

WILL THOMAS C. DEVLIN APPEAR AGAINST BANKER MOORE AT COMING CRIMINAL TRIAL?

FEDERAL JUDGE HANFORD HURRIES TO DEFENSE OF SECRETARY BALLINGER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Feb. 26.—Federal Judge C. H. Hanford, a friend of Secretary Ballinger, and District Attorney Elmer E. Todd deny the testimony of Special Agent Jones given before the Ballinger investigating committee in Washington yesterday.

"The statements of Mr. Jones are absolutely and unqualifiedly false," said Todd this morning. "I did not say that Judge Hanford was constitutionally opposed to land fraud cases and that the reason I did not want to prosecute was because I did not want to be humiliated by having them turned down. Mr. Jones was a perfect stranger to me. He is also a personal friend of Mr. Glavis and is trying to shield him."

"I did recommend that the cases be taken to Tacoma before the grand jury there, where Judge Hanford was also sitting and which was a part of the district in which I was practicing."

"The statement that I am constitutionally opposed to land fraud cases is utterly false," said Federal Judge Hanford. "I have been on the bench 20 years and I have never yet turned down a case which had any merit in it."

Todd in further explaining the incident, said:

"Mr. Jones presented to me, May 16, 1908, the question of criminal prosecution arising out of certain coal entries in Alaska, but I never suggested that he or Mr. Glavis take up the matter with the attorney general at Washington. I did suggest to him that in view of the large amount of work to be taken up before the grand jury, which met in Seattle, May 19, this matter be presented to the grand jury at Tacoma in the July term. The statements made by Jones as to my reasons for not taking up the cases, however, are utterly false."

GIFFORD PINCHOT SAYS BALLINGER TOLD FALSEHOODS

Coal Claims His Business, Being in Forest Reserve, but Records Denied Him; Merciless Arraignment.



Gifford Pinchot, who was on the stand in the Ballinger investigation today.

Washington, Feb. 26.—A great crowd listened breathlessly today while Gifford Pinchot, deposed chief forester, on the witness stand in the Ballinger investigation boldly accused Secretary of the Interior Ballinger not only of overturning the conservation policies of the last administration, but also of making a false statement to President Taft. In part Pinchot said:

"I desire to lay before the committee the consecutive story of my experience with Mr. Ballinger in relation to the conservation of natural resources.

"Among these matters are three of principal importance.

"The first concerns the last administration's policy of protecting water sites against monopolistic control.

"I shall show you that Mr. Ballinger entered office with a clear determination to make short work of that policy. That he reversed this policy as far as he was allowed; that he restored power sites to entry without the remotest idea of withdrawing them, and, finally, that when I charged him, last autumn, in a statement to the president, with being an enemy of the conservation policy, he capped the climax by giving the president an explanation that was essentially false.

"The second feature has to do with

my connection as a government officer with the Cunningham coal cases and the Glavis charges.

"I shall show you how Glavis submitted his facts to me. I believed then, as I believe now, that he told the truth.

"I am convinced that Glavis was a faithful public servant and that the facts he presented prove that Mr. Ballinger has been unfaithful to his trust as a servant of the people and as the guardian of public property of enormous value.

"I shall show that, in pursuance of my duty, I laid before the president, both by word and by a letter of November 4, a statement of my conviction that Mr. Ballinger was a dangerous enemy of conservation.

"This letter was submitted to Mr. Ballinger by the president, and as part of his reply he laid before the president a statement concerning the Cunningham cases, which statement is shown by undisputed documentary evidence to be absolutely false in three essential particulars.

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Judge Hanford, for whom the town of Hanford on the Columbia river was named, has long been a prominent character in the public life of the state of Washington. Residing in Seattle for many years he has noted the development of the northwest and has accumulated a fortune. A few years ago he bought a large tract of land on the Columbia river and established the first successful pumping plant in the Inland Empire. Quiet, dignified and unostentatious Judge Hanford has been in touch with the inner life of Washington, D. C., and Washington state as but few men have been privileged to be.

BELIEVE VETO BILL WILL BE PASSED

Asquith Bluffs King, Threatening Resignation; Lords Must Act or Move.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 26.—The supporters of the Asquith ministry assume, from the attitude of the king, that the veto bill will be passed even if King Edward is compelled to swamp the house of lords with newly appointed Liberal peers.

The cabinet's success through its alliance with Nationalists and Laborites depends on the immediate consideration and passage of the veto bill. Premier Asquith has practically the king's assurance that if the lords balk at the curtailment of their prerogatives sufficient Liberal peers will be appointed by him to carry out the program of the ministry in the house of lords.

It is understood that the premier told the king that he would be compelled to resign the premiership unless the king agreed to the plan.

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BUSINESS MEN UNITE TO SUPPORT AVIATION MEET; PLAN TO ENTERTAIN 50,000

Business men at a meeting last night voted to put back of the aviation contest March 5, 6 and 7, their united support. Arrangements were completed to entertain 50,000 people at the meet. The construction of a 400 foot runway, 15 feet wide, built of solid planking was authorized.

When Charles K. Hamilton arrives in Portland he will find every arrangement made by the Portland Fair & Livestock association and the Country club to help him break the speed, altitude and distance records of the world.

Contest in Los Angeles. At Los Angeles the contestants rose from the ground, which was in many places uneven, and did not give opportunity for the smooth gliding beginning which is essential to successful flight. Hamilton will arrive in Portland Wednesday. It is now thought. Special arrangements are being made for his reception and entertainment. The Hotel Oregon will be the headquarters.

District Forecaster E. A. Beas has mapped out the road which Charles K.

Hamilton must travel when he attempts his circuit of Mount Hood, March 7. Hamilton's roads are favoring currents of air. His success will be determined by the knowledge he gains of local conditions.

As he glides in his Curtiss aeroplane toward snow-capped Mount Hood, he will carry with him the sheets of data, prepared by W. L. Wyland, under the direction of Forecaster Beas. Mr. Wyland found, among other things, that the average amount of sunshine during the past five years, which has been enjoyed by Portland between March 1 and 10 is six hours daily. The average rainy days for five years is three days, with an equal number of clear days. The maximum temperature has been 56 degrees Fahrenheit, and the minimum 40 degrees.

The general direction of the air currents at this time of year is northwest. This last bit of information is most important of all to Hamilton. If

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LABOR LEADER IS RELEASED ON HEAVY BAIL

President Murphy Quoted as Declaring General Strike of Union Men in Chicago Will Occur.

HE DENIES STATEMENT; REPORTERS AFFIRM IT

Philadelphia Street Car Company Will Hire Strikers as "New" Employees.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Three persons were reported to have been shot this afternoon in a street car riot at Fifth and Glenwood avenues. Police reserves and constabulary were rushed to the scene.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—President John J. Murphy of the Central Labor Union, was released today on heavy bail. He had been arrested on a charge of inciting riot following the publication of an interview attributed to him, in which trouble for the authorities was threatened. Murphy, after his arrest, was quoted as declaring that a general strike of union men in Chicago would ultimately occur. He was reported as saying that he had letters from representatives of 50,000 union men assuring him that a strike or all Philadelphia's unionized men and women would meet with their approval.

Murphy today denied that he had made any such statements in an interview, but a number of newspaper reporters who were present at the time of the interview declared today that Murphy was quoted correctly.

Police headquarters today remained quiet for several hours following the operation of the first cars from the company's barns. The indications were that there would be little trouble during the interview. Murphy made a slight concession today when it announced a willingness to re-engage the striking carmen as "new" employees should they return to work by next Tuesday.

Speaker Cannon



Speaker Joseph Cannon who seems for the once to be slightly under a political eclipse. From time immemorial the speaker of the house has been acknowledged and submitted to as a veritable czar. "Uncle Joe" seems to have exercised no more than his ancient prerogatives, but for some reason or other he has not been able to administer his official "dope" with the same effect as his predecessors, and not experience a "come back" just now the insurgent Republicans in congress seem to have placed a crimp in the speaker that will have an effect on all his successors.

RAILS BURIED IN AVALANCHES OR CUT BY FLOODS

Blockade in Mountains Continues on Northern Lines With Rains in Lowlands an Equal Menace.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 26.—The snow blockade on the Great Northern railroad grows worse each hour. Instead of better. A heavy snow fell all night in the mountains, completely wiping out what little work had been done to clear the tracks. The six stalled passenger trains are standing today in the same spots at which they have been blocked for three days.

While the snow was stopping all traffic in the Cascades, heavy rains were playing havoc with the coast lines. Two trains were wrecked last night between Seattle and Bellingham. Northbound passenger No. 278, due in Everett at 7:20 p. m., ran into a washout south of Mukilton, the engine turning over and the mail car leaving the tracks. Fireman Miller jumped and was injured, but not seriously. Passengers walked to Mukilton and took a boat to Bellingham.

The next train ran into a washout south of Bellingham and was ditched. The line will be cleared today. The two men who lost their lives in yesterday's snowslide at the west portal of the Cascade tunnel were John Olson, a cook, and Harry Ellinger, a waiter. Olson's body has been found.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 26.—All attempts of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget

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CITY WILL FIGHT LIGHT COMPANY'S CLAIM OF \$29,000

Attorney Kavanaugh Prepares Defense to Suit to Enforce Payment on Contract of the Lane Administration.

City Attorney Kavanaugh and Mayor Simon at a conference lasting nearly all this morning planned the defense of the municipality against the suit of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for \$29,000, which sum the company alleges is due on an old lighting contract entered into between it and the city.

"I think the company will have a hard time proving its allegations," said Mr. Kavanaugh after leaving the mayor's office. "We will certainly demand convincing proof before yielding a point. I don't believe the company's case is very strong."

The lighting company's suit is to recover money it contends is due on a five year contract which expired last year during the administration of Dr. Lane. The company agreed to furnish a stipulated amount of illumination, but afterwards the type of arc lamps in use at the time the contract was awarded was changed and the Lane executive board deducted \$29,000 in all from the payments made thereafter by the city until the life of the contract was at an end.

"ASTRO" WILL HAVE TO BREAK BARS AND PASS UP THE HANDCUFF

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Beating that the police of Hot Springs, Ark., have a stronger case against Charles Alexander ("Astro") Conlin, the "handcuff king" than the San Francisco police have, Chief Martin today ordered Detective Redmond to suspend extradition proceedings and return home. Chief Martin holds that the Hot Springs authorities have a direct case of jailbreaking against the mystic and could more easily prosecute the case than could the local authorities, who would have to prove grand larceny. "Professor Astro" was shot and seriously wounded late yesterday by a sheriff's posse near Okolona, Ark.

COURT TELLS GRAND JURY PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE VIOLATING ORDINANCE

Violation of the law requiring doors on public buildings and all places of amusement or business where large crowds gather to open outward was forcibly called to the attention of the grand jury by Presiding Judge Morrow in the circuit court this morning.

"You will see by a casual examination," said the court, "that this law is not being observed, although it was passed about a year ago. This is an important matter, affecting the public safety, and it should receive your attention. Whether you shall return indictments for violation of the law or merely investigate the conditions and prepare the way for your successors in office is a matter for you to determine for yourselves." "This law applies to all public buildings, theatres, halls and stores. I know myself of one theatre where, during a performance, the outer doors are barred with an iron bar. I have examined and seen that for myself. I think you will find that practically none of the the-

FEDERAL OFFICIALS CANNOT AGREE ON OFFICE CHANGES

Postmaster Wants Courts to Move From Federal Building to Make More Room for His Department.

MARSHAL REED DOES NOT FAVOR ATTIC QUARTERS

Young Hopes Appropriation of \$1,500,000 for New Post-office Not Be Cut.

Officials of the Federal building are apparently hopelessly at odds over changes which involve the removal of the federal courts to the Customs building. Postmaster John C. Young is very anxious to have the courts moved out of the building so that both first and second floors can be used for postoffice purposes. Judge Robert S. Bean is willing to move down into the Customs building, but Judge C. E. Wolverton desires to remain in the present Federal building.

The most strenuous of all protesters against a change, however, is Marshal C. J. Reed. Postmaster Young thought the marshals' offices could be moved to the attic of the Federal building. Marshal Reed declared this morning with little heat that such a procedure would be ridiculous.

Objects to Attic. "The attic quarters are altogether unsuitable," he affirmed. "There is no provision for light, heat or ventilation. We would be hopelessly cramped."

"Nor do I think that the courtrooms in the Customs house would be suitable. Judge Ballinger refused to be removed down there, not because he was attached to the gloomy courtroom in the Federal building, as has been said, but because no chambers were provided there. Had Judge Ballinger consented to a removal he would have had no place in which to do his work. If

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PIONEER RAILROAD CONTRACTOR DEAD

George W. Hunt Dies After a Long Illness; Resident of Portland for 20 Years.

George W. Hunt, for many years a leading figure in the railroad construction of the northwest, died at his home, 511 Irving street, this morning after four years' confinement to his bed with pernicious anemia. The funeral will be held Monday at 1 o'clock from Finley's parlors, Rev. Mr. Christman officiating.

Mr. Hunt was born in Chautauque county, New York, in 1842. He came to Oregon in 1859. He first engaged in freighting business between The Dalles, Boise and Ogden. Later he constructed more than 500 miles of railroad for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, Northern Pacific and other railroads. He also built a system of railroads near Walla Walla with his own capital. He has made his home in Portland for 20 years. He is survived by his wife and four children, Charles W. and Guy L. of Half Way, Ore.; C. S. Hunt of Nyssa, Ore.; and Lily M. Hunt who has been making her home with her father.

OREGON TRUST RECEIVER HIDES IN CALIFORNIA

Health Breaks Down Because of Worry Over Tangle Growing Out Bank Failure; Could Give Sensational Story.

HOW MADE CERTAIN MEN PREFERRED CREDITORS

It Is Said Devlin Would Not Explain Mysterious Instances to His Credit.

Thomas C. Devlin, receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank and cashier of the German-American bank, is in California for his health. That is known. He will not return to his home in Portland until after the disposal by the courts of the criminal trial against W. H. Moore and other directors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. That is believed.

It is freely asserted that he is staying away because the strain to which he would be subjected as a witness at that trial, having been subpoenaed as such, would be greater than his strength could bear.

Many Unusual Things. That is also believed, and the belief comes from the allegation that there are many things so unusual, so mysterious and so out of line with the course of conduct normally expected of him as receiver, that he could not well explain them with credit to himself or satisfaction to the court or to the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank.

From the examination of the records of transactions under the receivership, it is charged that Mr. Devlin and, through him, the German-American bank, made preferred creditors of a large number of persons who had claims against the defunct Oregon Trust; that he has paid out large sums of money in cash to meet preferred claims dollar for dollar; that other depositors have been pushed back and practically forced to settle their claims for from 60 to 80 per cent of their face; that he and the German-American bank knowingly operated in conjunction with bond brokers in the purchase of claims against the Oregon Trust below par; that the stock of the German-American bank has been juggled, and many other things.

Paid \$88,000. It is charged, among other things, that some time before the German American bank took over the assets and liabilities of the Oregon Trust &

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M'CARTHY SAYS HENEY IS LIAR

San Francisco Labor Mayor Riled by Attack Made Upon Him by Ex-Prosecutor.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The potpourri of political squabbles, newspaper ruminations over the recent "graft prosecution" and public attacks on champions of both sides in the controversy over municipal ownership of a street railway system has been enlivened by the reply of Mayor P. H. McCarthy to a recent public attack of Francis J. Heney. McCarthy spent yesterday afternoon formulating his reply and the gist of it follows:

"He was saying what was not true, knowing that it was not telling the truth, when he made those remarks on Wednesday evening. In other words, he is a liar. The only alliance existing is that of P. H. McCarthy with the people to wit: For the people's interest. What Heney does or does not say about me has absolutely no weight with me. Any falsehood disseminated by Heney cannot disturb my usefulness to the people.

"I have my regards for the dead, and very seldom care to discuss dead ones. Heney seems to be under the impression about the people continue to think about him, and seems to think that there is nothing else to think about. The people's choice has been heard, as far as that is concerned, and I intend to be right as I think right and do not care what Heney thinks about me. I will also compel him to do what is right, as I think I am big enough to be mayor of all the people of San Francisco, Heney included.

"As to my position with reference to Calhoun, the records show, of the car strike which Heney and his supporters and associates fought to break, that I raised \$170,000 through the San Francisco Building Trades council in five months to support our men, and fight the United Railroads. "His statement that I fought against the Geary street road in the meeting at the Building Trades council is proved to be by the reference to my talk at that time. Three times I referred to Twelvetoes point, if the voters went to work instead of voting, and allowed the measure to rest with their neighbors, the issue would be defeated. But Heney is a dead man, and he does not seem to realize it."

The World's News IN THE Sunday Journal

Three leased wire reports supply The Sunday Journal with the latest telegraphic news of the world at large; Pacific coast happenings are correctly chronicled through a corps of trained correspondents; while a capable staff of writers cover the local field.

"The World's Highest Dam and Its Purpose" is an engrossing story of the great Shoshone reclamation project in Wyoming, and "The Rockpile—An Institution for Reform" deals with the conduct of Portland's municipal reformatory. Both stories are among the illustrated features of the Magazine and Women's Section of The Sunday Journal for tomorrow.

A Splendid Issue