

BINGER HERMANN INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAND FRAUDS IN OREGON

TO INDICT THE MAYOR

True Bill Said to Have Been Found for Malfeasance.

ELLIOTT ALSO IS IN THE GRAND JURY NET

Investigation of Specific Acts of Corruption Made Against a Member of the Detective Force by Woman.

George H. Williams, mayor of the city Portland, is to be indicted by the county grand jury on the charge of malfeasance in office in not fulfilling his sworn duty, as prescribed by the city charter, by failure to order Chief of Police Hunt to close the gambling houses, according to report circulated today. By unanimous vote, it is said, the jury decided last Thursday afternoon to return a true bill against the mayor, and the indictment was drawn up yesterday by a deputy in the office of District Attorney Manning.



John H. Hall, United States District Attorney, Removed From Office on Charges in Connection With the Oregon Land Fraud Cases

READY FOR WORK ON PORTAGE ROAD

Contracts Closed by the State for Its Construction, Bonds Filed and Approved, and Contractors Will Proceed at Once.

Two contracts were closed today by the state of Oregon for the construction of the Cello portage road. Bonds for the execution of the contracts were filed and approved. The work of construction will be begun at once and must be completed by May 15, 1905. A penalty of \$500 a day will be collected by the state from the contractors if they fail to have the road completed at that date.

AGED INDIAN FOUND FROZEN ON RIVER BANK

Lenore, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Shoshone Indian, was found frozen to death on the bank of the river near here. He was on his way to visit his son-in-law, when he was probably overcome with a fit from which he could not rally and froze to death.

ARBITRATION TREATY IS SIGNED WITH SPAIN

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Spanish minister and secretary Hay today signed the new arbitration treaty between Spain and the United States. The treaty provides for the submitting of all questions of disagreement to an international court to be arbitrated and renders a possible war between the two nations a thing of the past.

WEE NIP OF BRANDY MAKES CISSIE FAIL

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Because her chaparrons had given her a "nip" of brandy to quiet her nerves and stimulate her against the exhilarating effects of a recent operation, Cecelia Loftus came near making a failure of her play at Power's theatre last night.

AS TO PANAMA BARBERS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The most important topic discussed at the meeting of the Panama canal commission held here yesterday, was the charge made of improper treatment of government employes on the canal zone. Although insisting that the charges were grossly exaggerated, the commission will make a thorough investigation.

GRAND JURY ACTS AFTER LONG, SHARP DISCUSSION

Attorney F. J. Heney Said to Have Clear Presentation Against Both Mitchell and Hermann—Charge Against Congressman Is Conspiracy to Defraud Government of Lands.

Binger Hermann, ex-commissioner of the land office and member of congress from the first district of Oregon, was indicted by the federal grand jury this afternoon for conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands. United States Senator John H. Mitchell was indicted also. Hermann's indictment was made in connection with the McKinley-Puter-Watson-Ware case, the details of whose conspiracy to rob the government were made public at their recent trial and conviction.

ACTS ON CHARGES

President Thinks John Hall Has Been Shielding Suspected Persons.

HALL DENIES ALL OF THE ALLEGATIONS

Declares He Has Message From Senator Fulton Saying That He Has Not Been Dropped Yet.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today suspended from office United States District Attorney John Hall of Portland, Or. This action was taken upon the recommendation of Attorney General Moody, as the result of charges that Hall has been shielding from prosecution certain persons who were implicated in the land frauds.

The news that United States District Attorney John Hall had been suspended by President Roosevelt, on the ground that he had been shielding from prosecution persons implicated in the land frauds, became known this morning and caused a profound sensation.

According to the rumors which are afloat, Hall attempted to save from indictment F. E. Mays and George C. Brownell, and it is also said in the investigation of the transactions in which Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann are supposed to have been involved, the district attorney's seal has been under the greatest suspicion.

Such summary action is almost unprecedented and plainly shows that charges of extraordinary gravity have been filed at Washington. The case was foreshadowed when the entire conduct of the investigation before the federal grand jury was taken out of Mr. Hall's hands, and he was entrusted solely to Francis J. Heney. That action was based in part upon the fact that advance information as to the plans of the government and the evidence in its possession had been communicated to both Mitchell and Hermann.

The leak was remarkable for the facts revealed to the two congressmen were supposed to be of the knowledge of the government's attorneys. It is certain that the decision of Mitchell and Hermann to return to Portland and face the grand jury was formed only a few hours before their departure from Washington and was the result of dispatches received from this city.

Mr. Hall was before the federal grand jury yesterday afternoon as a witness. Only a few hours later came his suspension from office by the president. Mr. Hall denies emphatically that he has in any way attempted to shield any person implicated in the land frauds from indictment or prosecution, and insists that he has done all in his power to aid Mr. Heney in running down the guilty persons. He received a telegram from Senator Fulton this morning, and according to Mr. Hall, Fulton informed him that no order of suspension or removal had yet been made.

Removal May Follow. From other sources it is learned, however, that the order has been made and may be followed at any time by Mr. Hall's removal. Assistant District Attorney W. M. Barry was formerly way involved in the troubles of his chief, there is no accusation of any shortcomings on his part.

John Hall has been United States district attorney for nearly seven years. His first four years' term expired about three years ago. There was a deadlock in the Oregon delegation over the recommendation of a successor to the office. For some time after Senator Benton's election George C. Brownell was an active candidate for Hall's place, but suddenly dropped out of the running. The delegation was still unable to agree upon a recommendation and Sunday about two months ago, it was announced that President Roosevelt had taken the matter into his own hands and had appointed Hall for another term of years, without any recommendation from the Oregon delegation.

But when other Oregon appointments were recently sent to the senate, the nomination of Hall was not among them. Much surprise was excited, but the matter was explained by the fact that the president had decided to appoint another man.

CHADWICK ARRIVES TO FACE ACCUSERS

Husband of Famous Financier Arrested on Steamer Ere He Lands.

MAY REFUSE TO RETURN AND FIGHT EXTRADITION

Goes Peaceably to Hotel With Sheriff Professing Ignorance of Charges.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 31.—The Hamburg-American liner Pretoria, having on board Dr. Chadwick, and his daughter, Mary, was sighted off Fire island at 3 o'clock this morning. Sheriff Barry of Cleveland boarded a revenue cutter and met the Pretoria at quarantine.

Chadwick was practically but not technically placed under arrest by Sheriff Barry, who took him with his daughter to the Myers hotel at Hoboken, where he consented to remain until Barry gathered his own effects in New York.

The sheriff will then take Chadwick to Cleveland, leaving at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon on the Pennsylvania railroad. Miss Chadwick will be taken care of by relatives in New York a few days, after which she will probably go to Jacksonville, where Dr. Chadwick is said to have a brother.

When informed of the forged charges Chadwick said: "All I know of the charges against me and Mrs. Chadwick is what I have seen in the newspapers. I know nothing of the utterance of this forgery. Up to the present moment I had believed my wife innocent of wrongdoing." Then with a gasp he said: "I hardly know what to believe."

MINING AT PORT

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 31.—Advices under today's date from Shanghai to the Morning Post says that the mining under the best color sections published by New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Oppen, Dirks, Bunny and Howarth are the best cartoonists in the country and their work appears every week in the Sunday Journal and nowhere else in Oregon.

STORM COMPLETES SHIP'S DESTRUCTION

Russian Battleship Sevastopol Completely Destroyed by Terrific Gale.

OTHER CRIPPLED BOATS ALSO SUFFER SEVERELY

Togo Tug Busy to Attend Reception Given in His Honor by Municipality.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 31.—According to Chinese reports, the last day of the year has witnessed the last of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, that vessel having met complete destruction in the storm that is now raging at Port Arthur. The other Russian warships crippled by the Japanese bombardment and succeeding torpedo attacks, have also suffered severely. The storm has raged for the past 24 hours, and is one of the severest on record.

THREE QUARTERS MILLION DAMAGE BY CHICAGO FIRE

Six Fire Fighters Buried Under Debris of Collapsed Burning Building.

Three Brick Buildings Destroyed by Flames Topple Onto Six Cottages.

ADVOCATE PURCHASE OF CAMP

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—A permanent continuance of the maneuvers as held at Atascadero, Cal., and American lake, Washington, and the purchase of the American lake site by the government is recommended by General MacArthur, commanding the Pacific Division, in his report on the maneuvers of the past year at these points.

FINE AND WORKHOUSE FOR RIOTING SOLDIERS

(Journal Special Service.) Athens, Dec. 31.—Judge Woods this morning sentenced six regular soldiers found guilty of rioting on the streets of this city during the encampment of last summer, to pay \$100 and to spend 30 days in the workhouse. Sergeant Lott was found guilty of shooting with intent to kill and sentenced to a year in prison.

TOGO KEPT BUSY

(Journal Special Service.) Tokio, Dec. 31.—Admiral Togo has declined the offer of a reception in his honor by the municipality, pleading that he is too busy. He intends to devote his time in Tokio to a conference with the naval general staff. The admiral today attended general services for the officers and men killed at Port Arthur, where he read their eulogy.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION The best you can make will be to Read The Sunday Journal. If you do that You will get the best, the earliest and the completest information about every event of consequence anywhere. You will please the children, for then they can have a laugh over the color, comic supplement, identical with the best color sections published by New York, Chicago and San Francisco. You will get the advantage of an entertaining magazine section, in which appear articles by the best-known writers of the day, men and women whose contributions are eagerly sought by the leading magazines. You will have the free music lessons taught by the newest and simplest method yet discovered. You will be entertained by Chimmie Fadden's philosophy and Goodman's jestrical letters. You won't miss a thing—that's worth while in any line, because there is just one SUNDAY JOURNAL