



BILLION INVOLVED IN OIL LAND SUITS

Government Will Try to Recover Land.

CALIFORNIA FRAUDS CHARGED

Accounting Will Be Asked for All Petroleum Mined.

AGENTS SURE OF GROUND

Federal Attorneys Townsend and McCormick Think No Technical Question Will Block Move to Reclaim Rich Ground.

Suits that involve more than \$1,000,000 and threaten the title to hundreds of thousands of acres in Kern, Fresno, Los Angeles and other California counties were decided on last night at a conference here between E. D. Townsend, special attorney for the Department of Justice, and A. L. McCormick, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of California.

These suits will number more than 300. They will be directed against individuals, associations and corporations. Some will be in the nature of ejectments, others for forfeiture of land and all will ask for an accounting to the Government for oil that has been taken from the lands in question.

Agents Collect Evidence.

Agents of the Government have been working for months collecting evidence for the preparation of these suits, under the direction of Mr. Townsend and Mr. McCormick, and at the conference last evening it was decided to file the suits in the United States District Court at Los Angeles as soon as Mr. McCormick returns to that city early next week.

The property involved includes some of the richest oil-producing lands in California and it is alleged that all were seized from the Government on mineral claims after they had been withdrawn from allotment and that the title to all of them remains in the Government. In nearly every instance the lands have been developed by the boring of wells and millions of barrels of crude oil have been abstracted. For all of this, an accurate estimate of which has been obtained, the Government demands a full accounting and this alone amounts to millions of dollars.

Government Sure of Ground.

In speaking of these suits last night Mr. McCormick said: "The rights of the Government in these suits is absolutely certain, as there is no technical question involved that has not already been acted on by the higher courts, and much of the property was forcibly taken possession of without even a pretense of title, and in some instances actual fraud was perpetrated."

"One suit that I have already brought in behalf of the Government against the Southern Pacific Company to recover 6100 acres of oil lands in California is based on fraud, pure and simple, and the evidence shows this conclusively even by the testimony of the employees of that company. The suits that are now to be instituted are of the same general character, with evidence equally as strong."

HUNTINGTON MAID HAPPY

Little Nettie Rogers' Papa Meets Cousin in Thomas B. Mills.

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STAGE BEAUTY NOT MASCAGNI'S WIFE

NOTED COMPOSER DENIES ELOPEMENT WITH ACTRESS.

Truth Is, However, Famous Musician Recently Quarreled With Wife Over Chorus Girl.

ROME, July 12.—(Special.)—Newspapers this morning announced that Mascagni, the famous composer, had eloped with a beautiful young actress to some unknown destination. The truth is that some days ago Mascagni had a serious quarrel with his wife on account of a chorus girl in one of the largest theaters in Rome, who had become fanatically enthusiastic over the musician. Signora Mascagni resented such enthusiasm, especially as the musician used to give the chorus girl lessons rather too frequently.

But, according to his friends, Mascagni never dreamed of eloping with the girl. He left for Paris, a composer expert in the art of making a reconciliation with his wife somewhat less easy.

Newspapers this evening refute the story of the elopement. They say the musician repents of his adventure and trusts in a reconciliation with his wife, which he hopes will be speedy and complete.

Mascagni says his journey to Paris is connected with the composition of a new work.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES; 3 HURT

Falsework on Willamette Crossway Goes Down at Jasper.

EUGENE, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Three workmen were injured Thursday when 450 feet of falsework for a new county bridge across the Willamette River at Jasper, suddenly collapsed. The beams for the falsework were framed and set on the surface of the river bed, as bedrock was too near to allow of the driving of piling. As the next to the last bent was being raised, they slid forward and collapsed.

Ira Walton, superintendent of construction, suffered fractures of both legs, one of which was crushed, and John Monahan, a broken ankle. Walter J. Moore, superintendent of concrete, was carried down with the crash, but received only bruises. He ferried the injured men across the river and caught a train for Springfield, where they were placed in a hospital.

The bridge, which is to be a steel one, is being constructed by the county by day labor. Walton's condition is serious, as he is an old man.

BOISE ELK LAUDS CITY

John M. Haines Enthusiastic at Way Portland Treats Visitors.

John M. Haines, the Boise banker and candidate for Governor at the Republican primaries in Idaho next week, is at the Portland with the Idaho herd of Elks, and is among the most enthusiastic admirers of the way Portland has treated the lodge men. In speaking of his state and himself he said: "Idaho is normally Republican, and while admitted that the entire state has for Senator Borah, his reelection to the United States Senate next winter is assured, and as he is pronounced for the re-election of Mr. Taft, the state should give him its electoral vote by a handsome majority."

"Personally I have every assurance that I will be the Republican nominee for Governor, and if elected, will devote my entire time to the duties of the office. Idaho is not appreciated as it should be among the Western States, as its richness is not known and the opportunities for both capital and labor not exploited as they should have been."

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BRITISH PROTEST GOES TO CONGRESS

Knox Officially Notifies U. S. Senate.

CANAL BILL TO BE DELAYED

Opening of Floodgates of Oratory Is Expected.

FOUR PROPOSALS OPPOSED

Charging and Then Refunding Tolls Declared Violation of Treaty's Spirit—Coastwise Exemption Objected To.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The Senate was officially notified of the British protest against the Panama Canal administration when Secretary of State Knox in a letter tonight to Senator Brandegee, chairman of the Senate inter-oceanic canal committee, outlined objections raised by Great Britain.

The letter paraphrasing the protest by Charge d' Affaires Innes was generally accepted as voicing the decision of the State Department to leave the entire subject in the hands of Congress, where the legislation in dispute is pending. Secretary Knox' letter follows:

"Sir—I have the honor to bring to the knowledge of your committee the fact that a communication just received from the British charge d'Affaires, indicates the attention of the British government having been called to various proposals from time to time made for the relieving of American shipping from the payment of tolls on vessels passing through the Panama Canal, that government has studied carefully those proposals and the arguments in support of them with a view to the bearing thereon of the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain of November 18, 1901.

Four Possibilities Suggested.

"The communication sums up the proposals mentioned as:

"First—To exempt all American shipping from tolls.

"Second—To refund to all American ships tolls which they might pay.

"Third—To exempt from the payment of tolls American ships engaged in the coastwise trade, and

"Fourth—To repay to the last-named class of American ships tolls which they might pay.

"The communication indicates it to be the opinion of his Britannic majesty's government that to exempt all American shipping from the payment of tolls would involve an infraction of

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HEIR IS EXPECTED BY LADY DECIES

STORK HOVERS NEAR HOME OF VIVIEN GOULD.

Accouchment Is Anticipated at End of July and Grandparents Are Much Excited.

NEW YORK, July 12.—(Special.)—Preparations for the first visit from the stork are being made by Lord and Lady Decies at their home near London, friends of former Miss Vivien Gould hear. The visit is expected at the end of the month, and there is much excitement about it at the bride's former home in this city.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, sail tomorrow for England, so as to be present to welcome the little stranger, who, they hope, will prove an heir to the title.

As soon as the young mother and her babe can travel, the Decies propose going to their Irish estate, where they will do much entertaining. Lord Decies has succeeded late Marquis of Waterford, as commandant of the South Irish Horse.

REUNION SATISFIES MAYOR

Rushlight Says Portland Will Be Long Remembered by Visitors.

Mayor Rushlight is delighted with the manner in which the Elks' grand lodge reunion was conducted. He said yesterday at the City Hall that the festivities had been a great success.

"I feel that the reunion was well handled and in every way successful," said the Mayor. "The crowds were orderly and good-natured and there was no rowdiness among the Elks. There was some disorder, but it was by young hoodlums."

"Vast sums of money have been dropped into Portland coffers by the visitors, but that is not so important as the great amount of advertising the city will receive as a result. It has been the largest affair ever seen in Portland and one long to be remembered. All sections of the country have been represented and the many fine things they enjoyed while here will make Portland and Portland hospitality a well-known word throughout the United States."

T. R.'S HANDS OFF IDAHO

Colonel Will Not Embarrass Borah With Third Ticket.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 12.—Colonel Roosevelt has assured Senator Borah personally and also through Senator Dixon that he will not place a third ticket in the field this year in Idaho, or in the states of other insurgent Senators or Representatives who fear that a third ticket would endanger their chances of re-election to Congress.

Borah is not in sympathy with the third ticket programme and told Colonel Roosevelt at Chicago he thought such a plan was unwise and detrimental to the progressive cause. For this reason Roosevelt will keep out of Idaho, as he feels grateful to Borah for past assistance and wants him re-elected.

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RIVER FLEET TAKES ELKS ON EXCURSION

Man Over Board Thrills 6000 on Outing.

LIFE LINE RESCUE IS MADE

Score of Vessels Give Lodge Members Scenic Trip.

DECK DANCES POPULAR

Impromptu Choruses Add Zest to Trip Five Miles Up Columbia and Ragtime Swaying Harmonizes With Rolling of Craft.

Six thousand Elks cheering from the decks of a fleet of 10 big river steamers and from a score or more of smaller craft took part in a pleasure excursion yesterday down the Willamette and up the Columbia River as the guests of the Portland Lodge of Elks. Every steamer available was pressed into service to carry the big crowd that responded to the pressing invitation of the Portland Lodge of Elks. Every steamer available was pressed into service to carry the big crowd that responded to the pressing invitation of the Portland Lodge of Elks. Every steamer available was pressed into service to carry the big crowd that responded to the pressing invitation of the Portland Lodge of Elks.

The crowds gathered on the various docks along the river about 1 o'clock and took place on the big boats, which were thrown open to everybody who had a desire to see the river scenery. At 1:30 o'clock one of the big steamers blew two deafening blasts and every boat forthwith backed out into the stream, turned about and started northward. All the bridges were drawn at the same time and remained open to the boats until the entire procession, in single file, had proceeded into the lower harbor. The big boats whistled their whistles and the crowds cheered wildly at the hundreds of people gathered on the bridges to see the boat pass. In the procession were the steamers Monarch, Mojoc, Harkins, Burton, Iralda, America, Ione, Undine, Kellogg and Tahoma, each literally covered with the cheering crowds of merry-makers. From several of the boats the strains of band music floated and from other singing could be heard.

Mosquito Fleet Follows.

Following the big boats was a mosquito fleet of small steamers and launches, each well filled with Elks. Eva, Gille S. Gazelle, Sea Otter and Rose City. They all danced along behind the big fleet, riding the waves and tooting a siren blast of varied-toned whistles and bells.

The parade of boats moved rapidly down the Willamette, viewing the lower

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MADE IN A NIGHT, IS NEW SEATTLE

AS CITIZENS SLEEP POTLATCH PEOPLE "PUT ONE OVER."

Every Plain, Every-Day Lamp Post Becomes Much-Decorated Totem Pole Before Town Awakens.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—The Potlatch people "slipped one over" last night. When the town went to bed there was nothing hanging around the streets except cluster light poles. This morning when the town got up every lamp post was a totem pole, and the business district of the city was a forest of them.

Seattle, of course, is more or less accustomed to totem poles. Thanks to a bunch of willing pirates who once raided romantic old Kanan it even owns one, but down to now its interest in totem poles has been confined to individual specimens. Today every lamp post is a bear, or a crow, or a whale—the town looks like a titanic initiation ceremony, with every Ikt, Mox and Khione, including old Chief Steam Roller himself, lined up for the massacre.

They are made of plaster of paris, hardened by a process known only to the contractor that built them. They will stand any kind of weather and a whole lot of knocking around. Big business houses are already decked out in Potlatch colors and the smaller ones are fast following the lead. The Potlatch bunting is already flung to the breeze and when the big show opens the old town should fairly flame with color.

GREATER HANKOW PLANNED

Chinese Engineer Called to Build Modern City in Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(Special.)—M. E. Yung, a prominent local Chinese civil engineer, educated in Yale and Columbia universities, has been recalled to China by Li Yuen Hung, Vice-President of the republic, to superintend the rebuilding of the City of Hankow, which was burned to the ground during the recent revolution. Hankow proper has a population of about 600,000 and is across the river from a city of 400,000.

Yung will endeavor to make the new Hankow a modern city. The largest steamers built can safely glide into its harbor. The termini of the Pekin-Hankow Railway, Hankow-Szechuan Railway and Canton-Hankow Railway are at Hankow, and it is planned to make the city the terminal of many other railways.

One of the big projects that will be accomplished with the rebuilding of Hankow will be a bridge over the Yangtze River, which is a mile wide, connecting the City of Hankow with the center of population on the other side of the river. This will make practically a greater city of 1,000,000 population.

MAYOR VEToes OWN MOVE

Seattle's Executive Blocks Flag Ordinance, Drafted by Self.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Mayor George F. Cotterill today vetoed his own flag ordinance, drafted by him and passed by the Council two weeks ago by a vote of 6 to 3. Though the veto message will not be made public until Monday afternoon, it is understood that the Mayor disapproves his own measure because of a flaw which he thinks might lead to a construction that would prevent various fraternal organizations from participating in public parades.

Explanations of the objection the Mayor has to his own ordinance is awaited with much interest by the six Councilmen who insisted that there should be some regulation of street parades in order to prevent the carrying of anarchistic emblems through the streets of Seattle.

ADMIRAL SENDS GREETING

Commander of Pacific Reserve Fleet Joins in Message to Clark.

Rear-Admiral Reynolds, commanding the Pacific reserve fleet, who is a guest of the city at this time, joined with others in telegraphing to Rear-Admiral Clark, the first captain of the battleship Oregon, a message concerning the visit of that famous ship to Portland. The telegram was sent yesterday to Washington, D. C. but will have to be transmitted to Lake Mansfield, Vt., where Rear-Admiral Clark is spending his vacation this summer.

The message apprised Rear-Admiral Clark of the presence in Portland harbor of his former command. He had charge of the Oregon as captain on her world-famous run around the Horn at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

HEAT WAVE SWEEPS EAST

Mercury Climbs to 104 in Kansas. Northwest Doesn't Suffer.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The hottest place in the country today was Concordia, Kan., where the mercury climbed to 104. The entire Central West sweltered. The 100 mark was reached at Wichita, Kan., and the temperature fell only two degrees short of that in Omaha, Fort Worth, Tex., and Fort Smith, Ark.

There was discomfort throughout most of the country except in the Northwest, New England and the Middle Atlantic States, where cooler weather prevailed. The weather bureau gave no assurance of relief for Saturday and Sunday.

AMERICA CAPTURES HURDLES AND JUMP

Finn Surprises by Winning Discus Throw.

GLASH OCCURS WITH TEUTONS

German 'Elbowed' by Amherst Runner, Is Allegation.

WINNER IS DISQUALIFIED

In 110-Meter Hurdle Contest Martha Hawkins, of Multnomah Club of Portland, Is Third—Kelley, of Los Angeles, Wins.

STOCKHOLM, July 12.—The American athletes won two more events at the Olympic games today. Fred W. Kelly, University of Southern California, took the final heat of the 110-meter hurdle race, while James Wendell, of the New York Athletic club, and Martin Hawkins, of the Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, Or., were second and third respectively in this event.

Albert L. Guttererson, of the University of Vermont, captured the running broad jump with a new Olympic record of 34 feet, 11 inches.

The United States finished second and third in the discus, fifth in the modern Pentathlon and won places in many heats in other events.

German Wins By Protest.

An incident occurred in the last heat of the semi-finals of the 400 meter race today, which for a time stirred up a small tempest. It was a collision between German and the United States. An Amherst divinity student, Donald B. Young, running under the colors of the Boston Athletic association, finished two yards in the lead in this race, but was disqualified, and the heat given to his Teutonic rival, Braun, who crossed the line second. The circumstances led the spectators to think the United States might protest, but the American committee, while considering the judges' decision in error accepted it loyally.

The alleged foul occurred on the first turn, fifty yards from the start.

Braun Unable To Pass.

The race was for blood, and there was great rivalry between the two Americans, Young and Ira B. Davenport, University of Chicago, and the German, Braun. Young took the lead on the first jump. The German attempted to pass him on the outside at the turn and was elbowed by Young. The judges made an attempt to stop Young at the next turn but without success.

The incident caused great excitement. The Germans booed the Americans and Manager Halpin argued with the judges.

When the mixup occurred Young, Braun and a Swedish contestant were bunched. Young had the pole, the Swede was as close as possible behind on the inside, with Braun on the outside. They were so close together that they seemed to rub shoulders. The German sprinted into the lead and then apparently slowed up. Young gave him a push with his right arm. With that the runners straightened out and, after an inspiring contest, came up the home stretch at a terrific pace, with Young in the lead.

Braun First to Foul.

The Amherst boy, who is considered by all who know him a gentleman and a clean runner, takes the matter much to heart. In explaining he said: "Braun was pushing me back. The only thing I could do was what I did or be pushed into the Swede. If they disqualify me they certainly should disqualify Braun."

Braun said he was fouled, but did not assert that the foul was intentional. He said: "Young pushed me. I could have won the race if I had not been touched. Davenport also got too close to me on the last turn and rubbed me. In a short race like that a man gets so tired that the smallest push may make him lose two yards."

Mike Murphy, trainer of the American team, said: "The German tried to cross in front and Young shoved him back. Young had a perfect right to do what he did. You can't cross in front of a man that way and jostle him."

Finland Sailors Strike.

To add to the unpleasantness of the day for the Americans, the sailors of the Finland struck and refused to man the launches to and from the shore.

Incidentally, Americans broke two records—one of them twice. In the 400-meter race James Meredith, the Meinersburg schoolboy, paced by the veteran Melvin Sheppard, reduced the Olympic mark to 48 seconds, a few minutes after Charles Reidpath, of Syracuse University, had broken the same record by running the distance in 48.7-10 seconds.

In the running broad jump Guttererson, the Vermont leaper, with a jump of 7 meters 60 centimeters (24 feet 11 inches and a fraction), beat the previous Olympic record of 24 feet 6 1/2 inches.

The discus event was something of a disappointment for the American team, who met a powerful opponent in the Finn, A. H. Taipale, but they made him break a world's record with a throw of 148 feet 1 1/2 inches to get first place.

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