

GOVERNMENT WILL PUSH THE SUITS ON THE COAL BARONS

Special Assistant Townsend
Returns From Washington
—Cases Against S. P. to
Be Rushed Also.

B. D. Townsend, special assistant attorney general in the prosecution of the Oregon & California land grant cases, the Alaska coal fraud cases and the Southern Pacific oil land suits, arrived from Washington today after a consultation with Attorney General Wickham. Mr. Townsend will proceed at once to push the coal cases and the Southern Pacific oil land suits. The recent decision of United States Judge Hanford in the Alaska coal cases will not affect in any way the policy of the government in the coal land suits, said Mr. Thomas.

Will Visit Alaska.
The assistant attorney general is planning to make a trip to Alaska next summer, with a corps of geologists, and will personally visit the various coal fields, particularly those at Seward and Katala, that are included in the government's suits. A party of nine geologists representing the United States, is on its way to the Alaska fields now. Mr. Townsend said today he looks for a decision on the standing of the Cunningham claims by Fred Bennett, commissioner of the general land office, sometime the coming week. This decision will establish the government's position one way or another, as to whether the Cunningham syndicate is entitled to its Alaska land claims. Mr. Townsend will be in Portland a week or ten days. He will then go to Carolina, where he is prosecuting coal land cases against the Guggenheims, from there to Chicago and Detroit, where arguments in the Alaska syndicate cases will be made, and upon the completion of the cases will go to Alaska—probably in July.

Big Oil Case.
Returning from his Alaska trip he will have to resume at once the prosecution of the Alaska coal land suits in Spokane and Seattle. In the meanwhile there await his attention the government's suit against the Southern Pacific to recover something more than 100,000 acres of oil lands in California and the prosecution of the case of the United States against the Oregon & California railroad, involving the Oregon land grant.

Francis J. Heney will be associated with Mr. Townsend in the oil land suit, although Mr. Townsend will represent the United States, and Mr. Heney the private owners of oil lands who claim the railroad's property is legally owned by the United States, and as such is subject to filing for oil. Mr. Heney and Mr. Townsend make absolutely the same contention in this suit, excepting that Mr. Townsend represents the government and Mr. Heney the private interests concerned in the property.

Land Grant Suit.
The Oregon land grant suit is in approximately the same status that it was upon the delivery of the opinion favoring the government by Judge Wolcott, when he overruled the demurrer to the complaint. The defendants were given 30 days in which to determine whether to appeal from the decision to the circuit court or appeals or to introduce evidence before the circuit court there.

It is known that the attorney general was very highly pleased with the opinion of Judge Wolcott in this suit, and with the success of the assistant attorney general in prosecuting it. Reports of the offering to Mr. Townsend of a post as assistant attorney general for the department of the interior have been received in Portland, but Mr. Townsend said today that he would not consent to give up the fight on the Oregon & California land grant suit, except under instructions from the attorney general.

RIVERS-KIRKWOOD FIGHT CALLED DRAW

San Francisco, May 20.—Young Joe Rivers of Los Angeles, Mexican featherweight, today has the stamp of approval from San Francisco fans. Although Referee Eddie Hanlon called his four-round bout with George Kirkwood a draw, Rivers was going like a whirlwind and the finish of the bout gave four rounds longer. Rivers undoubtedly would have won.

In the opening round Kirkwood sprang a big surprise by bringing over a snappy right to the Mexican's jaw, dropping him in a log. The house was in an uproar instantly, but Rivers regained his feet in two seconds and tore after Kirkwood. The second round was even. Rivers had a nice lead in the third, Kirkwood showing a disposition to break ground, and it was evident that he was tiring.

Rivers landed several terrific body blows in this round which shook Kirkwood from head to heels. Rivers was on top of Kirkwood all the time and whaled away with rights and lefts to the head and body. When the going sounded the boys were in a clinch. While Kirkwood sent in an occasional left, Rivers won this round by a mile.

FOREST FIRE MENACES MANY ONTARIO CITIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Porcupine, Ont., May 20.—A great forest fire is burning here. The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway hospital and the public school have been destroyed and many residences are menaced by the flames. Pottsville, South Porcupine and Pearl Lake are also fighting forest fires.

"DECISION CORRECT," ASSERTS J. P. MORGAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, May 20.—J. P. Morgan, who is here for a short stay, made his first comment on the recent Standard Oil decision of the United States supreme court.

"The recent tone of the American market," said Morgan, "shows that the decision is correct."

THREE RELIEVED FROM NAVAL DUTY

Capt. Shepherd and Commanders McNulty and Blain
Let Out—Armory Fracas.

Acting in accordance with the findings of the Naval Court of Inquiry, Adjutant General Finzer issued an order yesterday afternoon relieving Captain George S. Shepherd and Commanders John McNulty and John F. Blain from further duty as officers of the Oregon Naval Reserve. The findings of the Court of Inquiry were filed several days ago with the adjutant general and yesterday received the approval of Governor West.

Adjutant General Finzer stated today that Mr. McNulty had been the chief factor in bringing about the organization of the Oregon Naval Reserve. It is felt he should be given some official position in the naval militia.

"It was due to his great zeal and ardor in getting the reserve organized that Mr. McNulty used indiscretion," said Adjutant General Finzer, "and it is my opinion that he should be given credit for the splendid service he rendered the state."

Blain Censured.
The report censures Commander Blain on four different specifications for infraction of naval regulations, and finds that Commander McNulty violated the regulations on three different specifications. In the paragraph disposing of Captain Shepherd's case the court says that the commanding officer was entirely within his authority and power in issuing the orders of March 17, re-assigning Commander Blain to stay away from the drill hall and that Captain Shepherd acted within his authority in ordering the arrest of Blain when he violated the order to keep away from an enlisted man to eject the commander from the hall. The Court of Inquiry concludes, however, that the election order was ill-advised and should not have been issued as it tended to lower the dignity of the officer issuing it and was an exercise of poor judgment.

Shepherd Scored.
Captain Shepherd is also censured for approving an article written by McNulty and published in The Journal March 5. It will be recalled that upon the witness stand, Captain Shepherd admitted that he was shown the article in question before it was offered for publication and that he told McNulty that he thought the facts as stated in it were true and that the conduct of the officers censured by McNulty warranted its publication.

Simultaneously with the issuing of the order relieving Shepherd, Blain and McNulty from their commands, General Finzer issued a second order discharging all the officers of the Reserve and directing that a general election of officers be held June 18. In the interim, however, the officers discharged will retain command of their organizations. Lieutenant Commander Jacob Speier, who held the rank of lieutenant commander prior to his resignation several weeks ago, was placed in temporary command of the Reserve.

New Naval Board.
Pursuant to section 4, of the Oregon Naval Code, Governor West yesterday appointed the following officers to constitute the new naval board: Lieutenant Commander Jacob Speier, Lieutenant Commander Albert J. Capron, Lieutenant Edwin E. Lewis, and Lieutenant Junior Grade Fred W. Humphreys. The duties of this board will be the same with relation to the Naval Reserve as are those of the military board toward the Oregon National Guard.

Captain John F. Blain, one of the officers relieved from his command in the Oregon Naval Reserve, by the order of Adjutant General Finzer, has resigned as manager of the Oregon Drydock company to accept a position in the department of commerce and labor as assistant inspector of steam vessels at Norfolk, Va. Captain Blain will leave for his new post June 1.

HARRIMAN OFFICIALS ON INSPECTION TOUR

L. J. Spence, assistant director of traffic for the Southern Pacific Union Pacific, and his assistant, W. S. Bassinger, with headquarters in Chicago, are in Portland today on a tour of inspection of the Harriman properties. This is their first visit here and they expect to remain here for some time.

This morning the two Chicagoans took a trip over the terminals in company with Traffic Manager R. B. Miller, General Passenger Agent William McMurphy, General Freight Agent F. W. Robinson and his assistant, H. E. Leunig, and C. H. Dieter, general agent of the freight department. The trip extended down to the packing plant on the peninsula.

"Portland is exceptionally well situated," said Mr. Spence, after the trip, "and certainly a bright future must be predicted for the city. I have seen none where conditions are so favorable."

"We will view the city this afternoon and tonight leave for Grants Pass. Our intention is to return here tomorrow night and to go into central Oregon Monday over the new Deschutes line."

Mr. Spence says he does not anticipate a car shortage this summer, because freight rates are not as heavy as it might be and to cause a considerable material improvement would have to occur.

"The lumber shipments have been light and are light and the mills are now taking curtailment, so that there seems no cause for fear that the roads will be flooded with lumber shipments."

DEMANDS STATION AGENT FOR WHITNEY, IN BAKER

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., May 20.—Frank O'Rourke has filed complaint with the state railway commission asking that the Sumpster Valley Railway company be required to maintain an agent at Whitney, Baker county.

MERCANTILE ARTICLES, \$1,000,000 CAPITAL, FILED

Salem, Or., May 20.—The Northwest Mercantile corporation, with principal capital stock of \$1,000,000 filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today.

A LITTLE BIRD WHISPERED TO ME.

