Amazing Story of Looting of Oregon's School Lands by Timber Dealers Is Exposed.

LARGE FORTUNES ARE MADE

Advantage Taken of Tip From Federal Officials and Big Profits Are Made

R. S. Hyde, a capitalist of Wisconsin, scured, through deeds based on asigned applications to purchase and cerifficates of sale, a total of 12,368 acres of Oregon school land, according to e official records of the stand land

Here is now he got the land, according to another official record, the tran-cript of the testimony in the Jones-ays-Sorenson criminal conspiracy ase in the United States court:

Dan W. Tarpley was a dapper young he had "had considerable experience." having for five years "devoted most of ais time to the land business, especially

Receives Official Tip

Tarpley was a friend of Merritt Ormsby, who, in turn, was the son of Captain S. B. Ormsby, the forest superinendent. One day Tarpley, pursuant to his business of dealing in school lands. a passing a few minutes in the office of the forest superintendent. Young Ormsby showed him an official letter from the office of the commissioner general of the land office at Washington, asking for his recommendation as to the creration of the Blue mountain fortet reserve in Eastern Oregon. When Tarpley saw the letter he made

map of the proposed reserve, went down the hall to the office of the state land board, looked up the vacant school ections within the boundaries, found cant school land within the lines of the proposed reserve, and took the train

Money Easily Obtained

"I came down the next ded the jury ing this map," Tarpley told the jury in the Jones-Mays-Sorenson case, and met McKinley for the purpose of raising the money to purchase the lands. He teld me of a party from Wiscensin by the name of Hyde, R. S. Hyde I think if was, who was stopping here at the fire. Portland hotel, and McKinley called on arate Hyde and had a conversation with him, and he furnished the money to the amount of \$4000, and on the evening of the same day McKinley and Hyde's son, Robert Hyde, and I went to Salem, and the next day, April 17 and the 18th, I

Secret Let Out in Saloon

"What became of the certificates?" Tarpley was asked, and he answered: "Why. I think the majority of them were left in Hyde's hands as security for the money he had advanced." Altogether Tarpley "purchased" in the manner described 17,600 acres.

George Sorenson, another "experi rnced" dealer in state school lands, ex-plains—in part, at least—why Hyde did not get more than 12,368 acres. He found out that Tarpley, McKinley and Hyde were "butting in" on his game. "I found it out one night," he teld the jury. "There was a friend of Mr. Hyde, who was in a saloon down in Pertland. He came up to me and says, McKinley and Tarpley is buying a lot of school lands up in Strawberry mountain.' I says, 'How many acres did they buy?' 'Oh,' he says, 'they bought about 20,000 acres, he says; buying

Then the evidence shows that Mays nade a demand on Tarpley and McKinley for half of the certificates, telling them that it cost money to "create a forest reserve." Tarpley refused to meet the demand, though he afterwards turned in a bunch of certificates, agree-ing to contribute at the rate of 50 cents an acre towards the expense of having the reserve put through to final creation

This tells the manner in which 12,868 acres of the state's school lands were for the benefit and financial aggrandizement of the timber speculators. It is another incident that leads to the belief that the state could, if it proceeded ergetically, recover the lands, or their value, for the school fund.

THREE HUGE SYSTEMS IN STRUGGLE FOR WORLD

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opinion exists among the allies concern-

disorder and Belshevism in central Europe is a real and terrible danger for the allies. The difficulty in this matter has been on unimportant details of organization of an almost personal character. There has been a tendency to side track the old international war committees, which, during three years, have efficiently assisted in the revietualng of the allied nations in different products. These commissions are the shipping council and program committees for determining the minimum needs of the allied countries. They are composed of men of different nationalities who have worked together and acquired a knowledge of the situation and the resources of Europe. Their cooperation would be invaluable not only in working out a system for feed supply to central and easters Europe but generally in the negotiations on the settlement of peace

Commissions May Continue France, Great Britain and Italy have found these commissions excellent means for negotiations. Owing to the daily intercourse of men of different national-ities from these commissions, each nation's representative has been able to learn the needs of the other nations and to adjust his own policy to those needs.

The idea of the American authorities has been to abolish these commissions. thus obliterating an important means of understanding between the United States and her allies. Luckily, it is now thought that President Wilson has continue as a part of the organizations to prepare for permanent peace. These commissions had prepared a plan for revictualing Poland, Austria and Garmany. This plan was thrust aside by the American food controller. The allies council to help him, composed of those men who have had experience in ne-gotiations on the inter-allied commis-

Situation Is Critical

These propositions were refused or the ground that such interference was unnecessary and that the surplus food supplies of the world being American an American should have the whole credit and the single management of their distribution. The allies answered that the surplus food of the world was not wholly in the United States, but that large supplies of wheat in Australia, South America and Ukrainia, as well as other supplies elsewhere, were now available. In other words, the allies desired to retain the interallied war organizations as a medium of better un- months, employes would become objects derstanding. In this food situation, which is critical, the negotiations were jously tried to keep politics out of the conducted in writing and not by personal railroad administration. I have apinterview, a system which naturally produces friction and might adversely afthat there were some 23,000 acres of va- feet the relationship of the governments men might see that there is to be a in the rest of the peace negotiations. This method was adopted, no doubt, because in the negotiations concerning the taking a risk not only with the lives of armistice our representatives made oral people who travel but with the comagreements which were not reduced to written memorandums, and such methods would naturally create trouble.

Bolshevism Is Gaining However, to negotiate in writing alone, in the present complicated situation, is to jump from the frying pan into the We have also communicated separately with each allied government on this matter. These communications naturally have led the other allies to consult together, and would, if the method were pursued, in the long run produce combinations against us. In the meantime one and one-half

think, two days, we purchased 16,000 precious months have elapsed in which acres of the lands."

"The purchase was made, Tarpley testified, by filing applications, each covering 320 acres of land, which Tarpley had secured in blank from people plant. had secured in blank from people picked shevism and Germany is likely to fol-up here and there to sign them, and the low. At present there are better pros-sesignments, both in blank; the assign-ments being signed even referre the second the selling and America will dements being signed even before the ap- are that the ailies and America will demora suitable organization rapid and satisfactory negotiations. It is only natural that the peace organization which came over with President Wilson has not yet had time to be completely whipped into shape. Moreover, it is inevitable that many of our representatives should now learn much conand America. These differences are based upon national and governmental traditions of centuries and must be taken into consideration in such close negotiations as will produce a peace of world unity.

Oregon's Hardware And Implement Men To Hold Convention

The Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers association will hold its 13th annual convention at the Imperial January 21, 22 and 23. Officers of the association are: W. A. Hudelson, president; N. A. Bonn, vice president; E. E. Lucas, secretary.

A lively interest in the meeting is being taken by Portland jobbers, who voted at the Commercial club Friday noon to banquet and entertain the visittaken from the common school fund by ing dealers. The following entertain-fraudulent and unlawful means. It is ment committee was appointed: W. K. only one of the smaller chapters in the Slater, Hensyman Hardware company, dstory of the looting of the state lands chairman; P. J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman & Son; E. C. Ward, of Marshall-Wells company; S. Luders, of Simonds Manufacturing company; F. R. Brisley, of Acme White Lead company; J. L. Fuller, of M. L. Kline company, and Lester Hodson, of Hodson-Feenaughty company.

Subjects vital to the interests of dealers from all parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be discussed, according to jobbers, and every hardware and implement dealer should attend whether he is a member of the association or not. The Portland jobbers will hold open house during convention week ing the necessity of action in this mat- to give the country dealer opportunity ter. All realize that a famine breeds of getting acquainted with them.

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Director General Clings to His Demand for Five Year Test, Despite Attacks by Solons.

Democrats in Senate Committee Voice Opposition Along With Republicans Who Ask Action.

By Raymond Clapper

Washington, Jan. 4 .- (U. P.) -- Despite seen the mistake of such a policy and that the inter-allied commissions will that government control of railroads be Widow of Late extended five years, members of the senate interstate commerce committee tonight appeared firmly set against the plan, after two days of testimony. McAdoo clung to his demand for

a food dictator, as he desires, but they five year test period against the fire of wish to have an international advisory a hostile committee determined to break him down on it. Bombarded from every angle, the director general repeatedly summarized his views: "We need a five year test period under normal conditions."

> Cummins Sees Political Issue Senater Cummins struck the climar toward the ending of the hearings to-day by declaring that the railroad question would inevitably become a politica issue in 1920

The retiring director general had just

previously declared that the railroad juestion must be kept out of the political campaign. "The railroads of the United States nust be kept out of politics," McAdoo said. "If the railroads are held only 21 of political solicitation. I have religpointed officials without regard to politics. If, for political reasons, railroad change of masters, it would work for inefficiency of operation and would be

merce of the country.' Democrats Among Objectors Democratic senators, chiefly Gore, Pomerene and Underwood, revealed an antagnostic attitude toward the five year plan, though their questions were not so sharp as those of the Republi

Objecting senators declared that Mc-Adoo's plan would merely postpone the difficulty instead of settling it. "What we want is a speedy settlement of the question." Senator Cummins, Iowa, said after the hearing. This matter cannot be permitted to drag along indefinitely. The country wants know where it stands."

PRESIDENT TO SPEND TWO DAYS YET IN ITAL

ian, which was translated by Monsignor

O'Hearn, rector of the American univer-

Club Presidents to Visit Garibaldi's Statue When the president and his party de-parted, the ceremony attending their ar-rival was repeated.

During the forenoon, the president and Mrs. Wilson visited several places of historic interest. They first went to the Pantheon, where the president placed a wreath on King Humbert's tomb. A curious crowd followed them. Later the president went to the Lincel Acad-emy, where he was tendered a membership. In a brief speech he said he hoped the scientists will new study for the purpose of creating a new basis for friendship of humanity, in order to blot out the stain resulting from science developing engines for the destruction of

An unexpected addition to the day's program was the visit to Garibaldi's statue and a tour of the poorer section

President and Mrs. Wilson spent the remainder of the forenoon visiting the Falatine and the Forum, under guidance of Giancomo Boni, the archaeoogical expert who is in charge of excavations in those places.

London, Jan. 4.—(U. P.).—President Witten will leave for New York on February 45, but probably will return be-fore especiation of the peace conferences, the Exchange Telegraph company declared today.

Charles Sweeney Dies at Spokane

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.-Mrs. Emeline anes Sweeney, widow of the late Charles Sweeney, died Friday morning at the home of her son, Frank Sweeney. Mrs. Sweeney was born October 13, 1557, in San Francisco. Mr. Sweeney, the husband, was a

millionaire mine owner, and his holdings was placed in the Sweeney Investment company, which owns property in Spoane, Portland and other cities of the Northwest.

Mrs. Sweeney was the mother of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy. A son, Lieutenant Sweeney, was killed n action in France, and another son, Captain Charles Sweeney, U. S. A., was the French Foreign

Farmers Opposed to Selling Jute Mill

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 4.-(U. P.) That Walla Walla farmers will oppose the recommendation of Warden Henry Drum to sell the jute mill and grain bag making machinery at the state penitentiary and substitute cloth making machinery with which he proposes to make enough cloth for the garments of inmates in all state institutions, was evidenced at the Farmers' union meeting here today, when proposed legislation was generally discussed. No resolutions were passed, but some timely action will be taken later. This was the annual meeting of the union and B. F. Brewer was reelected president. All five of this county's legislative delegates are members of the union and will be present at the reconstruction congress to be held in Seattle next week.

Colonel Young Is Ill With Influenza

Colonel George S. Young, some years ago commandant at Vancouver barracks, and who was in charge of re-The pope shook hands with each of cruiting in Oregon during the early the president's party. He was asked days of the United States participation to bestow his blessing. "Very well," he in the European war, and more recently said. One member of the party asked in command of student officers training cerning the subtle differences of the re-lationship which exists between Europe and America. These differences are based upon national and governmental "that makes no difference. This bless- Colonel Young is still seriously ill.

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matters in general. Dr. W. W. Youngson, chairman of the committee on arrangements of the Portland Ministerial association, has secured the promise of these-men to attend the session of the association at the Y. W. C. A. o'clock Monday morning.

President Joshua Stansfield of the association will preside and will intreduce Henry L. Corbett, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Corbett will introduce Charles F. Berg, chair-man of the members' forum of the chamber, who will tell of the work of that body. Others to speak are C. Waters, president of the Rotary club; F. H. Hilton, president of the Progressive Business Men's club, and M. N. Dana, president of the Ad club.

Death Penalty Is Asked

Seattle, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—In his annual essage to the city council this afterto enact a law providing the death pendently discovered at the Bavarian capalty for men convicted of living off the ital.

earnings of fallen women. The recom-mendation has the backing of leading social workers in the state.

Premier of Bavaria

Amsterdam, Jan. 4 .- Premier Kurt Bisner of Bavaria has ordered the arrest of a number of officers, including five colonels, in Munich on charges of high treason against the Bavarian re-Mayor Ole Hanson recommends public. The arrests are in connection that the Washington legislature be asked with the counter revolutionary plot re-

\$2,500,000 to Be Set Aside for Program

Seattle, Jan. 4 .- (U. P.) -- Members of Charges Treason the Washington legislature, which meet January 13, today agreed on a bill appropriating \$2,500,000 as a contribution to the government's proposed land development and reconstruction program in the Northwest. The government project in this state includes the reciamation of 3,000,000 acres of irrigable land to sold to soldiers and other settlers cost on 50 years time.

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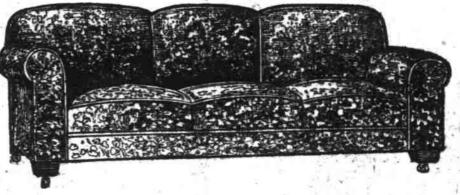
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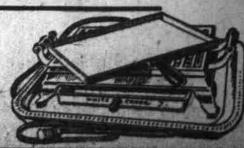
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