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SEC. BALLINGER RESIGNS AS MEMBER OF TAFT'S CABINET

President Accepts and Appoints Walter L. Fisher of Chicago.

BALLINGER SAYS HEALTH IS BAD

Tender to Retire Made in Letter to Executive Two Months Ago.

BALLINGER SEEKS REVENGE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. Secretary Ballinger in a statement late today declared his purpose to prosecute the arch conspirators who have been following me with the assassin's knife. The country shall know fully the injustice of the attacks on me.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. Richard Ballinger has resigned as secretary of the interior and will be succeeded by Walter L. Fisher of Chicago.

Ballinger tendered his resignation in a letter of January 19 basing it entirely on the condition of his health.

President Taft replying expressing confidence in Ballinger, his reluctance to accept his resignation and requested the secretary to remain in office until the close of the session of Congress. Immediately on adjournment of Congress, Mr. Ballinger renewed his request that he be relieved at a date suiting the President's convenience, but immediately if possible.

Today, President Taft in a letter formally accepted the resignation.

Taft Scores Critics.

Mr. Fisher will take office in a few days. The correspondence between the President and Ballinger is not voluminous, but displays beyond question the confidence which Taft has reposed in Ballinger throughout the long siege and the indignation with which he has viewed the attacks on the secretary's personal integrity.

"I do not hesitate," said the President in a letter to Ballinger, "to say that you have been the object of one of the most unscrupulous conspiracies for the defamation of character that history can show," and in the conclusion of his letter the President declares that "every fibre of my nature rebels against such hypocrisy," referring to the attacks on Ballinger's character, "and never doubt me to fight such a combination and such methods to the bitter end, lest success in this instance may form a demoralizing precedent, but personal consideration for you and yours makes me feel that I have no right to ask you for a further sacrifice."

GOING TO SEATTLE.

Ballinger Bids Good-Bye to Cabinet Associates.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. Secretary Ballinger bade good-bye to his fellow cabinet members at the White House today. It was the last session of the President's council that he will attend. As he was leaving the White House he said, "I feel better than I have felt for two years. I shall leave for Seattle just as soon as I possibly can."

MILLINERY OPENING.

Mrs. A. G. Aiken will open her complete line of spring and summer millinery March 9, at her new store in the Coos building.

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BOND ISSUES TO GET ROADS

Judge Donald Points Out Big Advantage Derived From Good Highways.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7.—"Give me the money the farmers lose in a year on muddy roads, and I will build national highways to connect all the great cities of both coasts, and I will build a fleet of battleships as formidable as the Atlantic fleet that went around the Horn in addition. Let me have the money loss of five years and I will pay the national debt, and in six years I will do all I propose and pay for the Panama canal besides."

Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the Pacific Highway association, made this statement to emphasize the reasons why the farmers should lead rather than deter the movement for good roads. He was speaking to friends of the Pacific highway movement in the Commercial club.

"It is time our national government did something for the farmers. The farmers make 50 per cent of the exports, and they get less than 1 per cent of national expenditures as direct benefits. The nation should get into the road building business."

Washington Farmers After Roads.

Judge Ronald said that in Washington, his home state, the farmers are in favor of any proper movement for good roads. He expressed regret that in Oregon the farmers should have been chiefly responsible for the defeat of good roads legislation. In Washington a 2 mill road tax has been provided by the legislature, and in addition a law will be passed by the legislature providing a half mill tax on all property west of the Cascades in Washington for the construction of the Pacific highway. The road has been located from Blaine to Vancouver, he said, and much of the construction done. In British Columbia the Pacific highway for its entire length to the Alaska boundary has been located, and its construction is to be completed within three years. California, on the south, has just authorized an appropriation of \$18,000,000 for two trunk highways north and south, and the California people, said Judge Ronald, have sent word that they are waiting now to learn where the Pacific highway in Oregon will cross the boundary, in order that they may connect with it south. Neither British Columbia, Washington nor California is slow in road plans, said Judge Ronald.

Advices a Highway Bureau.

For Oregon he advised that by all means the state establish a highway bureau. The commissioner should be a business man and an engineer. His cooperation would be of great value both to counties and any trunk road projects.

Judge Donald pooh-poohed the rural notion that a little money must be distributed over all the roads. He said that if one road were built complete at a time it would serve as an object lesson for all the rest. Also it would be usable. The system now is to dump gravel between the mud-holes and trust to providence to get to town.

France, said Judge Ronald, has spent \$600,000,000 on roads, and each year receives \$80,000,000 from tourists, most of them from the United States. Switzerland has spent \$25,000,000 on highways and gets \$200,000,000 a year from tourists, though only a fraction the size of Oregon. Both Oregon and Washington have scenery beyond comparison with that of Switzerland, yet it remains an unavailable asset because there are no roads fit for tourist travel, he pointed out. Judge Ronald advised that the peo-

UNITED STATES WARRIORS JUNKET

President Taft Orders Mobilization of Army and Navy On Southern Border to Answer Critics.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. In answer to charges that the United States army is not prepared for actual warfare and that it is lacking every essential that goes to make up a defensive force, the general staff by direction of President Taft has ordered a magnificent test of the whole machinery controlling the mobilization of the army on a scale greater than before attempted in time of peace in this country. Last night, President Taft ordered the assemblage in Texas of 20,000 troops.

The Navy also will take part and a formidable fleet of armored cruisers, supplemented by auxiliaries necessary to the successful maintenance of a hostile naval force on the coast of an enemy will take place off the Texas shore line. Troops are already on the move and it is the intention to have this force of 20,000 represent

about one fourth of the army of the United States.

Trouble In Mexico.

While every effort is made in official circles here to give this great movement the appearance of simple preparations for maneuvers, there are persistent rumors of the government preparing for more serious eventualities. Confidential reports from Mexico of late have encouraged the belief of many that conditions in the Mexican republic are far from being as satisfactory as official assertions seem to indicate. Immense foreign interests are at stake in Chihuahua for example and their owners have been very uneasy as to what would happen to them in case of widespread disorders.

JUST TRAINING TRIP.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. Following a cabinet meeting at the White House today a statement was issued declaring the movement of troops to Texas and to the border of Mexico in California is solely for the purpose of maneuvers and for the training of officers and men.

RUMOR TROUBLE ABOUT MEXICO

Report That Great Britain Will Be Appealed to Unless United States Protects Foreign Interests There.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7.—There was a report in circulation in Washington today that unless the United States took cognizance of the

situation that appeals will be made to Great Britain to protect the foreign interests in Northern Mexico.

The report could not be confirmed but it was simultaneous with the official announcements that an army already was concentrating within striking distance of the Mexican border. The White House itself gave a statement of the mobilization for the purpose of holding maneuvers involving possible operations against Galveston.

AVIATOR WINS GREAT PRIZE

Renaux Lands On Summit of Puy-de-Dome and Gets \$20,000.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, Mar. 7.—Aviator Renaux flying at St. Cloud today landed on the summit of Puy-de-Dome, winning the special Michelin prize of \$20,000.

RATE DECISION ACCEPTED.

Western Railways Will Not Fight For Increase.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—In accordance with an agreement of the railways of the Western Trunk Line Association based on the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the recently announced decision in the general rate cases, the western lines have notified the commission they will cancel the proposed advances in commodity rates and accept the ruling.

A sample of Oregon issue bonds for road building, and then pay the indebtedness from the profits of good roads. Eastern states are doing this, he said, and are benefiting.

CATHOLICS NEED NOT FAST ON MARCH 17.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 7.—By virtue of a dispensation granted by Pope Pius X upon petition of Archbishop Riordan, Catholics of the archdiocese of San Francisco are exempted from the obligation of fasting and abstinence on the feast of St. Patrick, which this year falls on Friday.

SAIL MONDAY ON ALLIANCE

Steamship Left Yesterday Afternoon For Portland With Many.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

The Alliance sailed late yesterday afternoon for Portland with a fairly good passenger list and freight cargo from here. She had many through passengers from Eureka as well as considerable freight from there. Among those sailing from here on her were the following:

E. Daffy, Mike Bunts, Mrs. M. Bunts, G. N. Sitts, Mrs. G. N. Sitts, T. Funnel, John Funnel, R. G. Galbreith, A. B. Towner, John Campbell, Miss E. Campbell, Miss E. Campbell, Fred Marx, C. Taylor, John Nylund.

KLAMATH FALLS TO WAIT.

Five Saloons, Permitted, Fail to Open; Crowds Disappointed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 7.—There was a disappointed crowd of people here March 1, which was the date upon which the city was supposed to open its wet goods dispensaries but not one of the five saloonmen, selected to operate these places, was ready to begin business. It was announced that they will be opened within the next few days. Klamath Falls has been dry since soon after the election of June, 1908.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY.

William Arthur Morris Victim of Typhoid and Complications.

The funeral of William Arthur Morris, the youth from McPherson, Kas., who died at the Home hospital Sunday, was held this afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. G. L. Hall officiating. Morris, who was an electrician, came here three weeks ago with his brother, Jasper Morris, from Reno, Nev. He was an electrician. Almost immediately after his arrival, he was taken ill, typhoid developing and the rupture of a blood vessel finally producing death. A father and mother and other relatives survive at McPherson, Kas.

OREGON SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS PORT OF COOS BAY COMMISSION

KINNEY CASES HEARD LATER

Adjournment of Hearing Taken Until March 20 Here—Some Testimony.

The examination of Major L. D. Kinney in the Coos Bay Rapid Transit company's bankruptcy proceedings has been adjourned until March 20 by Referee McKnight. Meanwhile on March 14, Referee McKnight will go to Portland to hear testimony in the bankruptcy actions against L. D. Kinney personally and the Belt Line Railway.

Major Kinney has been a voluminous witness. Under oath, he declared that he was negotiating with the Hill interests for the sale of his Coos Bay properties to them and that if lawyers and creditors didn't interfere, he hoped that the deal would be consummated April 25. Furthermore, he stated two representatives of the Hill interests were investigating his property here.

Referee McKnight made a ruling that the representatives of the creditors and Major Kinney would have to each deposit \$100 with the court to cover expenses before they would be allowed to cross-examine or introduce testimony. Major Kinney said that this was a hardship on him as although he and his companies had property they had no cash. Any way, he decided to didn't care to cross-examine or introduce evidence and didn't have to put up the \$100.

Questioned about some of the judgments against him and his companies, Major Kinney stated these had been settled. When told by A. S. Hammond that the satisfaction of the judgments had not been entered of record, Major Kinney said he had not filed the instruments showing the satisfaction of them because if these judgments were eliminated, other creditors would simply jump in and get more judgments and bother him.

A whole lot of history of his dealings on Coos Bay was given by Major Kinney and in reciting it, he took some warm raps at F. B. Waite, John K. Kollock and others. It is said.

TO HOLD EXAMS.

Promotions In Naval Reserve to Be On Ability Shown.

Lieut. R. O. Graves, now in command of the local divisions of the Oregon Naval Reserves, has determined that all promotions are to be strictly on merit and to make certain of it has ordered an examination to be held March 27 in which all desiring to compete for the non-commissioned offices to be filled soon are expected to participate. The examination will be on martial drills and matters on which instruction has been given. Lieut. Balch, formerly of the United States Regular Army, and D. A. Jones and F. K. Gettins, former National Guardsmen are to be the judges of the examination.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Breakwater sails tonight from Portland for Coos Bay.

The Sausalito and Ottilie Fjord reached Bandon Sunday to load with lumber and coal.

The Fifield reached Bandon from San Francisco yesterday.

The Redondo sails from San Francisco today with passengers and freight.

"Just In"—Smart hats in great profusion. Trimmed and semi-trimmed hats. All the spring styles will be in evidence at the preliminary showing at our store on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. This showing embodies all the correct styles and the prices are moderate. CLARKE MILLINERY.

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WILL ENABLE THEM TO PUSH IMPROVEMENTS

People Elated Over Great Victory In Behalf of Harbor Advancement.

A telegram received at noon today by C. R. Peck, attorney for the Port of Coos Bay commission, announced that the Oregon Supreme Court had sustained the decision of Judge John S. Coke in the circuit court upholding the validity of the commission. J. W. Bennett, attorney for the Bennett Trust company and the Southern Oregon company, which were attacking the validity of the Port Commission, also received a telegram to the same effect.

This is the most gratifying news that has been received on the Bay in a long time and caused much elation among those hearing the news.

"This means that we can now go ahead and do something," remarked Dr. E. Mingus of the Port Commission. "We can get busy now and do the things that we have been anxious to do and what the people have been anxious for to advance the interests of Coos Bay."

"Secretary Henry Sengstacken and Port Commissioner Winsor of North Bend were also highly elated over the victory.

The commissioners and C. R. Peck were the recipients of congratulations from many sides.

The opinion of the Supreme Court in the case will probably reach here the day after tomorrow. If the opinion goes into the matter as thoroughly as is expected from the amount of time the court has taken to decide the case, it is not expected that there will be much ground for asking a rehearing. However, thirty days is allowed for application for a rehearing.

There yet remains to be disposed of the Hale case in the federal court which attacks the validity of the commission on the same grounds that were disposed of in the Supreme Court case and also the question about South Inlet being a separate watershed. Judge Wolverton before whom it was argued wished to wait for the decision of the Oregon Supreme Court in the present case before handing down his decision in the Hale case.

FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

No Lives Lost In Destruction of Syndicate Building.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Mar. 6.—It is definitely established that no lives were lost in the fire which destroyed the Syndicate building Sunday, entailing a loss of \$120,000.

DEAF-MUTE MINISTER HOLDS FUNERAL IN SIGN CODE.

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 7.—A funeral in sign language was held here, when the Rev. J. H. Cloud, a deaf-mute minister from St. Louis, preached the service over the body of Charles L. Miner, a deaf-mute. Mrs. Miner, who is also unable to hear or talk, made the arrangements for the benefit of a large number of friends who are similarly afflicted. As the Rev. Mr. Cloud went through the service it was translated and repeated to those of the audience who can hear by the Rev. C. C. McGinley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here.