CONTROLLER BAY SCANDAL FIZZLES

"Dick-to-Dick" Letter Now Regarded in Washington as Pure Forgery.

GRAHAM PLAYING POLITICS

Democratic Chairman Magnifies Unimportant Details in Hope of Making Party Capital and Muckrakers Help Out.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 12.—(Special.)—It was made evident today, while Secretary of the Interior Fisher was before the committee on expenditures in the Interior Department, that Chairman Graham is playing politics with the alleged Controller Bay scandal, and proposes to bring out and magnify as much inconsequential testimony as possible before turning to the real issues involved. Graham, who first came into the limelight as a member of the Pinchot-Ballinger committee, is personally conducting virtually the entire investigation thus far, flooding the record with irrelevant facts and acting frequently on the promptings of Miss Abbott and several muckrakers, who instigated this whole affair.

Secretary Fisher earnestly pleaded with the committee today to go direct to the salient features of the case, and put on the stand those witnesses whose testimony was most important, but Graham declined to do this, and indicated his purpose to string out the inquiry. He has observed that the muckrakers who are following the inquiry are so distorting unimportant testimony as to make it sensational and from his viewpoint, he being a Democrat, that is a good political move.

Sensational Facts Denied.

Persons most conversant with the facts declare, as has Secretary Fisher, that there is nothing sensational about it, nothing scandalous and nothing improper. And it begins to look as though the whole thing would fall flat unless Chairman Graham is able to close the investigation of the Day portrait affair in the State Department.

There are strong indications that the now famous "Dick to Dick" letter was pure forgery, perpetrated by enemies of President Taft. This alleged letter, it is now learned, first appeared in an afternoon Portland paper, and the paper containing the purported copy of that document was in Washington 24 hours before Miss Abbott's article appeared in the Philadelphia paper.

Although Secretary Fisher was not supenaed today, he was permitted to make a statement. He declared that his investigation had indicated to him that Richard S. Ryan had obtained no rights whatever in Controller Bay that placed the rights of anyone else in jeopardy. He asked the committee to hasten the inquiry into the "Dick to Dick letter," which cannot be found.

Responsibility Must Be Fixed.

"I am much concerned," said Secretary Fisher, "about the publication of a letter which Miss M. F. Abbott says she saw in the files of the Interior Department and that is not there now. If there is anyone in the department who would be a party to the abstraction or destruction of public documents, we want to know it. Men who had been in charge of the files in the Interior Department have left the service, and others are about to leave, and I urge inquiry into that as soon as possible, so that we may take steps to place responsibility for the removal of the letter, if it ever existed. I never saw such a document as described—a letter from Mr. Ryan to Mr. Ballinger—and never heard of it until I read of it in the newspapers the other day."

Secretary Fisher said that all information obtainable relating to Controller Bay was being compiled for the Senate in response to the Poindexter resolution of June 27. This data, he suggested, would be available to the House committee.

Secretary Fisher said his attention was first called to Controller Bay by Senator La Follette, who sought specific information as to the claims, the identity of claimants, etc. After a thorough examination, Mr. Fisher said he was unable to see how the public interest had been placed in jeopardy.

"I made up my mind," he added, "that if anything was wrong we wanted to know it. I checked up the case particularly to see if I could find anything irregular. I confess that I was not so much concerned whether the method of opening the lands was one way or another. The real thing I am looking for is to get constructive results.

Ryan's Entries Incomplete.

"I found in my investigation that Richard S. Ryan, after the release of the shore line lands, had made three entries, none of which had been completed. He made an entry as a terminal for a railroad. That has not been determined, and his rights will be decided according to law and subject to my review.

"I found considerable other frontage available for railroad entry. The important thing is to ascertain what shore line rights lead to deep water. If there is only room for one railroad, the question to be determined is whether it shall be Ryan's or some other railroad's."

H. C. Graves, nautical expert in the United States Geodetic Survey, testified Controller Bay had only one outlet to deep water.

CHECK PASSER IDENTIFIED

Man Held at Roseburg Said to Have Had Record in Idaho.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—That B. B. Stewart, recently arrested at Jacksonville and returned here for trial on a charge of passing a worthless check, has passed much spurious paper in Idaho, is the declaration of W. H. Davidson, a banker of Boise, Idaho, who is passing his vacation in Roseburg.

After seeing a photograph of Stewart, Mr. Davidson said he was one of the shrewdest men the Idaho officers have had to contend with in years. Stewart is said to be a registered pharmacist and well educated.

LANE PREPARES FOR FAIR

County Society Will Erect Booths Selling Stalls to Concessionaires.

EUGENE, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Enlargement of the pavilion on the grounds of the Lane County Agricultural Society for the better accommodation of the Lane County fair this Fall was authorized at the meeting of the board of directors last night, and the painting of all the buildings on the grounds was also directed. This year the board, instead of renting ground for concessions will erect a number of uniform booths on the grounds, and rent the stalls to the concessionaires.

More attention will be given this year than last to the stock exhibit, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose of interesting every owner of registered stock in Lane County to bring this stock to the county fair.

The different granges of the county have taken the matter up and already are preparing collective exhibits. The County Court has signified its intention of repeating its donation of last year to the fair, the money to be used exclusively in premiums.

Difficulty over the location of the district fair for Lane, Douglas and Coos counties arose several years ago, and since then Lane County has been holding a fair of its own, each year somewhat better than the previous one, until now good grounds and track have been secured, and very creditable exhibits made. The fair this year will be held September 20-24.

HUNT DEMANDS PROOF

WOODBURN MANAGER DENIES SCHULTZ' ASSERTIONS.

Head of Albany Valley League Aggregation Called Upon to Prove Statements.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Accompanying his declarations with a check of $50, payable on the Bank of Woodburn, to be turned over to some charitable purpose, if his statements are not true, President John Hunt, of the Willamette Valley League, tonight forwarded to the Salem correspondent of The Oregonian from Woodburn a signed statement relative to his connection with Manager Schultz, of the Albany team, as well as a receipt from C. M. Crittenden, secretary of the league, showing that the Woodburn club had made a deposit of $75 as a forfeit. Manager Hunt defies Manager Schultz, of the Albany team, to prove any single assertion in reference to Hunt, made in the statement by Schultz in The Oregonian of July 11.

In his signed statement, Hunt says: "The assertions of Mr. Schultz regarding the league and myself are so far at variance from the real truth that to those who are acquainted with the situation, Schultz is regarded as the greatest double-thinker of modern times.

"If Mr. Schultz can produce any letter, telephone or telegraph message, or show that I consented or that I authorized anybody else by that means, that he was to play Corvallis last Sunday, he is privileged to name the charitable institution getting the $50.

"Manager Schultz has received the fairest kind of treatment in the way games were scheduled. Albany has played two games away from home; Salem, three; Hubbard, five, and Woodburn, six away from home. Does this look as if Albany was getting the worst of it? I realize, as well as Mr. Schultz, that Albany is a good baseball town and have let his team stay at home and put my own (Woodburn) on the road.

"That members of the league putting up forfeit money are not protected by the treasurer giving bonds is another falsehood that Mr. Schultz will have to masticate, for the bonds of the treasurer have been in the hands of the secretary since the starting of the league. That Hubbard and Salem have put up their forfeit is vouched for by the $50 on deposit in your hands, saying Mr. Schultz cannot prove the contrary. Inclosed receipt from the treasurer of the Willamette Valley League will show conclusively that Woodburn has put up her forfeit money.

"As to the peanut part of the league, I will admit that Schultz forms such an appendix."

PLATT'S GHOST RAISED

MOTIVE OF BILL TO SHIP COIN IS SUSPECTED.

Fear of Misapplication of Funds Leads Senate to Refuse Aid to Northwest Banks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington July 12.—The refusal of the United States Senate to agree to the Jones amendment, appropriating $120,000 for the transportation of silver coin, means that the banks of the Northwest will have to bear the expense of transporting from the East such money as will be needed this year for the movement of crops.

The Washington Senafor made an earnest plea for the adoption of his amendment, pointing out that similar appropriations had been made many times by Congress, but Senator Warren, chairman of the committee on appropriations, raised a point of order against the amendment, which was sustained by the Vice-President, and the amendment was not allowed to go into the deficiency appropriation bill. As there will no more appropriation bills passed at the special session, it will not be possible to secure an appropriation for this purpose.

For a great many years Congress regularly appropriated $120,000 for the transportation of silver coin, but it turns out that this appropriation was regarded in Congress as a sop to the express companies, made largely through the influence of the late Senator Platt, of New York, who was president of the United States Express Company, and after Platt's retirement it was reported around Congress that this appropriation was being frequently misapplied merely to make business for the express companies.

It was because of these reports that the appropriation was omitted from the last two regular appropriation bills, and as the Treasury Department did not recommend its renewal, no effort has since been made to secure a like appropriation, until Senator Jones made the attempt a few days ago. Then the old argument was revived, and on it the Jones amendment was knocked out.

PARCELS POST RESISTED

Retailers' Associations Argue Mail-Order Houses Would Profit.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Opposition to the passage of a parcels post bill was made today before the House committee on postoffices and postroads by representatives of various retail merchants' associations.

The argument was advanced that the Government should regulate, but not compete with, or try to own, private concerns engaged in interstate commerce. It also was asserted that a parcels post would be a losing enterprise and would favor the mail-order houses as against the small dealers.

DIPLOMATS ARE FREE FROM GUILE

Kahn Declares United States Ambassadors Are Not Unduly Obsequious.

GOOD OLD DAYS COMPARED

Benjamin Franklin's Pay Greater in Proportion Than Ministers of Today—Henry Says Hammond "Nudged" King.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Representative Kahn of California warmly defended American diplomacy in the House today. His speech was in reply to that of Representative Henry of Texas a week ago. Incidentally, Mr. Kahn suggested a heavy tax on the dowries of American brides, as a means of discouraging titled fortune hunters.

Declaring that at no time "in the history of the Republic," have the Ambassadors or Ministers to foreign courts been less obsequious, dressed in simpler clothes, or resorted to less finesse and chicane," than now. Mr. Kahn paid tributes to the late John Hay, to Elihu Root and to Philander C. Knox. He dwelt upon "the brilliant, successful efforts" of Secretary Knox to extend American trade, "and his intense and world-wide vigilant promotion of the interests of the American people."

Ben Franklin Better Paid.

Reading extracts from many musty documents in an effort to prove that "in the good old days," referred to by Mr. Henry, there was less of Democratic simplicity in the conduct of American diplomats abroad than now, the speaker insisted that Benjamin Franklin and other Ministers of his time were paid proportionately higher salaries than the present day diplomats.

As to the criticism of John Hays Hammond, special Ambassador to the coronation of King George, Kahn said he believed Mr. Henry, after calmer consideration, would admit to himself that they were "unjustified and entirely gratuitous."

Henry, of Texas, replied to Kahn. He said it was the "vulgar extravagance," in diplomatic affairs and not the "polite formality," of which he complained. He declared that Ambassador Reid's "vice regal estate in London was not typical of the American Government.

Henry Wants More Bayards.

The party, he said, would go before the American people at the next election, "to see whether they want our big foreign diplomatic posts to go to multimillionaires or to Thomas Francis Bayard's and men of that sort."

"I would rather," he added, "that this country never would send another representative to Berlin than that this country should take orders from the German government as to what is to be the sine qua non of a diplomat there."

Henry said that in his opinion the reason why Dr. David J. Hill was to leave Berlin was that John Hays Hammond might come home and get his credentials and go to Berlin.

Henry referred sarcastically to reports that John Hays Hammond had "nudged the King" and had asked the King if he was not pleased that the coronation ceremonies had gone off so well.

"If we send him abroad to another coronation," said Henry, "I suppose he would nudge the Queen."

"Do you know why Dr. Hill is to leave Berlin?" asked Henry. "It's to make way for John Hays Hammond, because Mr. Hill is a poor man and cannot live in great splendor."

JOINT OUTING PLANS MADE

Ad Club and Realty Board to Visit Garfield Saturday.

Megaphones with able talkers behind them, placards with jokes printed on them to be posted on the walls of cars, and original songs to be sung are among the more recent preparations for the outing of the Realty Board and the Portland Ad Club Saturday near Estacada.

The cars will leave First and Stark streets at 11 o'clock and proceed to Estacada where the Commercial Club, aided by women of the countdy visited, will take the junketers to Garfield, three miles through the mountains and serve lunch to all in the Grange hall.

D. O. Lively, vice-president of the Peninsula Industrial Company; W. E. Coman, general passenger agent of the North Bank; F. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the O. W. P.; President Mossesohn, of the Portland Ad Club; President Chapin, of the Realty Board, and Postmaster Merrick, are among the speakers to be heard. The joint committee on arrangements representing the two clubs is composed of H. W. Fries, Fred Larson, A. R. Morgan andd Frank McCreddis.

One hundred members of the club have subscribed for tickets already and it is expected that fully 300 will go.

PUTNAM TO SCALE PEAK

Brooklyn Jurist and Mountain Climber Reaches Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Judge Harrington Putnam of Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the Alpine Club, who succeeded William J. Gaynor as a justice of the Supdeme Court of that state when Gaynor was elected Mayor of New York, is in Tacoma, and tomorrow will start on a trip to the summit of Mount Ranies, expecting to be absent 10 days.

Although prominent as alawyer and public man, Judge Putnam is also well known as a mountaineer, and has scaled many of the great peaks of America and Europe, including Shasta and Whitney and besides Muont Ranier, he has designs on Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens. He is a member of the American Alpine Club and of the Appalachain Club.

Eagle Point Patronizes New Bank.

EAGLE POINT, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The First State Bank opened its doors in Eagle Point the first of the week and at the close of the first day $5000 had been deposited. Eagle Point is a town of 400 people and the First State is the only bank in it. A new two-story brick building, costing $4000, was constructed for its occupation and the example caused two similar buildings to go up in a previously "brickless" town. The site of Eagle Point has been changed and the town is being slowly moved to the new site near the railroad.

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'NOT GUILTY' PLEAS

Court Declines to Quash Indictments of McNamaras.

BROTHERS DEFINE STAND

Both Assert Innocence of Complicity in Dynamiting of Los Angeles Times Plant — McManigal Near Collapse, Report.

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—John J. and James B. McNamara, accused of plotting the Los Angeles Times dynamiting, answered "not guilty" to the multitudinous charges of murder against them, when, after 10 weeks in the Los Angeles county jail, the time for them to plead at last arrived today.

When Judge Walter Bordwell had overruled every one of the points advanced by the defense for the quashing of the indictments against the accused brothers and there remained no technicality which permitted of further delay in the pleading, John D. Fredericks, District Attorney, took charge of the proceedings.

When the first charge was read, John J. McNamara was the first to be asked how he wished to plead. He firmly answered, "not guilty."

Brother's Response Same.

Hardly a minute later James B. McNamara made the same positive response to the same charge.

When the 19 murder accusations had been answered, James B. McNamara was permitted to sit down while John J. McNamara stood alone and answered "not guilty," to the charge of complicity in the explosion at the Llewellyn Iron Works in this city early last Christmas morning.

When the pleading was over, the question of setting the time of trial came up. The defense asked that the date be not fixed until Joseph Scott, one of the McNamara attorneys, could return from San Francisco. The prosecution objected, but Judge Bordwell finally ordered a continuance until Friday morning, when the trial date will be settled.

McManigal Near Collapse.

Mrs. Ortie McManigal and her uncle, George Behm, of Portage, Wis., both of whom are aligned with the defense, shared the interest with the McNamara brothers today. Mrs. McManigal and her uncle came to the court directly from the jail, where she and Behm had made another effort, it is asserted, to induce Ortie McManigal, the alleged confessed co-conspirator of the McNamaras, to repudiate his confession.

Torn between conflicting desires to do as his wife wished and also to keep his alleged pledge to become a state witness, McManigal is said to be on the verge of collapse.

Big Eddy Camp Gets School.

THE DALLES, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The canal construction camp at Big Eddy is to be provided with a school this Fall. About 40 pupils would be accommodated by a school in that community, which is part of Wasco County school district No. 14, and the Board of Directors met with representatives from Big Eddy to plan in regard to supplying the school privileges needed. The building will be erected this Summer and a teacher engaged by the directors for the Fall term of school. The construction force at the Big Eddy camp was materially decreased during the high water of the Columbia, but it is now being increased again. Work at the other camps on the right of way was pushed while the men were laid off at the lower end of the canal.

Salmon Catch Grows Better.

ASTORIA, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—About the only changes in the fishing situation today are that the salmon are gradually going up the river and fairly good catches are being made in the vicinity of Westport and Cathlamet. The fish caught in the lower river last night averaged much larger than those taken during the previous few days. This morning one launch, arriving from below, brought 70 boxes of large or cold storage salmon that had been caught by the gillnetters.

Hoke Smith Elected Senator.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12.—Hoke Smith, the present Governor, was elected United States Senator from Georgia on the first legislative joint ballot at noon today. He succeeds Joseph M. Terrell, who was appointed by Governor Brown to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. S. Clay.

New York Favors Income Tax.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 12.—New York State went on record today in favor of a Federal income tax when the Assembly, by a vote of 91 to 42, passed the resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution authorizing such a tax. The measure passed the Senate April 19.

Rancher Catches Baby Eagles.

PASCO, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Councilman Cox, of Pasco, is the possessor of an eagle, 3 weeks old, which was captured in the hills in the north end of the county by a rancher named Ford. Ford caught two small eagles, but had to kill one to free his hand from its sharp claws. Councilman Cox will keep the bird on his ranch this Summer. Its wings measure 20 inches from tip to tip.

Labor Day Celebration Planned.

MEDFORD, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Hundreds of representatives of labor unions from various valley towns will come to Medford the first Monday in September to attend the Labor day celebration to be held by the local union on that day. There will be a parade of all the organized laboring men in the city, addresses by labor leaders, a programme and a big picnic.

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