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DECISION IN THE SECURITIES CASE

Supreme Court Sustains the Government in Every Essential Contention.

GREAT AND UNEXPECTED VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE.

Held That the Merger Was in Violation of the Anti-Trust Law and Designed to Restrain Trade and Stifle Competition—Merger Incorporated Nine-Tenths the Stock of the Northern Pacific and Three-Fourths That of the Great Northern.

Washington, March 14.—The supreme court in the Northern Securities decision this morning, upholds the contention of the government. The merger is declared to be a violation of the anti-trust act. Harlan read the opinion.

"In the court's opinion," said Harlan, "the evidence fully sustains the charge that the defendants are properly accused of monopolizing, or attempting to monopolize, trade between the states.

"The Northern Securities was organized as holding as a corporation or custodian, more than nine-tenths of the stock of the Northern Pacific, and three-quarters of that of the Great Northern. Both lines had, as if by one ownership, dominated the roads for the exclusive benefit of one set of stockholders. It became a powerful corporation managed so that competition between constituent companies might be closed, and profits were to be distributed on the basis of stock held by the Northern Securities.

"The combination is one in the shape of a trust. No scheme or device could more thoroughly be a combination in form or a trust in restraint of trade and stifling of competition.

"The contention of the defendants was that an opinion in its favor would not be contrary to the spirit of the anti-trust law. A negative decision in the Joint Traffic Association and Trans-Missouri cases, and others are quoted to sustain the government's opinion."

Strike at Buda Pest.

Buda Pest, March 14.—Eight thousand tailors and 5,000 metal workers struck today.

Columbia County Forging Ahead.

Contracts have been let by the county court to place crushed rock on two sections of road leading into Dayton, known as the Touchet road. The bids were let to J. H. Pounds, Mitchell & Jones for $1,900. The bids call for placing crushed rock on almost a mile of road bed. It is to be made ten feet wide and six inches deep. One section designated as No. 1 is to commence at a point opposite the residence of M. S. Hatfield and run northwest a half mile. This bid was for $1,050. The other improvements are: Commencing at a point 20 rods southwest of residence of Walter Woods and running northwest 40 rods; also at a point 35 rods southwest of the residence of J. N. Shoemaker and running northwest 70 rods; beginning at a point near the brick yard in the east edge of town and running northwesterly 60 rods.

The contract is to be completed by July 1. The county is to prepare the roadbed for the work and furnish the rock crusher. — Dayton Dispatch.

Stock are in Good Order.

H. E. Labadie, a stockman, who has some herds in Southern Umatilla county, but does most of his ranging in Wasco and Sherman counties in winter, was a passenger on yesterday afternoon's train to Baker. He came through by way of Susanville, and was asked if he had heard anything concerning stock suffering for lack of feed.

"I heard of several instances where the feed was short," said he, "and I was told that a number of horses and cattle had been sent over into the Umatilla country, but that there had been any loss I very much question. If it had been serious I certainly would have heard about it. I have had more of a loss this year from my sheep that I sent last fall I sent from their summer quarters in the Cascades, beyond Prineville, into Lane county than I have had with my stock on the higher ranges on this side.—Sumpter Reporter.

Was it a Pack Mule.

A Boise correspondent writes the Butte Inter-Mountain that the petrified bones of a huge animal have been discovered three or four miles back of the penitentiary grounds by Deputy United States Marshal C. R. Andrews. Mr. Andrews also found several fragments which appear to be petrified ivory. Incidentally, he picked up a piece of stream tin and a lump of what seems to be iron ore.

Mr. Andrews brought a quantity of bones, which are quite heavy, to the city. He is undecided as to whether they belonged to a dinosaurian, dinotherium, ichthyosaurus or a pack mule.

Dividing Wasco County.

Wasco county is still agitating the division question, which bobs up serenely at stated intervals. The idea now is to cut the county into three parts, creating Stockman county out of the Antelope district and cutting off that part of old Wasco west of Mosier. These sections are beginning to spread their wings and imagine they are capable of managing their own affairs. — The Dalles Chronicle.

REBELLION IN THE CAUCASUS

Socialist Uprising Against the Czar, and the Leaders Were Hanged.

MISFIT AMMUNITION PREVENTS A DEFENSE.

St. Petersburg Much Pleased at Roosevelt's Proclamation Enjoining Neutrality of Utterances—Port Arthur Has Not Fallen—Japan's Humane Policy Toward Prisoners—The Slav's Heavy Hand Upon the Jew.

Berlin, March 14.—The Voorwarts reports an open revolt against Russian authority at Batoum, in the Caucasus, by a mob led by revolutionary socialists, which was repulsed by the police. It forced the governor to seek the protection of the military fortifications. Six ring leaders were subsequently hanged.

Japs Sunk a Cruiser.

Tokio, March 14.—Admiral Togo, in a suplementary report on Thursday's bombardment at Port Arthur, says the Japanese would have been able to rescue many more Russians from the foundering torpedo boat but for the deadly fire of the shore batteries, and the close approach of the cruiser Novik. When the Japanese reached the sinking Steregushtchi only bodies of dead Russians were found aboard. The remainder of the crew are believed to have jumped overboard.

Misfit Ammunition.

Moscow, March 14.—It is learned that the reason the Vladivostok forts did not reply to the shelling by the Japanese fleet March 6, was that the ammunition supply from St. Petersburg was too large for the guns. Had the Japanese sailed in they could have taken the town.

Pleased the Russians.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—This morning's papers speak in commendatory terms of Roosevelt's note of the observance of neutrality.

Jewish "Privileges" in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The commission appointed by the czar to investigate the condition of Russian Jews and make recommendation as to the disposition of the semite population of the empire, will make the following suggestions:

It is deemed inadvisable to extend the limits of the Jewish pale or to allow the Jews of Poland to own land. They will be allowed to rent land, but will be strictly limited to a quarter of an acre to each Jew. A high school will be established at Warsaw and Odessa, but the teaching staffs are to be entirely Christian.

Still Hold Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—It is officially announced that the situation at Port Arthur remains unchanged. The evacuation report was entirely unfounded.

Japanese' Humane Policy.

London, March 14.—The Standard's Tokio correspondent says the kind treatment of Russian wounded at Chemulpo was so appreciated by the Russian government it has contributed 2,000 yen to the Japanese Red Cross, through the French minister at Seoul.

Russian Losses.

Rome, March 14.—A St. Petersburg telegram this morning says the Russians lost 90 seamen killed and 49 captured in Thursday's torpedo boat fight.

Love the Conquerer.

Amos Vernon, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings, of this city, were married quietly Thursday night, and at once left for an extended trip to the central state. Relatives will be visited in Pennsylvania before the opening of the St. Louis exposition, and after seeing the big show the party will return to the west.

Last August Mr. Vernon came to Walla Walla to visit a daughter who has been a resident here for several years. He is a man of wealth over 70 years of age, but well preserved.

During his stay he met Mrs. Hastings, and estimable lady of 60 years, and the courtship and marriage followed.

Mr. Vernon has been traveling with a daughter in broken health for a year and she accompanied the aged couple on their honeymoon trip. — Walla Walla Union.

The Proper Enthusiasm.

Every citizen of this county, whether he be a farmer or not, should attend the meeting of the Malheur County Irrigation association to be held in this city next Saturday afternoon. We are to entertain the State Irrigation association this fall and every preparation should be made to receive them. We have been informed that if we expect government aid we must take an interest in the irrigation work and show by our actions that we are desirous of receiving such aid. We must embrace the present opportunity. Let us begin to prepare now for an expensive exhibit of our products at the meeting this fall. Show the people what irrigation will do for Malheur county and we will not only get the government interested in our behalf, but by this means we will encourage immigration. Now is the time for action. — Ontario Democrat.

FAILURE TO CARRY OUT CONTRACT THE REASON.

The Sultan Is a Bad Actor, and Forfeits Many Privileges by His Unscrupulousness — Proclamation From the War Department Takes the Matter Out of the Hands of Congress — The Philippine Commission Will Act.

Washington, March 14. — The treaty between the United States and the sultan of Sulu, whereby that official and the dattos under him enjoyed certain annuities from the United States government and were allowed to continue to practice polygamy, has been abrogated, according to a cablegram to Governor Wright, of the Philippines, sent by Secretary Taft today.

The failure by the sultan and the dattos to discharge the duties and fulfill the conditions imposed, are the reasons.

The Philippine commission is directed to pass suitable legislation. Disturbances on Jolio island made this action speedier than contemplated. Congressional initiative in a special bill is thus forstalled.

CLEARWATER BRANCH.

Northern Pacific Begins Work on its Nez Perce Extension.

Lewiston, March 14. — A party of 75 Italian laborers arrived in the city last night from Spokane and will today be placed in charge of Conductor Phillips to work on the Clearwater branch.

A steam shovel reached the branch yesterday afternoon and was immediately put to work on the large slides above the Potlatch junction. The Northern Pacific company is exerting every effort to restore travel on the Clearwater branch and it is now expected that the trains will be run regularly not later than Monday.

Three trains besides the steam shovel crew are now working on the branch and by constructing a new track around the wreck it is believed that transportation can be restored the full length of the line as early as Monday.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Walla Walla Man Dies of Heart Disease, Following a Spree in La Grande.

La Grande, March 14.—Russell L. Williams, of Walla Walla, was found dead in his bed at Fisher's rooming house in this city, last night, following a hard spree.

Williams leaves no family. He had been drinking heavily for several days. His body will be shipped to Walla Walla.

ELECTROCUTED.

Was Sentenced for the Murder of Captain Craft.

Ossinning, N. Y., March 14.—Thos. Tobin, the murderer of Captain Craft at the Empire hotel in New York two years ago, was electrocuted this morning at six. Tobin was perfectly cool and was pronounced dead in 30 seconds.

Botkin Trial in Progress.

San Francisco, March 14.—After two postponements the second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin began this morning. The task of securing a jury is expected to consume four or five days. The Delaware witnesses will arrive Wednesday.

CAR BARNERS WILL ALL HANG

DEATH PENALTY FOR THREE DESPERADOES.

Sentence Received in Stolid Silence—Neidemeyer Was Smiling and Contemptuous—Verdict Meets the Approval of Practically the Entire Population.

Chicago, March 12.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty of death for Marx, VanDine and Neidemeyer, the car barners.

The defendants received the verdict in stolid silence. Neidemeyer smiled sarcastically. VanDine's mother gasped, but did not faint. Mrs. Neidemeyer apparently did not realize the situation. The lawyers made the usual motion for new trial.

The prisoners, surrounded by 20 officers, filed from the room, VanDine leading, erect and with disdainful smile on his lips. The jurors were overwhelmed by a vast crowd with congratulations.

Terrific Prairie Fires.

Ft. Worth, Texas, March 12.—Terrific prairie fires are raging in the Indian Territory, north of Vinita. The country is completely swept of farm houses and barns. Loss is heavy.

La Grande is Progressing.

The council met in adjourned session Wednesday evening, and the only business of importance was the final passage of an ordinance providing for putting in a little over 9,000 feet of four-inch water mains, a portion of which goes in the First Ward and the remainder north of the railroad track. The estimated cost is about $4,000. The adoption of the ordinance is considered to be a matter of justice and for a policy, inasmuch as it will provide the possibility of a water supply to a great many taxpayers within the corporate limits who have not hitherto been able to become patrons of the water system. The extension of the mains produced will largely increase the list of water consumers.—La Grande Chronicle.

PORT ARTHUR WAS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Property Damaged, Lives Lost and Persons Wounded During Bombardment.

BELIEVED A JAPANESE CRUISER WAS CRIPPLED.

Russians Burned the Korean Side of Wiju and Are Evacuating the Place and Fleeing Northward on Account of Japanese Advances Northward—Siberian Railway in Bad Shape, and Famine Threatens in Some Provinces.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—During Thursday's bombardment of Port Arthur, says a dispatch this afternoon, the new town sustained the greatest damage. A lawyer named Sidorski, a woman and several Chinamen were killed, and several Chinese wounded. Gen. Steesel and staff were sprinkled with shell splinters, but received no injury.

A Jap ironclad was struck by a Russian shell, and seen to slowly draw out of range, crippled.

During the bombardment a shell burst eight yards from the house of Colonel Baron Frank, injuring his wife and decapitating his daughter, both of whom were in the house.

Russians on the Run.

Seoul, March 12.—It is reported here that the Russians set fire to Wi-Ju on the Korean side of the Yalu, and retreated across the river into Manchuria. A complete Russian evacuation is proceeding, due to the Japanese advances to the northward.

Railroad in Bad Shape.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The chief inspector of the Trans-Siberian railway reports the line in bad condition. Trackmen are neglecting their duties, snow is piling and landslides threaten.

Other reports revert to the fact that famine threatens Tomskikita, Vervholickski and all intermediate villages on account of the stoppage of ordinary traffic to allow the transportation of troops. Food at these places has reached prohibitive prices.

Fleet Disappeared.

London, March 12.—A Port Arthur Central News wire last evening states that the Japanese squadron, which disappeared after the bombardment and torpedo fight of the 10th, had not yet returned yesterday morning. The Russian squadron proceeded to sea, returning in the afternoon without sighting the enemy.

Deporting Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—All the Jap residents along the Trans-Siberian railroad, and those living at Blagovenstchensk, have been removed to Irkutsk, as the authorities fear they might injure the railway.

Jap Soldiers Going North.

Seoul, March 12.—The city is almost deserted by the Japanese soldiers, who have gone north. The streets are patrolled by Korean soldiers, while the foreign legations continue to be guarded by marines.

The funeral of the late dowager empress will take place Monday.

American Minister Allen has gone to China on a Japanese transport.

Russian Rejoinder.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The official rejoinder is made to the Japanese disclaimer of a violation of Korean neutrality. It says the latter argument is valueless, as Korea in January promulgated her neutrality to the powers, therefore, no state of war can give the Japanese the right to violate her neutrality.

Japan's contention of self-defense in her attack on the Russian ships at Chemulpo Feb. 9 is false, because of Korea's neutrality proclamation.

Japan's denial of interference with Russian telegrams over the Danish cable is termed false, and an instance cited wherein Baron de Rosen at Tokio, did not receive a message for three days.

THREE DROWNED.

Vast Areas Inundated by California High Water.

Stockton, Cal., March 12.—An aged white man and two Japanese are known to have been drowned Friday in the storm flooded district.

The gale raised immense waves on the 50,000 acres of inundated reclamation, which is completely submerged. The coroner left in a launch for the flooded country today. Many rescue parties are out in boats and will not return before night.

Fire at La Grande.

La Grande, March 11.—Fire destroyed the Ed Fowler hay barn yesterday afternoon on Fir street, loss about $2,000. The barn was filled with baled hay belonging to farmers who had stored it there awaiting a better market. It was moderately insured.

Prominent La Grande Woman.

La Grande, March 12.—Mrs. N. K. West, wife of La Grande's leading merchant, died after a lingering illness, at 9 o'clock last night. She was a native of Salem, and came to this city four years ago.

Murder and Suicide.

New York, March 12.—Lizzie Gray was found dead in bed this morning with her skull crushed. Robert J. Gray, her husband, was asphyxiated. The police believe it was murder and suicide.

PROGRESS OF THE BIG CATTLE SALE

Some Very Fine, Registered and Guaranteed Animals Going Cheap.

A FEW CASES OF MILD SCAB ARE AMONG THEM.

All Will Be Dipped in Strict Compliance With Government Law, and Will Be Ready for Shipment in About Two Weeks—Finest Collection of Blooded Herefords and Shorthorns Ever Gotten Together on the Coast

The sale of the Wade cattle at the O. K. Feed Yard today is a great item of interest to the majority of the people. The yards have been thronged all day with crowds of visitors who have gathered to see the sale and bid on the animals as they are brought out. The sales have been up to the expectation of the owners of the stock, and while prices are not what were originally given for the cattle, in many cases it is all that could be hoped for under present conditions in the market.

It was rumored yesterday afternoon that the herd was afflicted with the mange, or scab, and that the sale would be held up this morning, but the owners announced when the sale opened that the officer of the government bureau of animal industry had inspected the stock and found them to be infected in some cases with scab, but that the sale would not be held up by reason of the discovery, and that all cattle in the band would be dipped according to the requirements of the government before being shipped.

The law requires that all animals supposed to be affected with the mange, or scab, shall be dipped twice in a prescribed solution before being transported on any railroad. It will take about two weeks for the stock to be dipped, and allowed time for the second inspection.

The stockmen in attendance are well pleased with the action of the government officers, as they themselves cannot afford to mingle any infected animals with their herds. If the law had been enforced a couple of years ago, Oregon stock would have been today free from any contagious diseases.

It is the freely expressed opinion of those attending the sale from all parts of the country, that the band now on sale is the best collection of blooded cattle ever seen in the West. Every one of the original stock has been bought, regardless of expense, and represents, therefore, the best blood that could be brought together. Some famous cattle are in the list, and their calves show as good points as the old stock.

The cattle which have been sold up to the time of going to press, are:

Sales in Detail.

Shorthorns—English Lady, $500, bought by A. R. Byett of Bingen, Wash.; Grand Rond, $300, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Lateni's Own, $250, same buyer; Fashion's Ruby, $230, M. McDonald, Walla Walla; Violet Queen, $305, J. H. Glide, Sacramento, Lady Margaret, $450, F. Brooker, North Yakima; Sen Sen, $205, J. H. Glide; Verbank Queen, $210, M. McDonald, Walla Walla; Roan Myrtle, $360, Glide; Crimson Pearl, $300, H. W. Peel; Lovely Lady, $470, McDonald; Lilly of Athelstane, $290, W. B. Cate, Hillsboro; Moonlight, $140, Jesse Moore, Echo; Barmpton View, $195, E. S. Waterman, Walla Walla; Fashion of Meadows Lawn, $285, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Lateni 2, $235, McDonald; Sowerby's Gem, $205, J. H. Glide; Beulah, $200, Jesse Moore; Mary Dalrymple, $200, Byrett; Lady Clemmer, $110, M. F. Gose, Pomeroy; Mary Dalrymple, $160, Gose; Phroso, $110, R. M. Stanfield, Echo; Mignon, $95, J. W. Foley, St. John; Dolly Varden, $85, Stanfield; Dolly Varden 3, $150, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Golden Rose, $160, C. S. Ladd; Violet Queen, $105, R. N. Stanfield; Eigitha, $275, C. S. Ladd; Bessie 3, $150, Moore; Mary Dalrymple, $175, McDonald; Hillcrest Hero, $1,000, J. H. Glide, Sacramento; Marquis, $190, J. H. Hager of Heppner; The Bird, $150, Moore; Verbal, $195, J. W. Foley.

Herefords—Bright Hope, $305, A. J. Splawn, North Yakima; Song Bird, $350, T. Cate; Caprice, $250, J. A. Wood; Bonnie Maid, $135, E. E. Baltizore, Pendleton; Clara Heslod, $180, A. J. Splawn.

Hillcrest Hero, the Shorthorn bull bought by J. H. Glide of Sacramento, is a 4-year-old, and one of the finest in the West.

Eigitha, bought by Frank Brown for C. S. Ladd for $275, was formerly sold by Brown to Wade for $1,000.

The Herefords are not selling as well as was thought would be brought at the first of the sale.

HUNTINGTON-LEWISTON ROAD.

Charles M. Reed Said to be Backing the Proposition is Reputed to be Bankrupt.

Baker City, March 12. — It is authoritatively stated here that M. O. Reed, who has ben at the head of the Huntington-Lewiston Snake river road, is not able to build the road and that Charles M. Reed who was to furnish the capital is a bankrupt and therefore is not able to raise the funds.

It is given out that the Erie, the Pennsylvania and the O. R. & N. are jointly interested in the project, and will endeavor to get any right of way concessions held by the Reeds.

The government dredger Chinook has been fitted to burn oil instead of coal.

ILLINOIS MOB FAILED TO GET NEGRO PRISONER.

One Member of the Mob Was Taken in Custody and Jailed—Only Person Hurt Was a Deputy Sheriff, Who Had an Arm Shot Off by His Own Gun—Excitement Is Abating.

Murphreesboro, Ill., March 11.—Tom Vaughan, colored, a Carbondale negro, had a narrow escape from lynching last night at the jail in this city, where he has been imprisoned three weeks charged with criminally assaulting a Carbondale school teacher.

A crowd of Carbondale men variously estimated at from 75 to 150 in number, came across country in wagons, buggies and on horseback, and a few by train, and rendezvoued here until 2 in the morning, when they came to the jail in a body. As a matter of fact, the sheriff had been apprised of the expected attack by 'phone from Carbondale before the lynchers had all gotten out of that place, so their ruse availed nothing to cover their intentions.

They were met at the jail yard by the sheriff and his posse and informed that a riot gun was trained upon them and would be used upon the slightest demonstration. After an hour of angry altercation and protestation the mob disbanded, and no further trouble is apprehended.

Before the arrival of the mob the prisoner had been taken from the jail and hidden in a cyclone cave in the rear of a private residence, where he was under guard.

During a scuffle which was a detail of the general fuss, Deputy Woodruff's gun was accidentally discharged, the charge shattering his arm so badly that amputation will be necessary.

One member of the mob who was entirely irrepressible and not amenable to argument or threats, was taken in custody and is confined in the cell next to Vaughan.

TURNKEY STILL MISSING.

Frank Sayers of Walla Walla, Has a Reputation for Leaving His Family.

Walla Walla, March 11.—No trace has yet been found of Frank Sayers, the turnkey missing from the penitentiary.

It is now reported that Sayers once left his family, in this way, while residing in Dayton, and his friends think he will return in a short time.

A Ghastly Find.

Seattle, March 11.—The body of a man, whose name was probably Nicholas R. Rapp, was fished out of the bay about 50 feet off the Arlington dock shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. Owing to its decomposed condition, it will be impossible to identify it with certainty. A letter addressed to Nicholas R. Rapp, care of Angelina Logging company, Marysville, Wash., gives the clue that this was the name of the dead man.

Pro-Russians in Hungary.

Prague, March 11.—Pro-Russian manifestations worked up by Czech leaders last night culminated in a big anti-German riot. A large force of police with difficulty protected German property.

Idaho Cloudburst.

Boise, Idaho, March 11.—A cloudburst in Little Camas Prairie, 75 miles from here. Water in the Boise river is rising here and people in the lowlands are warned.

PROPATRIA IS PROBABLY LOST

WEALTHY PARISIANS WERE THE PASSENGERS.

Last Seen Off the Newfoundland Banks, With Heavy Fogs Prevailing—It is Probable She Went Down in Collision With Fishing Boat or Ice.

Halifax, March 12.—It is generally believed the steamer Propatria, from St. Pierre to Martinique, has gone down.

A few weeks ago the steamer struck bottom. Temporary repairs were made, but probably not sufficient to stand an ice jam.

The Popatria had, besides her crew, 60 passengers, many of them wealthy Parisians going home. The captain and crew of the French cable steamer Pouvier Quartier, were also aboard.

A Gloucester fishing schooner, The Back Bay Bosun, 650 tons, was last sighted nearly on the southern Liverpool route the day before the Propatria was last seen, and like the latter has not since been seen. Experienced coast and banks navigators incline to the belief that there has been a disastrous collision in the fogs, or that both have been run down by the same ice field.

PREPARING FOR BEET CROP.

Land is Being Plowed and Experts Will Plant First Seed.

Echo is going to give the sugar beet a thorough test this year. The sugar company is now preparing land on the farms of C. R. Lisle, S. I. Lisle and O. D. Teel, for experimental crops and will use every effort to try the plants on the different kinds of soil in that vicinity.

The recent storms have somewhat hindered the work of preparation, but plowing is now being done, and F. S. Bramwell, field superintendent of the sugar company will superintend the planting when the time comes, and the crop will be watched and cultivated in the most scrupulously careful manner, in order to secure the best results from the experiment.

HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

To Report Upon the Guilt of One-third of the Membership of That Body!

NEW DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IS APPOINTED.

He Has Been Active in Working Up Evidence in Prior Postal Fraud Swindles—Present Investigation is to Determine the Guilt or Innocence of Over One Hundred Sixty Representatives Who Are Accused of Various Grafts.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The speaker announced the following committee to investigate the Bristow charges:

McCall of Mass., chairman; Hitt of Illinois; Burton of Ohio; Metcalf of California, republicans. McDermott, of New Jersey; Bartlett of Georgia; Richardson of Alabama, democrats.

None named on the committee are mentioned in the Bristow report. The chairman says he will call a committee meeting today to organize to pursue the inquiry without delay.

Nominations by President.

The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Robert M. Richardson, postmaster at Sacramento; Charles E. Robb, of Vermont, to be assistant attorney general. Robb is now assistant attorney general in the postoffice department and active in the investigation of postal frauds.

Passed Pension Bills.

The house this morning passed 256 pension bills, and made Salt Lake a port of delivery.

Smoot Investigation.

Washington, March 12.—Dr. Mary Walker was first to reach the senate committee room this morning to hear the testimony in the Smoot case. Vancot for the defense, resuming the examination of ex-Attorney General Critchlow, asked whether he expected to receive pay for his services in preparing a case against Smoot, and received a negative reply.

Mr. Critchlow added he did not believe it was fair to say his opposition to the Mormon church had the slightest bitterness in it. He admitted he knew of no general conditions existing in Utah today not fully disclosed to congress prior to the passage of the act admitting Utah as a state.

Examined as to which he held to be the more serious offense, Utah polgamy or unlawful cohabitation, Critchlow gave the opinion that among people generally unlawful cohabitation was more serious. It was shown, however, that in all laws passed in Utah polygamy was the more severely punished.

Discussing Smoot's candidacy for the senate he said he himself was a member of the convention that chose Smoot and moved as a matter of courtesy to make the nomination unanimous after having fought it. Admitted that if Smoot were a non-Mormon, or thought a member of the church, if he were not at one with its general authorities, he would be thoroughly acceptable to the witness as a senator.

As to the control of my church over Smoot's actions, Smoot, being a member of the highest council, would be so imbued with a desire for harmony that if it decided to do certain things he would have to do it or get out of the apostleate. The witness declared there was a reserve force maintained by the church, which would enable it to affect political elections as it pleased.

IDAHO IRRIGATION LAW.

State Commission Gradually Removing the Old Tangles.

The members of the state board of irrigation continued their labors yesterday, says the Boise Statesman. Reports from the various sections show an increasing tendency among water users to take full advantage of the law in respect to the distribution of water and a clearer understanding of the provisions of the act.

In connection with present litigation it should be remembered that the litigation over water rights now going on in different parts of the state is not by any means caused by the operation of the present law but is the result of complications arising from long years of a lack of a system of ascertaining and recording water rights.

In fact, much of the friction, so far arising in the operation of the law has been, the commissioners have found, in the coustruction and application of decrees of the courts which in many cases have been vague and sometimes conflicting. These matters however, are being gradually straightened out.

Baker City Boy Under Arrest.

Baker City, March 11.—Leon Macy, of Sparta, in this county, was arrested here last night by the sheriff of North Yakima, on a charge of robbery committed on March 3, 1903, in North Yakima. Young Macy, who is a former high school boy, is only 20 years of age and is accused of assisting in a holdup in which $700 was secured.

Will Give No Quarter.

Berlin, March 11.—German troops in Southwest Africa are ordered not to give pardon and take no prisoners, but to shoot rebel Herreros indiscriminately.

Guam, March 11.—The cable steamer Scotia went ashore on Spanish Rocks and probably will be a total loss.

LOOKING INTO THE DIETRICH GRAFT

Accused of Squeezing Appointee and Leasing Building to Government.

CONCERNING CHARGES AGAINST THE MEMBERS.

Explained That Beavers Worked the Members to Work the Government—Expert Testimony Relating to the Canal: Work Will Begin in a Few Months and Over Thirty Thousand Men Will Be Employed—Mormon for Assayer at Boise.

Washington, March 11.—Formal investigation of the charges against Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, who used his official position to his personal and financial advantage in the appointment of postmaster at Hastings and leasing his own building there for postoffice purposes began, before the sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee this morning.

Beavers Worked the Graft.

The galleries of the house were filled with an expectant public today when discussion of the Bristow report was resumed. Cowherd of Missouri, defended the action of the committee in bringing the Bristow report before the house, and declared that members of congress were not responsible for the increased allowance which is now denounced as irregular. It was Beaver's work; he knew he was violating the law, the members did not know it.

Canal Affairs.

Rear Admiral Walker and General Davis, of the Panama canal commission, gave interesting testimony today before the house committee on interstate foreign commerce, considering the Lovering bill providing for a temporary government zone of land to be controlled by the United States during the construction of the canal.

Walker approved the bill, then outlined some plans for the government in connection with carrying on the work. He thought the title would be cleared in two or three months, and actual work then begun, most of which will be excavating.

In full swing there will be thirty or forty thousand laborers employed. The population on the strip is now 25,000, and will be increased to fifty to seventy thousand. Jamaica negroes are desirable for the work, but Americans cannot stand it.

Mormon as Assayer.

The Carmack resolution relative to Wooley, the Mormon bishop, being nominated as assayer at Boise, was taken up by the senate in executive session this morning.

WOMAN SHOOTS AT ROBBER.

Wife of Dining Car Conductor Surprises a Bold Bandit.

La Grande, March 11.—Mrs. F. Gillett, wife of a dining car conductor, who lives in this city, shot at a burglar who tried to open the front door last night. She was alone at home and heard a noise at the door and asked who it was.

She was told that it was the call boy with a message for her husband. On opening the door she was confronted by a masked man who demanded her money. She slammed the door in his face, and, securing a gun, fired at him as he ran.

FIRE AT LEWISTON.

Sawmill in the Edge of the City Burns at Loss of $7,000.

Lewiston, March 11.—Small and Emery's sawmill, the largest mill in this vicinity was destroyed by fire last night, loss about $7,000.

It had a daily capacity of 40,000 feet and had planned a long run for this season. One million feet of lumber piled in the yards was saved. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

HANK WARD DEAD.

Early Walla Walla Stage Driver Died in a California Sanitarium.

Hank Ward, who drove stage from Walla Walla to Wallula, in the '60s, died a few days ago in a private asylum at Agnews, California. Ward was one of the earliest drivers in the Inland Empire and was well known to many Pendleton pioneers.

Lewiston Man Drowned.

Kendrick, Idaho, March 11.—Harry Roberts of Lewiston, was swept from his horse and drowned today, while attempting to ford Bear creek, three miles from here. The body has not been found. His horse and saddle were recovered where they had washed ashore on a small island in the stream. He was on his way to Lewiston to be tried on a charge of forgery.

Counterfeit Bills in Circulation.

Walla Walla, March 11.—A good imitation of a $10 silver certificate is now being circulated in this city, and every effort is being made to locate the source from which it is supplied.

Car Ferry Burned.

Conneaut, O., March 11.—The car ferry at Shenango burned to the water's edge off the harbor this morning. Four men perished and the head engineer was fatally burned.

Car Barners' Trial.

Chicago, March 11.—After a 64-days' trial, the car barner's case went to the jury at 12:30 today. The court's charge was unfavorable to the defense.