# ALASKA CASES TO ENGROSS FISHER

Coal Claims Will Come Up for Settlement Soon After He Takes Office.

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. 'tsher, the new Secretary of the Interior, takes offibe the Alaska Coal land claims will be taken up for set-

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

In the statement, Mr. Fisher is declared to be a man whose information on such subjects as irrigation, reclama-tion 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 PRIEND 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.

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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 Hanover, Ind., College. He was admitted to the bar 23 years ago, and since has been in practice in Chicago.

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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 Chi-cago, and was its president in 1906. His greatest fame comes from his work in assisting in reorganizing the street railway out of chaos in which the late Charles T. Yerkes left it. He was made special traction counsel for the city five years ago. His plan of re-organization found few friends 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

Mr. Fisher is vice-president of the National Municipal League, and a mem-ber of the following clubs: University, City. Chicago. Literary, Cliff. Onwent-sis, and Skokie Country. 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 in-timation the new Secretary of the In-terior had that his appointment had been made public came to him this evening when he bought a newspaper. Mr. Fisher gave out the following written statement, which is the only contained by would allow: quotation he would allow:

"I have no statement to make except that I have accepted this position with a deep appreciation of its obligations and of the opportunities to accomplish practical and constructive work."

Wednesday night or Thursday morning Mr. Flaher plans to go to Washing Mr.

ing Mr. Fisher plans to go to Wash-ington, where he will perfect his plans public servant. for taking the oath and then continue to Chicago to wind up his personal af-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 Chi-eago bar for a vacancy on the United States Supreme bench.

No stress is laid here upon the fact that Gifford Pinchot is now president of the National Conservation Associa-tion, of which Mr. Fisher is a vicepresident, nor is it thought to give any hint of what policy he will pursue in his conduct of the department.

#### 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 Com-motion committee of the Portland Com-morcial Club, is intimately acquainted with Walter L. Fisher, just appointed Secretary of the Interior by President

"Mr. Fisher is a forceful and clean-"Mr. Fisher is a forceful and clean-cut man, who delights in fighting the so-called 'barnacle' in politics," said Mr. Chapman. "I question whether he has investigated Pacific Coast conditions in their relation to con-servation, irrigation and land pol-icles, over which his department has control, and I shall recommend to the Commercial Club that an invitation be extended to him to visit Portland extended to him to visit Portland as the city's guest. His tour of the Const and his contact with the men who are doing much to develop re-sources 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.

"Whatever Mr. Fisher's attitude may be on these questions so-vital to Ore-gon, everyone who knows him will know his motivee are of the highest, his sympathies broad and his intelli-gence keen."

Grant County Pioneer Woman Dies. JOHN DAY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)— Mrs. Martha D. Campbell, who came to Mrs. Martha D. Campbell, who came to Oregon in the early '60s, died at the home of her son, Oswell Campbell, was born in West VirRETIRING SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, HIS SUCCESSOR AND PRESI-DENT, WHO STOOD BY HIM IN CONTROVERSY.





PRESIDENT WILDIAM H. TAFT

III-Health Causes Secretary of Interior to Resign.

W. L. FISHER SUCCESSOR

Taft Gives High Praise to Retiring Member of Cabinet--Scattle Man Declares That He Will

Prosecute Detractors

(Continued From First Page.) tions 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 showered you with suspicion and by the most pettifogging methods, exploited to the public matters which had no relevancy to an issue of either corruption or in-efficiency in office, but which paraded before a hysterical body of headline readers served to blacken your char-

acter and to obscure the proper issue of your honesty and effectiveness as a "The result has been a cruel tragedy.
You and yours have lost health and
have been burdened financially. The onspirators who have not hesitated in

conspirators who have not hesitated in their pursuit of you to resort to the meanest methods, including the corruption of your most confidential assistant, 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, lest success in this instance may form a demoralizing precedent. But personal consideration for you and yours makes me feel tion for you and yours makes me feel that I have no right to ask you for fur-ther 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

impose upon you more of a outder than I ought to impose.

"As I say farewell to you, let me renow 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 reprofession and that real mappings when you re-come to you and yours when you re-turn to that community where you live and whose members know your worth as a man and a citizen and who will receive you again with open arms. "Sincerely yours," "WILHIAM H. TAFT."

Ballinger's Letter Given.

The previous correspondence with Mr. Tast following Secretary of the Interior Ballinger's original resignation, which has been in the hands of the President since January 19 and bears that date, follows:

"My dear Mr. President—I have thought over the talk we had last Saturday. I am exceedingly grateful for your kind expressions of appreciation for my work and they certainly compensate me in the largest measure for what I have suffered.

"Your attitude has been a great source of comfort to ms. And yet I feel that the condition of my health is such that I must ask to be relieved from office. I therefore again tender my resignation and ask you to accept it.

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pulses if I did not seize the occasion to say that I have, at all times, striven conscientiously to meet the obligations imposed upon me and to serve you, the administration and the country to the best of my ability. I am deeply sensible conscientiously to meet the obligations imposed upon me and to serve you, the administration and the country to the best of my ability. I am deeply sensible of the unfalling confidence which you have reposed in me, under circumstances which have necessarily been frying to you, and the support and respect twhich you have necessarily been frying to you, and the support and respect to accord me, I shall always remember.

"I am anxious to retire as soon as I can properly do so, yet am unwilling to embarrans you, and therefore respectfully ask you to indicate, in regard to the matter, when it will best suit your convenience.

"With every assurance of my highest regard, I am faithfully yours.

"R. A. BALLINGER,
"To the President Makes Reply.

To this, under date of January 19, 1911."

President Makes Reply.

To this, under date of January 23.

That story was given the Associated that Home Sectary Churchill in the House of Collier's Weekly and possibly may extend his suits to others later on. He will also institute suit against Collier's Weekly and possibly may extend his suits to others later on. He will elave Washington that the selection of Mr. Fisher for Secretary Churchill will can who is to retire as soon as I is understood in Washington that the selection of Mr. Fisher for Secretary Norton, who is to retire from the White House of the Mormon Church, said today:

"We would heartily welcome such investigation on the part of the Briti government. I sincerely hope the investigation to the end. It we do the church a vast amount of go and will set false charges at rest."

\$10,000 GIFT FOR HOSPITA Supplied the story that Ballinger was to retire on September 15.

That story was given the Associated Ontario Commercial Club Subscrib

To this, under date of January 23, the President replied:
"Dear Mr. Secretary: For reasons which have deeply impressed themselves in my heart and mind. I would never consent to consider your resignation on any ground that was based on the good of the service or of helping me

consent to consider your resignation on any ground that was based on the good of the service or of helping me personally or politically, for such ground is untenable by me. Only on the score of your health or personal convenience or to prevent further pecuniary sacrifice on your part will I consider the possibility of accepting your resignation.

"But not even on the latter grounds can I consider it until after Congress adjourns, until after all unjust attacks are ended, until after I have had the benefit of your valuable and necessary aid during the remainder of a crowded session and until we have reached the calm period, which I hope will follow the political hurry and pressure and necessity for constant action and watching incident to the close of a short session. Then I'll take it up and short session. Then I'll take it up and answer you at length. Sincerely yours, "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."
It was not until yesterday that Secretary Ballinger renewed his request for the acceptance of his resignation. He did so in this letter, dated March 6:
"My Dear Mr. President—As you fully appraciate, I entered the Government service under protest and at great personal sacrifice.
"While occupying the office of Sec-

"While occupying the office of Sec-retary of the Interior my most earnest and conscientious attention has been given to the interests of the Govern-ment, and I feel that in constructive work and the advancement of the sub-ject of public service, under existing difficulties. I have nothing to regret in ject of public service, under existing difficulties, I have nothing to regret in official administration except that my health and financial interests have greatly suffered to the extent that I cannot longer sustain the burden. "Your constant support has always been a source of consolation during all the vicissitudes of my term of service and I desails appreciate the unfailing.

the vicissitudes of my term of service and I deeply appreciate the unfailing confidence you have reposed in me. I must, however, renew my appeal to be relieved as set forth in my letter of January 19 last and respectfully ask you to designate the time when my resignation shall take effect, which I hope may be immediately. I have the honor to remain faithfully yours, "R. A. BALLINGER."

## O'DEA TO BLESS HOSPITAL

Joseph's Dedication Services to Be Sunday, March 19,

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7 .-- (Speciai.)-St. Joseph's new \$150,000 hos pital will be dedicated on Sunday, March 19, by Right Rev. Edward J. O'Den, bishop of Seattle. Most Rev. Alexander Christie, archbishop of Oregon, will also participate in the dedication. Bishop O'Dea will give the blessing of the hospital, and Archbishop Christie will deliver an address

The order of the services for March James' Catholic Church at 10 o'clock in the morning, with sermon by Archhishop Christle. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the biessing of the hospital will take place.

# CALIFORNIA CITIES

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

#### FARMERS GIVEN WARNINGS

Watsonville and Large Section of Pacific's Shasta Route.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 .- Follow ing a rain storm of unusual violence with a heavy fall of snow in the moun-tains, 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 flood conditions prevail in

several cities.

Landsildes 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 Wood-

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

## PINCHOT FIRST TARGET

of serious damage from this source.

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 atten-

That story was given the Associated Press and other press associations on the asumption that Ballinger would regard it as a hint, but, when Ballinger saw President Taft, he discovered that Norton's advice was purely gratuitous

## SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATE-German Alliance Insurance Co. Of New York, in the State of New York on the 31st day of December, 1810, mad to the Insurance Commissioner of the Sta-of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up...\$ Income.

Premiums received during the year in cash.

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.

Income from other sources received during the year... 62,980.99 8,912.70 Total income.....\$ Disbursements.

Losses paid during the year \$
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock.

Commissions and salaries paid during the year
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.

Amount of all other expenditures 268,160.07 60,000.00

145,449.27 15,122.37 9,000.23 Total expenditures ........ Value of redi estate owned ...
Value of stocks and bonds
owned ...
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.
Cash in banks and on hand
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission.
Interest and rents due and
accrued ... 1,443,700.00 138,055.47

4.616.50 claims for losses up-78,498.00 413,896.26

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total risks written during the year \$ 341,572.00 Gross premiums deceived during the year. 12,531.86

Premiums returned during the 2,000.47 year
Losses paid during the year.
Losses incurred during the year
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 81, 1910 3,501.17

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By WM. N. KREMER, President. Statutory resident general agent and at-torney for service, Harvey Wells, Fortland, Oregon. City agents, Mail & Von Borstel, 104 Second street; J. M. Pittinger, 119 Kil-ingswood Ave.

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 Wilbur W. McAlpine, Arthur L. Holmes, McCurdy Lebau and Frank D. Andrus, all of De-troit. Pleas of not guilty were entered and each was released on bond of \$2000.

CHICAGO, March 7. - Investigation of alleged Alaskan mining frauds, fol-lowing the investigation just complet-ed at Detroit, will be begun by a Federal jury here, it was learned today.

## 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 Secrewhich 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

the investigation to the end. It will do the church a vast amount of good

## \$10,000 GIFT FOR HOSPITAL

Ontario Commercial Club Subscribes Fund to Bring Nuns There.

ONTARIO, Or., March 7 .- (Special.)ton's advice was purely gratuitous At a meeting of the Commercial Club did not reflect the wishes of the | tonight \$10,000 was pledged toward the 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 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 Fail.



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kinds of buckles. Special for two days..... Handbags at \$1.39

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Just the kind of corset for around the house; many are considered good for even dress. They are all broken sizes, but many different lines have been placed on sale. You will be abl to select your 50c size from this lot. Sold up to \$2.00 regular—special......

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Space will not permit us to mention all the prices of the different articles we have to offer you for these two days' selling. CHILDREN'S DRESSES...20 PER CT. OFF CHILDREN'S SWEATERS.20 PER CT. OFF Children's Winter Coats in medium weight, 1/2

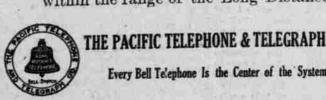
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