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## SCANDAL IN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT GROWS ALASKA COAL STEAL SAID TO INVOLVE HIGH U. S. OFFICIALS

### BANK LOSES POWERFUL LOBBY IN WASHINGTON FOR TRUST ITS GOLD TO ROBBERS

Two Unmasked Youths Compel Cashier at Santa Clara to Hand Out \$7000—Flee in Auto—It Breaks Down—Hot Pursuit.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 13.—The two young men who robbed the Santa Clara bank this morning and their chauffeur, were captured about noon today, about three quarters of a mile from the place where their automobile broke down. The \$7000 in gold was recovered by the posse, which was led by Sheriff Langford of Santa Clara county.

The men, when overpowered, were fleeing toward San Francisco on foot, having divided the treasure among themselves.

The officers, who had pursued the robbers in automobiles, greatly outnumbered the robbers and as the pursuers were armed with rifles the capture was easily effected.

The robbers were taken immediately to San Jose, where they were held in custody to identify them. Charles F. A. Buge and Bookkeeper Charles Johnson left here immediately for San Jose to identify the men under arrest as the robbers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 13.—Two young men, about 30 years old, walked

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### SETTLERS LOSE THE HEALTH CASE

And 1000 Homeseekers Are Out—Decision by Interior Department.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 13.—By a decision of the secretary of the interior, received by the local land office, the much disputed Northern Pacific lands are held to be not open to settlement. This is a hard blow to the 1000 or more homestead seekers who have made their filings and in some cases have sold so far as to prove up.

This decision originally grew out of what is known as the Health case. The applicant was turned down by the land office here. He appealed to the commissioner of the general land office. The commissioner sustained the stand taken by the Vancouver office and the case went to the secretary of the interior, who on July 17 sustained the commissioner.

One of the chief points given by the secretary for his decision in favor of the railway company, that in accordance with a resolution of congress in 1870 the company was given permission to mortgage the land in question. This was done, and when the old Northern Pacific Railroad company went to the wall in 1893, the new Northern Pacific Railway company bid in the lands at foreclosure sale.

### FLIES AS IF HE HAD WINGS

C. F. Willard in Bi-Plane Directs Flight as Accurately as a Bird Might—12 Miles in 19-2 Minutes, Alighting on Spot He Started From.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, L. I., Aug. 13.—C. F. Willard, in the Curtiss bi-plane "Red Bug," today sailed 12 miles in 19 1/2 minutes, over three towns, and rough country where descent would have been practically impossible, making a flight in certain respects the most wonderful ever accomplished in a machine heavier than air.

He brought the machine down, under perfect control, within 15 feet of the spot where he started. It is said he exceeded the best cross country record of the Wright brothers. The French record is better but it was made over a smooth plain.

### HAND OF HAMMOND IN POWER SITES GRAB

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 13.—Light is thrown upon the power trust's efforts to control waterpower sites by the revelation that John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, is one of the leaders in the trust's movement.

Hammond daily golfs with Taft at Beverly. He is potent in the national Republican organization and was a candidate for vice-president before the Chicago convention.

When he was talked of for a cabinet position under Taft, he said: "I cannot accept, because my business projects would conflict with the duties of the office."

He was for years chief engineer of the Cuggenheim smelter trust, which is interested in grabbing power sites.

There is a well known attorney here who has abandoned ordinary practice to devote himself to serving the power trust, which for years has maintained an expensive lobby at Washington to prevent legislation desired by Roosevelt and to facilitate the acquisition of power sites. This attorney is at the land office every day and nothing escapes his alertness. His interests are identical with those of Hammond. Pinchot is known to be the one chief obstacle to these power trust operators in the departments and in congress.

Taft, of course, does not realize the significance of Hammond's activities, but is his companion because of his charming personality.

### SERVICE MEN IN SORRY TANGLE

By John E. Lathrop.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The national capital has been filled with rumors of a contemplated laying of charges against Secretary Ballinger of the interior department alleging he had permitted by negligence or had consented outright to an attempt to hurry to patent coal land claims in Alaska that were contrary to law.

That two years or more ago one Cunningham of Seattle located a number of coal claims in Alaska, later causing many more to be located, all being a contiguous aggregate and carrying at least 50,000,000 tons of fine steaming coal.

Ballinger's Alleged Connection. That Cunningham caused these claims to be located with the definite intent of consolidating them after they were patented, such combination being contrary to the mineral laws of Alaska.

That Cunningham persistently sought to get the claims patented, and was a client of Ballinger, who, on resigning as general land commissioner, returning to private practice at Seattle, wrote a brief to Garfield, then secretary of the interior, urging that these claims be patented to patient.

Garfield was cancelling. That Garfield, investigating through his subordinates, believed the claims unlawful, and was gradually causing their cancellation. It is alleged that



Secret Service Agent L. R. Glavis.

when Ballinger became secretary his subordinates took up a line of policy differing from Garfield's and that Glavis, chief of the field division of special agents, resisted all demands on him to hasten the claims to patent, alleging that he had discovered strong evidence of their alleged illegal character and of the intention of Cunningham to consolidate them after patents had been issued.

That his superior repeatedly commanded him to prepare the cases for special hearing before the commissioner here, in spite of Glavis' persistence in alleging that the evidence showed the law had been violated.

Finally, so these allegations go, Glavis appealed to Law Officer Shays of the forestry bureau here, the lands in

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### BURDETTE RESTS EASIER TODAY

Intense Suffering Has Decreased and Humorist Has Restful Night.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Redondo, Cal., Aug. 13.—Reports from the bedside of Rev. "Bob" Burdette indicate that the great humorist rested more comfortably last night than he has for many days. The intense suffering that has accompanied his illness decreased and permitted him to get several hours sleep.

Late yesterday the plaster cast in which he has lain was removed and replaced with another.

Burdette is suffering from acute sciatic rheumatism, the result of an injury. His physicians stated that his complete recovery cannot be expected for many months.

### TAFT WILL MEET DIAZ ANYWHERE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 13.—President Taft says he will meet President Diaz wherever he goes. In reply to a question he said: "I would go outside the United States in a minute if necessary. There is no law against my leaving the country."

### OREGON FOLK FAIL TO WIN LAND PRIZE

First 150 Names at Today's Flathead Indian Reservation Drawing Are Largely Montanans and Middle Westers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 13.—Not one Oregonian's name was drawn in the first 150 names at the Flathead Indian reservation land lottery this morning. Washington, Montana and Idaho were fairly well represented, but the middle west states made the best showing. It is not thought that the three little girls who are picking the envelopes will be able to carry out Judge Witten's plan of drawing 4,000 names today, and completing the Flathead lottery.

(By H. C. Shaver, Journal Staff Correspondent.)

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 13.—Drawing for the Flathead Indian reservation lands was recommenced at 8 o'clock this morning, the name of Fred Schneider, of Philadelphia, Pa., being the first drawn.

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### OFFICIAL LIST OF FIRST 2000 NAMES IN THE FLATHEAD

The Journal this morning received the complete official list as compiled by Judge Witten's corps of the first 2000 names drawn at Coeur d'Alene Thursday for the Flathead Indian reservation lands. The list is open for inspection at the news room of The Journal, 219 Goodenough building. The complete official list of today's drawing, which is expected to contain 1000 names, will probably be received Saturday morning, and will be open for inspection Saturday afternoon. As stated in Thursday's Journal, the official list of 2000 names drawn for the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation lands is open for inspection.

### DELAWARE TOWN WIPE OFF MAP

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dover, Del., Aug. 13.—A company of militia, with tents, blankets and provisions, started today for Milton, 40 miles south of here, which was practically destroyed by the early this morning, when 300 buildings were burned. The town had a population of about 2000 and most of the people are homeless as the result of the fire. No one was killed and none so far is reported missing.

When the fire was first discovered a high wind was blowing and in spite of the desperate efforts of the volunteer fire department, the flames gained headway until they had laid a wide area in ashes. No estimate of the damage can be made yet, but the loss is heavy.

Reports received here say hundreds of women and children went without breakfast this morning. Many persons have been working hard and are without even sufficient clothes.

With the exception of a few stores from the Spaniards, according to dispatches from Mellilla.

The fighting has been going on for a week, and both sides have lost heavily during the conflicts. The Spanish troops are taking refuge within the inner fortifications.

The Moors have gained a big advantage over the Spaniards, and reinforced by Rifit soldiers and sympathizers from the interior, they have the largest force that has yet attacked the city. The cannon have been hauled up the steep slopes of Mount Jauria, which overlooks Mellilla. From there the Moors are directing a heavy fire downward into the fortifications.

General Marina, who is in command of the Spaniards, led a sortie against the tribesmen in a vain effort to drive them from the outside entrenchments that they have captured. The Spanish

### LA FOLLETTE PAYS HIS RESPECTS TO CANNON



Robert La Follette, Who Vigorously Replied to Speaker Cannon.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Madison, Wis., Aug. 13.—The new tariff and Speaker Cannon are attacked today by Senator La Follette in his "weekly." The leading editorial bears the caption, "The New Tariff Law and the President's Statement." It declares that the president in the campaign last fall promised a downward revision, saying in part: "The kind of revision demanded, promised and decreed at the polls was not even partially complied with. In so far as the price of any article in common use is affected by the rates under the Payne-Aldrich law, the cost will be increased to the consumer."

The editorial says that although many are disappointed at the president's statement because it is not a vigorous stand, there is hopeful significance in the intimation that the tariff is not a closed book.

Another editorial, under the caption "Cannon's Revenge," says: "By relegating the Republican congressmen who had the temerity to question his divine right to rule, to unimportant committees, Cannon may be laboring under the delusion that he can awe into submission their constituents."

"He took revenge, but went a long way toward his downfall, demonstrating how little representation the citizen is permitted to have in congress."

### WILL RUSH DESCHUTES LINE

Oregon Trunk Line to Put Army of Men Along Entire Right of Way at Once—Portland Becomes Scene of Legal Battle—Porter Is Happy.

"Thirty-five hundred men are to be rushed into Deschutes canyon to carry on the construction work of the Oregon Trunk railroad," said Volney D. Williamson, one of the owners, this morning. "We have carried our operations beyond the possibility of a bluff," he added.

"We plan now to occupy the entire right of way with construction gangs, so that there will be no possible reason for delay. We have the money, we are getting the men; our equipment is already stationed for use. We mean business."

The battle for rights in the Harriman and Porter Bros. railroad construction into central Oregon removed from Deschutes to the federal court, the leaders of the fight have accordingly changed location and are now all gathered in Portland. Mr. Williamson, when seen this morning, was at the Hotel Portland, having just arrived from Deschutes. A few minutes earlier, John D. Porter and a number of associates were at the Hotel Oregon. He was here with all odds the happiest-looking man

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### HAS FAITH IN FUTURE OF ISLANDS

Editor of American Newspaper in Manila Visits Portland and Talks Interestingly on Opportunities to Be Found There.

"There is no reason why Portland should not share in the prosperity which is to be the Philippines' under the new era of free trade between America and the islands," said Frederic O'Brien, editor and general manager of the Manila Cables-American, the leading daily of the Philippines, while at the Hotel Portland yesterday. Accompanied by Judge Richard Campbell of the court of first instance in the first judicial district of the Philippines, Mr. O'Brien is on his way to Washington where it is rumored President Taft has a federal appointment awaiting him.

Mr. O'Brien has great faith in the future of the island possessions. He declares that the passage of the free trade bill by congress and its signing by President Taft means that tremendous impetus will be given to commerce between the Pacific coast and the Philippines.

"The islands," he said, "have waited for free trade many years and many times it has seemed that the American people by their congress were unwilling to grant it. It has only been by the constant work of Mr. Taft, Brice"

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### WOMAN LOST ON BURNING DESERT

Attempts to Walk Six Miles and Fails to Reach Destination—Heat Intense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 13.—Mrs. Harriet McCormick, 75 years of age, is supposed to have lost her life in the desert near Victorville. Dispatches received here today stated that she left Victorville late Sunday to walk to the home of her daughter, which is six miles from the Mojave river, the nearest water. When she failed to reach her destination by nightfall the daughter became alarmed and searching parties were sent to the desert.

The searchers returned last evening without finding a trace of the missing woman. It is thought that night fell before Mrs. McCormick reached her daughter's home, and she became lost. The heat in this section for the last week has been intense and has killed several of those who were under the burning sun. Another party left today to search for her body.

### OPEN FIELD IN PHILIPPINE TRADE

Frederic O'Brien, editor of the Cables-American, published in Manila, believes that the commercial relations between Portland, as a Pacific coast port of entry and the Philippine islands are to be immensely important and that local business interests should improve the opportunity offered by free trade. He says:

"America is to be always in the Philippines. There is no way out. It will be perhaps an ethical sacrifice to stay, but to leave would be to give the islands and their simple people over to the wolves of nations, who contend today for dominancy in the orient. The Philippines have not the strength of population, education nor wealth to withstand the pressure of Europe, Japan and China in the fight for trade and room for population. China, though weak today, is growing. Her people are excluded from the Philippines by America, but with the strong arm of Uncle Sam withdrawn the hordes of Cathay would swamp the islands and drive the indolent Filipino from every avenue of work."

"Therefore, much as we may regret the policy which caused us a western nation untrained in colonialism, and whose very essence, democracy, is equal rights for all to take up the burden of the Philippines, fate means us to stay."

"And in staying we must develop. The islands are to be the entrepot of American trade in the orient. With free trade we will gradually make them the depot of American manufactures in the far east. Where England for 80 years has ruled the business world of Asia from its holding in Hongkong, the time of the United States has come, and the islands are to be the seat of commerce, the headquarters of the American dollar in the orient."

"Portland should have its share in this. With its magnificent natural advantages, its growing population and its energetic merchants, it should get into the game speedily. The trade with China is to be the bone of international contention for the next century and there is opportunity for all the harbors of the Pacific coast to send each its freightage out and to capture each its share of the trade."