

BALLINGER-PINCHOT PROBE IS STARTED IN CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 5.—Investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is ordered by a joint resolution introduced in the senate by Mr. Jones and in the House by Mr. Humphrey, both of Washington. As heretofore announced, the provision is for the broadest kind of public inquiry, the resolution being of the character requiring the signature of the president which gives to it all the force of general laws. A committee of 12 is to be appointed to conduct the investigation, six of whom shall be designated by Vice-President Sherman and six by Speaker Cannon. Unquestionably, Senator Nelson, chairman of the senate committee on public lands, will head the list of senators, and this, doubtless will result in his selection as chairman of the joint committee. The scope of the investigation is outlined as follows: "The committee is hereby empowered and directed to make a thorough and complete investigation of the administration and conduct of the Interior department, its several bureaus, officers and employees and of the Bureau of Forestry in the Agricultural department, its officers and employees, touching of relating to the reclamation, conservation and disposal of public lands of the United States or any lands held in trust by the United States for any purpose including all the natural resources of such lands and said committee is authorized and empowered to make any further investigation touching said department, its bureaus, officers or employees, and of said bureau



REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR MURDOCK, "INSURGENT" LEADER.

Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas declared war upon Speaker Cannon before the opening of the present session of congress and has consistently kept up his fight. It was the Kansas member who called the insurgent Republican representatives into caucus before the opening of the session to organize a fight against the speaker. Mr. Murdock is regarded as a "comer" in national politics. He is one of the most forceful speakers in congress and stands for what is termed the new idea in the management of national affairs. He is also a writer and lecturer of rare ability.

FATAL WRECK ON O. R. & N. CAUSED BY COLLISION OF TWO WEST BOUND FREIGHTS

Portland, Jan. 5.—A fatal rear end-collision between freight trains occurred early today on the O. R. & N. a few miles east of Cascade Locks, Or. T. H. Carson, of Kearney, Neb., a cattle man, was killed, and a number of persons injured, the more seriously being: T. B. Moore, of Burke, Ida., leg broken; George B. Hall, of Tacoma, Wash., skull fractured; M. McLean, of Maunehauk, Pa., arm broken; Bert Hallen, brakeman, of The Dalles; leg broken; Guy Hamlet, residence unknown, head injured. It is believed one man was killed, but his name is unknown. On the forward westbound freight was an emigrant car, and this, with the caboose, was burned. The first train was proceeding slowly when a second train crashed into it, and the wreckage caught fire, it being with difficulty that the injured got out. Word of the wreck was telephoned to this city, and a special train carrying doctors made a flying trip to the scene and returned here with the injured. It is not believed any of the injured will die. Responsibility for the wreck is being investigated.

NON-PATRONAGE THREAT STIRS UP REAL TROUBLE

Fiat of Taft Administration Received by the Insurgents. Washington, Jan. 5.—It is expected that the insurgent republican members of the house will call a meeting at an early date to give earnest consideration to the situation arising from the announcement that the administration will no longer countenance "insurgency" in congress, and will withhold patronage from the recalcitrant members. Most of the radical insurgent leaders of the house feel that, with the elections but a few months distant, it is a life and death struggle with them and consequently when forced into the fray will have no hesitation about carrying the war to any extent. An effort to defeat the insurgent congressmen by starting a fight against them in their home districts has already begun in several districts. The west has been hit hard and the congressmen so attacked will probably make no choice of weapons in defending themselves. Several members were unseating in their denunciation of the policy by which it is sought to punish a man for independence of thought and action, as they express it. Not a few were loath to believe that President Taft would lend his aid to the efforts to administer castigation to them for supporting the very principles and policies for which they claimed the party itself stood pledged. How Trouble Started. The battle broke suddenly yesterday. At first it was a single shot; then a scattered firing; swiftly the battle line spread, until tonight it has taken on the aspect of a general engagement. The consequences of which cannot be foretold. The substance of it is that Senators and Congressmen who have taken a stand against the present administration and who continue to align themselves with the opposition to the president's policies are to receive no consideration in matters of patronage. Utterances such as that made by Senator Cummins at a recent dinner in Des Moines; by Senator Bristow in previous speeches; anti-Taft articles in Senator LaFollette's magazine, and a recent interview by Senator Clegg on the price of foodstuffs are said to have stirred the president to action.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Warren Exhibit of Fruit and Grain to Be Bought—Advertising at Next Meeting

The first regular meeting of the new 1910 board of governors of the Commercial Club was held last night. Besides taking up routine matters, the allowing of bills and the reading of communications on various subjects, the matter of the purchase of the Warren exhibit of fruits and grains by the club was taken up, the old board having recommended to the new board its purchase. The matter was left to a committee with power to act, and it is probable that the action will be favorable. The exhibit is now located in the Commercial Club lounge room. At the next meeting of the board the matter of a proper method of advertising to be done by the club will be discussed, and it is probable that definite action will be taken at that time. A number of members of the board are in favor of the Southern Pacific Sunset pamphlets which have been issued at Albany, Salem, Cottage Grove, Medford, Roseburg and many other Oregon cities. The pamphlets are very elaborately illustrated, and are the finest of their kind ever printed in Western Oregon. The pamphlet sale distributed by the thousand in the East, and have already been the means of drawing a large increase of population to the cities that have taken advantage of the offer of the railroad company. If this proposition is accepted, of course the advertising will not stop at that, by any means. Manager Freeman has a great many original ideas that he will use in the campaign for new settlers this year.

DEATH PENALTY METED OUT TO NEGRO BRUTES

Judge Asserts Assault on Women Is Worse Than Murder

Kansas City, Jan. 5.—Judge Ralph H. Latah of the criminal court today sentenced Geo. Reynolds and John Williams, negroes, found guilty of assaulting Mrs. W. F. Jackson, to be hanged February 5. The judge delivered a scathing lecture in passing sentence, saying: "I said they should not be classed with common murderers. It would be an insult to those men who had, at least a spark of manhood in their hardened souls, to have such brutes as these put in their class, and I do not care to debase the day by ordering these two brutes hanged on the legal hanging day." Other prisoners in the jail loudly approved the verdict and were no demonstrative it was necessary to remove them to another part of the building, Reynolds and Williams being scoured, even by the other prisoners of their own race. The convicted negroes were stolid, and two negro lawyers refused to prepare an appeal for them.

ELEVEN DEAD, ANOTHER WILL DIE

Santa Monica, Cal., Jan. 5.—Two additional members of Marquette family, victims of ptomaine poisoning at the New Year's dinner at the home of Mrs. D. G. Valdez at Sawtelle, died today. Eleven of the twelve who partook of the tainted repast there succumbed and the one survivor is not expected to recover. TAFI'S MESSAGE COMES FRIDAY. Washington, Jan. 5.—A further announcement at the White house today says that Taft's combined special message on interstate commerce and anti-trust laws will not go to congress until Friday.

CANADA HAS OVER 7,000,000 PEOPLE

Ontario's Population, 2,619,025, is Greatest; Prairie Provinces Grow Fast

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—An estimate of the population of the several provinces of Canada at the close of the last fiscal year is given out by the federal census department, as follows: Maritime provinces, 1,927,112; Quebec, 2,088,461; Ontario, 2,619,025; Manitoba, 466,268; Saskatchewan, 341,521; Alberta, 273,859; British Columbia, 289,516; unorganized districts, 58,309. As the Canadian fiscal year closes with June and the influx into British Columbia has been exceptionally heavy during the past six months, it is beyond question that the population of this province now far exceeds 300,000. Since March 31 last immigration to Canada has approximately totaled 150,000, of which two-thirds have been to the prairie provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and to British Columbia. The total census population of the Dominion is now between 7,500,000 and 8,000,000. The Daily Beacon, of Paris, Ill., in its issue of Christmas, tells of an auction of 15 apples from Oregon which were sold for \$1 each, the proceeds going into a fund to buy presents for poor children. The apples were returned to the auctioneer to be sold, and were bought back for \$2 apiece by the original purchasers.

TWO ARE DEAD IN STABLE FIRE

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 5.—Trapped in their rooms above a blazing livery stable, Mrs. Linton Davidson and her two children, Joseph and Pacey, were burned to death here today.

Wheat Markets. Chicago, Jan. 5.—May 113; 3-4 July 103 1-8; Sept. 99 1-8. Portland—Unchanged. Tacoma—Unchanged. The total receipts of the Albany postoffice for 1909 were \$16,829.31. This is a net gain of \$1918.42 over last year, the 1908 receipts having been \$14,910.89. The increase has been uniform throughout the entire year.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OF REBEKAH LODGES

Being Held in Eugene This Afternoon—State President Is in Attendance

The annual convention of District No. 11 of the Rebekahs is being held in the I. O. O. F. temple in Eugene this afternoon with a large attendance from most of the lodges in this district, which includes the organizations in Eugene, Harrisburg, Junction City, Mapleton, Creswell, Coshen, Cottage Grove and Springfield. Mrs. Cora Hubbard, of Independence, president of the state assembly, arrived on the afternoon train from the north and is in attendance at the convention. Tonight the regular meeting of the lodge will be held and Mrs. Hubbard will address the members. A banquet will be held after the meeting.

ARBITRATION FOR SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Members of the switchmen's union, representing the Western Railroads, today agreed with the General Managers' Association, to submit their requests for advanced wages and change in hours to Arbitration under the Erdman act. The suggestion to do this was made by the switchmen. H. C. Auld and wife, of Bohawick, were in the city today.

January Sale of Unusual Magnitude

The Money Saving Opportunity of the Year. No store in this section where so large a stock can be found from which to make a selection of dry goods for your everyday requirements. No store names so low a price, because we sell for CASH. A cash price is ALWAYS the lowest price. We do not claim to have a spoke, fire or water damage sale, or pretend to be going out of business. We are here to stay and serve you in the future, with the best goods and always the lowest prices. But during January we are cutting prices in all departments, giving you all the profit, or the profit and part of the cost. We never made such a sacrifice—all former efforts eclipsed. Come here first to see what cut prices are like, and should be. READ THE LIST—

FUR TALK. Here is the best protection against cold—a nature's way of keeping warm. You buy them now for a mere fraction of their value. \$2.50 Fur Pieces now \$2.00. \$7.50 Brazilian Mink \$4.50. \$10.00 Opussum \$6.50. \$15.00 Isabella Fox \$8.50. \$25.00 Isabella Fox \$14.00.

THE CELEBRATED FAY STOCKINGS. We sell "Fay" Stockings. The January price on these famous goods will be the pair \$2.00. 25c HOSE, 20c. Full regular made Hose, double sole, high sprung heel; always 25c; January price, the pair \$2.00.

LET'S CLOTHE YOU AT 1/2 PRICE. Men's Clay Worsted Cutaway Suits, in black or gray; worth from \$15.00 to \$29; January Sale price one-half, or, the suit \$7.50 to \$10.00. Young Men's Three-Piece Suits, long pants; regular price \$6.50 to \$18; January sale price one-half, the suit \$3.25 to \$9.

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS ON ALL SUITS. We will sell you during this great sale any \$8.00 suit for \$6.40; any \$10.00 suit \$8.00; any \$14.00 suit for \$11.20; any \$18.00 suit for \$14.40. Or any \$12.50 Overcoat for \$10.00; any \$15.00 Overcoat for \$12.00.

From All Over the Store Bargains in All Sections. Womens' Suits. Of all reductions from any section the Womens' Suits are cut the hardest. The prices on the WOOLTEX and LA VOGUE are now very small; a little money will buy extraordinarily fine garments. Make a point to see them. Never made such reductions at this time of the year. A few dollars makes a big showing.

Ready-to-wear Dresses, of wool, for misses and children up to 14 years of age; January closing price one-half; dresses from 13c to \$3.25. LADIES' SKIRTS HALF PRICE—\$5.00 to \$12.00 Skirts, medium colors, well made, on sale at one-half; the garment \$2.50 to \$6.00. \$15.00 KIMONAS—Silk lined and quilted; closing price, each \$5.00. MISSES' KNIT PETTICOATS—Fleece-lined, each 25c. 50c WOMEN'S OUTING PETTICOATS—Extra good quality, each 40c. 50c UNION SUITS—For Children; heavy fleece; each 20c. EMBROIDERY—Up to 1 1/4 in. wide; sale price, yard, 10c. SHOPPING BAGS—From 75c to \$5.00; closing out price one-half, each 38c to \$2.50. REMNANTS—WOOL REMNANTS AT HALF PRICE—Every yard of wool materials in remnant lengths on sale at one-half the former price. DRESS GOODS ALL REDUCED—Every yard of dress materials in this big \$10,000 stock of Dress Goods thrown on our counters at a tremendous cut in price. You may buy any 50c goods for 40c; and 60c materials for 48c; 75c goods sell at 65c. \$1.25 plain or fancy materials on sale at \$1.00. \$1.25 Suitings are selling at \$1.40. This is the time to buy and save from 10c to 35c the yard. \$19.00 COATS \$4.75—Women's \$7.50 to \$10.00 black Coats January Sale price, each \$4.75. CHILDREN'S BEAR CLOTH COATS HALF PRICE—All colors, all sizes, in Bear Cloth Coats for children, worth from \$4.00 to \$10.00; half price, each \$2.00 to \$5.00. Misses and Children's Wool Coats, 8 to 14 years, from \$4.00 to \$12.00, sale price one-half; each \$2 to \$6. SILKS ALL REDUCED—We mention a few: \$1.65 Moire Antique, black, 36 in. wide, yard \$1.20. \$1.25 Foulard, sale price 90c. \$9.00 Waist Patterns, sale price \$6.00. 65c 27-inch Rajah, the yard \$2.00. All others reduced.

MEN'S SHIRTS FOR 40c. 85c and \$1.00 Men's Dress Shirts, light and medium colors, sale price, each 40c. \$1.00 fancy Shirts for boys; some with collars and cuffs attached of same material, others detached cuffs; January price, each 40c. SWEATERS FOR BOYS 35c. Here comes bargains for the boys—Gray, navy and red Sweaters; January sale price, each 35c.

PICKINGS FROM THE DOMESTIC SECTION. CUTTING FLANNEL, 5c—6 1/4 c dark colored Outings, yard 5c. 12c Colored and White Twilled Outing, the yard 10c. Every piece of Outing reduced. Bewildering assortment of Flannelettes; light, medium and dark colors; all good patterns. 20c Flannelette, January price, the yard 15c. 15c Flannelette, January price, the yard 12 1-2c. 6 1/4 c and 7c Prints, January Price 5c. 1000 yards Silkoline, the yard 11 1-2c. Carolina Berlin, 36 inches wide, the yard 5c.

HAMPTONS WHERE CASH BEATS CREDIT. \$1.50 lace Curtains for \$1.10. EUGENE SPRINGFIELD COTTAGE GROVE. 25c Crapes for Kimonos the yard 20c.

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