

# BALLINGER CENTER OF FIERCE BATTLE

## Ex-Governor Pardee Is Leader of Attack on Secretary of Interior.

### Californian Roundly Scores Him for Giving Away Power Sites—Makes Impassioned Plea for Roosevelt Policies—Ex-Senator Turner Defends Action of Secretary.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—With the stage carefully set, the actors prepared in their lines and an overwhelming audience in its place, the Ballinger battle royal burst upon the National Irrigation congress yesterday afternoon.

The man who, in the language of an enthusiastic Californian, "ripped things wide open" first was Dr. George C. Pardee, ex-governor of California. Pardee attacked Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, with a fierceness only exceeded by that of George Turner, ex-senator of Washington, who took up the cudgels in defense of Secretary Ballinger. These two became the principal actors in the little drama which was enacted after the appearance of the secretary.

Dr. Pardee told of the activities of ex-Secretary Garfield, who, under the instructions of President Roosevelt, withdrew from public entry many tracts of land under the belief that these lands should be held for the people. Now, he said, Secretary Ballinger has again put up for entry these lands, and each tract has in its boundary a water-power site.

"I do not oppose private enterprise in the development of these sites," said Dr. Pardee, "but I do oppose giving away immense rights to private corporations which in a few years will hold the same political control over cities and states that railways now hold as a result of the magnificent gifts made them when they were asking for help to construct. We do know the corruption which has resulted from railway control. Shall we now hand out to a new form of corporate power an entirely new form of power over our institutions?"

"The thing to do," said the former California governor, "is to withdraw the water-power sites, as did Roosevelt, and hold them for the people."

Dr. Pardee, when seen later, furnished technical descriptions of dam sites which he said proved conclusively that dam sites which have been taken up under Secretary Ballinger could not have been taken up under Garfield.

### LAND OFFICE BUSY.

#### Lands in Flathead Reservation to Be Allotted to Fortunate.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—The drawing for government lands in the Flathead reservation will be held at Coeur d'Alene today, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasting for three days. A total of 6,000 names will constitute the list of winning homeseekers and these names will be drawn at the rate of 2,000 a day until Sunday. The total registration in the Flathead reservation was 80,893.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the 19 cans containing the applications will be opened in full view of the public and the letters will be raked over by government officials as in the Coeur d'Alene drawing.

After the letters are properly mixed, Miss Christina Donlan will step into the arena and draw the first number. After the first number has been drawn Miss Donlan will be assisted in choosing the numbers by Miss Helen Hamilton and Miss Margaret Post. The same formula of registering the winners and informing them will be used as in the drawing for the Coeur d'Alene reservation lands.

Twenty government employees are busily engaged in arranging the names of applicants for Coeur d'Alene lands whose names did not appear on the winning list. After the names have been placed in alphabetical order employees will check the names of the winners, with the total number registered, and if it is found any of the winners registered twice their names will be thrown out and the succeeding numbers moved up.

#### Celebrate St. Louis Centennial.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—Preparations are rapidly progressing for the coming centennial of this city, and the event is arousing great interest throughout the country, especially in the Middle West. The program for the centennial celebration, which will be held here during the week from October 3 to 9 of this year, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of St. Louis, has just been issued. Balloon, airship and aeroplane races, under the auspices of the Aero club of St. Louis will be held.

#### No Debts and No Taxation.

Plains, Mont., Aug. 12.—Out of debt and with no taxation for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910, is the record of the local municipal organization. At the last meeting of the council a resolution was passed and approved by the mayor providing that no tax be levied for this year, and the clerk was instructed to so notify the county treasurer. This action was taken after ascertaining that the revenue from other sources than taxes would be ample.

#### Still No Trace of Boat.

Simonstown, Cape Colony, Aug. 12.—The British cruiser Fort returned here today after an unsuccessful search for the steamer Waratah, during which a distance of 1,320 miles was traveled.

### BRITAIN LOSES GRIP.

#### Will Accept American Domination to Save Empire.

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The British empire is in momentary danger of destruction at the hands of Germany, and ready, merely for the asking, to accept the dominance of the United States and see the empire's real seat of authority transferred to Washington, is, according to Colonel S. S. McClure, editor of McClure's Magazine, the situation which is now confronting the country's statesmen.

Colonel McClure called the parting of America from England in 1776 a disastrous mistake, and read a statement from Lord Roseberry in which that statesman predicts that, if England and America had not separated at the time of the Revolution, the seat of the great British empire would have already been transferred from the British Isles to what is now the United States and those islands would have simply been the sacred historic shrine of the great world-empire of the English-speaking people.

"The United States should secure the dominance of the British empire," continued Mr. McClure, "for the asking. The present situation of England and Germany is that of two farmers living side by side, one of whom is a first rate prizefighter, has trained his people to be prizefighters and says to his neighbor, who has been peaceably engaged in cultivating his estate: 'I want some of your property and I'm going to have it.' The possible destruction of the British empire, which this means, is the most terrible problem before us today."

### ROBBERY AS TRADE.

#### Santa Clara Gang Proposed to Loot Many Banks.

Santa Clara Cal., Aug. 16.—Still concerning their identity, but talking freely of the daring \$7,000 robbery in which they were the principal actors Friday, the two boys captured at Sunnyside by Sheriff Langford were brought here for arraignment on a charge of robbery.

To Sheriff Langford, who captured them, the young men made a startling confession. Joe Willetts, who appears to be leader of the gang, said he and his companion had planned a series of bank robberies that would have created a reign of terror in financial circles. So far had their plans matured, that on Thursday, with a hired automobile awaiting their return, they entered the First National bank, in the heart of Oakland, and calmly weighed the chance of making their escape with a fortune.

"This Santa Clara robbery was only an experiment," said the youthful robber, after making this revelation. "We intended, if it was successful, to go after a bigger and richer institution next time and to clean up big money before we were through."

"We purchased a machine in Oakland and had it remain just around the corner, as we did in Friday's job. Carr and I went to the First National bank about 12 o'clock and looked the place over. We were well armed, and if there had not been so many clerks and so many people passing outside, we would have held up the cashiers and tellers and tried to escape with all the money in sight."

### TWO TRAINS CRASH.

#### Over 40 Hurt in Wreck on Denver & Rio Grande Road.

Colorado Springs.—Ten persons are dead and others expected to die, between 40 and 50 are injured, three engines are in the ditch, two baggage cars, including the contents, are smashed, and several passenger coaches are badly damaged as the result of a head-on collision between east bound passenger No. 8 and west bound passenger No. 1 on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Husted, 13 miles north of this city at 10:25 Saturday morning. The wreck was due either to a misunderstanding of orders by the driver of the first engine of the north bound train, or to his having mistaken a switch engine standing on the siding at Husted for the train he was to pass at that point and which he later crashed into.

### Lecture to Pay Debt.

London, Aug. 16.—Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, will lecture in the United States and Canada, commencing the tour in March, 1910. He will receive a record fee, but the money will not go into his pocket, but will be used to pay off debts amounting to \$70,000 contracted during his record-breaking expedition. The Daily Express reproaches the British government for its ingratitude in declining to contribute to the cost of Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition.

### Smallpox in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 16.—There are 348 smallpox patients in the lazaretto. The authorities have dictated severe measures to avoid carrying infected persons in public coaches, and have also prohibited the exposure of smallpox corpses in churches for funeral services and their accompaniment to the crematories. The land inspection board has discovered an illegal disposition of lands to a Japanese colony and has forbidden the sale.

### Earthquake in Japan.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—A disastrous earthquake shook the Japanese provinces of Nagao Saturday and it is feared the list of casualties will be heavy. In the province of Omi, 400 houses were razed. No particulars regarding the number killed are available, as all communication has been cut off.

# HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

### WU MUST GO.

#### Picturesque Chinese Figure in Washington Is Recalled.

Washington, Aug. 14.—For the second time in his diplomatic career Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, has been recalled from the Washington mission, and has been directed to proceed home, where it is expected he will be assigned to other work.

Dr. Wu's successor will be Chang Yin Tang, known as a "progressive" in Chinese political affairs. He has seen diplomatic service in India, England, Tibet and the United States.

Dr. Wu's retirement from Washington removed a picturesque figure from the capital. Probably no diplomat is better known than he, for he is a popular talker and his pungent wit and bright sallies have been heard and read with interest at many places.

During the Boxer troubles, Minister Wu, in connection with Yuan Shai Kai, then Tao Tai of Shanghai, was successful in getting through a message to the American minister, Mr. Conger, who, with his colleagues, was in the legation compound in Peking, and whose fate was a matter of great concern to the state department.

An answer from Mr. Conger demonstrated that he had received the message sent by the state department and that all was well with the legation officials. It is pointed out as a peculiar coincidence that Wu should be recalled at this time, soon after the downfall of Yuan Shai Kai, his friend.

Wu's sympathies were with the United States during the Boxer troubles, and this led to his recall. Only an intimation from this government that his beheading would be offensive to the United States, it is believed, prevented his summary death at the hands of the Chinese authorities.

The new minister, Chang Yin Tang, from April, 1898, to February, 1899, was consul-general at San Francisco and some years ago was attached to the Chinese legation in Washington for a short time.

### OFFICER PLAYS TORPEDO.

#### Escapes From Submarine Through Whitehead Tube.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The navy department has received word of a wonderful performance of Midshipman Kenneth Whiting, now in Manila. For the purpose of demonstrating the possibility of an escape from a submarine through a torpedo tube, Midshipman Whiting, who is an expert swimmer, had his vessel lowered to the bottom of the bay near Cavite. Far under the water, probably 60 or 70 feet, Whiting crawled into the torpedo tube. The end of the tube in the boat was closed behind him. The tube in a submarine is closed or opened on the outside by a port, which is moved by powerful machinery. When under the water there is a great in-rush of water, filling the tube as the torpedo flies out.

Whiting, within the tube, got a hold on the port. The officers inside the vessel turned on the power and the port was swung out. Whiting went with it, cleared himself of the torpedo tube, and then let go, flying upward to the surface of the water. He was uninjured by his experience.

### Crops Show Decrease.

Washington, Aug. 11.—An indicated winter wheat total yield of 532,920,000 bushels, as compared with 437,908, bushels, finally estimated last year; an average of winter wheat of 90.3 against 90.1 a year ago; corn, 84.4, against 82.5; spring wheat, 91.6, against 80.7, and oats, 85.5, against 76.8.

This summarizes today's crop report of the department of agriculture. The comparative figures for corn include 89.3 last month and 82.6 as the average of August 1 for the last 10 years. The preliminary returns for the winter wheat yield indicate about 15.5 bushels per acre, compared with 14.4, as finally estimated last year. The condition of spring wheat is compared with 92.7 last month and 81.1, the 10-year average on August 1. For comparison the oat crop averaged 88.3 last month and 83.1 for 10 years on August 1.

The proportion of last year's oat crop in the farmer's hands on August 1 was about 3.3 per cent, or 26,232,000 bushels.

### Plan Gompers Welcome.

Washington, Aug. 12.—In honor of the return in October of Samuel Gompers, who has been in Europe studying continental labor conditions, all the labor organizations of the Eastern states will unite in a monster parade in this city, if the plans adopted by the Washington Central Labor union at a meeting last night are carried out. October 15 is the day fixed for the celebration. The day will culminate with a meeting in Convention hall.

### Smokers Are Protected.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Purchasers of Philippine tobacco hereafter will have a government guarantee as to its quality and cleanliness, as a result of an arrangement made by the bureau of insular affairs, with the Philippine government. Every package imported into the United States will be stamped with a certificate indicating the quality of the material used and the workmanship. The arrangement was made to insure strict compliance with the new Philippine tariff law.

### REPORT IS DENIED.

#### Montana Power Sites Were Not Extended Under Ballinger.

Washington, Aug. 14.—"At no time during the administration of Secretary Ballinger have any power sites been filed on in Montana," said Acting Assistant Commissioner Schwartz of the general land office, today.

The statement was issued as a denial of the report that in the Bozeman, Mont., land district, one Jeremiah Collins, on June 11, filed on 15,868 acres of land, valuable for power sites, in the interest of large power companies. The statement says that neither Collins nor the Collins Land company had made any such filing at Bozeman or elsewhere.

"The only water power site on the watersheds of the Missouri river now under the control of the government under Secretary Ballinger's orders of suspension, are sites which have been in private ownership for several years," says Mr. Schwartz, "and two additional sites which are improved and developed to run the streetcar system and lighting of Helena and Butte and the mines in Butte."

"These two sites are in the possession of the Helena Power & Light company and the Capital Improvement company, one having a dam 85 feet high and the other 120 feet high, across the Missouri river."

"As to the application on June 11, of President Ramsey, of the Riverside Land & Stock company, for 100 and 68-hundredths acres, it was rejected by the local land office and rejection sustained in this office."

### EAST WILL BENEFIT.

#### Lands Across the Sea to Gain by Development in This Country.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Predicting that the Far East will be especially benefitted by the continual steady development of the resources of this country, Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador, left Washington this afternoon for Seattle, where he will sail for Japan. The baron returns at the direction of his government and has announced his expectation of returning to Washington in the fall. He will assist in work preliminary to revising the Japanese treaties with the powers of the world, which become operative next year.

"I'm going to Japan on leave of absence," the ambassador said, "I do not feel that I am called upon to say anything particular in regard to the relations between America and Japan. For two or three months after my arrival I had to see almost daily publications of some kind of unpleasant stories about us, which I thought from the outset fabrications of misinformed persons which would disappear in due time, as they did. Ever since then everything has been of a right direction and I have no doubt will continue so forever."

### Hold Water Power Sites.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Secretary Ballinger will report to congress in December numerous withdrawals of temporary water-power sites in Western states in order that proper legislation may be enacted by congress to preserve power sites to the government and to prevent monopolies.

Acting Secretary Wilson today withdrew for temporary power sites 6,690 acres in Montana and Utah. In Montana the following withdrawals were made:

Along the Yellowstone river, 1,222 acres; along the Hell Gate river, 4,268 acres, and along the Judith river, 1,160 acres; in Utah, along Ashley creek, 240 acres.

### Sues for Half Brown's Cash.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The story of the killing of ex-Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, who was shot to death in the Raleigh hotel here, two years ago, by Mrs. Annie Bradley, will soon be repeated in the Salt Lake City courts, when Mrs. Bradley sues for half of the estate of \$125,000 left by Brown. Mrs. Bradley will base her claim on the proof she advanced at the murder trial, when she showed that her two children are sons of Brown.

### Water Fight Is Acute.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Interest is acute here in the impending struggle between Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot, and predictions are freely made that one or the other will be obliged to separate himself from the government service. At the forestry bureau today Pinchot adherents expressed the opinion that Mr. Ballinger's dismissal would come as soon as it became generally known that he has, as they believe, played into the hands of the water-power trust.

### Cost of Special Session.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The tariff bill passed by congress last week may have marked down some of the schedules, but at a conservative estimate this enactment cost the United States treasury \$4,000,000. The bill is silent as to the exact disposition of the money. The pages of the senate will get \$4,800 for the extra session and pages of the house \$1,500.

### Wheat of State Ranks High.

Washington, Aug. 12.—In the government crop report issued today the figures by states include the following: Washington winter wheat, preliminary returns, production 16,951,000 bushels, and quality 98 per cent. Spring wheat, condition August 1, 1909, 90, and 10-year average, 85.

### FRIENDS RESENT ATTACK.

#### Secretary of Interior Defended at Irrigation Congress.

Spokane, Aug. 13.—John L. Wilson, ex-United States senator from Washington, and John Farson, millionaire banker of Chicago, clubman and a society leader, broke into the limelight before the National Irrigation congress yesterday in defense of Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, and succeeded in keeping the Ballinger-Pinchot "feud," so-called, in the public eye.

The forepart of yesterday's session did not offer, seemingly, the proper opening for a continuation of the trouble until Dr. Pardee, ex-governor of California, rose to question a statement made by a speaker. Dr. Pardee warned his subject to such an extent that he soon brought in his charges against the secretary of the interior and accused that official again of permitting the opening for entry of valuable water-power lands.

The afternoon session was hardly under way when W. W. Farrell, of Farrell, Idaho, took the floor and during the time allowed for discussion attacked severely the Washington Power company, the concern which supplies power to the city of Spokane. At the expiration of his five-minute time allowance there were cries from all parts of the building for Mr. Farrell to "go on."

A vote was taken and finally the Idaho man was allowed to proceed. Ex-Senator Wilson was seemingly in less of a bellicose mood. He started reading from a typewritten manuscript, but it became evident as he proceeded that he had something on his mind aside from his typewritten paper. Suddenly he flung aside the notes on irrigation, peaceful homes and deserts that blossom as the rose.

"There may be those that do wrong in this land," he shouted. "There may be water power companies that disobey the law. But I want to say here that I stand for Richard A. Ballinger and I shall hear no man say he is dishonest."

Dr. A. C. True, director of the office of experiment stations, spoke on the scope and purpose of the national irrigation investigations.

Ex-Governor F. R. Gooding, of Idaho, told of the work done in his state under the Carey act. He said that in five years the lands under ditch in the Twin Falls projects has come to a point where the best fruit crops in the Western states are produced through irrigation.

Paul C. Clagstone, speaker of the Idaho house of representatives, made a plea for aid from the congress in obtaining drainage for the lands in Northern Idaho, not only to aid in reclaiming the land but to fight the malarial mosquito pest in that region.

R. H. Thompson, city engineer of Seattle, read a technical paper on pumping for irrigation.

The only contest of consequence at present seems to be that over the adoption of the resolution asking for federal bond issue of \$5,000,000,000 to be used in aid of irrigation. It is understood that the Washington delegation will urge the adoption of this resolution.

### INDIANA MAN FIRST.

#### Choice Flathead, Montana, Indian Land Given Away.

Spokane, Aug. 13.—Two thousand names were drawn yesterday for the Flathead Indian reservation, and Joseph Furay, of Warsaw, Ind., was the winner of the lucky No. 1. A crowd of 500 persons assembled to hear the names of the winners and throughout the day there was about the same number around the drawing stand, many coming and going.

The weather was cool and the sky overcast at the beginning, but it soon became extremely hot.

The first envelope was picked up by little Miss Donlan at 10:30 and the announcement of the winner was greeted with a cheer.

Thereafter the drawing became perfunctory. A striking oath was found in the application of Miranda Dickey of Pullman, Wash., who received an excellent claim, and who swore that she was 53 years old, weighed just 20 pounds, and put Goliath to shame by measuring 53 feet, 125 inches in height. Judge Witten allowed it.

### Suit to Recover Lands.

Denver, Aug. 12.—The Calumet Fuel company and 13 individuals are named as defendants in a suit filed in the federal court today by United States District Attorney Ward to recover 880 acres of land, valued at over half a million dollars, alleged to have been secured through dummy entries. The land is located in the Pueblo, Colo., land office district. One of those named as a defendant is George W. Kramer, who has since died, vice-president of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, and president Globe Express company.

### Russia Growing Anxious.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—Apprehension has been aroused in political circles here by the energy displayed by the Japanese in pushing the construction of the Autung-Mukden railroad, the strategic importance of which is fully realized in St. Petersburg. Even a greater degree of disquietude has been caused by the Japanese plans for a naval base at the mouth of the Tumen river. This is considered verging on an infringement of the Portsmouth treaty.

### Russian Robbers Foiled.

Fiume, Hungary, Aug. 13.—The General Credit bank of this city was raided today by three Russians, who shot down the cashier and rifled the safe of \$6,000. The men then fled. A policeman succeeding in knocking down the man who was carrying the loot but the other two escaped.

# OREGON MAN GETS FIRST LAND PRIZE

## Isadore Selig, of Myrtle Creek, Lucky at Coeur d'Alene Lottery.

### Little Girls Are Kept Busy for Hours Drawing Winning Numbers Beneath Scorching Sun—Double Set of Numbers Are Drawn to Guard Against Accident.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—When little Helen Hamilton, niece of Mayor Boyd, of Coeur d'Alene, walked into a pile of 105,000 yellow envelopes containing applications for land of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation yesterday morning, shortly after 10 o'clock, the great land drawing on the three tracts of government land—the Flathead, the Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane Indian reservations—was on.

Several hundred people stood around the platform, on which Judge James W. Witten, of Washington, D. C., formally opened the drawing on one of the last of the big tracts of Uncle Sam's public domain. Unlike the rush in "squatter" days, the modern method of distributing land moved along with the precision of clockwork.

When Miss Hamilton, daintily dressed in white, had plucked the first lucky envelope from the mass and handed it to Judge Witten and the name of Isadore Selig, of Myrtle Creek, Or., had been read aloud, the gathering crowds began to evidence increased interest and quivering excitement.

A faint cheer arose and followed in rapid order as Miss Hamilton, aided by Miss Christine Donlan and Miss Harriet Post, plucked the other lucky envelopes from the pile. Men and women, now anxious to hear the verdicts in the first 20 envelopes, crowded up to the platform where newspaper men and government clerks grabbed at the bits of news-bearing names and started them throughout the land by special wires run to the drawing stand.

The whole affair is a perfect delineation of the large scale on which Uncle Sam conducts his official business. The drawing for the first day closed at 4 o'clock. The mark of 1500 set by Judge Witten as the labor for the first day, was reached and the remaining 1500 will be drawn today. There are but about half that many claims to be given away, but the extra 1500 are drawn to fill in where winners fail to file by April 1.

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPEN.

#### Large Number Gathers at Spokane to Discuss Important Affairs.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—The congress opened with the "Irrigation Ode," sung by the Spokane chorus of 250 voices. The address of welcome to the state was delivered by Governor Hay, of Washington.

On behalf of the city Mayor N. S. Pratt spoke. He caused the suggestion of a sensation by charging private capital with interfering with government reclamation projects.

The response on behalf of the congress was made by George E. Barstow, president of the congress. It is understood that a number of state delegations have declined to commit themselves in the matter of endorsing a candidate for president. This is true in the case of President Barstow, who, although an announced candidate, has not been urged strongly for a second term because of the feeling that the honor should be "passed around." Other candidates for the president of the congress developed during the day in the persons of ex-Governor Gooding, of Idaho; ex-Governor Pardee, of California, and Congressman Mendell, of Wyoming.

The question of a next meeting place has narrowed down to a fight between San Francisco and Pueblo, Colo., with Denver pledged to aid the latter.

The new constitution privilege, the business-like basis so much desired by the congress, was adopted without dissent.

#### Agreement Seems Probable.

Stockholm, Aug. 10.—No newspapers were published in Stockholm today, the printers having joined the general strike yesterday. It is believed this new phase of the situation will result in arbitration being opened. Now that the people have no way of disseminating information regarding the situation it is not believed the condition of affairs can be tolerated long. There are many indications that the strike is near an end and it appears probable that the men and the employers will soon reach an agreement.

### Six Die in Fire.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Fire which swept away 20 residences in South Chicago this morning burned at least six persons to death. All the occupants were asleep and the fire spread with great rapidity. In the great confusion it is feared several children were burned to death in their beds. A majority of the victims are Poles, who lived in small tenements, closely crowded together, with scant chance for escape.

### Wellman May Soon Fly.

Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 10.—Advices received here from Spitzbergen, where the Walter Wellman polar expedition is being prepared for an attempt to reach the north pole, say the repairs to the balloon shed which was badly damaged by a storm last June, have been completed and a gas apparatus has been installed.