

SAYS SPOILS SYSTEM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUGAR TRUST FRAUDS

W. T. Denison, Secretary of Interior for Philippines, Blames Appointments.

(By the International News Service.)
San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Winifred T. Denison, the new secretary of the interior for the Philippines, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Commonwealth club on the "Spoils System," outlining the sugar frauds, in which the government was mulcted of about \$5,000,000.

"The sugar fraud cases in New York," said Denison, "were the most astounding examples of political appointments to political positions and the ultimate result of these appointments was that the government lost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 in revenue. This was the result of the political spoils system in the United States customs service."

Secret Spring in Scales.
"The sugar was unloaded by the sugar trust at its own docks in Brooklyn and hauled in trucks from the ship to the scales of the United States weigher. These scales were the ordinary platform scales and in the scale house was a government weigher and a checker of the sugar trust. This checker manipulated a small steel spring in such a manner as to cause the recorded weight to be about 16 pounds less than the actual weight, and this amount to each truck load resulted in a loss for the government of the duty on between \$50,000 and \$100,000 pounds of sugar in each cargo."

"This system had been in operation for 25 or 30 years and the loss to the government was enormous. After the fraud was discovered and exposed, nearly \$5,000,000 was turned over to the government by the sugar trust."

Frauds Due to Politics.
"There were many instances of fraud in the handling of fish, cheese and other weighable things. Most of the concerns receiving these goods were irresponsible and the government found it impossible to collect the duties evaded."

"These frauds were due entirely to politics. In Philadelphia similar frauds were discovered and the grand jury declared them due to the political patronage power of the sugar industry. President Hayes of the sugar trust testified that the funds donated to political campaigns were freely given and that they amounted to a great deal of money. But they were not given by the sugar industry. They were really given by the government, having in the first place been practically stolen from the customs service."

"And, in closing, I repeat that political patronage was the real cause of the spoils system as it existed on the docks of the sugar trust at Brooklyn."

BARRED FROM DINING SALON, ASKS \$25,000

New York, Jan. 31.—Because his face, disfigured by a gunshot wound in a Cuban campaign, gave an appearance of serious disease, causing his exclusion from the dining salon of the Prince Sigismund Hamburg-American liner, George S. Wilson, a mining engineer, started suit today against the steamship company for \$25,000 damages.

He was a soldier of fortune in many wars and had part of his jaw shot away in aiding the Cubans in 1898. The wound never healed properly.

THREE FIREMEN HURT IN NEW YORK BLAZE

New York, Jan. 31.—Fire which destroyed the eight story building occupied by Steyer & Co. cigar manufacturers, East Ninety-ninth street, today, resulted in \$100,000 damage. Several firemen were overcome by the dense smoke which poured from the building and three were in such a serious condition it was necessary to use pulmonarys to restore them.

Attorney Will Occupy Pulpit.
Deputy District Attorney Evert L. Jones will occupy the pulpit of the Norwegian-Danish Methodist church, Vancouver avenue and Skidmore street, this evening. Jones studied for the ministry before becoming an attorney.



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ANSWER TO PORTLAND'S CLAIM FOR RESERVE BANK NOW BEING AWAITED



Left to right—William Gibbs McAdoo, secretary of the treasury. David Francis Houston, secretary of agriculture. Members of federal reserve bank organization committee.

Portland's hearing before the federal reserve bank organization committee having been concluded it will be a number of weeks yet before bankers and commercial men of the city will learn whether their claims were sufficiently strong to secure for the northwest one of the coveted banks or not.

Whether or no, the visit of two members of President Wilson's cabinet to this city on a mission fraught with so great importance to the nation at large, was epoch making in character. It showed the unusual spectacle of two heads of government departments leaving their expansive desks at the national capital and coming to meet the people.

The federal reserve bank system is an absolute innovation and will revolutionize to a great degree the present currency system. The committee could have stayed at Washington and compelled the petitioning cities to file their arguments in form of briefs or appear before them personally.

Long Trip Undertaken.
They could have easily spared themselves a long, arduous trip in the cramped quarters of railroad coaches; they could have readily saved themselves the monotonous round of attending banquet and luncheons, eating rich food and making speech after speech. They didn't, however, and the fact that they came to the people themselves in search of first-hand information concerning the several sections of the country, has been deeply appreciated at every place they have been.

Only two of the three members of the organization committee as provided in the currency act, are making this significant swing around the circle—William Gibbs McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, and David Francis Houston, secretary of agriculture. John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the treasury and third member of the committee, is at his desk in Washington attending to that end of the organization work. Secretary McAdoo serves as chairman of the committee.

Chalmers.
Thus far they have heard thousands of pages of testimony and covered

VALUATION OF S. P. IS BEGUN IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—The first hearing to determine the physical valuation of the Southern Pacific railroad in California was started here today by the California railroad commission. Power for such investigation was given the commission by the legislature. Twelve minor roads already have been passed on.

SHERIFF LOSES PANTS, WATCH AND PRISONER

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 31.—Sheriff Frank Barnett of Alameda county was on his way home from Florida tonight,

about one-half of the United States. They have heard the claims of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, St. Louis, Omaha, Lincoln, Neb., Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Seattle, Spokane and Portland. They left Portland yesterday morning for San Francisco, and they will visit Los Angeles, New Orleans and Atlanta before reaching Washington.

Once back at the desks together with the comptroller of the currency they will go over the mass of evidence collected on their trip and following the provisions of the federal reserve act that reserve districts must be "apportioned with due regard to the convenience and customary course of business," lay out the boundaries of the federal reserve districts.

They set aside no less than eight, nor more than 12. It is thought that the committee will not create the maximum number of reserve banks immediately but allow some latitude for sections of the country to expand, which as yet fall slightly short of the financial requirements of a reserve district, even though they may be fully qualified geographically.

Opinions Are Varied.
Secretary McAdoo has been most pressing in his interrogation of banker witnesses that they tell him where the federal reserve banks, in their opinion, should be. At Friday's hearing in this city A. L. Mills, president of the Portland Clearing House association, recommended New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington, Boston, New Orleans, and "if possible, Portland."

San Francisco and Los Angeles bankers are arguing for a district embracing the states of Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California. St. Paul and Minneapolis bankers told the cabinet men that a great northwestern district should be established embracing the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Denver enthusiasts set aside the Pacific coast area from their viewpoint and settled upon one for themselves embracing Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico and large slices of South

minus a prisoner. He also is returning minus a pair of trousers, the only pair he had with him, and \$12 as well. Frederick Schwarz, whom Barnett was bringing as his prisoner, seized the sheriff's trousers and money as the train was nearing Santa Barbara and jumped from the moving Sunset Express. An accommodating negro porter produced an extra pair of "pants" and Barnett ate his first meal tonight since Schwarz made his wild leap.

May Lose His Eye.
Woodland, Wash., Jan. 31.—O. Hunt of Reno, Washington, while riding along the river road near that place on horseback accidentally ran into the end of a limb, and it is thought that he will lose the sight of his right eye as a result.

POSTOFFICE GIVEN UP; NONE WOULD TAKE JOB
San Jose, Cal., Jan. 31.—Evergreen postoffice, this county, became a thing of the past tonight at midnight, when F. J. Smith, its postmaster, relinquished his office after 40 years of service. He received something like \$3 monthly for his trouble. The word went forth some time ago that a postmaster was wanted but the pay is so small that no one could be found willing to undertake the job.

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CABINET OFFICIALS GET SOMETHING THAT IS WORTH THE TRIP

Oregon Apples by the Box, Medford Gift to McAdoo and Houston.

(Special to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Jan. 31.—Although Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and party had accepted an invitation to take an auto trip through the valley before taking their train for Ashland, it was so dark when the train arrived two hours late that the trip had to be abandoned.

The party alighted, however, and received with many expressions of gratitude a box of extra fancy Spitzenberg and Newtown apples, presented by President C. E. Gates of the Commercial club. Secretary McAdoo and Miss McAdoo stopped to greet Lincoln McCormack and Slater Johnson, former friends, while quite a jovial reunion was held when Colonel and Mrs. H. H. Sargent met Senator and Mrs. A. B. Sargent and a number of friends. About 100 people were at the train to greet the distinguished party.

A small boy with made over trousers naturally takes after his father.

CLOSE DIVISION IN HOUSE ON BURNETT IMMIGRATION BILL

Murray's Amendment to Literacy Test Measure Shows Margin in Favor Small.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Without reaching a vote on the literacy test immigration bill, the house adjourned tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Chairman Burnett was prevented from forcing a vote by the closeness of test votes on amendments. He claims a two to one vote in the house in favor of the bill but he could not hold his friends for a late vote.

Representative Murray of Massachusetts presented an amendment that the literacy test should not apply to those immigrants who were coming to escape political or religious persecutions, or who were denied in their home country the right of free speech. This amendment was defeated 62 to 61. The margin in favor of the bill was shown to be so slight that Burnett was afraid to trust it further and forced the adjournment. Action on the bill by the house is expected Monday.

President's Opinion Sought.
President Wilson will be asked by the senate to dictate the provision of

FATE OF AMERICANS WORRIES U. S. CONSUL

Harwood and Miller, Arrested at Tia Juana, Have Not Been Produced.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 31.—Deputy Collector of Customs Clarence S. Spriggs received a telegram late this afternoon from Consul Goyant at Ensenada, requesting information regarding the fate of W. P. Harwood and Mortimer Miller, the two Americans arrested at Tia Juana, reported shot, and later said to be safe and on their way to Ensenada for trial on a smuggling charge.

From Consul Goyant's telegram it is inferred that he is beginning to have fears for the safety of the two men. Sub-Prefect Enrique Aldre of Tia Juana declared tonight that Harwood and Miller were safe, and should arrive at Ensenada tonight. The two men, he said, were taken to the capital of Lower California in a buggy and would be brought to trial Monday.

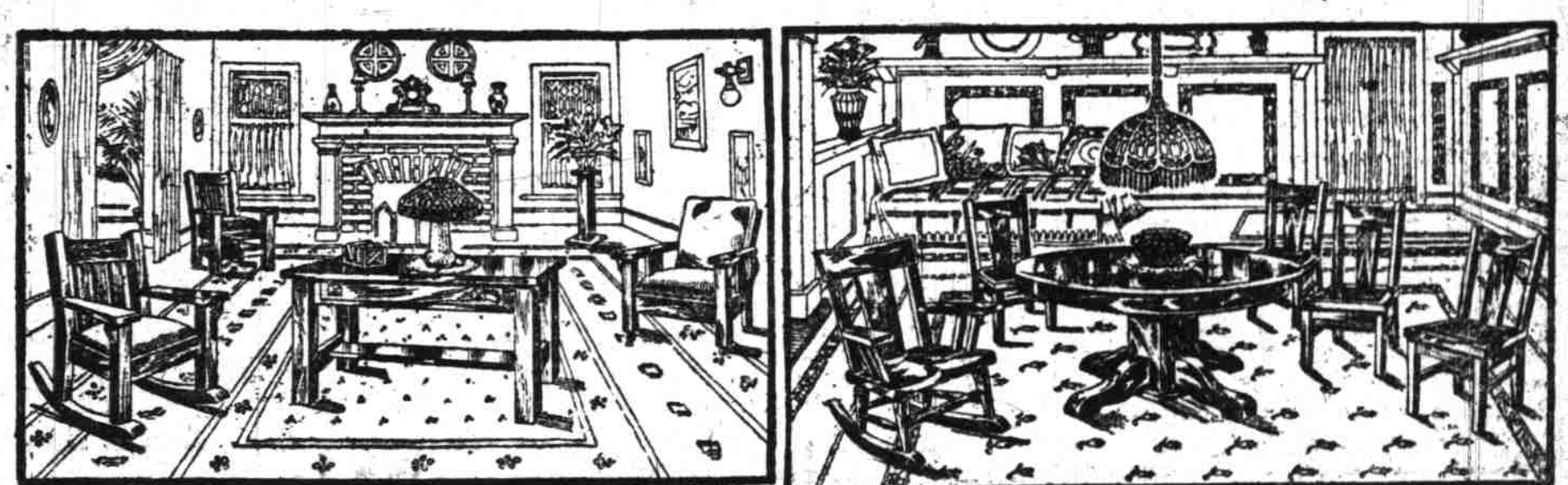
Japanese Problem Up to House.
Washington, Jan. 31.—Congress must face the Japanese immigration problem next week. Representative Curry of California announced definitely tonight that both he and Representative Hayes of California have amendments to the Burnett immigration bill, designated to bar effectually from the United States all "Asians, Japanese and Hindus." Hayes will father the amendment, despite the attempt today to sidetrack the "yellow peril" problem at this time at Secretary Bryan's request.

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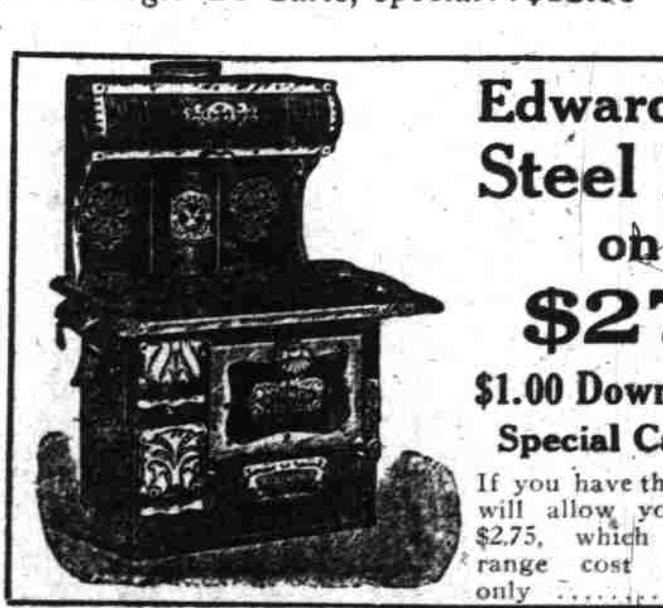
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