

LAND FRAUDS IN COLORADO PROBED

Grand Jury at Denver Begins Investigation of Sensational Charges.

VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES IN COAL LAND CASES

Inquiry Involves Principal Enemies of Western Federation of Miners—Utah Fuel Company Involved in Conspiracy.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., May 12.—Disclosures of land frauds, even more sensational than those of Idaho and Utah, are expected to result from the investigations of the federal grand jury, that will begin its sessions in Denver tomorrow. Many "men higher up" are believed to be involved in the various alleged violations of the federal statutes relating to the acquisition of coal lands in Colorado. Revelations of illegal practices made during the hearing held by the interstate commerce commission in Denver about five months ago, will, it is understood, form the basis of the coming inquiry. The investigation is particularly interesting at this time, since it is likely to involve the principal enemies of the Western Federation of Miners, whose officers are now on trial for murder in Boise. For some time O. E. Pagan and M. C. Burch, special officers of the department of justice in Washington, have been in Colorado collecting evidence to be presented to the grand jury.

A December hearing of the commerce commission in Denver much data was secured tending to incriminate the officials of the Utah Fuel company, a concern affiliated with the Colorado Fuel & Iron company and the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, all of which are controlled by the Gould interests. This testimony was turned over to the department of justice, which continued the inquiry. Several officials of the Utah Fuel company have already been indicted in Utah because of their alleged illegal operations in that state. It is known that many Colorado men will testify before the grand jury that they filed on coal lands at the request of an attorney supposedly representing the Utah Fuel company, later disposing of their claims to this attorney for \$50 each.

The law governing the disposal of coal lands by the government requires the applicants to swear that they are filing on the land solely for their own use. Wholly untrue statements of this oath have resulted in practically all the valuable coal lands of the western states becoming the property of great railroad corporations who have their headquarters on Wall street.

SEATTLE TO WORK TWO YEARS EXPERTING BOOKS

(Journal Special Service.)
Seattle, May 12.—The experting of all the books of the city for the last 14 years, a work that may extend over a couple of years and cost \$50,000, has been authorized by the council's finance committee. The action was taken after a conference between members of the finance committee and representatives of the Seattle Commercial club and the Civic Union. The work will be done under the direction of the finance committee and experts to be selected by various commercial bodies. Pending the selection and the passage of an ordinance carrying out the finance committee's wishes, E. G. Shorrock, the expert accountant who is now at work on the books of the finance committee, John Ripplinger, the defaulting former city comptroller, will continue the work.

Aberdeen Graduation Day.

(Journal Special Service.)
Aberdeen, Wash., May 12.—The class day exercises of the high school graduating class will be held on the night of June 14, in the Grand theatre. Miss Ada Johnson is valedictorian and Miss Minnie Glidden salutatorian. Frits Betts, the class president, is historian and Miss Lela Cress prophet. The play, "The Sweet Girl Graduated," will be presented by the class on the same evening. On Monday night, June 17, the graduating exercises of the class will be held in the Grand theatre. Governor Mead will deliver the address.

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ENTIRE WEST IS AGAINST HUGHES

Republicans Want Roosevelt for Third Time, but Will Accept Taft.

LABOR IS EXPECTED TO FORGET SECRETARY'S PAST

Hoosiers for Fairbanks and Sentiment for Lister Being Manufactured Elsewhere—Foraker to Fight Taft.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, May 12.—The entire west is against Hughes' candidacy for president. That is the dictum from Republican leaders. If the third-term idea eliminates Roosevelt, they favor his candidate, Taft.

FORAKER RENEWS WAR

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, May 12.—Senator Foraker has issued a statement declaring war against Secretary Taft. He will fight to the bitter end, unless the secretary agrees to compromise. All overtures for truce made in his behalf by Boss Cox he repudiates, and he calls upon his friends to make the Columbus conference set for next Wednesday frost.

In replying active warfare Mr. Foraker will make his first attack upon the Columbus conference. His friends will accept his instructions and stay away from the conference. Secretary Taft's friends say that he will gladly accept the challenges of an appeal to the people.

Not in Oklahoma.

(Journal Special Service.)
Oklahoma City, Okla., May 12.—There is no Hughes-for-president sentiment in Oklahoma. With the majority of the population in a feeling of unwillingness to support any man whom President Roosevelt indorses for nomination. In some quarters Fairbanks sentiment is also under way.

Iowa Favors Cummins.

(Journal Special Service.)
Des Moines, Ia., May 12.—As between Hughes and Taft for presidential timber, the sentiment in Iowa is strongly in favor of Taft. The people desire him to be more Rooseveltian in policy and feel that he will more nearly carry out his reform ideas. Iowa Governor Cummins, are hopeful that in the event of a dark horse he may get a place on the ticket.

Nebraska Wants Taft.

(Journal Special Service.)
Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—Taft is easily the favorite of the Republicans of northeastern Nebraska. His prominence in public life during the last few years, his almost Rooseveltian ideas of handling domestic and foreign affairs, his eventful career and his constant success in reform ideas, have placed him in this position in this section most definitely.

Fairbanks Is Favorite.

(Journal Special Service.)
Terre Haute, Ind., May 12.—Neither Taft nor Hughes is receiving any great consideration in Indiana as presidential timber. The Hoosiers are for Fairbanks first and last. The only objection obtaining here is that President Roosevelt is blossoming out into a full-blown boss. His dictation is being sharply resented all over the state, the newspapers consequently mirroring this fact. Indiana Republican editors are holding meetings frequently to lay the most advantageous plans to further Fairbanks' candidacy.

Missouri Wants Teddy.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, May 12.—The Hughes sentiment in Missouri is of the snakes-in-Ireland character. Taft is beginning to be looked upon with favor as the heir to Roosevelt's presidential apparel, but Roosevelt himself still occupies the position of favorite son.

Who is Hughes?

Little Rock, Ark., May 12.—"Who is Hughes?" is the question asked by the Republicans in Arkansas. They are for Roosevelt first and last, and after that for anyone Roosevelt wants. There is a very favorable Taft sentiment.

BODY OF DROWNED MAN IS BURIED UNCOFFINED

(Journal Special Service.)
Hood River, Or., May 12.—The body of an unknown man was discovered floating in the Columbia river Friday at Thurston Mills point, near Collins Springs. From papers found on the body it is thought the man's name may be George Williamson and that he had been working on the Portland & Seattle railroad at Columbia. A hospital ticket with dues paid to April 2, and \$5.00 in money were found in the pockets. As no marks indicating death by violence were discovered the body was buried after a brief investigation by the coroner. The grave was dug on the point but a short distance back from the river and the body thrown into it without coffin or covering other than the loose earth. This action on the part of the authorities of Eschmanna county has aroused considerable criticism as it is felt that decent Christian burial was due, no matter if the unfortunate was a stranger and the burial would have been a charge on the county.

JAMESTOWN FAIR READY BY JULY

Commissioner Smith Says It is All Right So Far as it is Finished.

OREGON WOULD HAVE DONE WELL TO EXHIBIT

Says Best Time to Visit Will Be in October, Virginia's Most Delightful Month—Hotel Accommodations Taxed to Present Capacity.

(Journal Special Service.)
Hood River, May 12.—Having executed his duty as commissioner from Oregon to the Jamestown exposition, E. L. Smith has returned to his home here. Mr. Smith has been absent since April 14, when he started for Jamestown to attend the formal opening of the exposition. While away he met the president and many other officials and dignitaries in high positions and was much pleased with his trip. In regard to the exposition Mr. Smith said:

"At present the only building that is open to sightseers is the one containing the government exhibit. The buildings erected or in course of construction are very handsome and when the exposition is finally completed, which I think will be about the first of July, it will be both attractive and interesting. Oregon will be represented by an exhibit. In fact, I was the only Oregon product on the ground. I regret very much that this was the case, as I believe an exhibit of the products of this great state would have proved very valuable to it. The exposition grounds are beautifully situated, but hotel accommodations at Jamestown are limited. Norfolk, Richmond, Old Point Comfort and other places adjacent to the exposition which can be reached by boat and train will necessarily entertain most of the visitors. Hotel rates have already been doubled in anticipation of the great rush and I had some difficulty in securing accommodations. The most pleasant time to visit the exposition will be in October, which is a delightful month in Virginia. I am told that the summer months at Jamestown are pretty hot. While I was there the weather was of all varieties and though it is much farther south than Oregon, spring is no more advanced than it is here. Strawberry plants and apple trees were in bloom when I left and other vegetation in about the same condition as I find it here."

FRUIT-GROWERS AFTER WESTERN RAILROADS

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, May 12.—Arguments will be heard here tomorrow by the interstate commerce commission in the case of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas and other complainants against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and other railroads.

CHILD PLAYING WITH DOG BADLY BITTEN

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Astoria, Or., May 12.—Adolph, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hardesty, was badly bitten Saturday night by a pointer dog owned by J. W. Johnson. The boy and a companion were playing in the yard of E. H. Taylor, where the dog was also playing, when without warning the animal pounced upon Adolph, throwing him down and biting in a right leg near the knee, badly lacerating it. The dog had to be clubbed over the head before he would let go his hold.

TACOMA MOTHER IS SPEAKER AT CONGRESS

(Journal Special Service.)
Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—Child-saving work and the prevention of crime were the chief topics considered this session this evening. The scheduled speakers include Margaret E. Sangster, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, president of the congress, and Mrs. Theodore W. Birney of Atlanta, the founder and first president of the congress. The work of the congress during the 10 years of its existence will be reviewed and plans for its future activities discussed.

PEACE DELEGATES TO SAIL FOR THE HAGUE

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., May 12.—Delegates from the United States to the peace conference at The Hague will sail this week from New York, according to present plans. The delegation includes General Horace Porter, ex-ambassador to France; Joseph H. Choate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain; U. M. Rose of Arkansas, ex-president of the American Bar association; David J. Hill, minister to the Netherlands; Brigadier-General George B. Davis, judge advocate-general of the United States army; Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, president of the naval war college; and William I. Buchanan, ex-minister to Argentina. Chandler Hale of Maine, a son of Senator Hale and ex-secretary of the American embassy at Vienna, will accompany the delegation as secretary. James Brown Scott, solicitor of the department of state and an expert in international law, and Charles Henry Butler, reporter of the United States supreme court, are among the other attaches of the delegation.

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SAY MORGAN IS TO BE CATHOLIC

Rumored in London That Multi-Millionaire Will Soon Forsake Protestants.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, May 12.—Rumor over here is always busy with J. Pierpont Morgan's name. The latest tale concerning him which the gossiping dame has started is that he intends joining the Roman Catholic church.

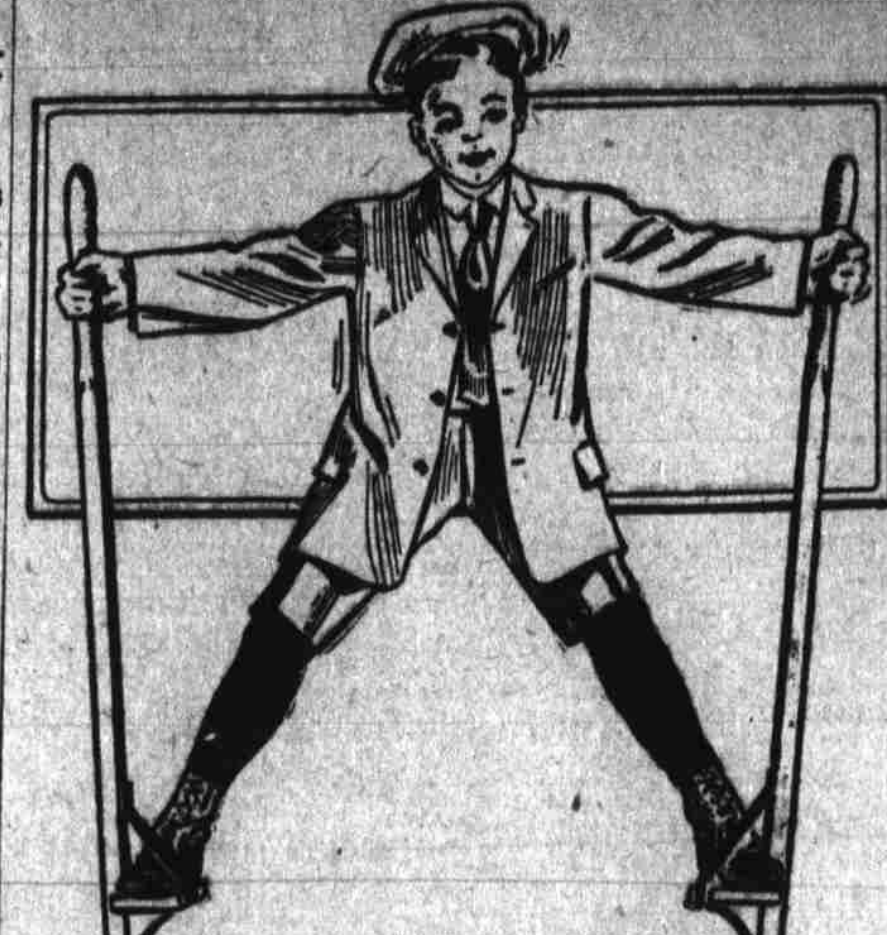
The statement that as a reward for returning to the Vatican the famous cope of Pope Nicholas IV, which was stolen from the cathedral of Assoli, the American multimillionaire is to have his name embroidered on its precious folds has been used to lend credence to the report of his contemplated change of faith.

It is said that this honor has been decided on as a sort of inducement to take the decisive step, it being already known at the Vatican that he has strong leanings in that direction. When he is in London, it is learned, he frequently attends the services at the Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster.

It is not generally known here that Mr. Morgan is one of the pillars of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, and a frequent lay delegate to her conventions. Therefore the rumor that he intends joining the mother church finds reader acceptance here, than it will probably obtain in America.

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