

ALASKA CASES TO ENGROSS FISHER

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REPORT HEARD AT CAPITAL

Attorney-General Wickersham Suggests That Same Methods Followed in Chicago Traction Controversy Be Adopted.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—It was reported today that soon after Walter L. Fisher, the new Secretary of the Interior, takes office the Alaska coal land claims will be taken up for settlement.

After referring to Mr. Fisher's services in securing a settlement of the big traction fight in Chicago, a statement given out at the White House goes on to say that Attorney-General Wickersham, who represented stockholders in the Chicago traction fight and who visited Alaska last year at the request of President Taft, has now suggested that the method of adjudicating the Chicago controversy might be adopted as an equitable basis for the settlement of the Alaskan coal land claims.

In the statement, Mr. Fisher is declared to be a man whose information on such subjects as irrigation, reclamation and water power sites is broad and comprehensive. In politics, it is set out that he is a Republican of strong convictions but independent action.

FISHER FRIEND OF PINCHOT

New Secretary of the Interior Is Staunch Conservationist.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Walter Lowrie Fisher, newly appointed Secretary of the Interior, has been one of Gifford Pinchot's staunchest supporters in the matter of conservation of natural resources. He was president of the Conservation League of America, and is now vice-president of the National Conservation Association, which succeeded the league, and of which Mr. Pinchot is president.

Next July, on Independence day, Mr. Fisher will be 49 years old. He was born in Whelling, W. Va., and received his education in the Marietta, O. College, and the Harvard University. He was admitted to the bar 22 years ago, and since has been in practice in Chicago.

He has always taken a deep and active interest in conservation, and has been identified with the so-called reform wing of the Republican party. He was instrumental in the formation of the Municipal Voters' League of Chicago, and was its president in 1904. His greatest fame comes from his work in assisting in reorganizing the street railway out of chaos in which the Charles T. Yerkes left it. He was made special traction counsel for the city five years ago. His plan of reorganization was adopted when first announced, but the attorney stood by his guns through the courts and before the voters and brought it to a successful issue.

Recently Mr. Fisher was appointed a member of President Taft's commission to investigate the feasibility of regulation of stock and bond issues of railroads. Mr. Fisher is vice-president of the National Municipal League, and a member of the following clubs: University City, Chicago, Literary, Cliff, Owenston, and Skokie. He belongs also to the Chicago Historical Society.

FISHER READS OF NEW HONOR

New Interior Secretary Learns of Appointment From Newspaper.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The first intimation the new Secretary of the Interior had that his appointment had been made public was in a newspaper. Mr. Fisher gave out the following written statement, which is the only quotation he would allow to be made except that he had accepted this position with a deep appreciation of its obligations and of the opportunity to accomplish practical and constructive work.

Wednesday night or Thursday morning Mr. Fisher plans to go to Washington, where he will perfect his plans for taking the oath and then continuing to Chicago to wind up his personal affairs. It is the general understanding among his friends that he first came to President Taft's notice when he was recommended by members of the Chicago bar for a vacancy on the United States Supreme bench.

CHAPMAN KNOWS W. L. FISHER

Commercial Club Manager Would Invite New Secretary to City.

C. C. Chapman, manager of the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial Club, is intimately acquainted with Walter L. Fisher, just appointed Secretary of the Interior by President Taft.

"Mr. Fisher is a forceful and clean-cut man, who delights in fighting the so-called 'barnacles' in politics," said Mr. Chapman. "I question whether he has investigated Pacific Coast conditions in their relation to conservation, irrigation and land policies, over which his department has control, and I shall recommend to the Commercial Club that an invitation be extended to him to visit Portland as the city's guest. His tour of the Coast and his contact with the men who are doing much to develop resources cannot fail to impress him with Oregon's claims in the apportionment of irrigation funds, and views of our leading men relative to forestry and conservation."

Grant County Pioneer Woman Dies.

JOHN DAY, Ore., March 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha D. Campbell, who came to Oregon in the early '50s, died at the home of her son, Oswald Campbell, Friday. She was born in West Virginia in 1824.

RETIRING SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, HIS SUCCESSOR AND PRESIDENT, WHO STOOD BY HIM IN CONTROVERSY.



RICHARD A. BALLINGER



WALTER L. FISHER

BALLINGER IS OUT

Ill-Health Causes Secretary of Interior to Resign.

W. L. FISHER SUCCESSOR

Taft Gives High Praise to Retiring Member of Cabinet—Seattle Man Declares That He Will Prosecute Detractors.

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tion and to torture every circumstance, however free from detrimental significance, into proof of corrupt motive. "With the hypocritical pretense that they did not accuse you of corruption in order to avoid the necessity that even the worst criminal is entitled to, to-wit, that of a definitely formed charge of some misconduct, they showed you with suspicion and by the most pettifogging methods, exploited to the limit of your patience, the confidence of your most confidential assistants, plume themselves like the Pharisees of old as the only pure members of society actuated by the spirit of self-sacrifice for their fellow men.

"Every fiber of my nature rebels against such hypocrisy and nerves me to fight such a combination and such methods to the bitter end, least success in this instance may form a demoralizing precedent. But personal considerations for you and yours makes me feel that I have no right to ask you for further sacrifice. Of course, it has been made evident that I was and am the ultimate object of the attack; and to insist, against your will, on your remaining in office with the prospect of further efforts against you, is selfishly to impose upon you more of a burden than I ought to impose.

"As I say farewell to you, let me renew my expressions of affection and sincerest respect for you and of my profound gratitude for your hard work, your unvarying loyalty and your effective public service. I hope and pray that success may attend you in your profession and that real happiness will come to you and yours when you return to that community where you live and whose members know your worth as a man and a citizen and who will reward you again with open arms.

FLOODS MENACING CALIFORNIA CITIES

Tracks and Bridges Washed Out, Crippling Roads. Orchards Suffer.

FARMERS GIVEN WARNINGS

Watsonville and Large Section of San Jose Are Under Water. Landslides Blockade Southern Pacific's Shasta Route.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Following a rain storm of unusual violence with a heavy fall of snow in the mountains, railroads throughout Central and Northern California are experiencing difficulty in maintaining their schedules. Considerable damage has been done in farm and orchard districts by high water, bridges have been washed away and good conditions prevail in several cities.

Landslides at Gibson and Thrall blocked trains on the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific to the North and the carrying out of a trestle at Metz on the Coast division forced the company to divert traffic to the San Joaquin route. Washouts have been reported at Maxwell, Corning, Red Bluff and Woodland.

In the Sacramento Valley, warnings have been sent out to farmers to take precautions against flood conditions. The storm has inundated Watsonville and put a considerable section of San Jose under water.

The rainstorm was accompanied by a gale but there have been no reports of serious damage from this source.

PINCHOT FIRST TARGET

BALLINGER WILL SUE EX-FOR-ESTER FOR LIBEL.

Collier's Comes Next, Then Others. New Evidence Promised—Fisher Is Norton's Choice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 7.—Secretary Ballinger has not yet definitely determined upon his plans for instituting libel suits against his detractors, but it is understood he will open proceedings with a suit against Gifford Pinchot, into which he will introduce much evidence that has not yet come to the attention of the public.

He will also institute suit against Collier's Weekly and possibly may extend his suits to others later on. He will first go to Seattle, however, and probably will perfect his arrangements there. He will leave Washington as soon as his successor arrives and takes the oath.

It is understood in Washington that the selection of Mr. Fisher for Secretary of the Interior was brought about largely by Private Secretary Norton, who is to retire from the White House in a few days. Norton has been quietly working for some time to bring about the selection of a conservationist for Secretary of the Interior and last summer at Beverly inspired the story that Ballinger was to retire on September 15.

That story was given the Associated Press and other press associations on the assumption that Ballinger would regard it as a hint, but when Ballinger saw President Taft, he discovered that Norton's advice was purely gratuitous and did not reflect the wishes of the President.

DETROIT MEN GIVE BAIL

Four of Seven Accused of Alaska Coal Frauds Free.

DETROIT, Mich., March 7.—Four of the seven men indicted by the Federal grand jury here yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government were released on bail.

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States Government out of 48,000 acres of coal land in Alaska, valued at more than \$50,000,000, appeared before Judge Swan today. They were William W. McAlpine, Arthur L. Holmes, McCurdy Lebau and Frank D. Anders, all of Detroit. Pleas of not guilty were entered and each was released on bond of \$200.

MORMONS INVITE INQUIRY

Smith Says Charges of Luring Away Girls Will Be Disproved.

SALT LAKE, March 7.—Referring to a London cablegram of yesterday, in which it was stated that Home Secretary Churchill in the House of Commons said that an exhaustive investigation would be made of a charge that missionaries of the Mormon Church were actively engaged in inducing young girls to emigrate to Utah, President Joseph F. Smith, of the Mormon Church, said today:

"We would heartily welcome such an investigation on the part of the British government. I sincerely hope that Home Secretary Churchill will carry the investigation to the end. It will do the church a vast amount of good and will set false charges at rest."

\$10,000 GIFT FOR HOSPITAL

Ontario Commercial Club Subscribes Fund to Bring Nuns There.

ONTARIO, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Commercial Club tonight \$10,000 was pledged toward the construction of a \$20,000 Catholic Sisters' hospital in Ontario. Father Campo, private secretary of Bishop O'Reilly, of Oregon, addressed the Commercial Club, saying that nuns, now in Chicago, were willing to come to Ontario if a suitable offer was submitted. This offer was considered satisfactory by Father Campo and was telegraphed to Chicago tonight.

The hospital is to be built of brick and will occupy an entire city block. It is to be ready for occupation by Fall.

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