

SEC. BALLINGER WHITEWASHED AND DECLARED EXEMPLARY AS CITIZEN AND OFFICIAL

Washington, Dec. 7.—Vindicating Secretary of the Interior Ballinger upon all the charges brought against him, and condemning his accusers as having been inspired by a deep feeling of animosity, built up on a supposed difference in policy respecting conservation, a majority of the congressional committee which investigated the co-called Ballinger-Pinchot case, today submitted their report to congress. The majority announced the following conclusion:

"The evidence has wholly failed to make out a case. Neither any fact nor all the facts put together, exhibit Mr. Ballinger as being anything but a competent and honorable gentleman, honestly and faithfully performing the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

The report is signed by Senators Knute Nelson, chairman; Frank P. Flint, George Sutherland and Elihu Root, and Representatives Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts, vice chairman; M. E. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, and Edwin Denby, of Michigan, all Republicans.

A few months ago the Democratic members, Senator D. U. Fletcher, William E. Purcell and Representative Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, and James M. Graham, of Illinois, together with Representative Madison, of Kansas, progressive Republican, put out another report, which they maintained to be the majority opinion, condemning the conduct of Ballinger as secretary of the interior. This report was made public following a meeting in Minneapolis, which was not attended by some of the Republicans, who have now exonerated Ballinger and therefore the natural minority became the majority, and the republicans who were present, with the exception of Madison, withdrew and broke the quorum.

The majority report was presented to both houses at noon. At the same time independent reports of the Democratic members and Representative Madison were also submitted.

In speaking of the "animosity" created by differences respecting the conservation of natural resources, the majority of the committee said that the accusers evidently had this policy deeply at heart and were evidently disposed to take a most unfavorable view of the character and motives of any one whom they supposed to be opposed to their views. They thus came to regard Mr. Ballinger with suspicion and to regard the most innocent acts occurring to the ordinary course of department administration as furnishing evidence of some sinister purpose.

The report makes the following specific findings: That the charges and insinuations against Secretary Ballinger in regard to the Cunningham coal entries or other coal land claims in Alaska

faithful and efficient public officer." After settling forth that the entire known coal fields of Alaska, covering more than eight million acres, are still in government ownership, the report takes up the hearing upon the strife between Secretary Ballinger and other officials of the government, including several of his subordinates, and Mr. Pinchot, who was deposed as government forester. The report then reads:

"Your committee finds that the interests of the people as owners of the Alaskan coal fields are not threatened or endangered under existing conditions." Speaking of the Cunningham claims, the committee finds that it would be improper for it to pass upon the merits of these claims and thus prejudice them while they are pending.

"If they are regular," the report says, "patents should be allowed. If they are fraudulent, the claims should be cancelled. The claimants are entitled to an impartial judgment upon their rights in the premises."

It is said the committee found no reason to doubt that the commissioner of the general land office with an appeal to the secretary of the interior would decide these cases fairly and impartially, but because of the imputations heaped upon them, it is recommended that a law be enacted for the transfer of these and any other cases involving claims to Alaskan coal lands to an appropriate court for a hearing and decision.

As to the conduct of Mr. Glavis in long period in which the Alaska coal claim cases were under his control as special agent of the land office, the report declared that he had sufficient time and abundant assistance to make the field examination which he had demanded.

In this connection, the committee says: "If this demand was in good faith, Glavis was greatly remiss in his duty in not having the examination made then."

Commenting upon the blanket withdrawals of public lands which were made by James R. Garfield, when secretary of the interior, the committee says this action was taken by him after he ascertained that he would not be re-appointed under President Taft. It is said these withdrawals were made haphazard, from the mere inspection of the land office state maps.

Many of these lands were restored to public domain, by Secretary Ballinger and a portion were again set aside. The re-withdrawals, according to the committee, were made by Secretary Ballinger after a "careful examination of the maps, date and reports in the geological survey, and it is held that the re-withdrawals embraced all the power sites in the original blanket withdrawals made by Mr. Garfield. Mr. Ballinger's course in regard to the administration of Indian affairs is also upheld. The report evoked no discussion in either house of congress.

The Wheat Markets Chicago, Dec. 7.—Close—December, 92 1-2; May, 96 3-4; July, 94.

Portland, Dec. 7.—Track prices: Club, \$1 1/2; bluestem, \$3 1/2; red Russian, 78; forty-fold, \$1 1/2; red Russian, 79; milling bluestem \$3; club, \$1; red Russian, 79; export bluestem, 84; forty-fold, \$3; club, 82; red Russian, 80.

MAKERS OF CHEESE AND BUTTER IN SESSION HERE

First Annual Convention of Manufacturers Met Today in Eugene

AIM IS CO-OPERATION WITH DAIRYMEN

Big Dairymen's Convention Begins Tomorrow For Two Days' Session

The first annual convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' Association met in the parlors of the Commercial Club of Eugene this morning at 10 o'clock, and will end its session this evening. The attendance is good, considering the fact that this is the association's first convention, and that the membership is not large and scattered in every part of the state. This convention is preliminary to the big convention of the Oregon Dairy association, which meets tomorrow and while it has no connection with the big convention, many or most of the delegates are delegates also to the dairy convention.

Nearly a car load of butter has been shipped to Eugene for exhibit contests, one of the silver cups being valued at \$250. Entries are made for the best creamery butter, highest scoring dairy butter and six special prizes.

The convention opened with an address of welcome by Jack Rodman of Eugene, and was responded to by President A. H. Lea, of Portland. T. S. Townsend of Portland, then delivered an address on "Upbuilding of the Creamery Industry," and this was followed by the appointment of committees as follows:

Permanent organization—T. S. Townsend, of Portland; Professor Kent, of Corvallis; K. Eldridge, of Independence; Geo. Gagnere, of Ashland; J. R. Siefert, of Tyger. Resolutions—Carle Abrams of Salem; S. H. Blumh, of Monmouth; Paul Maris, of Portland; J. A. McLeod, of Portland; A. L. Bates, of Grants Pass.

Legislation—S. H. Graham, Portland; D. A. McIntyre, of Portland; C. H. Frazer, of Corvallis. Publicity—Carle Abrams, of Salem; M. C. Maris, of Portland; A. L. McDonald, of Portland.

Some of the Delegates Following is a list of the delegates to the butter and cheese makers' convention who have registered up to this afternoon: H. Lea, of Portland; F. W. Blumh, of Monmouth; F. H. Wlencken, of Portland; K. C. Eldridge, of Independence; J. A. McLeod, of Portland; C. H. Frazer, of Corvallis; S. C. Bradson, of Salem; W. N. Monroe, of Portland; Alvin McDonald, of Portland; E. R. Hogan, of Jefferson; V. H. Kent, of Albany; J. C. White, of Portland; A. Pusten, of Forest Grove; W. G. Fiske, of Philomath; M. B. Lindh, of Astoria; F. L. Kent, of Corvallis; C. Maes, of Portland; R. V. Williamson, of Portland; Horace Addis, of Portland; A. L. Bates, of Grants Pass; M. S. Shrock, of Hubbard; P. V. Maris, of Portland; Carle Abrams, of Salem.

The list of premiums given by the dairymen's association is the largest ever given anywhere in the United States except at a national scoring contest. There are 13 entries of creamery butter in competition and two more will be here later. There are only three entries of dairy butter and a number of cheese. The judges began their work this afternoon. They are Professor F. L. Kent, of Corvallis; A. A. Underhill, of Salem, and L. B. Ziemer, of Portland.

The dairy convention will be held in the vacant store room of the Dunn Wilkins building on West Eighth street.

Afternoon Session. This afternoon session was taken up with various addresses and discussions, speakers and subjects being as follows:

"Butter Making from Maker's Standpoint," S. H. Blumh, Monmouth. "Creamery Management," J. A. McLeod, manager Klock Produce Co., Portland. "A United States Department Instructor for Oregon," V. H. Kent, Albany Butter and Produce Co., Albany. "The Casein Test in Relation to Milk Buying for Cheese Factory," Adam Schmoker, Red Clover Creamery Co., Tillamook. "The Possibilities of the Manufacture and Market of Fancy Cheese in Oregon," Otto Friedl, of the Portland Cheese Co. "Obtaining the Raw Product," Robert Ireland, field manager Hazelwood Creamery, Portland. "Relation Between Dairy School and Factory," Prof. F. L. Kent, Oregon Agricultural College.

Tonight's Session. Following is the program for this evening's session: Address—"Mature Test," R. V. Williamson, chemist for state dairy and food department. Address—"Relation of Factory to

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Famous General von Steuben's Memory to Be at Last Honored.



AMERICA HONORS MEMORY OF GERMAN HERO AT CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft, Secretary of War Dickinson, Count Von Bernstorff, German ambassador, Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, and representatives of the German societies paid tribute to the memory of Baron Von Steuben, on the occasion of the unveiling of his statue here today.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, unveiled the statue. Representative Bartholdt spoke of Baron Von Steuben as a man of a master mind in meeting the requirements of organization, fundamental tactics and strategy. He related the circumstances under which Von Steuben came to this country to assist Washington in the revolution, at the solicitation of Benjamin Franklin, whom he met in Paris. Finding the American army in a pitiable condition, largely on account of lack of organization, Mr. Bartholdt said, he performed an inestimable service to this country by re-organizing its fighting forces.

Mr. Bartholdt told of Von Steuben's part in the revolution, and related how, having been placed temporarily in command of the army in the absence of Washington, he received the order of surrender from Cornwallis at Yorktown.

"His services," Mr. Bartholdt continued "were from beginning to end acts of personal renunciation and on the satisfaction of duty well performed, the glowing prospects of a final success, and probably the conviction that it would be difficult for others to fill his particular place, could inspire the loyalty and cheerfulness of his work. With him selfless considerations were ever pushed into the background by his regard for the public welfare and the sacredness of the cause. His life proved to be true what he wrote to congress: 'When I drew my sword I made a solemn vow that only death could compel me to give up before Great Britain would recognize America's independence.'"

Count Henrich's Address. The German ambassador, Count Johann Henrich von Bernstorff, delivered a short address in which he said:

"Steuben was not an adventurer purely seeking personal fame and money. He had been a distinguished officer in the Great Frederick's army in which he was connected with the quartermaster's department, and an aide de camp to the King. He came to America at the request of Benjamin Franklin and with a letter of introduction from him. Steuben himself wrote to congress that the honor of serving a nation engaged in the noble enterprise of defending its rights and liberties was the reason that brought me to this continent. Steuben joined the American troops during the gloomy winter at Valley Forge and was soon afterwards appointed inspector general of the army. The condition of the troops at that time is too well known to need description. Their inability to sustain a contest against the organized English forces had been taught in a woeful lesson by the campaign of 1776 in New York and

New Jersey. It is recognized by all American historians that none of the foreign officers rendered more important service than Steuben did by organizing and disciplining the army, introducing a system of military tactics and creating the engineer and artillery corps. Educated in the best school of war of his time, approved and trusted by the Great Frederick, his services to his adopted country were invaluable. He succeeded in bringing order out of the confusion, reducing the raw recruits to a homogeneous mass with the old troops and accustoming the whole to the utmost precision of movement and the management of arms to yield unflinching obedience to orders. By imparting discipline he gave confidence to the officers and men and enabled the troops from different parts of the country to act together with unanimity and effect. By introducing military habits of strict obedience he suppressed tumult and disorder, and by his rigid system of inspection great sums were saved at a time when the very existence of the nation depended upon economy in the army. Warm hearted, affectionate, generous to the extreme, the soldiers loved him, and many of the officers regarded him with romantic affection. He was prompt to acknowledge a mistake and eager to make reparation wherever it was due."

GREAT PARADE OF STRIKING GARMENT WORKERS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Fifty thousand garment workers and their sympathizers marched today in the largest strike demonstration seen in Chicago since the teamsters and freight handlers' strike five years ago.

GARAGE BLOWN UP WITH DYNAMITE

Seattle, Dec. 7.—Early this morning the garage of Dr. A. J. Ghiglione, Italian consul, was badly damaged by dynamite, and the motive that actuated the miscreant is not apparent.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 7.

John S. Rarey, celebrated Ohio horse tamer, arrived in New York from a three years' trip in the old world. Mr. Rarey's mastery of fractions horses had astonished Europe as well as America.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

Opening of the Forty-ninth congress, the first under Grover Cleveland's administration. Cleveland's message was the first from a Democratic president in twenty-five years.

NEVADA HORSE THEVES MURDER FOURTEEN INDIANS AND CONCEAL DEAD BODIES

Washington, Dec. 7.—Fourteen Shoshone Indians are supposed to have been killed and their bodies, with those of their horses, buried in two trenches in Elk county, Nevada, according to a communication sent to the department of justice by T. Barley Lee, prosecuting attorney for Cassia county, Idaho, who seeks to have department aid in bringing the murderers, who are said to be white horse thieves, to justice. The attorney writes that his informers are three Indians whose wives and children are among the slaughtered.

Coincident with the reports of the murder, three bad characters have disappeared from the vicinity of the crime, one of whom brought the first report of a crime having been committed. Rumors of the massacre drifted into Albion, Ida., last July, according to Lee. Investigation proved there was good ground for the story, though the bodies of the Indians were not recovered, but those of their horses were uncovered, and it is supposed the bodies of the Indians are beneath them.

The slow action and the reference of the matter to the department are on account of the inactivity of the Nevada officials to bring the slayers to justice.

PRESIDENT TALKS NO OBJECTIONS ON RIVERS AND HARBORS TO EXPERTING CITY BOOKS

Says Harmony of Action With the Railroads is Necessary Action Will Be Taken Monday Night—Work on City Power Plant

Washington, Dec. 7.—The seventh annual gathering of the national rivers and harbors congress opened a three days' session today, delegates from all sections of the country being in attendance. President Taft's welcoming address was first on the program and, while brief, carried a statement which proved unusually interesting to his hearers. He said the importance of river navigation had diminished of late years with the development of railroad facilities, and the problem which now confronted the country, he declared, was the union and co-operation of the railroads and the rivers. Terminal difficulties of river transportation must be overcome, the president said, before this problem could be solved.

Regarding the demand made by a number of businessmen, at a conference last night, that the city's books be expurgated, there seems to be no objection to this action on the part of members of the council. In fact, they favor it, and referred the matter to the financial committee, Messrs. Berger and Ness, acting with Mayor Matlock, so members of the council stated today.

The committee has asked for and received proposals for this work, to cover periods of three, five and eight years, and find that the cost will be quite high. The mayor desired to have the work done by Colonel John M. Williams, who has always been his political opponent in municipal affairs, but that gentleman has too much work to attend to, and does not care to undertake the work. The committee will, so it is stated, submit the proposals they have received from expert accountants to the city council for its action at the meeting next Monday night, and definite action may be taken at that time.

Municipal Power Plant. Regarding work on the city power plant, the councilmen say the ditch is completed as far as it can be until the water is ready for turning in. All the machinery is bought and paid for and is being placed as rapidly as possible. The transmission line is completed, tested and accepted, except for stringing the wire across the Willamette river, and there will be no further expense, except the wages of the small crew at work completing the installing of the plant.

The Filter Plant. Contractor Ellis finished the concrete work for the filter plant today, after two months work, during which time the rainy weather materially interfered with his progress. Contractor Heckart will rush the building to completion, and the Jewel Filter Company has been notified to begin setting the machinery in place. If they do their part of the work as quickly as they have promised to do, the plant should soon be in operation.

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NEW CAR WHEELS ARE DELAYED

The new wheels for one of the Springfield cars, which has been off duty for practically a week, were shipped several days ago and are expected here every day. They are held up somewhere between here and Tacoma. As soon as they arrive it will only be the matter of one night's work to place them on the car and the former service will soon be resumed. At present with only one car running on no schedule at all, much inconvenience is experienced by Springfield people in not knowing when to catch the car. The trouble came at an inopportune time for one of the green cars is in the barn with an armature burned out. A new field has been wired for from Massachusetts and it was ordered sent by express. It left there on the second inst., and should arrive soon.

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