

MUCH WHITEWASH USED IN REPORTS

Cross Irregularities in State Land Agents' Office Overlooked by Legislature.

INVESTIGATIONS MEANT TO BE VINDICATIONS

Systematic Speculation in Land by Odell, Assisted by L. B. Geer.

Twice within two years gross irregularities committed by the state land agent's office during the administration of L. B. Geer have been the subject of investigation by a legislative committee.

Nothing could have been more colorless than the report submitted to the legislature two years ago. A few of the facts discovered by the committee's investigations were set forth, but no action was recommended and the report concluded with the suggestion that nothing further need be done.

At the session which ended last week the same course was pursued. The report was not until the last day when it was read, but without any action or any suggestion of legal proceedings.

From the report of the latest investigating committee and from the testimony and evidence taken, it appears that during L. B. Geer's incumbency as state land agent, Odell occupied desk room in Geer's office, and carried on extensive operations in state lands and interests.

Although the state was in possession of thousands of acres of base, Geer informed applicants that the state had no base, and that in order to get it they must apply to Odell.

Odell charged applicants from 75 cents to \$1.75 an acre for base, although it was in most cases the property of the state and should have been turned over to the state land agent without any cost whatever.

Attached to the report of the last investigating committee are a large number of letters from applicants for base, addressed to State Land Agent Geer, with his replies. Again and again he informed these applicants that the state's supply of base was exhausted, and referred them to General Odell, who, he said, could furnish base. At times, during the absence of Odell, Geer advised applicants of the terms upon which Odell would furnish base, and received

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remittances in payment therefor. The evidence of the close business relations between Geer and Odell is clear and unmistakable.

700 ARE KILLED IN STREET FIGHTING

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mothers' homes with knouts. School boys fought the police and Cossacks in defense of the girls. Three hundred were arrested.

The strikes among the students is spreading throughout the provinces. Numerous conflicts between police and students are reported.

SERGIUS' FUNERAL

Ceremony of Blessing the Body Commenced, Followed by Funeral.

Moscow, Feb. 23.—The ceremony of blessing the body of the Grand Duke Sergius was performed this morning. The body was placed in a coffin and carried to the Chaudoff monastery where the funeral services were held.

SERVICES AT BOMBAY

London, Feb. 23.—A memorial service for the Grand Duke Sergius was held today at the Russian church connected with the embassy. In addition to the embassy representatives from King Edward, Ambassador Choate, and other diplomats attended.

ASKED AND GOT BRIBE

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Items came under my observation and I told him what Mr. Berry had said they were paid for and he affirmed this statement of Mr. Berry's to me by stating it was true the money had been paid to Thomas, but that Thomas had since offered to repay it and that he, Wakefield, had declined to accept it.

"That after I had finished the expediting, the above named items appeared in my report. I have been engaged in expediting the books of banks and other large enterprises for more than 12 years. MALCOLM MACAULEY."

"I, J. B. Bridges, being sworn, say: That R. Wakefield and I formed a partnership to build the drydock, which is now used by the city of Portland. The doctor talked in the library of his richly furnished home, sitting in a chair which bore a ticket catalogue number in preparation of the coming auction sale to satisfy the creditors of the drydock. The room was ticketed or sealed by the government."

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ENGLAND AND RUSSIA BOTH GET CONCESSIONS

Russian's Firing on Trawlers Justified, But Great Britain Also Satisfied.

Paris, Feb. 23.—It is learned that the report of the Hull inquiry commission in addition to justifying the action of Admiral Rozhdestvensky in firing on the trawlers also contains other paragraphs which will satisfy England and which counterbalances the pro-Russian paragraphs published.

The commission gives no opinion on the question of Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. The commissioners refer to the Russian government engagement to indemnify the victims of the horrible accident.

The report was sent today to the Russian and British governments. Not because it is liable to modifications but because the commissioners do not wish the powers interested to learn the conclusions through the press.

The principal author is Admiral Svons-paun, Austrian, but all the commissioners collaborated in drawing it up.

GUESTS ARE RESCUED FROM BLAZING HOTEL

Reading Hostelry Destroyed by Flames—Electric Works Are Afire.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 23.—The Hotel Penn, one of the largest in this city, took fire today. Many guests were rescued by the heroic efforts of the fire department. With the exception of several carried out unconscious, all the guests and employees escaped unharmed.

CHADWICK HAS RESUMED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick has resumed the practice of medicine, making strenuous efforts to recoup the fortune lost through the manipulations of his wife.

"All I want is work," he said. "I have resumed practice. My daughter Mary is with my brother's family in Jacksonville, Fla. She applied for a position as governess immediately on landing in New York but did not get the place. She did not want to return to Cleveland. There was a place for her with my brother. She is engaged in making maps in a lumber company's office. We both must now work hard to make good."

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FOUR THOUSAND ARE DIGGING UPON CANAL

New York, Feb. 23.—Barclay Parren and Prof. W. E. Burr, members of the Panama canal commission, arrived today from Colon and reported work on the canal more advanced in construction than was anticipated. Four thousand laborers are at work, and 1,600 more were engaged.

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POISON MEN PAST 60, SAYS DR. OSLER

men of men above 60 years of age and the invaluable benefit it would be to commercial, political and professional life if as a matter of course, men stopped work at this age." Continuing he said it might be a good plan to chloroform men after passing 60.

HANDSOME GIFT FOR WARSHIP WASHINGTON

Olympia, Wash. Feb. 23.—The state of Washington will present to the new battleship Washington a handsome and appropriate gift when the ship takes to the water March 20, at the shipbuilding yards in Connecticut. A committee of five will be named today by the legislature to secure the gift and see that it is presented. A suitable sum will be appropriated to pay the cost of the gift and the expense of the committee. Miss Helen Stewart Wilson, daughter of ex-Senator John L. Wilson, will represent the state at the launching, and to her

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