

CANADIAN DENIES LORIMER PERJURY

McGowan Repudiates Conversation Said to Have Been Reported by Phone.

THREAT LETTER IS JOKE

Young Man, Pressed by Senators, Accepts Suggestion of Fletcher, Detective's Real Character Never Suspected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Charles McGowan, the young Canadian witness, denied before the Senate Lorimer committee of investigation today that he had ever admitted receiving money for perjuring himself before the committee last July. Instead of receiving \$1500 for "perjuring" himself, as private detectives swore he told them, McGowan testified, he received only \$100 by a check signed "Edward Hines Lumber Company, by E. C. Wiehe, secretary" to reimburse him for unexpected loss incident to his presence in Washington to testify for Wiehe.

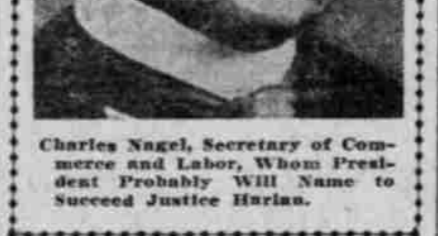
His unexpended appropriation and Engineer Elliott discovered soon afterward that he was some \$900 short for completion of work.

Suppression of Reports Charged.

The charges made by Clark and Representative Northwick were that department officials had suppressed reports on the drainage situation mainly because they did not need the approval of land promoters.

Thousands of acres of Everglade lands, priced at millions of dollars, have been sold all over the United States by promotion syndicates. So widespread was the selling campaign that the Department of Agriculture received thousands of inquiries for an official opinion on the value of the lands, and sent engineers to the Everglades to make reports.

The proposed investigation and the charges of suppression of reports and undue influence of land promoters grew out of their work, although Department of Agriculture officials maintain that Elliott and Morehouse were dismissed and F. E. Singleton, an accountant, was suspended on a technical charge of transference of public funds. The men say that a few hundred



Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Whom President Taft Probably Will Name to Succeed Justice Harlan.

McGowan admitted that he was in a hotel room in Toronto January 6 with Detective Bailey, of whom he said he "never had a suspicion that he was anything but what he pretended to be—a claims agent. It was then that Bailey swore the \$1500 statement was made and J. E. Sheridan swore he recorded such a statement as coming over a telephone apparatus from the room in which McGowan was alleged to have been speaking.

Conversation Topic Denied.

Under cross examination, McGowan swore that no talk occurred in the room about the Lorimer investigation or anything connected with it.

Famous Letter Called Joke.

Members of the committee subjected McGowan to prolonged examination as to a letter he wrote to Bailey after having his settlement with Wiehe. It was in this letter, McGowan said, in speaking of the Hines people's coming to McGowan's home in Toronto, that he had written: "By gosh, they would have been shown what forced hospitality was. The old shotgun would have been loaded with a couple of Peters No. 2. I made them come across at that—not all I expected, though. I had a hell of a time getting it, too. Had to threaten him with all kinds of exposure."

McGowan finally said the suggestion of Senator Fletcher that the letter was a joke was correct. McGowan said the threat of exposure was not made to Wiehe but to M. J. Shields.

POINDEXTER AGAIN SUFFERS SETBACK

Reappointment of Cole to Spokane Land Office Direct Slap at Senator.

FISHER REJECTS RANCK

Vancouver Editor Declared Objectionable Because He Has Criticized Administration's Motives in His Paper.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator PoinDEXTER bumped the patronage bumps again today. He received notification from Secretary Fisher this morning that the Secretary intended advising against the appointment of Glen M. Ranck as receiver of the Vancouver Land Office, and when he got to the capitol found that the President had renominated Hal J. Cole as register of the Spokane land office.

Several weeks ago PoinDEXTER, with the concurrence of Senator Jones, recommended the appointment of Ranck, but soon after the recommendation was made protests were filed with the President and clippings from Hanck's newspaper criticizing and attacking the Taft Administration were sent to the White House. These were turned over to Secretary Fisher, who concluded that on account of those protests Ranck should not be appointed. He told PoinDEXTER today that he objected to Ranck, not because he had criticized the Administration, but because he had questioned its motives. What Senator PoinDEXTER intends to do about Ranck he will not say, but he is disposed to fight.

Jones to Make Personal Appeal.

Senator Jones, who joined in recommending Ranck, intends to urge Ranck's appointment notwithstanding Fisher's objection. He will carry the matter personally to the President. The reappointment of Cole was a bitter pill to PoinDEXTER, especially as Senator Jones several weeks ago told the President that he did not intend to make any recommendations for that land office, but would give way to Senator PoinDEXTER, that being PoinDEXTER's home town. Neither Jones nor PoinDEXTER was consulted about Cole and the first intimation they had that he was to be retained came when his nomination was laid before the Senate this afternoon. It was explained that Cole was reappointed solely on the recommendation of Secretary Fisher and Land Commissioner Bennett. Cole, it is known, is objectionable to PoinDEXTER, as he has been identified with an opposing political faction. He was appointed originally on recommendation of Senator Ankeny, an opponent that had been one of Ankeny's campaign managers.

Attack on Taft Is Planned.

Senator PoinDEXTER declines to discuss these matters for publication, but in a few days he is to make a speech in Ohio and at that time intends to attack the Administration and charge that it is withholding patronage from insurgents. Republicans, notwithstanding the famous letter of Private Secretary Norton. He will cite these, among other cases, as proof of his charge.

It is also reported that unless the Administration changes its attitude, PoinDEXTER may hold up the nomination of Representative Humphrey as Federal Judge in Western Washington, if that nomination is sent in. Up to the present time there is nothing to indicate that the President has decided in favor of Humphrey and Humphrey's appointment is expected soon.

ABERDEEN TO HAVE FETE

Union Depot's Completion and Securing of Steamer Line Cause.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—To mark the completion of the new union depot here and the assurance of the installation of a packet steamship line by the American Wallian Company, business men of Aberdeen are planning the largest celebration in the history of the city. The celebration is expected to attract the attention of the entire Pacific Northwest.

FEDERAL PHONES FAVORED

Head of Independent Association Impressed by Proposal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—President Manfred Savage, of the National Independent Telephone Association, declared today in an address before that body that the proposal of Postmaster-General Hitchcock to make the telephone companies part of the United States postal service would be of great benefit both to the public and the telephone companies.

"The importance of trying to secure this link that shall bind us together to the uttermost part of the Nation and still reserve the principle of home rule for local telephone companies deserves our most careful attention," said President Savage. "It would enable us to transmit telephone messages to any part of the Nation at fair rates by relaying the messages by telegraph when necessary."

INQUIRY IS TO BE MADE

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The investigation, radically changed his position, and the experts of the bureau of plant industry familiar with Florida conditions disagreed with both Mr. Wright and Mr. Elliott.

"Elliott and Morehouse were dismissed by the Secretary of Agriculture because they had certified and presented false accounts, knowing them to be false, on which the Government had paid out money. Not only did they know the accounts were false, but they procured the persons to make the false accounts, telling these persons that they would receive money for their trouble. They admit they did this; they concealed their unlawful acts from their chief, Dr. A. C. True, and when Dr. True discovered the facts, he recommended their dismissal."

"The Secretary dismissed them and as there was a violation of the law involved, sent all the facts and papers in his possession to the Attorney-General for certification to the District Attorney to prosecute and for such other action as the District Attorney might deem proper."

"The charge against the dismissed men is that they misapplied an appropriation. In 1909 the drainage division sent to the irrigation division of

LONG SEARCH FOR 2 ENDS

MEN WANTED IN OKLAHOMA CAUGHT NEAR CHEHALIS.

Sheriff Urquhart and Deputy Make Clever Catch—One Arrested at Home of Sweetheart.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—After a search extending over nearly three years, Sheriff H. W. Urquhart and Deputy Sheriff Tom Foster tonight arrested William and Jesse Holcomb, who are wanted in Cherokee County, Oklahoma, charged with assault with intent to kill, on the person of Silas D. Meigs. The crime was committed February 22, 1909.

The arrest of the brothers followed the swearing out of a search warrant by Carl Schwartz, who lives on a farm about four miles north of Centralia, in Thurston county. Schwartz had reason to believe that goods which had been stolen, amounting to over \$125, were hidden on the farm of John Collins, about two miles north of Centralia. In his conversation with Sheriff Urquhart he stated that A. W. Cells was staying at the Collins place, who had two brothers-in-law there also, by the name of William and Jesse Holcomb, and that they were from Oklahoma.

When the name of Holcomb was mentioned, Sheriff Urquhart grabbed his hat and gun, and taking along a deputy, visited the farm in question as soon as the fastest automobile in the county could carry him there. Neither one of the brothers was there at the time, but Jesse Holcomb was found and arrested at his father's place up the Hannaford Valley.

"Goodwin" is the name of the new station on the O.-W. R. & N. at the site of the Eastern Oregon branch asylum. Such was the announcement made here tonight by Jack O'Neill, traveling passenger agent. The station is being named in honor of Moses Goodwin, one of the earliest Umatilla County settlers. The tract of land to be used by the branch asylum is his old homestead.

Volunteers Hold Reunion.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The annual reunion of a dozen members of Company G, First Washington Volunteers of the Spanish-American War, was held last night at the home of Arthur H. Fletcher. At the supper J. J. Cairns presided as toastmaster.

FRUIT TREES ARE TAXABLE

Washington Commission Rules Exemption Not Valid.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Fruit trees in Washington are not to be exempt from taxation purposes. The state tax commission so ruled in a formal opinion to the Assessor of Chehalis County.

The custom in many sections of the state to exempt fruit trees, but there is no authority for this under the constitution and Supreme Court decisions, holds the state tax commission, although the Legislature did pass a law exempting them.

The tax commission cites a decision of the Supreme Court to show that the Legislature has no power to exempt any property from taxation. It is announced by the commission that some counties have exempted fruit trees, while in other counties the trees are taxed.

LINE EXTENSION PLANNED

Electric Road From Boise to Walla Walla Believed Move.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—That the Kuhn Brothers of Portland, are planning to extend their electric line from Boise to Walla Walla is said to be the reason why Major Fred R. Reed, state Western business representative, visited Baker yesterday.

It is known that in the fight with the Mainlands, the Kuhn wish to push a road down the Snake and Powder rivers from Huntington to Baker, and then on to La Grande and later through to Spokane. While Reed refused to give out any information, he passed much time while here gathering information.

NAGEL TO BE NOMINATED

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state had withdrawn their protests against Judge Hook.

Attorney-General Wickersham and Postmaster-General Hitchcock have urged the appointment of Mr. Nagel. Mr. Taft's only objection to the appointment has been that Mr. Nagel is 87 years old and although a lawyer of wide practice, has had no judicial experience.

Mr. Nagel's residence is Missouri. He was born in Texas in 1849, but on account of the War spent his early youth in Mexico. He was admitted to the bar in 1872 and practiced in St. Louis. Except for terms in the Missouri Legislature from 1881 to 1883 and membership in the St. Louis City Council from 1892 to 1897, he held no public offices, but was active in politics for many years. He entered President Taft's Cabinet March 6, 1909.

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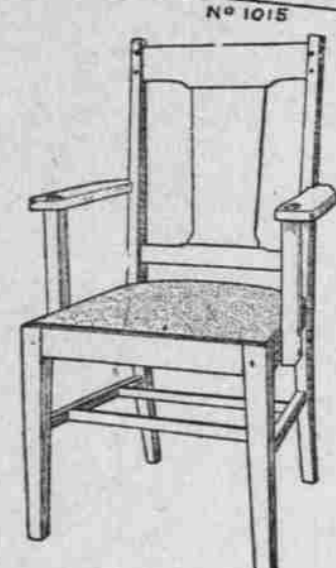
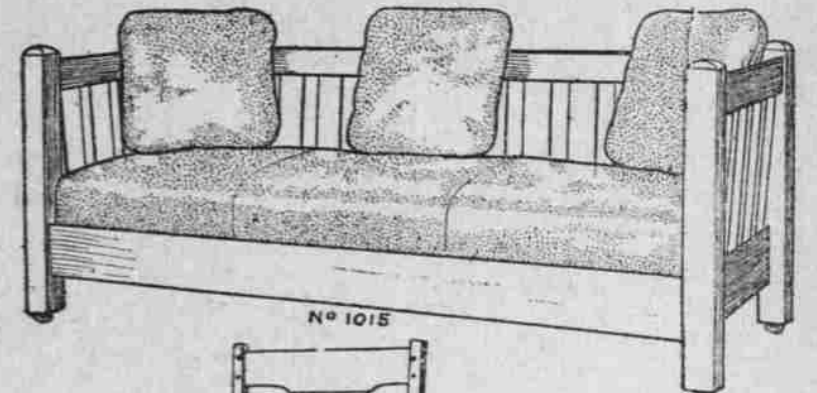
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LIGHT SHED BY KNOX

GERMANY EAGER TO CONCLUDE TREATY, SAYS SECRETARY.

Had Not Arbitration Measures Been Halted in Senate, Agreement With Teutons Might Have Been Made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"But for the fact that the arbitration treaty was halted in the Senate, my friend, the German Ambassador, and myself would have concluded a similar treaty with Germany."

Such was the emphatic declaration of Secretary of State Knox on Hobby Night at the National Press Club. The Secretary of State was making an impassioned appeal for peace and vigorously defending the arbitration treaties. What added to the interest of the assertion of the Secretary of State was the fact that Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, sat a few feet from him and nodded his head in acquiescence, and when the German Ambassador was introduced to make his speech, he departed from his prepared remarks long enough to give his hearty assent to what Secretary Knox had said in regard to the proposed arbitration treaty with Germany.

While it has been known that such an agreement was under consideration by the Secretary of State and the German Ambassador, this was the first time that declaration was made in such a positive manner, and its significance was more apparent because both men were present before all of the newspaper correspondents of Washington, and the Secretary of State was emphasizing his great interest in behalf of universal peace.

When it is recalled that the riot at the peace meeting in New York, which interrupted and prevented a continuation of the programme arranged, was led by a man of German birth, who gave as his reason that the treaties were inimical to Germany, the statement made by Secretary Knox and publicly endorsed by the German Ambassador, becomes of greater moment. It refutes the idea which became prevalent that the arbitration treaties were adverse to German interests, and shows the false position in which many American citizens of German birth have been placed by the idea that peace treaties with England and France were antagonistic to the great German Empire.

Secretary Knox and Count von Bernstorff accomplished much more than they anticipated in the direction of universal peace by their appearance and words on Hobby Night at the National Press Club.

League May Reorganize.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—N. B. Coffman, of this city, chairman of the executive committee of the Southwest Washington Development Association, has appointed a committee to prepare a plan of reorganization of the association. This committee will meet at Vancouver at a date to be announced later, when a constitution and by-laws to meet growing conditions will probably be submitted and considered. W. J. Patterson, of Aberdeen; Lloyd DuBois, of Vancouver; C. J. Lord, of Olympia, and J. H. Drissler, of South

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- \$1.10 Three Star French Cognac, best quality, pint, sp 1 70c
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- \$1.00 Imported Porto Port, a decided bargain at the low price of 75c
- \$1.00 Imptd. Spanish Sherry, for table or invalid use, sp 1 75c
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