

BALLINGER WILL WIELD HEAVY AX

Secretary Announces Intention to "Kill More Snakes" to Enforce Discipline.

COMMITTEE TAKES PART

Frequent Interruptions Draw Fire From Witness—Glavis Scored for Going Over Heads of Immediate Superiors.

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Secretary Ballinger said that he is a friend of mine and I don't believe he ever said anything of the kind against me.

The committee was in an uproar instantly. Secretary Ballinger endeavored to answer Jones and did say something like "call him if you want to," but it was lost in the hum among members of the committee and spectators.

When order had been restored, Senator Root said:

"Mr. Chairman, I desire that this man be admonished that if he does not refrain from further interrupting the proceedings of this committee he will be punished for contempt."

"Mr. Jones will take notice and we will proceed," said the chairman.

Capacity as Agent Doubtful.

Secretary Ballinger said that at no time had he questioned the integrity of Mr. Jones and that his criticism of him had been based on his "knowledge and capacity" as an agent.

The disparaging statements made to me," he added, "were entirely with respect to his qualifications.

Brandels turned next to the "remedial Alaskan legislation," which Ballinger recommended when he was Commissioner of the General Land Office.

"I was not seeking to validate illegal or fraudulent claims," declared the Secretary, "in seeking to keep up the area of claims. Anyone who knows conditions in Alaska knows that it is utterly impossible to finance or operate a coal mine on 160 acres."

Secretary Ballinger declared that when he was Commissioner of the Land Office he believed, as he believes now, that claimants who made locations in Alaska in good faith and endeavored honestly to comply with all the provisions of the law should not be deprived of their claims by "mere technical irregularities."

Ballinger emphatically denied he had the Cunningham claims specially in mind when he urged remedial legislation in Congress. He had no knowledge of these claims until he saw what the records in the office disclosed.

Moore Telegram Recalled.

Brandels called attention to the fact that Secretary Ballinger had personally dictated a telegram to Governor Moore at Walla Walla, saying that the Cunningham claims had been held up on a special agent's report and that this telegram was sent just three days before Mr. Ballinger appeared before the committee of Congress in the interest of remedial legislation.

This fact, the Secretary said, did not indicate that he had had more than the general Alaskan situation in mind.

Brandels resumed his questioning of Mr. Ballinger as to whether or not the Cunningham claims were foremost in his mind when he appeared before Congress in behalf of the remedial legislation. Mr. Ballinger insisted they were not.

"And I want to reiterate right here," added the witness, "that I had no interest in the Cunningham claims then, now, or at any other time. If I had wanted to patent those claims I could have gone ahead and done so regarding the Alaska report. But when that report was received it was a matter of importance to hold up the claims and wait to see if Glavis had anything to let him come through with it, which he never did."

Government Not Harmed.

"As matters stand, those claims were suspended by me and still are suspended. No harm has come to the government."

A long discussion ensued as to which special agents ever took a view of claims other than the detective's view. Mr. Ballinger said he was sorry to say that was true. It was easier, he declared, to do an injustice to the individual than to do him justice. Brandels suggested, however, that Mr. Ballinger had control of the agents.

"Yes," snapped the Secretary, "and I have found that the only way to control some of those chaps is to discharge them."

"Snakes" to Be Killed.

"When do you contemplate taking that 'snake killing' step?" inquired Brandels.

"I want to say right now that if I am to continue as head of the Interior Department they will be killed, every one of them. If I am to administer with the loyal support of every man in it, I want to serve notice to that effect."

"And will you kindly make that notice specific and enumerate just who is to be killed?"

SNAPSHOT OF EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN PARIS.



MR. ROOSEVELT LEAVING AMBASSADOR BACON'S RESIDENCE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT FALLIERES.



PHOTOGRAPHERS AWAITING THEODORE ROOSEVELT

PARIS GREETES T. R.

Roosevelt's Visit Gives Opportunity for Demonstration.

AMERICAN FAD OF HOUR

Although French Know Very Little About ex-President and Not Much About America, City Gives Joyful Welcome.

PARIS, April 22.—(Special.)

The French people like to be amused. Some years ago Ranavaloa, the ex-Queen of Madagascar, who is now a prisoner at Algiers, wanted to visit Paris. Her grievance was not that she desired to be restored to power but that she wanted some new clothing.

So the French Minister of Colonies brought her to Paris, lodged her at a fine hotel and gave her carte blanche at the dressmakers. She stayed here for several weeks—a very decent-looking negress of dark hue togged out in the very latest Paris clothing. She became for the time the amusement of Paris. Wherever she went she was acclaimed. "Vive la Reine," the crowds would shout, and "Ranavaloa! Ranavaloa!"

Today Theodore Roosevelt centers the attraction of Paris in a measure. It takes him, of course, more seriously; though it is not likely the average Paris citizen knows very much about him beyond the fact that he is an ex-President. To a large proportion of the French population there is not much distinction of country or race beyond the borders of France, and the consular agent at Toulon told me recently that to most of the people of Toulon America meant Brazil.

Roosevelt Cards Sold.

As one sits in front of the cafe watching the students and the painted stumps tripping along with several inches of neat silk stockings exposed below a trim skirt, the post-card seller displays his wares and cries them in a sing-song tone. And in direct competition with the chandeleier cards and the dictionary of Arret, and the plan of Paris, he offers the "photo de President Roosevelt en carte postale." It is the familiar card with Roosevelt's face in an oval and the American flag in colors twined about it. The book-sellers have got out their volumes of "Roosevelt intime" and given them a prominent place in their window. The newspapers make Roosevelt's move-

ments the conspicuous feature of the day.

The ex-President arrived by the Orient express from Buda Pesth. He was welcomed at the station by Robert Bacon and taken immediately to the Embassy in the Rue Francois Premier.

The Paris papers, by the way, insist on spelling Mr. Bacon's name "Beacon" because phonetically that is what it should be, according to their rules.

The reception at the station was like those given to the late King Edward when he visited Paris. A company of cuirassiers was drawn up near the station entrance and a large force of police kept back the very small crowd which had gathered—chiefly people who had been attracted by the presence of the cuirassiers. For whatever you may read about the great crowds greeting Mr. Roosevelt in Paris, take it with a big grain of salt.

The people of Paris are going about their affairs without regard to Mr. Roosevelt's presence here. If they see a group of newspaper photographers in front of the Ambassador's residence, a few idlers gather there. There were perhaps 100 persons opposite the entrance to the Elisee palace when Mr. Roosevelt called on President Fallieres yesterday afternoon. But most of them gathered about a nucleus of some 20 who had heard of the official visit. It is no more difficult to gather a crowd in Paris than in Cleveland or Cincinnati.

City Decorated in His Honor.

An interesting feature of Mr. Roosevelt's visit is the decoration of the business center of the city. There are always a good many American flags on view in front of Paris shops. But today the Rue de la Paix is ablaze with the American colors. All the shopkeepers who live by American trade have become very enthusiastic over Mr. Roosevelt's visit.

The American insurance companies display American flags on their buildings. But the demonstration has a distinctly commercial quality. This has not been a very good season in Paris. American visitors as yet have been fewer than usual and the appetite of the French shopkeeper is keen. Our countrymen support in large measure the jewelers and tapestry-makers and art-dealers and many of the biggest restaurants in Paris. Several years of poor business following the panic in our country have made the shopkeepers of Paris doubly appreciative of us and they have chosen the visit of Mr. Roosevelt as the occasion for demonstrating their appreciation.

Camas Orator Wins Contest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—In the county declamatory contest, held in this city last night, Walter Lake, of Camas, won first place with "The Hughes, of Ridgefield, second. Five contestants competed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson and George E. Simpson were the judges of the contest.

Stam has adopted the gold standard, which really was promulgated in 1908, and henceforth the unit of the Samoan monetary system will have a value equal to 53.8 centigrams of pure gold.



SCENE IN CARTAGO, THE STRICKEN COSTA RICAN CITY.

DYEING UNDER SEA JAP LEAVES WORD

Commander of Submarine Begs Forgiveness for Loss of Vessel and Men.

LETTER LEFT TO EMPEROR

Writer Describes Accident and Complaining of Painful Breathing, Closes, Saying All of Crew Are Ready for Death.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 7.—While Commander Sakuma and his 14 men were lying in a wrecked submarine off Kure on April 16 the commander wrote a letter to the Emperor begging forgiveness for loss of the vessel and commending his officers and men. The letter was found after the submarine had been raised.

The submarine was of the newest type, and was engaged on April 15 near Hiroshima. It was carrying a part in the maneuvers, being submerged 1800 yards east of her parent ship. Two hours passed without notice of the submarine's failure to rise and then, signals being unanswered, a boat was lowered and efforts made to locate the submarine.

Succor Asked for Families.

Seven destroyers were ordered to the scene and search made. On April 16 the submarine was located and next day she was refloated and towed to Kure. After the craft was docked, examination revealed the bodies of her crew of 16, and also the record of the accident, telling what happened from the time the vessel sank.

Much of the letter was not published, but it is stated that Lieutenant Sakuma expressed sorrow to the Emperor for loss of his vessel and brother officers and crew, whom he praised for their heroism and devotion to duty. He requested the Emperor to succor their families. The last writing was made an hour and 20 minutes after the boat was submerged, and conveyed messages of farewell to the Minister of the Navy and friends, stating that breathing had become so difficult that further writing was impossible.

Broken Valve Lets in Water.

The letter said one of the crew had tried to close the valve of the ventilation pipe, but the chain had broken. He tried to close the valve with his hand, but was too late. Water began to enter by the rear part of the boat, which fell 25 degrees. The dynamo was submerged and all the lights went out. The crew were almost simultaneously. The crew drove the current of water from the main tank and tried to get rid of it by hand pumps. They were drenched as they worked and chilled. The message ended with statements that all were ready to die. The submarine was being tested on a gasoline semi-submerged voyage.

KNIGHTS MEET THIS WEEK

Vancouver Plans Big Entertainment for Catholic Society.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—The annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus of Washington, will be held in Vancouver Monday and Tuesday. The official delegates from each lodge in the state, making 22 delegates present, will be here besides a large number of knights who will attend the convention unofficially.

The local committee on arrangements is: J. J. Donovan, Linus J. Breslin, J. P. Fadden, J. J. Cairns, William M. Vavet, E. M. Scanlon, J. D. Scanlon, C. A. Kirsh, James McSparen, James Geoghegan and H. M. Connor.

GREAT DAMAGE IN QUAKE

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As the wreckage is cleared away, rescuers find that many instances where families perished while dining or engaged in their ordinary vocations. Ruins of homes when explored reveal parents clasping in lifeless arms the bodies of their little ones.

Almost the entire republic is tonight in the grip of a hysterical because of the continued earth tremors. San Jose has been rocking like a cradle since the middle of last month and there is a constant fear among the residents that the city will tumble to earth with the next severe seismic disturbance.

Dead bodies were found buried under the wreckage of the municipal palace. Most of the seven hundred corpses recovered have been taken from homes and churches. Camas, won first place with "The Hughes, of Ridgefield, second. Five contestants competed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson and George E. Simpson were the judges of the contest.

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OWENS CONTINUE BRIDAL TOUR.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 7.—Lieutenant Reginald A. Owen and Mrs. Owen, formerly Ruth Bryan Leavitt, after a three days' stay in Kansas City, resumed their journey late today, going west from here. The couple will make a trip through the Southwest, taking in the Grand Canyon and staying some time in the City of Mexico before proceeding to Jamaica. William J. Bryan, father of the bride, arrived in Kansas City last night from St. Louis and left today for Lincoln, Neb. He spent several hours here with Lieutenant and Mrs. Owen.

INDIAN FIGHTER DIES IN DETROIT.

DETROIT, May 7.—Lieutenant Colonel Robert Crombie Irvine, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here today of heart disease. He was born at St. John, N. B., in 1861, was appointed to the Army by President Hayes and distinguished himself in a campaign against the Indian uprising in 1880-81.

CONDON TO DRINK GOOD WATER.

CONDON, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Gilliam County Court has awarded to H. Wilbers, of this city, the contract for sinking a well on the property occupied by the County High School, to supply both the Courthouse and the High School.

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