

INDICT F. P. MAYS

Federal Grand Jury Charges Him With Fraud.

HELD TO BELONG TO LAND RING

McKinley, Puter, Ware and Others Indicted with Him—State Senator Denies Any Guilt.

Portland, Dec. 23.—The grand jury of the United States has said that Franklin Pierce Mays, state senator and attorney, of Portland, is guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government out of a portion of its public lands situated in township 24 south, range 1 east, and has linked with him as fellow-conspirators the names of Horace G. McKinley, S. A. D. Puter, Marie L. Ware, Emma L. Watson, D. W. Tarpley, Robert Simpson, John Doe and Robert Roe.

Judge Bellinger, at the request of Deputy District Attorney Heney, fixed the bond of Mr. Mays at \$4,000, the same in amount as has been asked of the other defendants. The bonds in the previous cases were allowed to stand against the new indictment in the case of the rest of the defendants.

Mr. Mays is very indignant at the unfair treatment which, he says, has been shown him by the government attorneys. He asked that he be allowed to go before the jury, declaring that he would be able to explain any testimony brought against him, and to show that he was not criminally connected with the Puter-Watson ring, but that he had aroused their displeasure and was being forced to pay for it. He will maintain his innocence in the courtroom and is confident that he will be able to show that there was a mistake made in his case when the indictment was returned against him.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, December 19.

No business of importance was transacted in either house today, the entire time they were in session being taken up by discussion of minor measures. Many senators and representatives were absent. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

Wednesday, December 21.

After a session of four minutes duration the senate adjourned today until January 4 next. The proceedings consisted of a prayer by the chaplain, the reading of the journal of Monday's brief session and the receipt of a number of nominations from the president.

In the house a bill was introduced to "secure the full use of the United States rural mail equipment and to place the rural service on a paying basis." Two bills were introduced providing for a place to care for lepers. The house then adjourned until January 4.

CHINESE ARE IMPLICATED.

Japanese Accuse Enemy of Enlisting Coolies in War.

General Oku's Headquarters, Dec. 23, via Fusan.—It is believed by the Japanese that the Russians are employing Chinese to damage the Japanese lines of communication, and they have no doubt that Chinese were employed by the Russians to burn the magazines at Liao Yang. The Japanese say that if they arrest any Chinese engaged in so fulfilling their obligations to their employers they will execute them, as a warning to other Chinese against a repetition of the offense.

The Japanese believe that these measures are required to wipe out the Russian system of employing Chinese for such work. They say they know that the Russians are spending enormous sums for this purpose.

Squeezing the Poor Chinese.

London, Dec. 23.—The correspondent at Peking of the Times, telegraphs as follows: "China having consented to pay the indemnity (growing out of the Boxer troubles) in gold, the ministers of Russia, Germany and France are now disputing among themselves as to what fresh terms they can extort from the Chinese and seeking to force an arrangement whereby certain banks will make further profit out of the indemnity. Great Britain supports China, who counts upon America and Japan to secure a just settlement."

Chance to See the West.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—H. W. Goode, president and director general of the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, has arrived in Chicago on his return from a trip through the East in the interests of the fair. It is expected that a great many Eastern people who have never been to the coast will be attracted by the fair. In addition to seeing the exposition, they will have the advantage of passing through the most interesting scenery in the world.

Work Given to Widows.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Taft today issued an order directing the quartermaster general to award the making of some 55,000 pairs of trousers for the enlisted men from the army at the Schuykill arsenal, Philadelphia, to seamstresses in that city, mainly the widows and orphans of soldiers, thus settling a question raised some time ago, so far as the present lot is concerned.

BLUFF IS CALLED.

England Can Have War Quickly, Says Kaiser Wilhelm.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Sensational correspondence has passed between the German and British governments during the last four weeks with reference to the warlike and provocative attitude adopted toward Germany by the semi-official British press, especially the Army and Navy Gazette. The kaiser took a hand in the negotiations and made his vigorous personality felt in a positive way. He instructed that the British cabinet should be informed in effect that if England wanted war it could have it immediately, if it was not desirous of such an event the talk which Germany considered an affront must stop.

Both Count Wolff-Metternich, German ambassador in London, and Sir F. C. Lascelles, British ambassador at Berlin, were called home by their respective governments to discuss the situation.

The publications which induced the German government to assume its strong attitude were a series of articles in the Army and Navy Gazette, culminating in the declaration that the kaiser's navy was so rapidly becoming a menace to Great Britain that war would better be declared now in order that the German fleet might be destroyed before it should become a still greater danger.

Both Premier Balfour and Lord Lansdowne have been told that Germany is impatient of this distrust of its naval policy, which it accuses the National Review, the Army and Navy Gazette and other papers of generating among the British people. The Fatherland wishes Britain to understand once for all that it has not the slightest intention of abandoning the development of its navy and its merchant marine at British behest, no matter how much of a bogey they constitute.

LONDON IN A BLACK FOG.

Traffic Almost at Standstill Throughout the Metropolis.

London, Dec. 24.—London was enveloped today in a black fog, more dense than anything witnessed during the last two years. In many places the traffic was almost completely stopped, and the greatest care was necessary to avoid accidents, a number of which have already been reported.

As night closed down and the density increased, vehicle traffic in the most crowded sections of the center of London was completely suspended. Some of the scenes witnessed were pitiful, some were ridiculous, and the whole was extremely weird. There were instances in which women became hysterical, and even the police lost their sense of direction, and omnibus drivers became confused and drove on the sidewalks, until finally all traffic was held up.

At the main crossings and on the streets leading thereto, long shadowy lines of omnibuses, cabs and wagons loaded with Christmas packages stood motionless. The most brilliant electric lights only served to make the darkness visible. Torchboys were very busy.

BRITISH DOCKING CHEAPER.

Attention of President Called to Conditions at Bremerton.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt's attention was invited today by Representative Humphrey, of Washington, to a telegram received by Mr. Humphrey from some of his constituents, protesting against what is declared to be exorbitant tonnage rates charged at the Bremerton naval station for the docking and repair of vessels. The telegram calls attention to a charge of 10 cents a ton for the docking of the steamer Shawmut, the owners declaring that they could have the work done at the British dock at Esquimaux for 3 cents a ton. The charges at the American station result, Mr. Humphrey says, in a large amount of such work going to the British station, to the detriment of the Americans. This matter will be considered by the officials of the Navy department.

Examination of the Nigretta.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The examination of the cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretta, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tsushima is progressing at Sasebo. Seemingly it is undetermined whether parole-breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretta. The Japanese are investigating this feature of the case because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials properly to conduct the internment of Russians who seek refuge at ports in China. It is considered vitally important.

Treatment of the Wounded.

Mukden, Dec. 24.—A report on the work of the Red Cross in the north-eastern district has been submitted by Prince Vassilitchkoff. During October 10,691 sick were treated. Of these 89.98 per cent were only slightly ill, and 10.02 seriously sick. A little over 63 per cent of the sick recovered under treatment. The others were invalided or transferred to other hospitals. Less than 1 per cent died. The figures relating to the wounded are conflicting.

Philippine Tariff Bill Ready.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Taft and Colonel Edwards, chief of the insular bureau of the War department, today practically completed the work of putting the proposed revision of the Philippine tariff in shape for presentation to congress in the form of a prepared draft of a bill.

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