

QUESTION OF HOW RYAN MADE FILING NOT YET ANSWERED

Register of Land Office at Juneau and Secretary of Interior Do Not Agree; Promoter's Labor Shown.

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Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 4.—If, as Register Walker, of the federal land office here, believes and as he stated to me, Richard S. Ryan, president of the Controller Railway & Navigation company, did not make any filings in 1910 on the four land claims two in the name of his brother, James J. Ryan, and one each in the name of Arnold S. Scheuer and Frank P. Davis of New York, what did he do? Secretary Fisher, reporting April 26, 1911, to the senate of the United States, in answer to the La Follette resolution, stated officially that Ryan filed on four claims, and that he based his statements upon telegraphic advices from the Juneau land office.

Then the papers went sent to Washington, D. C., in April, 1911, and the office here contained nothing from which could be traced what action Ryan took, and what action the land office here took. The only information I could get here, upon that point, was from C. B. Walker, register of the land office, who, by the way, was courteous, obliging and quite obviously anxious to open the public records to inspection. Mr. Walker was not in Juneau at the time Ryan made his filings, hence, so he said, he could not elucidate the disputed point.

Proceedings upon the basis of the statements made at the land office here, and from known records in the interior department, it would appear that Ryan had worked since 1907 upon his Controller Railway & Navigation plan, had gone along through that year and the next, according to his assertions in correspondence with the federal government executive offices in Washington, D. C., until, in 1909, he organized the Controller Railway & Navigation company, incorporating it under the laws of the state of New Jersey, with Probst, Wetzel & Co., commission bankers of New York city, as his backers; that, in 1909, he made application for the elimination of lands from the Chugach national forest, into which early that year President Roosevelt had withdrawn the lands just before he went out from the White House.

That, after extensive correspondence and interviews by Ryan in Washington, he induced President Taft to restore the 12,800 acres, and, then, if Register Walker's understanding was correct, with all the advantage in his hands, the restoration having been effected, he proceeded for Ryan, and after four years' work and heavy expense invested in the project, he permitted the opportunity to pass, merely left with the land office "evidence that he had acquired soldier's additional homestead rights, and "did not actually and formally file on the claims."

All Records Show. This is not to call in question the veracity of Register Walker; it is to raise in question the reasonableness of his understanding of what was the true situation. Mr. Walker was courteous and frank throughout an interview which lasted from 3:15 p. m. to 4 o'clock, during which time he freely showed me the records of the Ryan filings of rights of way. The records of the filings on the four additional homesteads having been sent on to the national capital, he could not show them to me.

The enterprise of Dick Ryan—to build a railway from Controller bay to the Bering (Cunningham) coal fields, with terminals on the bay—had been of sufficient importance, first, to enlist the strong support of Probst, Wetzel & Co., a Wall street commission banking house which is not reputed to lack facilities to learn the truth; a concern that did business under the shadow of the building in which J. P. Morgan & Co.'s banking firm is housed.

Importance Is Shown. It was important enough to induce subordinates of the president, secretaries in his cabinet and many under officials, and even the president himself, to take cognizance; to adopt a special rule in making reservations for Ryan, by omitting the usual 30 day clause, and permitting Ryan to file on the lands immediately.

Apparently, a great many important persons in private and official life here in Alaska, New York and Washington, D. C., regarded the Ryan project as important enough to justify the elaborate action taken in getting those lands eliminated from the Chugach national forest.

Apparently, too, former President Roosevelt—head at that time of the great executive department, able to get information from the government experts—thought Controller bay was of some importance; for he withdrew from public entry the lands that encircled it, and planned that the nation should use it according to modern ideas of public owned docks and terminal facilities.

Apparently, too, Ryan regarded his enterprise as serious, for he rushed proceedings to get the shore lands and to file maps of his rights of way; he traveled hurriedly to and fro between Alaska and the national capital, and spent much money in putting it on its feet.

Left "Some Evidence." Yet, after all these elaborate proceedings, after the expenditure of any this money, after getting the government of the United States to exert itself in his behalf, after these four years of constant effort by him, if the understanding of Register Walker at Juneau be true to the complete record (now in Washington), Ryan left left "some evidence that he had acquired soldier's additional homestead rights," but did not actually file on the (obviously coveted) shore lands.

Here is a point that will have to be probed; probably will be gone into by the committee on expenditures in the interior department, when it shall have resumed its investigation the middle of October. The unmistakable discrepancy between the only obtainable information in the Juneau land office and the official statements by Secretary Fisher April 26, when he replied to the La Follette resolution.

SOUTHWEST FAIR WILL LAST A WEEK

Centralia and Chehalis Will Have Public Holidays Tomorrow.

(Special to The Journal.) Centralia, Wash., Sept. 11.—What promises to be a most successful fair was opened by the Southwest Washington Fair association, one mile south of Centralia this morning. Today had been designated as baseball day, and a game was to have been played between the Centralia pennant winners and a nine picked from the other three clubs in the state league, but owing to the condition of the grounds the game was called off. Tomorrow is Centralia and Chehalis day, and has been declared an official holiday by Mayor Gingrich of Chehalis and Mayor Guerrier of Centralia.

The racing program opens tomorrow. Many of the horses are already at the fair grounds, a cartload arriving from Vancouver and one from Portland this morning. The racing program is in charge of Dr. E. C. Truesdell of Centralia, and an excellent card has been arranged. There will be both trotting and running events, and nearly every well known horseman in the state has one or more entries.

The grain, fruit and stock exhibits have come in as never before, and the various buildings at the grounds are taxed to their fullest capacity. The farmers of every county in southwestern Washington have taken an unprecedented interest in the fair this year, and their exhibits are all that could be desired. The crowds began coming into Centralia this morning, and it is predicted that the daily average of visitors for the week will be well over 4000. A carnival has been arranged by the Centralia Amusement committee, which organization is composed of many of the city's leading business men, and will run every night this week as a source of entertainment to the visitors who will make Centralia their headquarters.

PROGRESSIVES IN COLORADO PRIMED

William Allen White Talks, but No Mention of Taft Made by Speakers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Montrose, Colo., Sept. 11.—The first definite step towards the organization of the Progressive Republicans of Colorado for the 1912 campaign was taken at a banquet here Saturday, at which William Allen White of "What's the Matter with Kansas" fame delivered the principal address.

While the resolutions adopted by the banqueters made no mention of President Taft or his candidacy for re-nomination, several speakers referred disparagingly to the Taft administration.

The resolutions pledged the Progressive Republicans of Colorado to the principles enunciated by the National Progressive Republicans and expressed a determination to nominate an entire Republican Progressive state ticket for the next campaign.

They declare "emphatic approval of the official acts of the Progressive Republicans in congress and emphatic support of those principles." They further "congratulate the people of California, Oregon, Kansas, Wisconsin and other Progressive Republican states on the efficiency and integrity of their state administrations."

DESERTS ARMY TO BE AT MOTHER'S DEATHBED

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Just as the last spade of earth was thrown into the grave of his mother in the old North Mantle cemetery Robert Beechner, 21 years old, was arrested on the charge of being a deserter from the United States naval marine school in Brooklyn.

He was looked up pending receipt of instructions from Washington by Charles W. Chryet, in charge of the recruiting station here.

The young man admits being a deserter, but believes he will be pardoned when his story is heard before a court martial.

He enlisted last June, and a few weeks later received a letter from his mother, Mrs. John Beechner, telling him she was ill and not likely to survive his enlistment. She pleaded with him to come home and remain with her until death should relieve her sufferings.

The youth's filial love got the better of his sense of duty to his country, and he seized the first opportunity to run away.

"With you here, my son, I am not afraid to die," were her last words.

GERMANS WOULD OPEN DOOR TO AMERICANS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Sept. 11.—At the instance of the senior board of the Berlin Corporation of Merchants an urgent demand is to be made that the German government open the doors to the importation of American food products on more liberal terms.

The board is an official body and its recommendations are likely to secure widespread support among German business men, who see in the present financial depression and high cost of living a dire international crisis next fall when the elections are held. The board advises especially that steps be taken to facilitate the importation of grain and meats and incidentally intimates that the government's prejudice against American meats is unworthy of consideration. In its published resolutions it recommends particularly the admission of "American canned meat, which is consumed in other countries with no noticeable damage to public health."

MINISTER AFFIRMS KINGDOM AT HAND

Pastor Russell Says Messiah's Reign Will Come After Time of Trouble.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Mt. Lake Park, Md., Sept. 11.—Pastor Russell was the principal speaker yesterday before the International Bible Students association convention which has been in session here for more than a week, and has been addressed by many able Bible scholars. Pastor Russell took for his text Isaiah 41, 2, 3, but included in his discourse the remainder of the chapter.

He declared that in the symbolic language of the Bible, the mountain of the Lord's house means the Kingdom of the Lord, ruled over by Messiah and his house, the church. The promise of the text, that some day Messiah will reign over all the kingdoms of earth, the speaker believes will soon be realized. It is for this kingdom that God's people have for centuries been praying. "Thy Kingdom come, they will be on earth, as it is done in heaven."

None of the kingdoms of this world are Messiah's kingdoms, declared Pastor Russell. None of them bear the earmarks of Messiah's kingdom, outlined in the Bible. They are the kingdoms of this world, ruled by the prince of this world, who now worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience. Nevertheless, Messiah's kingdom will be inaugurated; Satan's empire or mountain, denoting mankind through ignorance and superstition will be brought to an end. Satan will be bound for a thousand years, while Messiah's kingdom, equally invisible, will dominate the world, chasing away ignorance and superstition and filling the whole world with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. To that kingdom "every knee must bow, and every tongue confess," as the knowledge of the glory of God shall gradually fill the entire earth.

The Kingdom Israelitish. The speaker declared that the Bible everywhere shows that Messiah's invisible kingdom will be represented amongst mankind by princely characters of the Jewish race, who will be resurrected to human perfection for this very work. Instead of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the prophets being any longer the fathers, they will be the children—the first born children of Messiah, in the full perfection of human nature. The church, the bride of Christ, is not, declared the pastor, scripturally known as children of Messiah. In perfect accord is the text, "One is your father, even God," and again, "The God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath begotten us" (1 Peter 1, 3).

Crawling Into the Rocks. Discouraging on other features of the chapter, Pastor Russell called attention to the fact that the words declare a judgment of the nations. In the time of trouble which will then overthrow society, financial, political, social and religious, the nations will be so changed by war that thereafter "their swords will be converted into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and the study of war will be at an end. Pastor Russell surmised that this great time of trouble will result from anarchism, which he believes will invade the armies of the world and turn them against the very powers which organized and armed them.

All were cautioned to avoid, so far as possible, having any sympathy with the anarchistic spirit, in harmony with God's Message to His people, "Watt ye upon me, saith the Lord." In other words, do not attempt by force to right present wrongs; rather submit and leave the entire matter in God's hands.

The Prophet Isaiah, said the Pastor, calls attention to the idolatry of wealth—silver and gold—and indicates that such idolatry will entirely pass away in the great time of trouble with which Messiah's reign of righteousness will be inaugurated. He must reign until He hath put all enemies under his feet. In the shakings of the time of trouble, at the inauguration of Messiah's Kingdom, many people will be in perplexity, and will crawl into the caves and dens of the earth, and the chief of the rocks. Pastor Russell quoted Revelation vi, 15-17. He interpreted the dens and caves and rocks to signify political and social fastnesses—insurance and combines. He declared that many are already in fear and are hiding themselves, as described in this scripture, although the great storm has not yet broken, and will not break out in its severity for a few years yet—probably not before 1915.

The Revelation of Our God. One of old truly said, "Thou art a God which hidest thyself" (Isaiah xiv, 16). How true! As a result of wisdom by wisdom knows not God. He is near in His wisdom and love, yet He can be seen only by those whose eyes of understanding have been opened. But we are glad that the time is coming when all the blind eyes shall see clearly. "As I live, saith the Lord, the whole earth shall be filled with My glory." "The knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep" (Habakkuk ii, 14). Then all shall see what God hath wrought and our past blindness will but accentuate the glorious brightness of His wisdom, justice, love and power.

In the end it will be seen that the divine permission of the reign of sin and death in the earth, instead of being a blot upon divine character and a demonstration of divine unwisdom and incompetence, will reveal the great Creator to His subjects. His children as nothing else could have done. Besides, the experiences of mankind during the 7000 years from Adam's creation to the end of Messiah's mediatorial kingdom will demonstrate traits of the divine character which could be otherwise manifested to angels or to men.

The speaker closed with an exhortation to his hearers remember the words of Jesus, "Watch ye, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things coming upon the world, and to stand before the Son of Man." He declared that many of the church will fail to escape a share in the great trouble time approaching. Only the zealous, the saintly, the faithful, the obedient, will be accounted worthy to escape and will be upheld by divine power, faithful to the very end of their race. He exhorted all those who have not entered the Lord's service as foot-step followers of Jesus to lay not up for themselves treasure upon earth, but rather to "lay up treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal."

TWAIN CHARACTER WEDS IN CHICAGO

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Sept. 11.—George F. Bemis, 75, former mayor of Omaha, paid his first visit to Chicago since the Columbia Exposition, and while he was here married Mrs. A. Neff, 42. The bride is also a resident of Omaha. The ceremony was performed in the

chambers of Judge C. F. Heard of Freeport, who has been sitting in the county building for the past week. Bemis is a cousin of George Francis Train, and with him toured Europe in the interests of the federal government during the Civil war. Mark Twain made Bemis one of his principal characters in a stage coach story in "Roughing It."

Jersey Girl Casts Shoe. (Special to The Journal.) New York, Sept. 11.—Kicking out one foot to dislodge a grasshopper in her openwork hose, a young Jersey miss cast her shoe on crowded Broadway. It landed in a taxi and the chauffeur helped her put it back on again.

ARTISTS' CAFE SCENE OF MURDER IN VIENNA

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Vienna, Sept. 11.—Great excitement was caused in the Prater Strasse, one of the most frequented quarters of Vienna, by a murder which was committed in the international artists' cafe. After a slight altercation, Herr Emil Hartmayer, an actor who had recently

returned from Alexandria, drew a revolver and shot the manager of the establishment. Here Kaloman Muller, four times, causing instant death. The cafe was crowded at the time and a panic ensued, all the customers rushing into the street. It was with great difficulty that the murderers was rescued by the police from the hands of the infuriated spectators, who desired to lynch him. The murder was not premeditated, but was done in a moment of anger. The diamond cutting industry of Amsterdam has a waiting list of more than 1000 persons who desire to learn the work.

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