

QUARTER BILLION AND SUIT BEGUN

Government Charges Southern Pacific Acquired Great Oil Fields by Fraud.

TITLE TO BE CONTESTED

Mineral Bearing Areas Declared Exempt From Patent to Railroad. Kern Company Only Dummy. Complaint Says.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—The complaint in the long-expected suit of the Federal Government against the Southern Pacific Railroad, involving title to \$50,000,000 worth of supposedly mineral-bearing lands in Fresno County, was filed here today in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

The suit is brought under the provisions of the act of Congress passed July 27, 1896, requiring the Department of the Interior to exempt mineral-bearing lands in issuing patents to railroads. The government will contend that 440,000 acres of land on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad in California, 45,725 acres are mineral bearing and must revert to the public domain.

Leasing Company is Defendant. The land is, for the most part, in the Coalinga oil field, and is under lease to the Kern Trading & Oil Company, a subsidiary company of the Southern Pacific and a joint defendant in the suit, with many other oil companies and individuals.

The Southern Pacific Company, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, the Kern Trading & Oil Company, the Associated Oil Company, the Southern Pacific Land Company, the Central Trust Company of New York, Homer S. King, the St. Paul Consolidated Oil Company, the Zier Oil Company, the Coalinga Oil & Gas Company, the Commercial Petroleum Company, the Assec Oil Company, the Ruthrie Oil Company, the Confidence Oil Company, the Associated Pipe Line Company, C. F. Ireland, L. L. Briner, Julius Fried, J. J. Vincent, G. E. Shore, Oren G. Myers, W. S. Porter, O. Scribner, C. A. McDowell, George W. C. Baker, W. W. Nachem, M. L. Wey and M. Madsen.

Contested Patent Issued in 1894. All the defendants are alleged by the government to be lessors of the Southern Pacific lands and participants in the profits from their mineral yield. The contested patent, by which the railroad received title to the lands was issued July 19, 1894.

Procedural practices on the part of the railroad company in securing the patent are charged as follows: "In addition to the secret and fraudulent purpose and intent of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its officers and agents in inducing the issuance of said patent and the including therein of the mineral lands, it was also the secret and fraudulent purpose and intent of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its officers and agents to conceal from the plaintiff the true facts in the premises until more than six years had elapsed from the date of the issuance of said patent to the institution of the present suit."

Scheme Called Self-Concealing. The alleged fraudulent inducement of the issuance of said patent was designed, executed and consummated in a clandestine and surreptitious manner. The said fraudulent scheme was of such a nature and was so executed and consummated as to be naturally self-concealing.

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MULATTO WEDS NEGRESS

Japanese Also Gets License to Be Married to White Girl.

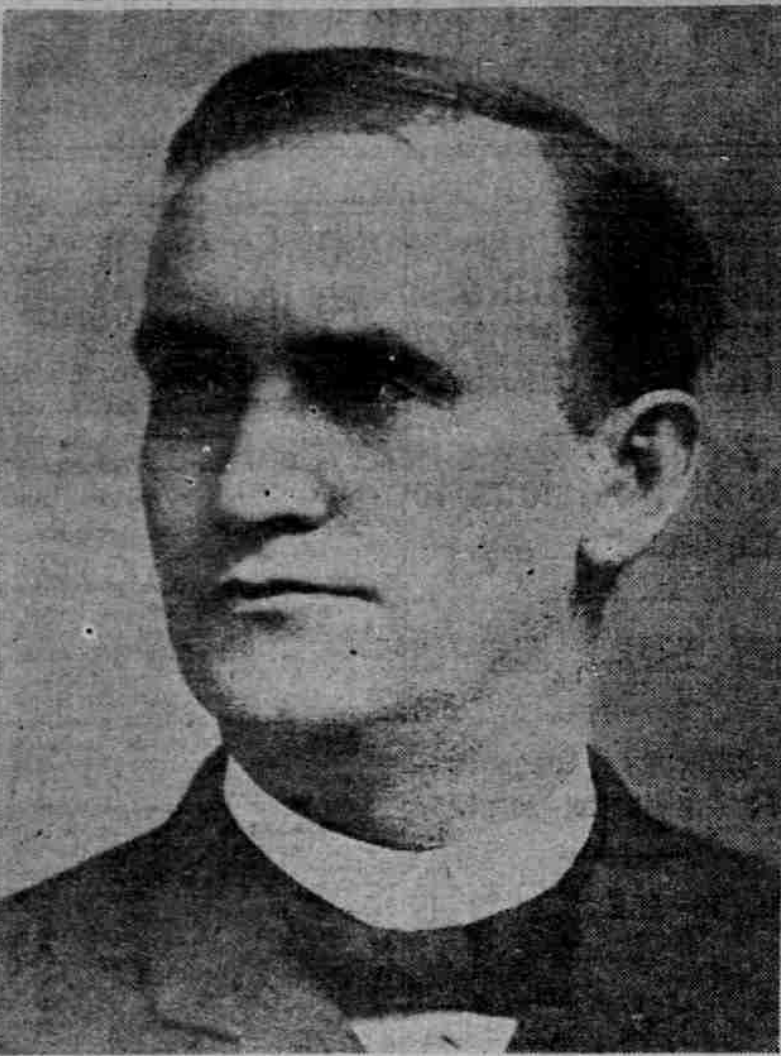
VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—H. L. Brown, white in appearance, but who told Rev. C. R. G. Poole, Baptist minister here that he was a mulatto, today married Miss Lela Y. Thorne, a negress. The couple live in Portland.

NORTH YAKIMA GOES WET

By Vote of 2403 to 2366 Liquor Interests Win at Election.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—North Yakima went wet 2402 to 2366 today. Seventy-five per cent of registration voted.

FORMER UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PARDONED BY TAFT BECAUSE INNOCENT AND JUST PAKED.



JOHN M. HALL.

TAFT PARDONS HALL

Former Oregon Federal Attorney Held Innocent.

WILLIAMS PRESSES CASE

H. H. Hendricks Will Probably Be Set Free, Too, but Fact He Conferred Perjury Dims Enthusiasm in That Regard.

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Hall's pardon, however, is due in a large degree to the showing that he was convicted by a jury that had been "fixed" by Burns, that showing alone placing him on the same plane with Jones. Both President Taft and Attorney General Wickham stoutly condemn the Burns method of filling the Oregon jury box during the land fraud trials, and there is reason to believe that Burns did pack the Oregon jury box on a showing such as was made by Jones and Hall will be favorably received by the government.

BURNS REFUSES TO REPLY

Burns, when in a controversy in a New Jersey court recently, was charged with having "fixed" jurors in Oregon and became indignant and denied the accusation. The fact is, however, that the attorney for W. N. Jones and proof was submitted to substantiate their charges, the Department of Justice sent twice to Burns offering to give him access to all charges and relative papers if he would make reply, and both times Burns refused to make any denial or explanation. In view of his course, the Department of Justice accepts the showing as correct and officially it is acknowledged as true that Burns did pack the Oregon jury boxes, as has been alleged and proved.

HENEY JEALOUS, SAYS HALL

Man Pardoned Says Special Prosecutor Made His Boasts.

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BARBERS' MORTALITY HIGH

One in Four Die From Tuberculosis, Official Statistics Show.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Fewer and more barbers die of tuberculosis than any other workers classified by the State Board of Health, in a report made public today.

TAFT FULL PROFESSOR

Place at Yale Will Carry Additional Responsibilities.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 20.—President Taft will make his permanent residence in this city when he takes up the duties of the Kent professorship at Yale College next Spring. He has requested a friend to find him a house.

BIG DRYDOCK ASKED FOR

Navy Wants to Begin Work Early at San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A \$1,000,000 drydock at San Francisco Bay will be asked of Congress by Secretary of the Navy Meyer in a recommendation he will soon send to the House appropriations committee. The Secretary today definitely decided to ask Congress for the \$1,000,000 dock at this session. The appropriation will be included in the naval appropriation bill. If the sum is granted work on the dock will be begun within the year.

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Western Union to Announce Changes in Titles and Positions.

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PORTS WILLING TO TREAT WITH GREECE

Powers Agree on Albanian Autonomy and Commercial Seaport for Servia.

DELEGATES AT BANQUET

Report That Turks Will Raise Question of Status of Adrianople Received With Reserve in Diplomatic Circles.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The slow and devious process of diplomacy is advancing at a snail's pace toward a solution of the near Eastern puzzle.

The only definite achievement of the day was an agreement by the Ambassadors of the six great European powers that their governments would accept in principle autonomy for Albania and a guarantee to Servia of a commercial port on the Adriatic Sea.

Having passed this milestone in their deliberations, the Ambassadors conference adjourned over Christmas.

ASQUITH TALKS OPTIMISTICALLY

The Balkan peace delegates enjoyed the hospitality of the Lord Mayor of London at a Mansion House luncheon, a function that traditionally is given in honor of members of foreign missions, representatives of friendly navies and ex-Foreign Office officials who visit London.

The delegates heard an optimistic speech by Premier Asquith. The delegates transacted no formal business today, but the embassies and hotels where the delegates are quartered are buzzing with informal conferences.

The Sublime Porte has empowered its envoys to include the Greek delegates in the negotiations for peace, and a messenger with the documents containing this decision is expected to reach London tomorrow.

Dispatches from Constantinople say the Turks are confident they occupy a better military position toward the Greeks than when the negotiations were begun, and that Turkey now would not sign an armistice with them, even if the Greeks requested it.

The Turkish delegates have been instructed, according to another report, to raise immediately the question of the status of Adrianople, and if Bulgaria persists in demanding its surrender to break off the peace negotiations. Diplomats generally are skeptical of this story.

While the agreement of the Ambassadors of the powers on autonomy for Albania is an important step, the working out of details of the scheme will be one of the most difficult problems a European conference ever has grappled with.

BIG LOSSES IN PROSPECT

The Economist notifies financiers and investors to expect in the coming year losses totaling \$400,000,000 to repair the losses caused by the war and the mobilizations in Russia, Austria and Italy.

The newspaper estimates the cost of the war at \$175,000,000, using as a basis of reckoning the fact that there are 1,000,000 men under arms—400,000 Turks, 200,000 Bulgars, 200,000 Servians, 150,000 Greeks and 40,000 Montenegrins—daily at an average expense of 10 shillings a man.

Turks May Resolve to Fight. The Daily Telegraph says it has unimpeachable information that Turkey is resolved to retain Adrianople or renege on the Balkan allies and for this reason takes a grave view of the prospect for a successful issue of the peace conference.

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The Bureau of Construction and Repair of the Navy Department already has prepared tentative plans for the structure, which will be capable of raising the largest battleships afloat.

The Navy Department is now negotiating the location of the dock in the bay.

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The change will mark the abolition of each of the principal geographical divisions of the company. Among other changes is the promotion of H. Gaunt from general superintendent to general manager of the Pacific division, with headquarters at San Francisco.

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Ordinarily the payday for the mills would not be until the 23d, but in view of the holidays, Mill Manager McBain has changed it to Saturday, December 21. This will mean the distribution of over \$27,000 in pay checks and extra money.

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