

LAWYERS REFRIGENT ON OIL AND SUITS

Government Attorneys Will Not Divulge Nature of Allegations.

CASES TO OPEN IN MONTH

Townsend to Complete Taking Testimony in Timber Land Litigation Before Shifting Actions to California and Wyoming.

Following a conference yesterday with A. L. McCormick, of Los Angeles, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of California, B. D. Townsend, special representative of United States Attorney-General Wick-ersham, announced that the proposed suits by the Government for the recovery of oil lands in California and Wyoming, of the approximate value of \$1,000,000,000, would probably be filed inside of another month.

Before instituting this extensive litigation, Mr. Townsend will complete taking testimony in the suit of the Government against the Oregon & California Railroad Company and other defendants for the recovery of thousands of acres of timberland claimed by the Government to be held illegally by the railroad corporation.

Neither Mr. Townsend nor Mr. McCormick will divulge the nature of the allegations that will be set up by the Government in support of the suit that has been authorized against the Southern Pacific Company, its subsidiary corporations and individual claimants of oil lands. It is known, however, that the Government will contend that, commencing with the act of July 1, 1862, all railroad grants contained provision that mineral lands should be included from the operation of the grant. The grants also contained the provision that patents should be issued by the interior department for the lands as rapidly as the railroads were constructed in sections of from 20 to 25 miles.

Granted Lands Remote.

It was held by the courts that the Interior Department had jurisdiction to determine whether the lands claimed by the railroad company were mineral or non-mineral. But these granted lands were located in remote parts of the country and little, if anything, was known concerning their character.

It was because of this, it will be contended by the Government, the Interior Department adopted the practice of making an examination of the lands claimed by the railroads, but resorted in the order directing the issuance of patents a provision to the effect that the question whether the lands were mineral in character was not adjudicated and, therefore, that the patent should expressly except all mineral lands.

This practice, it will be urged by the Government, was acquiesced in by the railroad company. Patents in that form were accepted and the railroad protected itself by carrying the same exception into the deeds which it executed to purchase the lands. It contends the Government, prevailed from 1862 to 1904, during which time all of the land grant lands were patented.

Acquisition by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of a portion of the oil lands in dispute, was made by a grant through Congress of July 27, 1861. This grant embraced the odd sections of a township situated in the oil fields of California, including the Coalinga, Devil's Den, Midway, McKittick and Maricopa fields. The grant contained the exception of mineral lands, and it will be maintained by the Government in its suit that the exception was carried into the patents pursuant to the practice of the Interior Department at that time.

Accounting to Be Asked. The Government will take the position that when the railroad acquired its disputed lands they were valuable because of their oil deposits at the time the patents were issued. At the same time, it will be argued that as a result of the practice followed, the officials of the Interior Department did not know the true character of the lands embraced in the grant. It will also be insisted by the Government that the railroad company, before seeking patents for the lands, had them examined by geological experts, a similar examination, it will be pointed out, was not made by the Government.

It will be charged by the Government that when the Pacific, although not authorized by its charter to engage in the oil business, organized the Kern Trading & Oil Company as a subsidiary corporation and, in the name of the latter company, a large part of these lands have been worked and several million dollars' worth of oil has been extracted and sold. The Government in its suit will ask for an accounting for all of the oil that has been taken from the lands and apply for relief to prevent the appropriation of oil in the future by either the Southern Pacific Company or its subsidiary corporation.

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On directions from Municipal Judge Taxwell, who was a witness of the occurrence, Patrolman Vroman arrested G. Sims at Seventh and Alder streets for rowdiness which caused severe injuries to two women. It is charged that Sims ran into Lucille Holt and Anna Layfield, throwing the former to the pavement with such force that she became unconscious.

Napavine Man Has Narrow Escape.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—A. S. Holt, of Napavine, had a narrow escape from death this afternoon. He was riding a motorcycle and as he came to the Northern Pacific Railroad crossing at Napavine, a switch engine was making a flying switch. Holt started to cross the track, and the car that was being switched caught the rear wheel of the motorcycle. Holt was dragged about 150 feet, but escaped without a broken bone. He was taken to the Centralia Hospital to have his bruises treated.

POPULAR LEADING WOMAN AND LEADING MAN WHO OPENED AT HELIG LAST NIGHT.



Cathrine Countess

WAR ZONE FLOATS AUTONOMOUS FLAG

Rhodes Declares Right of Self-Government—Italian Forces Rule.

ISLAND IN TRANQUIL MOOD

Military Forces Improve Water Supply and Take Steps to Better Sanitary Conditions Where Turks Formerly Reigned.

ROME, July 12.—(Special.)—The news which reaches Italy directly from Rhodes is rather scanty, and it is only from Italian correspondents who have returned after a visit to the Egean to Athens, and elsewhere, that a fuller description can be obtained of what is happening in the islands occupied by the Italian forces.

The "Messaggero" publishes a long dispatch from its correspondent in Athens containing an account of a visit to Rhodes that is not without interest. The writer describes the island as tranquilly pursuing its ordinary life and occupations. The administration, the postal and customs services, the courts of justice, all perform their various functions without any hitch.

The Italian military authorities are paying special attention to the question of sanitation and are actively engaged in improving the water supply of Rhodes itself; so had was it, apparently, that many cases of typhus have already occurred among the Italian troops with 15 deaths. The finances of the island have been also taken in hand, the Turkish system of taxation being continued for the present unaltered, with the exception of a reduction of 12 to 10 per cent on agricultural products.

Turkish Customs Prevail. The Turkish customs "regime" is also continued, with its tax of 11 per cent ad valorem on imported goods and 1 per cent on exports. The revenue for the year is calculated roughly at about \$300,000. To provide for local administration, General Ameglio has appointed 46 syndics and two syndics, and instituted 12 stations of carabinieri with three lieutenants. The syndics have been appointed according to the preference of nationality in the population; 42 of them are Greek and four Turks.

Beside the Italian tricolor the corresponding number of Greek flags, and not a few wearing a white cross on a blue ground, which represented the claim of Rhodes to be autonomous. The Greek and Jew quarters of the island, however, are almost deserted. In spite of all reassurances received from the Italian authority, the Turkish population has fled to the mainland. Five hundred Turkish women have already abandoned the island and gone to join their families on the mainland, and every day more permissions to embark are demanded. Of the men, 300 have been allowed to depart, but a good many are still refused consent. It was said that as soon as the port was declared open the great majority of the Turks would immediately leave.

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The correspondent remarks that owing to the lack of precise plans and orders the treatment of the Turks in the various islands has differed greatly, each Italian commander, apparently, having made his own dispositions. While the Kaimakams and other officials of Smyr and Cos are freely walking about the streets of Rhodes, all the authorities in other islands are being arrested and are in prison. One island even the sanitary inspector, an Orthodox Greek, had been arrested and deported elsewhere, his family remaining in the island. A similar confusion seems to have reigned with regard to the disarmament of the inhabitants. In some places it has been carried out thoroughly and in others not at all. It is evident, however, that the general rule prevailing in the Italian occupation

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Spain is to have national congress on viticulture at Pamplona.



Sydney Ayres

is to interfere with the inhabitants of the islands as little as possible. The correspondent gives an animated account of a visit paid to Kallinos by Admiral Viale. The Admiral and his staff attended "Te Deum" in the Metropolitan Church, and after the ceremony listened to an address which had been drawn up by the two chief island authorities. This address, after expressing gratification at the Admiral's visit, continued, according to the "Messaggero," in these words:

"Our desire, cherished for long centuries past, has been to unite ourselves with our great mother, Greece. Gratitude towards our Italian brothers does not prevent us from revealing our sentiments and even prompts us to declare our wishes and hopes. We know that your mission aims only at the liberty and union of the islands of the South. If our desire for union with Greece should, for political reasons, not be capable of immediate realization, we none the less feel the liveliest satisfaction at finding ourselves under the protection of our Italian brothers. For this situation means, at least for us, the removal of the barbarous domination which has made barren the fertile lands of Asia Minor, the fair Ionic shores and the picturesque islands of the Egean."

Admiral Viale seems to have answered appropriately, assuring the islanders of his sympathy and promising to make their wishes known in Rome. In spite of the diplomatic reticence of Italian Admirals, Roman newspapers, it is evident enough that any idea of a restitution to Turkey at the end of the war of the islands now occupied will have to be abandoned. Italy at all contemplates their permanent occupation. Although Italian newspapers find pleasure in recalling historical and legendary ties between Italy and the islands, there is no popular aspiration for dominion in those seas. On the other hand, the use of the islands for bartering purposes in the negotiation of terms of peace has in popular sentiment become impossible. At the most, Italy could bring herself to hand over her conquests to the other European powers, and only then because she will feel the assurance that those powers will recognize the same impossibility of restoring them to Turkish rule.

MAZAMAS ARE OFF

Large Party Leaves for Cloud Cap Inn This Morning.

10-MILE WALK IS FEATURE

Campers Are to Be Met by Cook at Parkdale, Where Lunch Will Be Served—Destination to Be Reached at 6 o'clock.

Equipped for a stay of two weeks, members of the Mazama party will leave Portland this morning at 7:50 for Cloud Cap Inn, on the north side of Mount Hood, near which place the Mazama camp has been established. Upon arriving at Hood River, at 10 o'clock, the party will transfer to the branch line to Parkdale, Or., from which point the ten-mile walk to Camp Sheldon will begin. At Parkdale the campers will be met by the assistant cook and lunch will be served by the permanent camp which will be reached in time for dinner at 5 o'clock. All baggage was forwarded to Parkdale Saturday, so that with the exception of alpenstocks, no baggage will be carried by the party today.

Mosquitoes Are Absent.

Camp Sheldon is located a quarter of a mile from Cloud Cap Inn, just below the snow line. Reports from there are that the atmosphere is without smoke or haze and no mosquitoes are to be found. It is expected that new members will join the party this morning at the Cloud Cap Inn, from which place who are unable to leave the city at this time have signified their intention of joining the party at Camp Sheldon later in the week. H. L. Fitzlock, M. C. Gordon and other well-known members of the Mazama Club will later pass a few days at the camp.

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COALSA PILLAR ASCENDED.

For their last weekly hike members of the Mazama Club yesterday went to Coalosa Pillar, a lofty promontory on the Willamette River below Canemah.

If their ever is a time when you are justified in cussing, It is when the summer weather sets your appetite for cussing; But there isn't any need to risk your soul and shock the neighbors— Tempt your appetite with Toasties and go singing to your labors.

Written by W. J. MUSGROVE, Temple, Ariz.

One of the 50 Jingles for which the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich., paid \$1000.00 in May.

Rosa Bonheur's Famous Painting "Old Darby" on Exhibition on Fifth Floor Special 50c Luncheon Today in Our 7th-Floor Tea Room—Orchestra Music

At 8 Sharp the Doors Swing Open to Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale!

Portland's Greatest Bargain Event of the Summer---All Small Lots and Incomplete Lines Sacrificed for a Speedy Clearance

Be Here Early!---Look for the Green Tickets!

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THERE'S a saving on every purchase in our Big Pure Food Grocery, whether advertised or not.

- Eagle Condensed Milk, can, at 15c
East'n Sugar-Cured Hams, lb. 17c
Mexican Red Beans, 5 lbs. at 25c
Eggs (not delivered), 2 dozen 45c
Lima Beans, 3 1/2 pounds only 25c
Bulk Coconut, per lb., only 15c
Oregon Prunes, 2 lbs. at only 21c

Granulated Sugar, Sack \$5.50
Best Dry Granulated Sugar, way below the market. None to dealers and only one sack to customers, special at only \$5.50

Phone your Grocery orders any time after 7 o'clock in the morning. Entrances to the Basement now from Alder and Morrison street.

- Potted Luncheon Meats, 5 cans 25c
Dry Peaches, 2 1/2 pounds only 25c
A. & C. Oysters, three cans, 27c
Best Corn Starch, package only 5c
Standard Soap, 11 bars at only 25c
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The mercury reached the high point of 88 degrees yesterday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock there was no moderation. At 5 o'clock in the morning the reading was 68 degrees, making a change of 20 degrees in 12 hours. The change was gradual on a steadily increasing scale.

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CLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Fishing on the Upper Klamath Lake and the mountain streams flowing into it is reported better this season than ever before and all who have been out report good catches. The resorts are all well patronized. Pelican Bay Lodge has nearly all its cottages filled. Rocky Point and Spring Cottage report large numbers camping and in the cottages, and the Eagle Ridge Log Tavern is well filled.

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GALA DRESS SHORN

Workmen Removing Evidence of Week's Revelry.

BRIGHT LIGHTS STOP GLOW

Street Crews Haul Tons of Debris From Business Section While City Sleeps—Elks Leave on All Regular Trains.

Almost as by magic, the beautiful convention dress in which Portland was swept away yesterday, transforming the city from a veritable fairyland of dazzling light and color into its normal appearance. Only the merest skeleton of the great Court of Honor, which glistened last week with a myriad of lights and flags, was left, and only an occasional straggling flag remained on the buildings which during the reunion were almost solid masses of color.

Learn to Say—

El Rayo

EASTERN EXCURSION TICKETS

July 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 26, 30, 31, September 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, Chicago and Return \$72.50, St. Louis and Return 70.00, New York and Return 100.50, Boston and Return 110.00, Buffalo and Return 91.50

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