

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.

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Exquisite Cut Glass advertisement for A. & C. Feldenheimer, featuring an image of a glass vase and text describing the quality of their products.

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.

SERVICES AT LONDON

London, Feb. 23.—A memorial service for the Grand Duke Sergius was held today at the Russian church connected with the embassy.

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.

"That Mr. Berry, being the bookkeeper for Wakefield and also keeping the books of the firm of Wakefield & Bridges, in Mr. Wakefield's office under the direction of Mr. Wakefield, made the following entries in the books of Wakefield & Bridges, relating to the drydock work:

"March 8, 1904, expenses, J. B. B. \$250. "April 16, 1904, expenses, R. W. \$250. "That I saw the first of said \$250 paid by Mr. Berry to Mr. Thomas, who was at the time a member of the Port of Portland, and this is how I came to see it.

"On the day it was paid, but before payment was made, Mr. Berry, the bookkeeper above named, phoned to me at Vancouver, Wash., where I was at work on the drydock, and asked me to come to the Portland office of Wakefield early in the afternoon, as Mr. Thomas wished to see me here, and I went where requested, and upon my arrival first saw Mr. Berry, who said: 'What are we going to pay this for? Mr. Berry did not give me a definite answer to this question, and upon his invitation, and in fact request, I went with him into the private office, where Mr. Thomas was sitting by a table.

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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.

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.

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."

KING EDWARD ORDERS MOTOR TURBINE YACHT

London, Feb. 23.—A report that King Edward has placed an order for a steam motor turbine launch is being much discussed in society and yachting circles. The new vessel, according to reports, is to be constructed on altogether different lines to anything hitherto employed in the royal service, and will attain a high rate of speed, approaching 20 knots.

INDIANA BRIBERY IS PROBED BY LEGISLATURE

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 23.—Detectives are probing the alleged legislative bribery story told in the house yesterday, and are still looking for C. A. Baker. There is a persistent rumor that a letter has been found in Baker's room at the Denison hotel referring to an enclosed check for \$5,000 to be used at the legislature.

REVOLUTIONISTS KILL SERBIAN LANDLORD

Belgrade, Feb. 23.—Petruha, a Serbian landed proprietor, whose time ago was sentenced to die by Hungarian revolutionists, was today assassinated. The death sentence includes Petruha's son, but the latter escaped.

THIRTY-THREE RESCUED

Birmingham, Feb. 23.—Up to 3 o'clock this morning 33 bodies of miners had been taken from the Virginia mine. Seven more corpses are in sight and will be taken out soon. It will probably be the middle of next week before the work of pumping the mine is completed, and all the bodies recovered.

OPEN DRAW NOISANCE WILL SOON BE ABATED

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ter it will be for all interests involved. Mr. Newbain submits a copy of the Chicago drawbridge ordinance, in which it is shown that the city council, through a harbor-master, has entire control of river traffic through the Chicago river and its branches, by virtue of the state law of Illinois.

Closed Four Hours in Chicago. All bridges across the main river and its branches as far south as Twelfth street and north to Kinzie street are kept closed from 5 to 7 o'clock a. m., and from 6 to 8 p. m.

The East Portland Improvement association has again taken up the fight for closed drawbridges, and will hold a meeting Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the court of justice seton, corner of Grand avenue and Morrison streets, when it will appoint a committee to call on Judge Webster and lay the case of the East Portland public before him.

"There is nothing in these arguments that is putting forth to the effect that the boat trade will be damaged by the closing of the drawbridges an hour morning and evening," said Joseph Buchtel, chairman of the bridge committee of that organization. "I have read in the accounts that were submitted of the river men's meeting, that Mayor Williams opened with the statement that he was very poorly informed on the question, and could not offer any views that would be of value in the matter. If the mayor had just sat down then and there, he would have been all right. The proposition he afterward advanced, to open the drawbridges for every boat that whistles for the draw at all hours, would not afford the relief desired by the public. I cannot see that such a plan would be materially different from the one now practiced."

POISON MEN PAST 60, SAYS DR. OSLER

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ness 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 29, 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

CO-ED RIOTERS ARE ROUTED BY KISSES

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ing for the spring-track events took the scrimmage gamely. "Kiss every girl of 'em; kiss 'em all," was the battle cry that went up. "At first the girls struggled violently, but the horrid men were inspired by superhuman efforts.

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.

BAD BREATH

"For months I had great trouble with my stomach and used all kinds of medicines. My tongue has been in a green or gray condition, and I had a bad odor. Two weeks ago a friend recommended me to use Carcarets. I did so, and in a few days I was completely cured. I can now eat anything I like and my breath is sweet. I am sure you will find Carcarets a most valuable remedy. Chas. H. Halpern, 111 E. 7th St., New York, N. Y.

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