

BALLINGER ASKED TO LEAVE CABINET

HINT SENT SECRETARY BY CRANE

Massachusetts Senator, Acting on Initiative of National Leaders, With Taft Acquiescing in Plan, Breaks News to Ballinger—Asked to Step Out by October First.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 2.—It was learned today on the highest authority that Senator Crane of Massachusetts, acting on the initiative of republican national leaders, with President Taft tacitly acquiescing in the plan, conferred with Secretary Ballinger at Minneapolis yesterday and suggested that Ballinger should relinquish his portfolio as secretary of the department of the interior before October 1, 1910.

The intimation of Ballinger's resignation is believed to explain the "accidental" meeting of Senator Crane and Secretary Ballinger at Minneapolis.

Senator Crane recently visited President Taft here and considerable mystery was thrown around the cause of his visit. The only light vouchsafed was that the senator was going westward "on a mission."

That pressure was brought to bear on the president to give him the hint that Ballinger should retire is the general impression here. It is believed that the republican leaders elected Senator Crane as the spokesman and secured the tacit agreement of Taft to the plan of asking Ballinger to withdraw.

It is reported that Senator Crane told Secretary Ballinger he must resign shortly after the report of the investigating committee in Minneapolis September 11. It is said that Ballinger expects to return to his law practice in Seattle before the congressional campaign ends. The president, it is said, felt a delicacy about informing Ballinger of the pressure exerted on him.

The executive offices have given out no information regarding the purposes of Senator Crane's journey, stating only that he had no commission from the president.

Secretary Norton refused to confirm or deny the reported approaching retirement of Ballinger, saying that in many respects he knew more about Senator Crane's mission than does President Taft. This is taken to mean that the president's secretary joined with the politicians in the plan to remove Ballinger.

Taft played golf this morning with Captain Butt, his military aide. This afternoon he was visited by General Leonard Wood.

ELECTION TODAY IS VERY QUIET

Vote Polled Is Light—Indications Are That Amendments Will Carry by Large Majority—Little Interest on Part of Mr. General Public.

A very light vote is being polled at today's city election, as very little interest is being taken in the matter. At 2 o'clock this afternoon not over 100 votes had been cast.

Indications are that the amendments will carry by a large majority.

When in doubt put a want ad in the Mail Tribune.

WAR CLOUD HANGS LOW O'ER SPAIN

Clericals, However, Are Endeavoring to Affect a Truce Until Such Time as They Can Muster Strength for Open Rebellion—Pope Continues His Antagonistic Career.

LISBON, via Badjos, Aug. 2.—The clericals of Spain, realizing their unpreparedness for war, are endeavoring to affect a truce with the supporters of the policy of Premier Canalejas in his controversy with the vatican until such time as they can muster sufficient strength for open rebellion. The plans of the clericals are conveyed in private dispatches to friends here.

Although an overthrow of the clericals is believed impossible at the present time, it is certain a bitter political fight will be waged against Canalejas.

The Carlist supporters of Don Jaime are allied with the independent clericals and they have notified Canalejas that "we are determined to use every means to effect your overthrow without regard to consequences."

Peaceful Means First. This is taken here to mean that the clericals will first try to win by peaceful means, but that in the event of defeat they will raise the standard of revolt, appeal to the exiles hovering on the Franco-Spanish frontier, ask the aid of Don Jaime (Continued on Page 8.)

TO LOWER RATES FIRE INSURANCE

State Board of Underwriters Have Had Official Here Investigating New Water System, and Lower Rates Are Expected.

For the past few days the state board of underwriters have had an official in this city investigating Medford's water supply, and as a result local insurance rates will soon be considerably reduced. The official stated before returning to Portland that in his estimation the system was second in no way in the state.

In accordance with M. M. Gault, superintendent of the water works, the official made a careful inspection of the distributing system and tested the pressure in many of the mains. While the official would not commit himself, he intimated that a considerable reduction would be made on all fire rates in the city.

MOVING PICTURE FAKIRS FIND AN EASY MARK

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 2.—Fred Dibos is today camping on the heels of the police, tearfully pleading with them to recover for him \$12 and a gold watch. Dibos was walking home in the early morning when he met two swarthy Italians with stilettoes between their teeth.

"Hev, there!" sang out the swarthy ones. "Let us rob you. We're moving picture actors. Look out for the camera."

"Sure," replied Dibos. The Italians took Dibos' watch and wallet and ran. Dibos followed at top speed in true cinematograph style. The fugitives disappeared in a blind alley. He searched for six hours, then notified the police.

Work Started on \$10,000,000 Bridge to Span Hudson River.



New York and New Jersey will be connected by one of the greatest bridges in the world. After long years of discussion work has at last been started on a \$10,000,000 bridge that will reach from near Fort Lee, N. J. to Manhattan Island at One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street. The new bridge will dwarf Brooklyn bridge in size.

FIRE DESTROYS LUMBER TOWN

Blaze That Breaks Out in Hoover Sawmill at Hoover, on Upper Santiam River, Destroys Every Building—Loss Will Reach \$150,000.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.—The fire that broke out in the Hoover sawmill at Hoover, Or., 16 miles east here, on the Upper Santiam river, late yesterday, is still burning, but is under control. Every building in the little lumber town was completely destroyed, except a few houses standing on a high bluff, quite a distance from the townsite. Fire fighters dug trenches around the town to prevent the spreading of the flames to the standing timber. For a time these efforts were successful, but early today the fire leaped the ditches and did considerable damage.

A large force of men from Mill City, 22 miles away, have gone to the scene and at last report the flames were practically under control. The loss will probably reach \$150,000.

The town consisted of the mill, one store and about 25 bunkhouses and dwellings.

GIRLS TO SWIM TEN MILES IN OPEN SEA

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 2.—The mere fact that one can swim well in a bathing suit is no indication of ability to do the proper thing in case of shipwreck, according to the Misses Emily and Hannah Duhoise of San Rafael, who are summering here. Hence, in order to be "on the job" when a really and truly shipwreck occurs, they propose to hike themselves ten miles from shore, upset their boat and reach shore as best they can.

ASKS VAN LIEW TO QUIT OFFICE

Governor Gillett Calls Upon Normal Board to Oust Principal Accused of Hugging Young Pupil or to Resign Their Own Positions.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 2.—In a letter designed to urge upon the trustees of the state normal school at Chico the necessity of ousting Dr. C. C. Van Liew, principal of the institution, on the ground of his alleged evil reputation, Governor Gillett today practically called upon the trustees to dismiss Van Liew or to resign their offices.

Van Liew was recently acquitted of charges of misconduct. The vote of the board stood 3 to 2.

The governor charges in his letter that reports derogatory to Van Liew's character are on file with the board of examiners and that Detective William A. Pinkerton was investigating Van Liew's reputation at the time of the San Francisco fire.

LURE OF BIG CITIES TEMPTS YOUNG PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—According to figures compiled by the census bureau, the lure of the city for American youths increases. Despite the possibility of saving more money on farm and living better, the bureau of statistics shows that young men prefer to put up with the hardships of the city for the sake of the gayer life.

The attraction of the average wage of \$1.50 for an eight-hour day, the figures indicate, is stronger than the drawing power of \$20 a month and "keep" in the country for 12 and 14 hours' work a day.

RACE RIOTS ONLY PLAIN SLAUGHTER

Texas Grand Jury Finds Negroes Were Shot Down in Cold Blood—Hardly Any Disorders Preceded Killing of Fleeing Blacks—Many Unexpected Victims Found.

PALESTINE, Tex., Aug. 2.—"The killing of negroes at Elkhart and Slocum disgraces the county and state. Every one connected with the riots should be indicted."

This was the message sent to the Anderson county grand jury today by Judge Gardner of the circuit court.

"The shootings did not occur in a riot or a fight; they were a series of cold-blooded murders," said Judge Gardner. "Hardly any disorder preceded the killing of the fleeing negroes."

Following the restoration of comparative quiet, the militia, which since the riots has been guarding the town and patrolling the county, has been withdrawn. Further investigation of the deaths brings to light many heretofore unsuspected victims in the outlying portions.

Three negroes were killed as they fled from the scenes of the first killings.

The following white men have been arrested in connection with riots and are being held without bail:

James Spurgol, John Bishop, Walter Ferguson, Isaman Garner, Andrew Kirkwood, James Jenkins, F. Bailey and Morgan Henry.

CUTTER PERRY TOTAL WRECK

Revenue Ship Meets Disaster in Dense Fog and Swift Currents of Behring Sea—Crew and Officers Rescued.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—The revenue cutter Perry is reported a complete wreck on Tonki Point reef, St. Paul island, Behring sea, July 25, according to a cablegram received at the treasury department today. The Perry's crew, numbering 50, including officers and men, reached shore after a hard battle with the surf.

The wreck was due to the dense fog and swift currents. The cutter was engaged in patrolling the Seal islands.

WENDLING IS OFF FOR TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—With a rose in his buttonhole and a smile on his lips, Joseph Wendling, accused of the brutal murder of Alma Keilner, 8, in Louisville, Ky., left today in custody of Captain John Carney of Louisville. Wendling still maintains his innocence, asserting that he will be acquitted as soon as he is tried by the Kentucky authorities.

The prisoner is due to arrive in Louisville next Monday.

At the cost of a few stamps and a little time, you may answer some want ads that will lead to unforeseen business and profits.

OBJECT TO OPEN DRAWS ON BRIDGES

Army Engineers Up in Arms Over Orders From County Commissioners Regulating Bridges on Willamette—Claim County Has No Jurisdiction and Calls Federal Attorney

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 2.—Major McIndoe, United States engineering corps, is up in arms today over an order issued by the county court regulating the opening and closing of the drawbridges spanning the Willamette river.

The county court issued instructions to the bridge tenders to refuse to open the draws for the passage of any vessel, with the exception of the fireboat, between the hours of 6:00 a. m. to 7 a. m.; 5:30 a. m. to 8 a. m.; 5:15 to 5:45 p. m., and from 5:55 to 6:30 p. m.

The order was issued because of the danger of thousands of workmen and women who reside on the east side of the river, who are often late to their work, and also miss a nice hot dinner on account of being compelled to wait for vessels to pass through the bridges.

McIndoe stated today that the county court has no jurisdiction over the regulations of river traffic, and that the United States district attorney would be requested to prosecute every case where the draws fail to open upon the proper signal from any vessel.

CALLS ENEMIES ALL DEMAGOGUES

Ballinger Shows His Love for Garfield and Pinchot Again—Says They Are Trying to Make a Scapegoat Out of Him.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 2.—Secretary Ballinger has "shown his love" for his "demagogue enemies" again. In a statement given to the press of St. Paul he has blasted all hope of an eventual reconciliation with Garfield, Pinchot and others whom he charges are trying to make a scapegoat of him.

Ballinger declared that, despite the efforts of his enemies to discredit him and his motives, his friends in Seattle are as loyal as ever and that he can count on their unreserved support.

"Pinchot, Garfield and that bunch," said Ballinger, "have been after me, trying to make scapegoat of me. The president and I have done all we could to make this administration a success. Both the president and I are heartily in favor of conservation. There are a lot of demagogues who would like to see a breach between Roosevelt and Taft, but the president has been wise. He has taken a broad and liberal stand for constructive, upbuilding policies."

GOOD SAMARITAN DIES FROM WOUND

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—Alexander Smith, who played the role of the good Samaritan Saturday night and was shot as a result, is dead today at the city hospital.

J. H. Liggitt, the genial day clerk of the Hotel Moore, returned Tuesday from a vacation of a couple of weeks spent at northern points.

MISS LENEVE HEARS ONLY KIND WORDS

Police Hope to Induce Her to Testify Against Crippen—Man Accused of Wife Murder Is Confined in Dungeon and Allowed to See No One—Praises Scotland Yard.

QUEBEC, Que., Aug. 2.—Miss Ethel Claire Leneve today underwent the police "third degree" of kindness following her nerve wracking voyage across the Atlantic in company with Dr. H. H. Crippen, charged with the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, in North London. The police hope that Miss Leneve will tell everything she may know concerning Dr. Crippen's flight, the disappearance of Mrs. Crippen and the details of her acquaintance with the accused man.

Count On Her Aid. The belief is general here that Miss Leneve will be the chief witness against Crippen at the inquest to be held in London. The detectives hope that she will testify for the crown both at the inquest and at the trial of Crippen, which they predict will follow shortly upon the doctor's return to London.

While showering Miss Leneve with comforts, the police are trying to persuade her to talk. She has not been placed in solitary confinement, like Crippen, but has been treated more as a guest in the home of Chief McCarthy. She has her own room and practically is not under surveillance. It is said that the kindness of the police has made a deep impression on her. In addition to this she has received a number of cable grams from her parents urging her to tell all she knows of the case to the authorities.

Crippen in Dungeon. Crippen is kept in a dungeon in parliament house and is not permitted to see visitors. No visitors are allowed to see Miss Leneve. Chief McCarthy this afternoon said her condition was so serious that she might be compelled to go to a hospital. He declared emphatically that Miss Leneve has told (Continued on Page 8.)

\$3500 IS PAID TO HUNT AND FISH

County Clerk on the Jump Issuing Permits to Those Who Would Go in Search of Deer—Amount Increases Over Last Year.

County Clerk Coleman was more than busy Tuesday morning issuing permits for people to go out in the hills and take a chance at killing something or of being killed, which, according to the chief game warden, amounts to nearly the same thing. To date the county clerk has issued 1242 permits to catch fish. If you can; also 548 licenses to hunt have been issued. As the bulk of the licenses are issued just before the open season for deer, the inference is that the majority of them are after the big bucks—like the fishing permits, the hunting permits do not carry a guarantee that they will bring in the game.

Game Warden Gay has also sold perhaps 300 combined licenses, and Mr. Coleman estimates that at least \$3500 will be received from these sources. Last year the total was a little less than \$3000.