



POINT SCORED BY WILEY'S ENEMIES

Food Expert Is Accused by Committee.

TAFT TO GIVE FULL HEARING

Overpayment of Noted Pharmacognosist Is Charged.

FRIENDS ARE CONFIDENT

Man Whose Administration of Law Has Made Many Enemies Tells Inquirers Not to Wait Until He Resigns.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(Special.)—In the attempt that is being made to oust Dr. Harvey W. Wiley from his post as Government pure food expert and chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, the Taft Administration is confronted by a situation that may develop as much bitterness even as the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

While the attempt to remove Dr. Wiley is based solely upon an alleged conspiracy to evade an appropriation statute, it is apparent there is a desire on the part of the Department of Agriculture officials to be relieved of Dr. Wiley's presence in that branch of the Government.

Dr. Rusby has been employed for several years as a Government expert. Congress last year enacted a law prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from paying any expert a greater salary than \$4000 a year.

Notwithstanding this law, Dr. Wiley and L. F. Kahler, chief of the division of drugs of the Department of Agriculture, arranged, it is charged, for the employment of Dr. Rusby as an expert at a salary of \$1600 a year.

Other Discipline Suggested. Along with the suggestion that Dr. Wiley, because of these alleged irregularities in the employment of Dr. Rusby, be permitted an opportunity to resign, the committee on personnel and the Attorney-General have recommended the dismissal of Dr. Rusby and the reduction of Dr. L. F. Kahler, chief of the division of drugs in the Department of Agriculture.

President Taft has forwarded all of the papers to Dr. Wiley and will take no action until he receives a personal statement from him. It is known that the President has the highest regard for the pure food expert and for his administration of the Bureau of Chemistry.

TRAIN LATE, BRIDE WEDDED AT DEPOT

GIRL BOUND TO BE MARRIED ON MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY.

Great Northern, Tary, Reaches Seattle 15 Minutes Before Midnight and Parson Is Hurried.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—On delayed Great Northern train No. 1 last night a young woman perched from the windows and fidgeted. It was her wedding night. In Seattle the bridegroom, the minister and the County Clerk with the license were waiting for her.

It was not only her wedding night, but the anniversary of her mother's marriage day and birthday, too. Because of these two important facts, the young woman and the man who was waiting to claim her as his bride, felt it imperative that the wedding should take place before midnight.

The train crawled slowly, then stopped. A sympathetic conductor reported that they had run over a dog. They moved slowly on and stopped again. A bridge had burned out. They were routed around the obstacle.

When Great Northern No. 1 drew at the King-street station the hands of the clock pointed to 11:15.

That explains why Miss Mamie E. Schnell, of Evanville, Ill., and Roy Leich, late of Evanville, but now of Seattle, were married at the King-street station, the minister racing against the hands of the clock.

It was the first wedding in the King-street station, which has witnessed every other important event of life—birth, death and tragedy.

BIG TRACTS TO BE OPENED

Entry to Be Allowed on 70,000,000 Acres of Government Land.

SEATTLE, July 13.—Seventy million acres of Government land now closed will be thrown open to entry upon the completion of investigations of 14 Government survey parties now in the field in North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Colorado, according to W. C. Calvert, Government geologist, who is making a general inspection of work done by the geologists of the survey parties.

Mr. Calvert said today that this land will be opened by the Interior Department as soon as the amount of coal in the land is ascertained.

"The coal on these reservations is virtually the only thing that has caused them to be held up until this time. The investigations of the parties in Montana and elsewhere have borne out the department," said Mr. Calvert. "Considerable coal has been found on the land of a high grade, but not anthracite. In Montana there is a large amount of bituminous coal. Upon coal-bearing land, of course, the department will endeavor to affix a price according to the value of the coal before throwing it open to entry. The other lands will be opened without further delay."

"The survey parties are reporting the existence of more coal than we had known."

MULTNOMAH WILL AID

County Judge and Commissioners in Favor of Road to Salem.

County Judge Cleaton announced yesterday that he and other members of the County Court are in full accord with the movement for the construction of the Capital Highway between Salem and Portland.

According to members of the commission the sentiment of Portland citizens is strongly in favor of the Portland-Salem road and promises of assistance have been received from various sources. It is announced that Portland will give material aid to the project provided the citizens of Clackamas County and Marion County do their share by contributing funds and labor.

The County Court is interested in good roads and will co-operate with the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement and the Portland Automobile Club in suppressing speeding on the various highways. It is declared that the driving of cars at a rate above 20 miles an hour causes great damage to the roadbeds.

DENEEN DENIES HE HELPED LORIMER

Governor Flatly Contradicts Hines.

TAFT SUPPORT DISCREDITED

Promised Message Through Aldrich Never Delivered.

'JACK-POT' DEALS AVERRED

Witness Believes Anyone Would Be Safe in Staking Reputation on Existence—Story of Counterplotting Told.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Governor Deneen, of Illinois, today furnished a field day in the Lorimer election investigation by the Senate special committee. He declared that he did not assist in the election of Senator Lorimer, as some of the Senator's friends assert, but fought against it to the last.

He contradicted the version which Edward Hines, a Chicago lumberman, who is charged with having asked for a Lorimer election fund contribution, gave of the telephone conversation between the two on the day Senator Lorimer was elected, May 26, 1909.

Hines' Story Contradicted. Mr. Hines had testified he telephoned from Chicago to Deneen that he had just come in this morning from Washington and was on my way to Springfield to bring the message to you (Deneen) from Senator Aldrich, and the President, urging you to do all you can to assist in the election of a Senator at the earliest possible moment."

"I asked him if President Taft sent that message, for I thought it strange the President should tell me that."

"He said, 'Why, it was sent through Senator Aldrich—of course he would not send it to you directly—who would communicate to you through George Reynolds, of the Continental Bank,' I said: 'Very well.'"

"Did you receive a communication from Senator Aldrich or Mr. Reynolds?" asked Attorney J. J. Healy, who was conducting the examination for the committee. "No, sir."

Deneen Denies Promise.

Governor Deneen denied Mr. Hines' version of the conversation in regard to the election of Senator Lorimer. (Continued on Page 5.)

HOUSEWIVES GAIN BY POTATO WAR

TUBERS SELL 40 POUNDS FOR QUARTER, WOMEN REJOICE.

Thrifty Folk Come With Big Baskets While Dealers Fight to Put Intruders Out of Business.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—The biggest potato price war in the history of the City Market broke out Wednesday with 44 dealers bidding against each other, and the price of the new season's tubers hitting the record mark of 20 pounds for a quarter of a dollar. Hundreds of wise housewives carried potatoes away by the basket load, while the dealers tore the atmosphere with their competitive prices.

Early today, while potatoes sold six and seven pounds for a quarter at most places, every stall at the market had a sign, "Potatoes, 10 pounds for 25 cents." The war started Wednesday when Swartz Bros. brought in a wagon load of the new crop and began selling them at 10 pounds for a quarter. Four other dealers put their heads together. In 10 minutes they announced 12 pounds for a quarter.

Swartz came back with 14 pounds, the combination went to 18; Swartz replied with 14, when the street went into a ferment and scenes of excitement ensued that would put the wheat pit to the blush.

BASEBALL CAUSES DEATH

Policeman, Struck in Forehead, Dies From Injuries.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—(Special.)—Patrolman Crowley, aged 50 years, died yesterday at his home, following a sudden illness caused by being struck upon the head Saturday last by a baseball. Crowley was attached to the Ingleside Station and when walking through Balboa Park Saturday afternoon received the full impact of a batted ball, the missile striking him squarely in the forehead. He was stunned for a moment but kept on his feet and after a few moments walked home and thought no more of the incident.

Crowley went off to work yesterday afternoon and was shortly afterward taken ill with pain in the head. The pain became more severe until this morning, when he lapsed into coma and expired.

Examination revealed that a blood vessel had been ruptured, producing a blood clot on the brain.

IRISH TUBERS IMPORTED

Shortage of Crop in United States Is Cause of Move.

LAREDO, Tex., July 13.—The first solid carload of Irish potatoes ever imported through this port from Mexico was received in Laredo and shipped north last night.

Usually there is a large quantity of potatoes exported to Mexico. The importation of them now is due to the shortage in this country.

20,000 ELKS ON PARADE

Portland Delegation Is in Sixth Division of Great Pageant.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13.—More than 20,000 "Hello Bills" from all parts of the country took part in the annual parade here this afternoon of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The parade consisted of ten divisions. The Atlantic City lodge headed the pageant. In the sixth division was Portland, Or.

THOUSANDS LIMP OUT OF FIRE ZONE

Horror of Ontario District Grows Hourly.

TRAILS STREWN WITH DEAD

Three Towns Are Obliterated by Relentless Flames.

DEATH LIST MAY BE 400

Burned Area in Porcupine District Is Estimated to Be 10,000 Square Miles—Relief Trains Start for Stricken Section.

TORONTO, July 13.—Reports tonight from Northern Ontario are that the forest fires which for several days have swept over a section of country extending 300 miles northward from North Bay and covering a wide section east and west, either have been extinguished or are under control.

The towns of Cochrane, South Porcupine and Pottsville have been obliterated. The fire swept clean the townships of Langmuir, Eldorado, Shaw, Deloro, Ogden, McArthur and Cirrpio Creek districts.

Known Dead Are 122. The known dead total 122, the majority of whom lost their lives at South Porcupine. There are believed to have been many other fatalities and estimates based upon unverified reports run as high as 400.

A relief train left North Bay this afternoon for Porcupine with supplies. Plenty of funds have been subscribed in this city for immediate help.

Refugees from the burned area say that it covers 10,000 square miles, comprising a district inhabited by 20,000 people. From every quarter have come fugitives who escaped the flames, many of them badly burned.

Many Flee in Terror. Scores are missing and are believed to have fled terror-stricken into the wilderness. They possibly survived the fire, but are believed to have died of exhaustion.

Some of the survivors tell of stumbling over bodies of those who had run before them and died on the way. The first trainload of dead and injured reached Cobalt today.

The Mail and Empire's special correspondent at Porcupine telegraphs tonight from Cobalt as follows: "The horrors of Porcupine's great district increase hourly."

FIVE KANSAS CITY MEN ESCAPE

Missouri Men Tell of Hours Spent in Lake in Fire District.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 13.—Telegrams received here today tell of the narrow escapes of five Kansas City men from forest fires in Northern Ontario. The telegrams tell of their safe exit from the fire-swept district after hours spent in a lake.

The men are Earl Ridge and W. Roy Ridge, mining engineers, and A. D. Williams, Jack A. Williams and Lowell P. Absher, who were traveling through the country. A telegram from A. D. Williams at North Bay said:

WILDE'S PROTEST BEFORE GOVERNOR

EXTRADITION TO BE FOUGHT TO LAST DITCH.

California Executive to Give Personal Hearing on Requisition for Man Wanted by Oregon.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 13.—(Special.)—That Louis J. Wilde, of San Diego, will fight to the last ditch a charge of alleged embezzlement is the assertion made to Governor Johnson's secretary by Edgar A. Luce and Charles A. Sumner, attorneys of San Diego, whose protest today went to the Governor, now at Berkeley.

The lawyers were assured that Governor Johnson will give a personal hearing on the requisition. This will not be for possibly a week or more because the executive is now presiding at a hearing of alleged incompetency and scandal in the State Home for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Berkeley.

Representations made by Wilde's attorneys at the Governor's office where A. F. Leonard, acting as the Oregon state agent, presented the requisition today, are to the effect that the sole purpose of extraditing Wilde to Oregon is to let many persons make him the defendant of civil actions which he declares are unfounded and would greatly interfere with his extensive business interests in San Diego, which require his continuous attention.

The lawyers contend that the embezzlement charge arising from the sale of Omaha Independent Telephone Company stock in 1907 was for the real purpose of getting him within the jurisdiction of the Oregon courts for civil litigation.

BALLINGER ASKS LITTLE

Ex-Secretary of Interior Charges Aberdeen \$15 to Speak.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—It cost Aberdeen just \$15 to bring Richard A. Ballinger, ex-Secretary of the Interior, to this city to deliver the Fourth of July address at the late celebration here. That is all Mr. Ballinger says he spent and that is all he would accept, returning \$10 of the \$25 sent him to cover his traveling and incidental expenses.

In a letter to George J. Wolf, chairman of the general celebration committee, Mr. Ballinger, after acknowledging receipt of the committee's check for \$25, encloses his own check for \$10, saying that his expenses did not total more than \$15 and that he would not accept the additional \$10.

Mr. Ballinger, who was accompanied to Aberdeen by Mr. Ballinger, spent two days here. The speech he delivered the morning of the Fourth was published in many parts of the United States.

MOSQUITO WAR STARTED

County Health Officer Will Pour Oil on Stagnant Water.

"I'm going out in an auto with a can of coal oil tomorrow," said City Health Officer C. H. Wheeler last night, "and fix some of the mosquitoes that have been plaguing the people of the city for the past few weeks. The entire job won't take me more than a few hours if I can get plenty of coal oil. Stagnant pools in the low-lying portions of the East Side and the inlets along the waterfront furnish ideal breeding places for the pests, but a few pints of oil poured on the water soon puts an end to them and is a sure way to secure relief."

The oil-pouring expedition today is only a temporary measure on the part of the health officer, however. Efforts will be made in the near future to have the worst places drained.

YOUNG MAY BE NEW CHIEF

Laudenklos Not to Take Examination Now Being Prepared.

The Mayor appointed John F. Logan and P. L. Willis yesterday to frame an examination to be undergone by applicants for the position of Chief of the Fire Department and to determine who are eligible to take the examination.

Acting Chief Laudenklos, of the fire department, said yesterday that he will not take the examination for Chief of the department. "I am satisfied to be Assistant Chief," said he, "and do not care to take the added responsibilities of the higher position."

John E. Young, one of the battalion chiefs, is believed to be slated for the position, if he passes the examination. He is an experienced firefighter.

JURY BLAMES CONSTABLE

Coroner's Body Holds Death of Soldier Was Caused by Shot.

ASTORIA, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—The Coroner's Jury investigating the death of Private Jones, of Fort Stevens, who was shot by Constable Sayer on July 10, today returned the following verdict: "We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Roy C. Jones, find that he came to his death by blood poisoning as the result of the wound that was inflicted by John Sayer in Astoria."

Ex-Senator Fugon, of Astoria, represents Sayer, and Attorney Mullins, employed by officers and soldiers at Fort Stevens, prosecuted the case, with Assistant District Attorney Brownell and Judge Advocate-General Greer, of the Army. The case now goes into the higher courts.

BLAZE IN SEATTLE BEYOND CONTROL

Hotel Burns, Business Section in Danger.

HIGH WIND DRIVING FLAMES

Fire Starts at Ninth and Pike in Frame Structure.

FIREMEN ARE OVERCOME

Airey Rooming-House and Fairmount Hotel Destroyed, Other Building Threatened—Guests Thought to Have Escaped.

SEATTLE, July 13.—Fire which started tonight in the basement of a three-story frame building at Ninth and Pike streets and spread to the building in which it started and is spreading to adjoining property. Four alarms have been turned in. A strong wind is carrying sparks toward the heart of the uptown business district.

When the first firemen arrived great volumes of smoke were pouring out of the basement, where a large quantity of furniture and paints was stored. The upper floors of the building in which the fire started were occupied by the Fairmount Hotel. It is believed that all the occupants escaped safely, as did those in a three-story apartment-house adjoining the hotel on the west.

Fire Gets Beyond Control. Although the firemen poured water from a dozen lines of hose into the basement, they were unable to make any headway, and after half an hour the entire interior of the building burst into flames, the fire leaping high above the roof.

The blaze then jumped to the Airey apartment-house adjoining the Fairmount. A three-story brick building at Eighth and Pike streets is threatened. The upper floors of this building are also used as a rooming-house, and the occupants have been ordered to vacate.

Many Firemen Overcome. Several firemen have been overcome by smoke, but as fast as they fell they were removed to a taxicab building across the street, and after a brief rest returned to work.

The Fairmount Hotel and the Airey Apartment are a total loss. It is believed the loss on these two buildings, which are frame, and their contents, will not exceed \$100,000. The heaviest individual loser will be the Munson-Noah Furniture Company, which owned the furniture stored in the basements of the burned buildings. The guests in the Fairmount Hotel and the Airey Apartment did not save any of their personal effects.

BOYS INSURANCE CHIEFS

Fourteen "Officials" Under Arrest Are Clerks and Messengers.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—According to Daniel E. Hunkler, of the Pennsylvania state insurance department, the officers of the 14 insurance companies who were arrested in this city yesterday were clerks, office boys and stenographers. The officials said that a 19-year-old boy, who was paid \$5 a week, was president of one of the concerns.

Three officers of the concerns, which were all operated from one office, were given a further hearing today and each was held in \$5000 bail for trial. They are David Bolaty, Charles Weinberg and Jacob L. Malschick. The latter is 19 and his parents declare they never knew he was an officer of any company, but that he had been asked by his employers to sign his name to papers.

BANKS GET POSTAL FUNDS

Depositories Named in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—The Postoffice Department today designated the following banks as depositories to receive postal bank funds from postmasters: Oregon—First National, Hood River; First National, Corvallis; First Savings, Albany; First National, The Dalles.

Washington—Bank of Colville; Citizens, Anacortes; First National, Sedro-Wooley; Colfax National, Farmers State Bank, Colfax; First National, Colville; United States National, Centralia; Commercial National Bank, Snohomish, Idaho—First National Bank at Payette, Lewiston and Sand Point; Bonner County National, of Sand Point, and D. W. Stanrod & Co., bankers, of Blackfoot.

PROPHET SEE IS GUILTY

Jury Convicts After Being Out Little More Than Hour.

CHICAGO, July 13.—Evelyn Arthur Sec, founder of the Absolute Life cult, tonight was found guilty of the abduction of Mildred Bridges, the 17-year-old disciple of the cult. The jury was out little more than an hour.

