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ALL LAND PROOFS ARE SUSPENDED

Alleged Frauds to Be Investigated by Commissioner Herman.

NUMEROUS CASES INVOLVED

Investigation Will Cover Proofs Made the Present Year Under Timber and Stone Acts—Applies to Several States.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—On account of the timber land frauds discovered in Montana and Idaho, Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, has suspended all proofs made during the present year under the timber and stone acts, pending the conclusion of a full investigation and inquiry begun some time ago.

The application applies to all states where government timber land is purchased and involves thousands of cases. Many large companies and speculators, it is alleged, have had "dummies" as agents, making purchases of these lands from the government.

CONFERENCE REFUSED BY EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Phelan Asked to Interfere in Teamsters' Strike—Several Injured in Riot.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The most important development in the teamsters' strike today was the reply of the Employers Association to a communication from Mayor Phelan, stating that he had been asked by labor leaders to bring about a conference between representatives of the Employers Association and the Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Employers Association notified Mayor Phelan they would not be a party to such a conference.

About 200 non-union men were at work. Among the strikers a restless feeling is manifested. A small steel riot occurred on Bryant street. A non-union driver was attacked. The police charged the crowd, lumbering 200, and several were clubbed.

THE POPE'S SUCCESSOR

Belief That Conclave of Cardinals Will Soon Be Called.

ROME, July 25.—Although the pope is in excellent health, the feeling prevails at the Vatican that a meeting of the college of cardinals cannot be far off, and it is not secret that the candidates for the papacy are making elaborate preparations for this conclave.

One of the chief characters of the next conclave is a high prelate, will be the large number of candidates for the chair of St. Peter. A first scrutiny is expected to show six or seven cardinals being favored for the pontificate. Those who are well informed anticipate a drastic, and the ultimate election of an outsider who has not yet been mentioned.

OVER ONE HUNDRED FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS

Fire Lays Waste an Area of Twenty Blocks at Davenport, Iowa.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 25.—Fire laid waste an area of a saw mill and residence property tonight, equal to twenty blocks and caused a loss of \$200,000. The flames started in piles of kindling wood on the levee and pushed their way into the adjoining residence district, from which the occupants of the houses escaped only with their lives and the clothing on their backs.

Over forty homes were burned, some of them tenements, resulting in a hundred families being rendered homeless.

THE FOSBURGH TRIAL

Mother of the Victim Placed on the Stand.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., July 25.—In the Fosburgh manslaughter case today Mrs. R. T. Fosburgh, the gray haired mother, went upon the witness stand, and told in simple words how her daughter was killed.

Bertha Sheldon, a guest in the Fosburgh home on the night of the tragedy, was another important witness. By her testimony the defense wished to show that there were burglars in the house and that they were seen by little Beatrice Fosburgh.

NEGROES SIDE-TRACKED

Armed Strikers Were Ready to Give Them a Warm Reception.

CHICAGO, July 25.—While residents of Maywood, Melrose Park and Bellewood waited along the tracks of the Chicago Junction Railway during the early hours of the morning to bar out the train load of Southern negroes, the

much-sought train was sidetracked at Blue Island.

The Illinois Central road turned the special train over to the Junction Railway at 12:20 a. m. When Blue Island was reached it was decided not to proceed to Melrose Park till morning.

The negroes were loud in their protestations that they would not have come North had they known such a tempest was brewing.

All day yesterday the reports that reached them of the greeting awaiting them at Melrose Park grew more threatening. Early today it was declared on the train that 100 of the men had deserted at Fulton, Ind., and gone to work for the railway company. Ignorant that the train was at Blue Island, the peace committee, composed of the Rev. T. E. Cookingham, Peter H. Bohlander, W. H. Schoekey, A. H. Gallagher, Charles Wolf and fifteen others during the early hours of the morning awaited the negroes, hoping to persuade them not to leave the cars and the engineer to pull out to some safe place.

As an offset to the peace committee another crowd estimated at 125 men, all armed with revolvers, were scattered along the tracks waiting to give the negroes a hint to leave or take the consequences if they remained.

RESIGNATION REQUESTED

Alaska Court Clerk Leaves Office on Account of Mining Suits.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—According to advices from Nome, Judge Noyes has formally requested the resignation of George V. Borchsenius, clerk of the United States district court. The request was made on July 11, but no response had been made on the next day when the mail left for this city.

This is asserted to be an outcome of the mining receivership case which recently attracted much attention.

TOOK NO ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25.—The committee on Astoria regulations again adjourned without action being taken. The members refuse to talk.

MACLAY MAY GO

Historian's Job in Navy Yard Endangered by His Attack on Schley.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—An effort has been made to secure the removal of Edward S. MacLay, the author of the History of the Spanish War containing the criticisms of Rear-Admiral Schley.

MacLay is a clerk in the Brooklyn navy yard. Representative Sidney E. Mudd, of Maryland, a member of the committee on naval affairs in the last house, called on Secretary Long and represented to him the impropriety of MacLay continuing an employe of the government in view of the language which he made use of in reference to Admiral Schley. The secretary promised to give the matter his early attention.

Secretary Long decided tonight to appoint Captain Samuel C. Lemley, judge advocate of the navy, to be judge advocate of the court. Secretary Long will probably select one of other retired admirals to take Admiral Kimberley's place. Rear-Admirals Luce, Ramsay, Jouett, Gherardi and Walker are some of the names advanced for consideration.

STEAMER LOUISE ASHORE

Goes on a Spit Off Nehalem Bar—Will Probably Get Off.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 25.—The small steamer Louise, which plies between Tillamook City and Garibaldi, went on a spit off the Nehalem bar today and seas broke over her. C. H. Wheeler and Joe Richardson, who were on board, had a narrow escape.

It is expected the steamer will get off tonight.

STRUCK ON A LEDGE

Constitution Met With Accident in Her Race Yesterday.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 25.—In a race from New London, the Constitution struck on one of the ledges off Race Rock, about three miles from the start and it is believed has torn some of the plates off her fin.

The official finishing time was: Columbia, 6:21:55, Constitution 6:24:16.

RACE DECLARED OFF

CLEVELAND, O., July 25.—Trainer Geers this afternoon announced it would be impossible to get The Abbott in condition for a race with Creceus August 15, and the race had been declared off.

KILLING WAS JUSTIFIABLE

BLACKFOOT, Ida., July 25.—Billy Trapp, who killed Tom Callan last night, was completely exonerated today after a preliminary examination.

NO HOPE FOR A SETTLEMENT

Steel Manufacturers Stand on the Attitude Taken.

ANOTHER MILL TO CLOSE

Belief That National Tube Company Employees Will Soon Go Out—Federation of Labor Offers Assistance—Shafter Satisfied.

PITTSBURG, July 25.—The peace mission of Mr. Garland, who went to New York on behalf of the conservative element in the Amalgamated Association, has failed.

Mr. Garland was unable to secure from the steel manufacturers any terms on which a settlement could be reached. They would not recede an inch from the attitude they have taken, holding that the workers' leaders precipitated the fight, and peace negotiations are off.

President Shafter, of the Amalgamated Association, was in a more hopeful mood today than for some time. He declared he was perfectly satisfied with conditions in Wellsville and apprehended no difficulty in keeping the men in line.

Organizer Flynn, of the American Federation of Labor, was a caller at the office of the Amalgamated Association. He set at rest the stories in sympathy with the Amalgamated Association by saying the entire organization was ready to assist; the Amalgamated Association financially and morally whenever assistance was asked.

Up to 8 o'clock no change had taken place at Wellsville. The mills are still at work. Information from McKeesport leads to the belief that the mill of the National Tube Company would shortly be involved in the strike.

NEGROES WILL BE SENT BACK

Larrobe Steel and Coupler Works Will Not Employ Them.

CHICAGO, July 25.—General Manager Aertzen, of the Larrobe Steel and Coupler works, gave out the statement this evening that the company had abandoned the effort to bring colored laborers to Melrose Park and that they will be sent back to Alabama.

All day the 200 negroes sat in the cars in Lawrence, twenty-eight miles from Chicago, in fear. A committee of citizens from Melrose Park informed the colored men that 200 armed men were awaiting the arrival of the train. Nearly all of the men declared they would not go to Melrose Park and that if taken there on the train they would refuse to go off.

KOCH'S THEORY CRITICISED

Earl Spencer Does Not Believe Revine Tuberculosis Will Not Affect Humans.

LONDON, July 25.—Presiding at this afternoon's session of the British Congress of Tuberculosis, Earl Spencer (chancellor of the Victoria University and a vice-president of the congress) severely criticised Dr. Robert Koch's theory to the effect that human beings were immune from contagion from tuberculous cattle. The speaker earnestly trusted the congress would not endorse the view that it was unnecessary to take measures to prevent the transmission of tuberculosis from animals to humans.

SUING THE DIRECTORS

Seventh National Bank Officials Summoned to Supreme Court.

NEW YORK, July 25.—William E. D. Stokes, a stockholder of the Seventh National Bank, has taken out a summons in the supreme court against the directors of the bank, President Thomas, and Receiver Rayford.

The complaint charged the directors with making a report to the stockholders that the capital of the bank was unimpaired when as a matter of fact it was already insolvent.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

Plans for Interesting Educators Announced by Officials.

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—The committee on organization of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company has submitted a number of highly satisfactory reports on the promotion work being done at the Pan-American exposition among representatives from Central and South American states.

The committee recommended an additional section to the by-laws providing that the historical committee shall consist of seven members and shall be charged with the special care and supervision of all exhibits and matters pertaining to archaeological collections, the discovery, settlement and development

of the Louisiana territory and shall be charged with the duty of devising a plan for the erection and maintenance of such tablets, monuments and buildings as may in their judgment be appropriate for the preservation of objects of historical interest connected with the aforesaid matters and the commemoration of such historical events.

The committee on education is hard at work to enlist the co-operation of all leading educators in the country for its work of making the educational exhibits at the world's fair a department of much magnitude and excellence as to show, on the largest scale possible the evolution of public education and higher school training not only in this country but of the whole civilized world.

The ministers of education in the different countries will be consulted regarding their wishes, and letters addressed in the official language of the country are ready to be mailed as soon as the president has extended officially an invitation to the foreign countries to participate in our world's fair.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE GROWS

Additional Men Will Walk Out and Street Car Men May Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Secretary McLaughlin of the Brotherhood of Teamsters announced early this morning that it had been decided to call out all the members of the brotherhood except those employed by the Pacific Transfer & River Express, which have agreed to make concessions. This order will affect about three hundred men.

While there is no prospect of an immediate settlement of the teamsters' difficulties, there are some chances of an understanding between the machinists and their employers. The conciliatory committee of the resuscitated Municipal League has induced the mayor to attend the meetings of the Employers Association with a view to the suggestion of a conference with the strikers.

The Scotts at the Union Iron Works have stated that a discussion of the situation with committees from the shops might lead to an amicable understanding. This suggestion has been submitted to the machinists and they will decide today whether to act on it. One effect of the machinists' strike has been the practical stoppage of work on large buildings because the iron work cannot be procured.

The call announces this morning that a strike of street car employees is probable before the close of the week.

FIRST RAILROAD RIDE

Umatilla Pioneer Is Now About to Take It.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 25.—Alexander Waugh, a pioneer stockman of south Umatilla county, was in the city today on his way to visit his daughter at Mountain Home, Idaho.

The remarkable features of this little incident is that Mr. Waugh is a man 74 years of age and this trip to Mountain Home will be his first ride on a railroad train. He came West in an early day, and his business has been such that he has never before required the services of the iron horse. He is a man of much more than ordinary intelligence and is a good conversationalist and sees no reason for surprise in the fact that he has never traveled by rail.

God reports continue to come from the wheat fields. The grain is proving to be of good quality, while the yield in nearly every instance are larger than even at first reported.

MRS. INGERSOLL'S SUIT

BUTTE, Mont., July 25.—Eva A. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, brought suit here today against the heirs of the estate of Andrew J. Davis to recover judgment for \$35,000, with interest from August 24, 1897, for legal services rendered by Ingersoll.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES

COPENHAGEN, July 25.—The new cabinet favors the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, and the minister of foreign affairs is familiarizing himself with details of the case with a view to continuing the negotiations.

SHOT BY A WOMAN

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 25.—At Yakima City this afternoon, Mrs. E. H. Scholes, wife of the Northern Pacific agent there, shot and fatally wounded A. Richmond, an old man about 70. Richmond was drunk and aoused her.

SEAL CATCH SHORT

WASHINGTON, July 25.—From a preliminary report of the special agent in charge of the seal islands of Alaska, it is thought the number of seals taken during the present season will not equal that of last year.

MINING CONGRESS OFFICERS

BOISE, Ida., July 25.—E. L. Shafter, of Ohio, was elected president of the mining congress; Major Fred Reed, of Boise, vice-president, and Ireen Mahon was re-elected secretary.

DRINKING WATER GETTING SCARCE

Some Kansas Towns Are in Serious Straits.

CORN CROP ENTIRELY LOST

Temperature Not So High Throughout the State but No Relief Was Experienced—London Streets Deluged by Thunder Showers.

TOPEKA, Kas., July 25.—Temperatures were not so high in Kansas today, averaging about 100 for the entire state. However, not the least relief has been experienced in the drought.

Now that the corn crop is entirely blasted, people are devoting their attention to obtaining water to drink. Some towns are in serious straits.

CONTINUES DRY AND HOT

No Immediate Change Expected in Corn Belt Region.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Official reports show that the corn belt region continues hot and dry with no prospects of an immediate change in conditions. Showers have fallen in the northern half of the corn belt area since last night, including Eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and Ohio. Most of these rains were light.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM

LONDON, July 25.—A thunderstorm, accompanied by hail and incessant lightning, raged for a couple of hours in London this afternoon. The streets were turned into rivers.

PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, July 25.—The board of directors of the failed Sixteenth National Bank today decided upon a plan of reorganization. The plan provides that the company stock be increased from \$500,000 to \$2,500,000, \$2,000,000 of the new stock to be sold at \$100 per share.

BICYCLE RECORD BROKEN

SALT LAKE, July 25.—The one-mile unspaced bicycle record, which has stood for four years, was broken tonight by W. E. Samuelson, of Provo, Utah. Samuelson rode the distance on an eight lap track in 1:53 2-5.

TRIAL CUP RACES

CHICAGO, July 25.—Cadillac, of Detroit, won today in Canada's cup trial races; Milwaukee, of Milwaukee, second; Detroit, of Detroit, third, and Illinois, of Chicago, fourth.

GAMBLING HOUSE HELD UP

DENVER, Col., July 25.—A News special from Tucson, Ariz., tells of the holding up of the "Big Adb" a gambling house there, and the proprietor being relieved of several thousand dollars. A lone robber committed the deed and escaped.

McLAURIN RULED OUT

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 25.—The state executive committee late tonight adopted a resolution ruling Senator McLaurin out of the Democratic party. The action was totally unexpected.

THE QUESTION LAID OVER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 25.—The question of selecting a city for the erection of a national Elks home for aged and indigent members has been laid over for another year.

SHAMROCK II IS READY

GOUROCK, July 25.—The ocean rig of Shamrock II, was completed today. Her stores are all on board. Her departure will be postponed until Saturday morning.

LIBRARY DONATIONS CONTINUE

WINNIPEG, Man., July 25.—Andrew Carnegie has presented to the city of Winnipeg \$100,000 for a free public library.

BUTTE SELECTED

BOISE, Ida., July 25.—Butte has been selected as the place to hold the next meeting of the International Mining Congress.

BASEBALL SCORES

SPOKANE, July 25.—Tacoma, 7; Spokane, 12.

SEATTLE, July 25.—Portland, 5; Seattle, 5.