

BALLINGER HELD UP AS CHAMPION OF CONSERVATION

To His Attorney He Has Commended Himself as All That Is Trustworthy in Public Life.

GLAVIS DENOUNCED AS LIAR AND OTHER THINGS

Challenges Committee to Hear Testimony and Do Otherwise Than Acquit.

Washington, March 26.—A few drops of Verres' oil. Pinchot—Vain and flattered by his own publicity bureau. Glavis—Blindly misconceiving, attempting to assassinate Mr. Ballinger's good name; suspicious by nature and perverted by defective service. Conservation—Like all sound doctrines, when preached by the vain and self-seeking, has become perverted until it is here a folly and there a reproach. The resentment of a discharged public servant and the program of an unscrupulous political intrigue. The Pinchot service—On March 4, 1909, there came the reign of law; before it was the reign of men.

Washington, March 26.—The defense had its first inning today at the congressional inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Attorney Verres, chief counsel for the secretary of the interior, in a statement presenting his case, poured out wrath upon Gifford Pinchot, former forester, and J. R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the land office, the two principals in the prosecution. He answered the charges against Ballinger in terms of bitter denunciation on the one hand, and warm commendation of the secretary on the other. The Pinchot-Glavis side finished its case shortly after the luncheon recess. Attorney Verres, at that time made a second ineffectual attempt to force the committee to call Secretary Ballinger to testify as the first witness for the "defense," but the committee overruled the request, as it had previously decided against a demand by Glavis that he be allowed to call Ballinger as a witness for the prosecution. Attorney Verres then began his opening statement, which he read carefully from prepared manuscript.

Ballinger as Conservationist. "When Mr. Ballinger has been heard," said Attorney Verres, "it will be seen that true conservation has been his staid supporter than he. He holds that conservation is not a thing of caprice, but of law; that those who have already been born and now breathe have rights, as well as those yet to be born and to breathe.

"Mr. Ballinger did restore vast sections of domain, under one pretense or another. He still believes he was right, but if he erred, he denies it is an error for which the good faith of his official action should be questioned at the instance of those who would substitute opinion for law. "The evidence now to be offered will make all things so clear, so undeniably clear, so plain that this committee will cast about to discover how it is that men who knew as much of the truth as Pinchot and Glavis and Garfield and Davis and Newell knew, would have the daring to present themselves as sincere, honest harbingers of a suspicion, much less casting aspersions, much less believing that they had knowledge of incalculable facts.

"Glavis, suspicious by nature, became perverted by detective service until apparently he had become incapable of fair judgment. "Mr. Pinchot, vain and flattered as chief of the forest service by his own publicity bureau, had come to regard

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CHARRED BODY OF GIRL VICTIM IS FOUND IN A SACK

Revolted Crime Revealed in New York When Oil Soaked Gunny Sack Is Discovered on Fire Escape.

DEATH RESULTED FROM STRANGULATION

Man Arrested for Abduction Is Now Held by Authorities on Murder Charge.

(By the International News Service.) New York, March 26.—One of the most revolting crimes ever perpetrated in New York was uncovered this afternoon when the charred body of Ruth Ames Wheeler, a 13-year-old stenographer who disappeared last Thursday, was found on the fire escape in the rear of 222 East 75th street, next door to the house in which lived Albert W. Walters, now held on a charge of homicide. Walters had been arrested on a charge of abduction when it was found that the girl had gone to his rooms seeking a position as stenographer, but the charge was changed when the body was found.

Body Frightfully Burned. The body was wrapped in an oil-soaked gunny sack and was burned almost beyond recognition. A charred fragment of rope sticking to the neck showed that the girl was strangled. Wrapped up in the sack with the body was a package containing a man's white shirt bearing the initial "W." The fire escape on which the body was first discovered is of the balcony type and was for the use of the tenants of both 222 and 224. The flat occupied by Walters opened upon it.

Details Revolting. The police made a careful examination of the apartment Walters had occupied and discovered that a fire board protecting the wall from the stove had been removed, newly repainted and replaced. The condition of the grate was such that the police believe that the body was wrapped in cloth or papers, saturated with oil, crashed into the chimney and set on fire. No blood was found, which strengthens the belief that the girl was strangled.

Mistaken for Garbage. The body was first discovered by John Taggart, who lives in No. 222. Seeing the bundle on the fire escape he supposed it to be garbage from the apartment of one of his neighbors and pushed it over the railing into the yard. The fall burst the bag and attracted the attention of John Wash, who lives in 224. He saw the bag contained the fragments

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DICKEY HELD FOR LEADING MOB IN HINDU ASSAULTS

Bound Over to Grand Jury at Night Session by Justice Olsson; Pointed Out by Victims of Riot.

PROSECUTOR SAYS POLICE "FIXED"

Butcher Declares Dickey Head of 60 Men Who Ran Upstairs to Get Hindus.

Gordon Dickey was positively identified as the leader of the mob of Hindu haters at St. Johns and was bound over to the grand jury at the preliminary examination held last night before Justice of the Peace Olsson. Startling statements as to complicity on the part of the police of St. Johns, wherein the night chief of police agreed with Dickey that there should be no interference with the work of the mob, were made by Deputy District Attorney Garland, who was in charge of the case for the state. This part of his testimony he reserved for the future, but said he would be able to prove the "fixing" of the police at the proper time.

Many Attend Trial. The stuffy justice court was filled to the doors with men and women from St. Johns, while the halls of the building near the room were crowded with dusky sons of the far east. John Kim, the Hindu interpreter, and J. J. Cole, proprietor of the butcher shop over which some of the Hindus roamed, were the men who declared Dickey was the leader of the mob.

Kim said he and his countrymen were first apprised of the arrival of the mob by a stone hurled against the door of the house where he lives along the railroad. The door was broken down, he said, and Dickey threw a revolver in his face, commanding him to hold up his hands. He was seated at a table writing, he said, and Dickey went through his pockets, taking \$50 out of them. Then he and other Hindus were taken and put on the streets and the mob made a rush for other places where his countrymen were quartered.

Throw Glass of Beer. Deputy Constable W. T. Kiernan testified that when he arrested Dickey the latter told him that he and a half brother were in a saloon when some Hindus entered and some one threw a glass of beer on one of them. The Hindus chased them down the street, he said. He saw there was about to be trouble, so he assisted in putting the Hindus on the streets and get them out of the range of danger. Cole, the butcher, said Dickey was at

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Oregon's Prominent Men Honor Judge Williams on His 87th Birthday

Thunderous Applause Greets Him When He Rises to Speak; President Taft Sends Congratulations.

Taft's Congratulations. The White House, Washington, March 26.—Charles E. Lockwood, Secretary Republican Club, Portland—Please present my compliments to your guest of honor, my father's friend and mine, the Honorable George H. Williams, and extend to him from my heart the warmest congratulations and best wishes on this, his eighty-seventh birthday. He may have many additional years of future usefulness. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

One hundred and seventy-five of Oregon's most prominent men met at the Portland hotel last night to pay honor to Judge George H. Williams, the grand old man of the state, upon the occasion of the eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth. It was an occasion the like of which has never before been seen in Oregon, and which may never again be seen here, where youth and middle age and silver haired citizens gathered together to pay homage to one old in years and in service but still young in mind and vigorous in body.

Eloquent tributes to the work and the worth of the guest of honor were paid by different speakers widely known for their forensic ability, but their efforts scaled far down in word painting, in force, in heart interest and human sympathy beside the response of Judge Williams. His words touched the hearts of those who listened and bound him still closer to them in sympathy and human fraternity.

Feast Elaborate. Following the feast, which was a most elaborate one and made still more pleasant by the beautiful decorations provided by Manager Bowers of the hotel, Judge M. C. George, toastmaster, presented the first toast of the evening to Judge Williams. In his address the speaker touched at some length upon the public life of Judge Williams, and reviewed his public service and his political successes. Judge Williams followed Judge George in response to the toast in his honor, and after his address Roy A. Morrison spoke on the 67 years of public service of the guest of honor. Dr. Morrison paid a sincere tribute to Judge Williams, contending that he was

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Honorable George H. Williams, who celebrated his 87th birthday last night.

PULLMAN FARES TO PACIFIC COAST MUST BE REDUCED

And Uppers Will Be Less Than Lower; Interstate Commission to Check Rapacious Practices of Car Company.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 26.—Pullman fares from St. Paul to North Pacific coast cities will be materially reduced by an order to be issued by the interstate commerce commission next week. The commission has reached this decision in the case begun by the Shippers' league, headed by George Loftus of Minneapolis. It is understood the commission will also include in its decision that the Pullman company must sell upper berths for less than lower. The decision is based as much upon the Pullman company's own official reports as from the showing in the Loftus case. From the company's reports it is shown that its \$1,000,000 capital stock is now \$100,000,000, but the entire increase comes not from additional investments of new capital by stockholders, but by capitalizing earnings. It is said the opinion at commission headquarters is that Pullman rates to the Pacific coast could be cut in half and leave abundant profit on legitimate capitalizing. The company has paid an 8 per cent annual dividend and lays by 8 per cent surplus annually, besides "cutting a melon" occasionally.

BUTTE MINE IN COPPER MERGER

Boston and Montana Co. Sells to Anaconda Company for Thirty Millions.

Butte, Mont., March 26.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Boston & Montana Mining company today it was voted to go into the recently formed copper merger, all of the company's mines and smelters being sold to the Anaconda Copper Mining company, the holding company of the merger, for 1,200,000 shares of the latter concern's stock, which has a par value of \$25. The Boston & Montana company is capitalized at \$2,750,000, there being 150,000 shares, of which all but 50 were represented at the meeting. The annual copper production of the B. & M. company is about 160,000,000 pounds of copper annually. The company owns electrolytic smelters at Great Falls, the largest of the kind in the world. It was the largest subsidiary of the Amalgamated Copper company, and controls a number of the largest mines in the Butte district.

GENERAL GORDON WILL SEND RELIEF PARTY TO ESTRADA

Nicaraguan Government Openly Defied to Prevent Shipment of Expedition; Army Has Been Organized.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Orleans, La., March 26.—The crisis in the strained relations between the representatives of the Madriz and the Estrada factions of the Nicaraguan government was reached late today, when General Gordon, who is organizing an Estrada relief expedition, suddenly appeared at the Madriz consulate and entering the room where Luis Corea, Madriz's minister to Washington, and other Madriz officials were in conference, defied them to keep him from starting his expedition for Central America. It was a dramatic scene. Corea and General Altshuler were seated at a table when Gordon suddenly entered. He calmly told his enemies that the report he was organizing an army was true. "Then you are liable to a \$1000 fine and three years' imprisonment, according to American laws," shouted Corea. "I am ready to sign a statement that I am raising an army here and that I have chartered a ship and I defy you to do anything," was Gordon's reply. He then handed each of the Madriz officials his card and walked out. Minister Corea was angered by the proceeding and said he would endeavor to have Gordon imprisoned at once. Local government officials said they would refuse to take official action un-

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FEARFUL PEOPLE GIVE THANKS AS LAVA FLOW COOLS

Mount Etna Becomes Inactive but Terrorized Villagers Flee for Their Lives; Foreigners Gathering.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Catania, Sicily, March 26.—Following this morning's violent eruption of Mount Etna, the flow of molten lava from the numerous craters diminished noticeably during the day and the greater peak has practically ceased its activities. A heavy pall of smoke hangs over the surrounding country and fine dust of pumice is settling down, killing crops. The flow of lava down the mountainside which threatened the destruction of numerous villages has slackened considerably in speed as the molten mineral cools, and unless there should be another flow, it is probable that the villagers now thought to be doomed will be saved.

People Give Thanks. The inhabitants in the vicinity of Etna are rejoicing tonight over their deliverance. All the churches have been opened for thanksgiving services. "The people attribute the cessation of the eruption to the arrival of Cardinal Francis Neva, who approached the vomiting mountain with the holiest relics in the vicinity, a portion of St. Agatha's veil, and bade the lava stream stop. Later in the evening, however, the people grew nervous and then panic-stricken. Fearing that the present lull in the eruption is but a calm that is the

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AN EASTER PRAYER in ROME

OVER the quaint old Roman room. Where, on the white stone window sill The Easter lilies are in bloom. A low knock keeps re-echoing, till The door is opened. There he stands, The humble little parish priest With kindly eyes and open hands, So gentle he recalls "the least Of these, my brethren." Near him waits The chubby little acolyte With holy water, while he staves In English, halting, but polite, His earnest purpose—"By your leave May I not give this dwelling place An Easter blessing Easter Eve?" Who could refuse the proffered grace? Not we, who in a foreign land Struggling with foreign speech, have need Of blessings from a friendly hand. What'er our creed or lack of creed And so the gentle little priest, Clad poorly in a shabby gown, Prepares us for the Paschal Feast By sprinkling holy water down In the four corners, murmuring low A Latin benediction—then With "Buona Sera!" turns to go Our dwelling place in pure again From malice, wickedness and sin, From evil domination free, Guarded without and cleaned within By this quaint, kindly ministry

Now while the luminous twilight spreads Across the spacious Roman sky, While folded hands and bended heads Send many an orison on high, The poor paroco's holy mood Still lingers in the quiet air, And here, where wrapped in prayer he stood, Our deeper thought takes wing in prayer—"O Master of the Paschal Feast, Grant us upon the Paschal Day, The spirit of the humble priest Who bears within a dish of clay The lustral water, purging still The brutal instinct from the breast, The poor despises from the will, The ego from its vain unrest; From empty husks we cannot eat, From herding with the wallowing swine Bid us arise with eager feet Forever seeking the divine! New Paschal Feasts for us be spread, Unto new Easters lead our ways, Forever rising from the dead To newer Resurrection Days! ROBERT GILBERT WELSH.

CHILD BUTCHERY IS JUST AVERTED

Insane Father Lines Up Four Children Preparatory to Slaying Them.

(By the International News Service.) Hartford, Conn., March 26.—An insane father was prevented from butchering his four little children on the banks of the Connecticut river today by the timely arrival of the police. When located back of the bushes his four boys were partly undressed and were lined up in a row, the maniac father standing over them with uplifted axe. A boy of four was to have been the first victim. The big man was standing beneath the shining blade with a crucifix in one hand, calmly waiting his time. The others, under order of the madman had partly removed their clothing and were terrified spectators. The police dashed the undergrowth, threw the madman aside and gave their immediate attention to the children. The father was then taken to the police station and locked in a padded cell. He is a Pole named Valente Chongka. He had been dispossessed by his landlord today.

HEADQUARTERS OF D. A. R. SCENE OF BITTER STRIFE; INSURGENTS VS. PRESIDENT

(By the International News Service.) New York, March 26.—The daughters of the American Revolution are lining up for the bitterest fight of their lives. The insurgent spirit has entered into the sacred precincts of the national headquarters of the society—Memorial hall at Washington—and Madame, the recording secretary general, Mary B. Wilcox, is making a bitter fight upon Madame the president general, Julia T. Scott, and Madame, the register general, A. G. Draper. Mary B. Wilcox does not mince matters. In an open letter to the heads of the various chapters throughout the country she declares that Mrs. Draper is preparing to seize the organization, and through the president general has clerks and officers not pleasing to her. (Mrs. Draper, summarily discharged or forced to resign. The insurgents have taken their stand upon the disclaimer by Mrs. Scott of Miss Agnes Gerold, a clerk in the employ of the national society, who was appointed in April, 1909. Mrs. Scott in her letter of dismissal alleged "continued and persistent acts of insubordination as an employee." Recording Secretary General Wilcox has taken the stand that Miss Gerold was dismissed because Mrs. Draper had trouble with the girl's mother at the time of the last election.