

# UTAH FIGHTS FOR GREAT SALT BEDS

### Deposits of Enormous Value Are Located by Discoverers as Placer Claims.

## STATE FILES A CONTEST

### Asserts Title Under Happily-Worked Clause of Enabling Act—Marvelous Find in Desert Is Kept a Secret for Months.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(Special.)—Title to lands in the State of Utah containing salt deposits of an extent and purity hitherto not only unknown, but undreamed of, is involved in a sensational contest now being fought out in this city. About 38,000 acres of lands lying along the western border of Utah have been discovered, and are reported to be covered with salt, and an attempt is being made to acquire them by the filing of placer suits claiming on the part of the individuals. The value of the lands was today estimated by one of the claimants at \$100,000,000.

Deposited by nature on the lands over which the contest is being made is a bed of pure salt, which in some places lies to a depth of six feet. This salt is of so fine a quality that it has been found necessary to refine it. It can be marketed direct from the deposit and tests have shown it to be 98 per cent pure. Elaborate preparations have been made for the refining of the salt by individuals, who have thus far kept the discovery of the deposit out of the newspapers. They were successful, but now the State of Utah has advanced to the vast possibilities of this salt deposit and the aid of the Senate of the United States and the President has been invoked in an effort to retain the product, which the commonwealth claims under a section of the enabling act making it a state.

## Discovered by Accident.

Discovery of the deposit was made through the survey and preliminary work of excavating and laying out the tracks of the Western Pacific Railroad. This line will connect Salt Lake City and San Francisco and crosses the Utah desert. Quick to seize the opportunity which came to them through priority of knowledge, the railroad officials are prominent in the attempt to obtain the control of these rich salt deposits. It is claimed in Washington that nothing has yet appeared in the Utah newspapers in relation to the find.

Under an act of Congress passed in 1891, saltine deposits may be taken up in claims of the same extent as for placer mining, that is of 20 acres. Proceeding with this method, the individual claims were filed upon the salt lands and every effort was made to keep their existence a secret until these claims could be proven and title acquired. This explains the fact that no attempt had been made to place the salt on the market. But it was too long a secret to be kept, and the news began to spread through the State of Utah that deposits of salt of unusual richness had been located and were in a large measure under the control of individuals. Steps were taken to prevent the communication of the plans.

## Terms of the Grant.

While those who drew the enabling act under which claims may be made, a state has nothing of the existence of this great deposit of natural wealth, they wrote better than they knew. Embodied in it was a provision that, in addition to the lands to the extent of two townships, which it is customary for a state to reserve for the establishment of a state university, it should reserve to be selected and located as provided in the foregoing section of the act, and including all saline lands in said state, are hereby granted to said state, and 200,000 acres for the use of an agricultural college therein.

Knowing that the battle involved vast sums of money and wealth almost beyond the ability of man to estimate, it was determined to make Washington the center of the contest. The president Roosevelt had been appealed to that he may interpose the doctrine of the "square deal." Senator Southernland of Utah has been followed in introducing a bill in Congress prohibiting the enabling act so that there can be no question as to the meaning of the section.

James E. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, who has jurisdiction of Western lands, has been appealed to and has recommended that the bill drawn by Senator Southernland be made law.

## MAKE RAID ON POOL-ROOM

### Tacoma Officers Appear When Betting Is at Its Height.

TACOMA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Lorenna Dow, assistant prosecuting attorney, and three officers, raided the Tacoma Turf Exchange at 1112 Pacific avenue this afternoon. George Shandlin, Jack Moon and a man known as "Jup" were arrested. The place was closed and betting was at its height when the officers entered. The place had been operated in Tacoma for some time, being formerly run in the rear of the Warwick saloon, but when that institution was closed by the prosecuting attorney's office, it was moved to its present quarters. It has been said that there was no law or ordinance which prohibited the game, and the prosecuting attorney's office is confident now that a law has been found that will reach the Exchange.

## BRYAN'S FRIENDS TAKE ALARM

### Move to Head Off "Anti" Campaign in Spokane County.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Fearful of the anti-Bryan movement that has been started in Spokane County, the banner democratic county of the state, the officers of the central committee tonight sent letters to the various precinct committees asking that they labor for delegates to come to the county convention instructed to vote for no National delegate who will not stand pledged for Bryan. The letters state that some of the candidates for National delegates are known to be opposed to Bryan. One is F. C. Robertson, of Spokane, who favors Governor Johnson of Minnesota.

## Students Plant Apple Trees.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The students in horticulture have completed

the setting out of two apple orchards, one of ten and one of five acres. The orchards are privately owned but were thus planted in order to give the embryo orchardists practical experience. The work was done under the direction of Professor Lewis.

## MOTHER KIDNAPS HER CHILD

### Assisted in Crime by Her Father, Armed With Revolver.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Detectives are scouring the city in search of 2-year-old Lucille Mansard, who was kidnaped yesterday by her mother and the father's father, S. T. Russell. The child's father has sued his wife for divorce and has sworn to prosecute charging her and one of his best friends, C. E. Laing, with a statutory offense. He will charge the wife and her father with kidnaping the girl.

Laing and Mansard are both railroad men. Laing lived at the Mansard home. Mansard, claiming to have discovered his wife's infidelity, took the child and placed it in charge of another woman. Yesterday Mrs. Mansard and her father called at the house where the child was. The little girl ran and Russell followed her into the kitchen. Her guardian was frightened and did nothing to prevent the kidnaping. Russell, who says, kept his hand in his coat pocket as if holding a revolver. Holding the child under his other arm, Russell and Mrs. Mansard backed out of the house and disappeared. The little girl screaming and scratching her father's face.

Mansard became suspicious of his wife and Laing some time ago and one day secured himself with two detectives in a house. He thereby he claims to have obtained evidence enough to justify his suspicions.

Laing is an express messenger on the Northern Pacific between Seattle and Spokane. When in the city he lives with a sister there. For the past six months he has had a room at the Mansard home.

## KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

### F. W. Johnson Meets Death While Attempting to Steal Ride.

EUGENE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—A young workman, whose name is supposed to be Fred W. Johnson, was instantly killed in the railroad yards at this city yesterday. He attempted to board a moving southbound freight train and missing his hold was thrown to the ground near the rails. He raised his head and was struck by the offset at the end of a journal. His skull was crushed. His feet were then thrown under the wheels and cut off. Death was instantaneous.

The man was a stranger here, but told a fellow traveler that his father was a dairyman near Omaha, Neb., and that he left home about five years ago and has been working in the lumber camps of Washington ever since. He came here from Seattle. The body is held awaiting identification.

## Brain Hurt by Fall From Buggy.

### SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 4.—Edward R. Spaulding, a banker of Buffalo, N. Y., was thrown from his buggy while driving on the coast highway, five miles south of this city, today, and sustained a concussion of the brain and other injuries which may result fatally. Mr. Spaulding is subject to fainting spells and is believed to have lost consciousness before being thrown from the buggy.

## INCREASES FIRE HAZARD

### Underwriters Criticize San Francisco's Poor Water System.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The present unsatisfactory condition of San Francisco's water supply, especially from the point of view of protection against fire hazard, was forcibly outlined in a communication sent to the board of supervisors today by the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific. The report sets forth that the water system of the city is a gravity system, with "pressure not standard," and says that the distributing reservoirs and tanks within the city do not contain five days' supply.

## POLICE ASSIST BURGLAR

### Philadelphia Crook Implicates Four Officers in His Crimes.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—An amazing story of alleged dishonesty in the police department of that city was told today by Harry Rothberger, aged 19 years, who was arrested charged with larceny. The youth made a confession, in which he says he was aided and abetted in a number of burglaries in the wholesale district of the city by four policemen.

## STUDENTS MOB A JAIL

### Assemble to Demand Release of a Schoolmate Under Arrest.

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 4.—Barged at the arrest of one of their number, 300 students both boys and girls of the high school, last night, surrounded the City Jail and threatened to take the prisoner by force if he was not immediately released. The presence of the Chief of Police had no effect, and but for the presence of several citizens in the crowd, the students would probably have carried out their intentions. The arrest followed a midnight celebration of the victory of the local school over a rival school in a debate held here. The student who was arrested had been firing a revolver into the air. He was released today without bail.

## Briggs Beats Rose on the Mat.

### STOCKTON, Cal., April 4.—The heavyweight catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Jack Briggs, of Stockton, and Frank Rose, of Seattle, was won tonight by Briggs in two-out of three falls. Briggs took the first bout in 3 minutes and 20 seconds. Rose the second in 5 minutes and Briggs the third in 4 minutes.

## Late Shipping News.

HULL, April 3.—Arrived—Huttonwood, from Tacoma, via Coronel and St. Vincent.

HONGKONG, April 4.—Arrived previously—America Maru, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, etc.; Minnesota, from Seattle, via Yokohama.

SEASIDE, April 4.—Arrived—St. Hugo, from Portland, Or., etc.; United Kingdom, from Yokohama, etc.; Sailed—Teucon, from Greenock and Liverpool, Colombo, etc., for Seattle.

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# HE GOES TO THE BOND

### Taft Makes Round of Visits in Chicago.

## TALKS ON TRADE IN ORIENT

### Condemns Blind Policy on Philippine Tariff and Penurious Treatment of Diplomats—Would Grant Ship Subsidies.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Secretary of War Taft spent his second busy day in Chicago with another round of receptions and speeches, winding up with the banquet of the Commercial Club of Chicago at the Congress Hotel tonight. In all his talks the Secretary carefully avoided politics, although in the evening address he touched upon questions of public import. About 300 members of the Commercial Club attended the evening function.

The talk of Mr. Taft's speech was devoted to a discussion of conditions in the Orient. He led up to this by discussing briefly the progress on the Panama canal, telling the members of the club that, if they should repeat their offer of inspection to the canal zone, they would find that tremendous strides had been made in the big task there. He called attention to the influence which the Orient will have upon the Asiatic trade of the United States, traced the growth of the exports of this country to the Far East, and then said:

Blind Policy in Philippines. Four hundred and sixty millions of people on the other side of the Pacific will soon be within comparatively easy reach of both coasts of the United States. The question is whether we are going to take advantage of the condition favoring us to competition for all this trade. Our sales to the Philippines have increased from comparatively nothing to more than \$2,000,000, or to about one-fifth of the total imports of those islands. This is a measure what it should be, but it is due to the very backward and blind policy in respect to the Philippine tariff which I strongly hope may be changed in the near future.

The Secretary then turned to China, referring briefly to the energy and anxiety that Japan and Germany are showing with reference to the Chinese trade. He said: "Where we have one Consular Representative at work Japan and Germany have 30 to 40."

I slip to point out the utter fatuity of the policy of the United States in respect to the relation and housing of her Consular and Diplomatic Representatives throughout the world. Could anything be more unrepresentative, more unpractical than a system of salaries and allowances that have from the diplomatic corps every one of our ministers? It is to expend Government money in the development of internal waterways. I am unable to see why the improvement of our merchant marine by subsidy is not justifiable, provided the subsidy is open to all who will comply with its provisions.

He urged the propriety of a ship subsidy for a line of steamers between the Pacific Coast and Japan and China. He said: "Mr. Taft was given a luncheon by the Chicago Press Club in the banquet hall of the Auditorium Hotel. There were 50 members and guests in all. Later he attended luncheon given by the Irish Fellowship Club at the Great Northern Hotel, and afterwards took luncheon with the officers and a few personal friends at the Hamilton Club. After this function the Hamilton Club held a public reception."

## PLEAS FOR NEW TRUST LAW

### (Continued From First Page.)

combine, and to do so precisely in proportion as they are intelligent and free. As further aggravation of the situation, the anti-trust law is a penalty one. Yet no one is able to be sure as to certain agreements, whether they are unlawful or not, until they are submitted to a jury which is literally intolerable.

Mr. Low pointed out that the bill to amend the Sherman act introduced by Representative Hepburn would affect only those corporations which would take out National Charters, and thus be a conservative method of testing how a law on new lines is likely to work. He said:

Will Assure Publicity. If it becomes a law it is almost certain to lead to a large measure of publicity; and that, in the opinion of many, is likely to be the surest of the best that have brought about too great legal restraint. There is much reason to believe that the bill will make the criticism of corporate undertakings more intelligent and therefore, in the main, more friendly.

The National Civic Federation fully understands that there may be honest difference of opinion as to the general statement of the bill under discussion; but while the bill may not escape criticism, we believe it capable of vindication.

## VICTOR HUGO FRITZ DIES

### Was Proprietor of Big Saloon in the North End.

Victor Hugo Fritz, for some time proprietor of one of Portland's large North End saloons, died last night at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Fritz was 50 years of age and came to Oregon several years ago from San Francisco. He headed a stock company that controlled Polk's saloon, the ownership of which is now being determined in court. Since March 28, he had been confined at the hospital with pneumonia.

## Iowa Buys Many Oranges.

### SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The first solid trainload of California oranges ever sent to Iowa for consumption entirely within that state, left this morning over the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific roads, forwarded by the California Fruit-growers' Exchange, representing the growers of California. This follows a publicity campaign of days by the California Fruit-growers' Exchange throughout the State of Iowa.

## DEFEND THE REDWOODS

### WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA WANT SCALP OF FORESTER.

Cutting of Live Trees in Big Basin Causes Demand for Removal of Lull. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—Club women throughout California have begun an active campaign for the preservation of the redwood trees in the Big Basin reserve and to that end demand the deposition of Forester Lull and of his superior, Park Warden Rambo. This afternoon the Women's Forest and Song Bird Protective Association took up the agitation for the removal of these state forest officials. Since the sensational disclosure some weeks ago of the timber-cutting in the Big Basin reserve, the indignation of forest lovers has been aroused to definite action. Under the laws the forester is allowed to sell dead timber,

## PICKPOCKET'S BIG HAUL

### Gets More Than \$6000 From Tourist in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—F. S. Royster, millionaire planter of Norfolk, Va., who has been touring the Orient and who was a passenger on the Mongolia when she came up to the Pacific Mail dock last night, was robbed of \$6000 in Bank of England notes \$150 in American gold and his railroad tickets to the East. Seventeen other persons are also said to have been robbed of smaller amounts. In reporting his loss, Mr. Royster said he thought the pickpocket who

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24 to 27-inch real Tussoh Pongee Silk, rich and beautiful, all pure silk, an attractive rough weave; comes in all the leading shades.

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27-inch real Tokio Pongee, very heavy grade, especially adapted for coats and jacket suits; natural color only. Regular \$2.00 grade, priced for this sale at..... **\$1.50**

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19-inch Chefu Pongee Silk, fine, even thread, comes in natural color, with pin stripes, in all the new shades.

**Real Kuhl Pongees, one of the choicest weaves shown this season; comes 24 inches wide, made of the finest selected silk; shown in all the new shades of blue, green, natural and rose, in neat pin stripes and all-size dots. Must be seen to be appreciated.**

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New Storm Serges at 65c

Just received a shipment of 38-inch cream-colored Storm Serges, beautiful, new goods of fine, even weave. The best values we have ever offered at this low price.

New Cream Serges at \$1.00

48-inch cream-colored Storm Serges, made of fine selected and thoroughly scoured yarns; one of the most fashionable weaves. The quality will surely please you.

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50-inch cream-colored Ocean Serges, made of finest Australian yarns, clean, hard-twisted weave; perfect lustrous finish. Not equaled in the city at any price.

New Novelty Serges at \$1.25

48-inch new Novelty Serges in cream ground, with pin stripes and checks in shades of blue, brown, black, etc.; correct in weave, style and finish. Clever new creations that are very attractive.

New Shadow Batistes at \$1.00

48-inch cream-colored Silk and Wool Shadow Batiste, a beautiful, new fabric, half wool and half silk; pretty shadow effects woven in the weave, pin stripes and checks of black. Exceptionally good quality at this price.

## Women's Fancy Hosiery Swastikas

"GOOD LUCK HOSE"—We have just received a special shipment of women's Fancy Stockings, comprising all the latest designs and most wanted shades; strictly high-class stockings that will wear most satisfactorily. We call your special attention to the new Swastika Stockings; they are made of fine lisle thread, come in white, gray, blue, pink, lavender, green, etc., with black Swastikas; "good luck" designs. They are the best values we have ever been able to offer at this price..... **50c**

CHILDREN'S 40c STOCKINGS 25c

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