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JONES TEARS DOWN DEFENSE

Special Land Officer Well Known in Pendleton Deals Ballinger Severe Blow

SECRETARY KNEW MINUTE DETAILS OF ALASKA CASES

Portland Man Shatters Structure of Carefully Formed Defense of Ballinger—Ex-Commissioner Had Intimate Knowledge of Fraudulent Claims—Jones Substantiates Glavis in Every Particular—Has Records to Prove His Statements.

Horace T. Jones, the former special agent of the land office who sprang a sensation with his testimony yesterday in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in Washington, D. C., is well-known in Pendleton. He has been in this city on a number of different occasions on business in connection with the land office and has been here for weeks at a time.

ment they declared that McKenzie went into their office on June 26, 1909, and told them he had talked with James R. Garfield, then secretary of the interior, and that Garfield appeared to be hostile to the Alaskan cases.

SEATTLE OFFICIALS DENY TEXT OF JONES' TESTIMONY

Seattle, Feb. 26.—Federal Judge Hanford and District Attorney Todd today deny the testimony of Special Agent Jones before the Ballinger investigating committee in Washington yesterday.

KING TAKES STAND AGAINST THE LORDS

WILL ASSIST ASQUITH TO PASS VETO BILL

If Peers Balk Edward Will Create Enough Liberal Lords to Insure Passage of Bill—Premier Forces the Issue.

London, Feb. 26.—Supporters of the Asquith ministry today assume from the attitude of the King that the veto bill will be passed, even if Edward is compelled to swamp the house of Lords with newly appointed liberal peers.

PLANTATION WAR IN GUADALOUPE BREAKS OUT

Point a Pitre, Guadeloupe, Feb. 26. The French cruiser Victor Hugo, is on its way here today to take part in the suppression of the strike of sugar cane cutters.

MAN MEETS DEATH IN BIG SNOWSLIDE

In a terrible snow slide that occurred this afternoon in the Cornucopia mountain range Robert Wilson, one of the oldest and most highly respected miners of that camp, met death and is buried under many feet of snow and ice, says Wednesday's Baker Herald.

Senator Fletcher asked the witness: "Do you mean to say that there never has been any serious prosecution of these cases up to this time?"

MORE SITES ON RIVERS MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

Walla Walla, Feb. 26.—The departure of F. W. Goodrich, a government official this morning with a forest ranger guide for the mountains is believed to be the forerunner of the withdrawal of many more water power sites on the Walla Walla and Salmon and other streams.

PINCHOT IS ON WITNESS STAND

Deposed Chief Forester Denounces Ballinger Before Investigation Committee.

CHARGES HE IS ENEMY TO ROOSEVELT POLICIES

Accuses Secretary of Interior With Overturning Conservation Policies, and Making False Statements to President Taft—"Interest of People Not Safe in His Hands," Says Pinchot—Also Opposes Reclamation.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Gifford Pinchot, on the witness stand today, accused Ballinger of overturning the conservation policies of Roosevelt and of making false statements to President Taft.

Pinchot referred to the letter he sent to President Taft on November 4, in which he said he advised Glavis to lay the Alaskan matter before the president.

The letter states that on March 20, 1909, Secretary Ballinger began to restore to entry, without advertisement, lands which had been withdrawn by Garfield ("You Taft"), continued the letter.

Pinchot also charged that Ballinger's unfriendly attitude toward the reclamation service has threatened to disintegrate that service.

AUTO TOURISTS LOST IN STORM ON THE DESERT

Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Grave fears are felt today for the safety of W. S. Hanson, a wealthy resident of Saratoga, N. Y., his wife and son. The Hansons were caught in a terrific storm on the Colorado desert while touring in an automobile.

INDICTED BEEF BARONS WILL BE EXTRADITED

Jersey City, Feb. 26.—Prosecutor Garvan today took the initial steps in the extradition of twenty-one beef trust barons who were indicted yesterday and whom he will attempt to bring to this state for trial.

Dr. H. S. Garfield went to Nolin this morning on professional business.

SNOW EIGHT FEET DEEP AND FAMILY IS STILL IMPRISONED

Kamela, Ore., Feb. 26.—A steady snow storm has been in progress here since last evening. The snow is now eight feet deep on the level and the total amount of snowfall at this point for the winter is 43 feet.

AGED DOCTOR IS INDICTED

Dr. Willard P. Burke Must Answer Two Charges—Gives Heavy Bail.

ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ABORTION

Grand Jury Completes Investigations Into Explosion in Tent House of Miss Luella Smith—Burke Indicted for Causing Explosion With Intent to Kill—Woman Alleges Venerable Physician is Father of Her Child.

Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 26.—Two indictments, one charging him with attempted murder by means of dynamite or some other explosive, and the other with abortion, were returned yesterday afternoon against Dr. Willard P. Burke, as a result of three days investigation by the grand jury of Sonoma county into circumstances surrounding the dynamiting of the tent house occupied by Luella Smith and 11-month-old baby February 5.

The aged and patriarchal appearing osteopathic physician, who is widely known throughout the state, and to whose sanitarium hundreds of people have come in search of health, is charged with having "feloniously, wilfully, unlawfully and maliciously deposited and exploded in or near the tent house occupied by Luella Smith and her child, dynamite, Hercules powder or other chemical compound, with the intent then and there to feloniously injure said Luella Smith and that by means of said deposit and explosion said Luella Smith was thereby injured."

Unusual interest attached to the last day's investigation of the grand jury because of the fact that the Smith woman had been called to testify.

BURKE IS CHILD'S FATHER.

Miss Smith, it is said told the grand jury of her alleged relations with Dr. Burke and in testifying repeated the statements that she has made several times to the effect that Dr. Burke is the father of her child.

Correspondence between Miss Smith and Dr. Burke was placed before the inquisitorial body, indicating that the two had known each other for a number of years.

Dr. A. W. Hitt, formerly head physician at the sanitarium, told of alleged remarks made by Dr. Burke that

said that there are six small children in the Mentzer family.

Notwithstanding the above dispatch from Kamela no anxiety is felt in Pendleton for the safety of the imprisoned family. Deputy Sheriff Bert Wilson was again in communication with George Adams, of Upper McKay creek this morning and Adams positively declared that he saw Mentzer less than two weeks ago and at that time the rancher had about 200 pounds of provisions. This being the case, the family can be in no immediate danger and unless the snow should remain on a week or two longer, no special effort will be made to reach the Mentzer family.

RIVAL ROADS IN HARD RACE

Hill and Harriman Lines Putting Forth Every Effort to Reach Madras First.

(Special Correspondence.) Cello, Ore., Feb. 26.—Perhaps the most work of railroad construction in Oregon, even in the northwest, is at present at a point on the Columbia river between the Biggs-water tank and Cello, within a distance of six miles.

MURPHY MAKES BIG TALK; IS ARRESTED

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—President Murphy of the Central Labor Union, arrested yesterday for inciting a riot following the publication of an interview threatening trouble for the authorities was released on bonds today.

LABOR LEADER CHARGED WITH INCITING RIOT

Declares There are Men in Northeast Who Can Shoot as Straight as Any Trooper—Out on Bonds—Denies Making Statements.

The labor leader is charged with inciting riot. The remarks on which the warrant for Murphy's arrest were based were said to have been made by him following the announcement that at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company the request for arbitration submitted by the committee of prominent clergymen had been declined.

PROMINENT DEMOCRATS TO HOLD JEFFERSON BANQUET

Washington, Feb. 26.—Leading democrats are planning a national love feast of a party of celebrities for April 13 in the form of a Jefferson banquet. It will be attended by prominent democrats from all parts of the country.

LONDON TO CONSECRATE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

London.—The Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster is to be consecrated on June 28, fifteen years from the laying of the foundation stone by the late Cardinal Vaughan.

RANCH SELLS FOR \$77,760.

Walla Walla Man Makes 200 Per Cent on Investment. Walla Walla, Wash.—John Hoffman, one of Walla Walla's wealthiest ranchers, has just completed a deal whereby he sold a ranch of 3240 acres in the Horse Heaven country to the Yakima Valley Investment company for \$24 an acre, or a total of \$77,760.

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CONSTRUCTION IS SLOW.

The three miles of O. T. line from the mouth of Deschutes to Cello is located high above the O. R. & N. tracks between them and the cliffs, the work of construction being very heavy and slow through one cut of solid rock and a tunnel of about 1000 feet through a very high cliff.

RACE IS EXCITING.

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SIX PASSENGER TRAINS ARE STILL STALLED.

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THE FIREMAN ON ONE TRAIN WAS INJURED.

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