Claire Monteth and Mae Dearborn-Schwab will be the soloists. Attendance to these recitals is free, but as the seating capacity of the hall is limited, tickets must be secured at Eilers Music House, in the Autopiano department, before the introduction of Wood blocks will also figure prominently, it is expected. Mayor Simon said yesterday that he is in favor of all the competition possible, his only requirement being that all kinds must give satisfactory guarantee of wearing quality. "I shall adhere to my policy of favoring the rights of property owners in the matter of selection of pavements," said the Mayor, "as I feel that those who pay for an article should have the privilege of choosing the character of the street." Property owners in Kenton have petitioned for Westrumite, and their petitions have been referred to City Engineer Morris for investigation.

Klamath Falls Has Clearing-House.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls now has the first clearing-house association of the four local banks, which includes operation for only a little over two months and in this time \$420,492.18 has gone through the regular channels of the association.

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\$100,000 IS BOOTY

Aged New York Broker Robbed by Clever Ruse.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Aron Bancroft, a broker, 84 years of age, was robbed last Thursday afternoon of securities worth approximately \$100,000 in the vestibule of the Produce Exchange Safety Deposit Storage Company, but he did not discover his loss until today.

For the last 25 years it has been Mr. Bancroft's habit every Thursday afternoon to deposit the firm's valuables in a box rented from the Deposit Company. The distance from his office to the vault is not more than 200 feet and anyone making the trip is in constant sight of the office windows.

Thursday, Mr. Bancroft placed securities worth about \$100,000 in a large envelope, tied with red tape and with the firm's name printed in the corner. Alone he walked from his office. Mr. Bancroft says he noticed a young man, whom he only remembers as rather undersized, leaning against the corridor wall.

Just as the broker was about to turn the corner at the end of the corridor, a tall man came running around the corner in the opposite direction and collided with him. The shock threw Mr. Bancroft off his feet, and in falling he dropped the envelope.

Young Man Assists Broker.

The undersized young man, who had been leaning against the corridor wall, stepped up to Mr. Bancroft, assisted him to his feet and was solicitous to tuck the envelope under his arm. Mr. Bancroft supposed it was the envelope that fell, and went on and deposited it in a vault.

This morning when George Bancroft unlocked the vault to check up the securities for the week, he found only one envelope there, containing three old newspapers. The securities were made up of railroad and industrial stocks, which could easily be hypothecated in any stock broker's house in the United States having connections with the New York Stock Exchange.

FAKE PACKET SUBSTITUTED

Accomplice Knocks Victim Down in Deposit Company Vestibule, as if by Accident, While Real Thief Turns Trick.

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