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ALLEGED FRAUD IN LAND SALE

Malheur Oil Promoters Appear Before the Board.

SALEM, Nov. 1.—W. P. Keady, of Portland, and A. G. King, county clerk of Malheur county, appeared before the State Land Board at the Capitol yesterday and presented statements indicating fraud in a recent sale to certain persons by the board of school lands situated in the oil belt of Malheur county.

Recently, when indications of the presence of oil were found in Malheur county, near Vale, the leading residents of that section applied to the federal government to have three and one-half townships of land, in the oil belt, set aside as an oil reservation, the disposal of the lands thereafter to be governed by laws and conditions similar to those prevailing in the case of mining and mineral lands.

It is alleged that the civil engineer in charge of the work of surveying the oil belt, gave some private parties the tip, and these latter slipped down to Salem and bought up a quantity of school land from the state, before the oil reserve could be established by the federal government.

It is stated that a suit will be brought to set aside the deeds to these school lands sold under these conditions, and any school land hereafter taken within the proposed reserve will be contested. The state will not sell any more school lands within the territory alleged to be oil land, and which it is proposed to embrace in the oil reserve.

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Kitchener Reports a Disaster to the British Near Bethel.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Lord Kitchener has reported to the war office a disaster to the British, near Bethel, Eastern Transvaal, in which two guns were lost, nine officers were killed and thirteen wounded and 54 men killed and 160 wounded. Following is the text of Lord Kitchener's dispatch, dated Pretoria, October 31:

"I have just heard of a severe attack made on the rear guard of Colonel Benson's column, when about twenty miles northwest of Bethel, near Broken Laagte, during a thick mist. The strength of the enemy is reported to have been 1000. They rushed two guns with the rear guard, but it is uncertain whether they were able to remove them. I fear our casualties were heavy. Colonel Benson was wounded, but not seriously. A relieving column will reach him this morning."

Later Lord Kitchener telegraphed that fifty-four noncommissioned officers and men were killed and 160 wounded, adding that four of the latter have succumbed of their wounds. The dispatch then says:

"I assume that the two guns have been recovered and the enemy has withdrawn, but I have no further details. I deeply regret the loss of Colonel Benson and the other officers and men who fell with him. In Benson, the service loses a most gallant and capable officer, who invariably led his column with marked success and judgment. The fighting was at very close quarters, and maintained with determination by both sides. The enemy suffered heavily, but I have not yet received a reliable estimate. The Boers retired east."

Colonel Benson has been for some time operating in the vicinity of Bethel, which is northeast of Standerton. He surprised a Boer laager, October 22nd, near Triebardfontein, taking thirty-seven prisoners. Three days later, according to Lord Kitchener's report at the time, after a long night march, the commandos under Grottblaar and Erasmus heavily attacked Benson's rear

guard and flanks at Yairvarkfontein, but were easily driven away. Whether this was the attack which resulted so disastrously, or whether the Boers who had been repulsed took advantage of the mist to reattack is not explained. Lord Kitchener does not give the date of the Bethel engagement.

Test of Irish Enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—In a report of a meeting of directors of the United Irish League, the Dublin correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times makes revelations regarding the financial test of the political enthusiasm of Ireland. Judging by the test the league has failed in many of the most important districts, says the correspondent. Kilkenny City, which is represented in parliament by Patrick O'Brien, contributed thirty shillings to the parliamentary fund and nothing to the election fund. West Donegal's total subscription was two guineas; North Wexford gave one pound and Cork City, William O'Brien's constituency, two pounds.

An Investigation Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The United States consul at Liverpool has cabled to the state department that two cases of bubonic plague and a few other suspicious cases have developed in a hospital in Liverpool. The facts were communicated to the marine hospital service. Surgeon-General Wyman has cabled Post Assistant Surgeon Thomas, who did similar work in the outbreak at Glasgow some months ago, to proceed to Liverpool and investigate the outbreak and keep this government advised of the situation. This is the first outbreak of plague in Liverpool in the recollection of the authorities here. No immediate danger to United States ports is apprehended.

Germans in Great Distress.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times says that while the Agrarians continue to demand even higher protective duties than those proposed by the government, the distress throughout Germany is becoming intense. It is estimated that there are 80,000 unemployed persons in Berlin. In the suburb of Charlottenburg particularly the conditions of labor, both skilled and unskilled, is distressing. A mass meeting of the unemployed has been called there.

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