

# Indians Claim Two Cities and Big Oil Field

## Tulsa and Oklahoma City, With Most of Burkburnett Tract, in 14,000,000 Acres Cherokees File On

### Based on Ancient Patent Document Issued by President Van Buren Figures in Red River Litigation

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Claim to 14,000,000 acres of land in Texas and Oklahoma, including the cities of Tulsa and Oklahoma City, and practically the entire Burkburnett oil field, was filed in the Supreme Court today in behalf of the Cherokee Indian nation, supported by a government patent issued by President Van Buren and certified as authentic by the Interior Department.

The claim was in the form of a petition for permission to intervene in the Red River oil lands case, an original suit between Texas and Oklahoma involving jurisdiction over the valuable oil fields situated along the common boundary.

The motion was filed by John M. Taylor, a grandnephew of General Zachary Taylor, as attorney for the Cherokee nation. He said the patent was discovered accidentally among the papers of a deceased chief of the tribe, bearing the date of December 31, 1808, the patent gave to the Cherokee nation, "forever," a tract about 500 miles in length through the Panhandle section, comprising in all 14,374,135.14 acres. Only the possibility that the statute of limitations will nullify the claim prevents the Cherokee nation from having a "watertight case," counsel said. It will be contended, it was asserted, that this statute does not apply since the Supreme Court has held that it cannot be pressed against the government itself and that the Indians as wards of the government are possessed of the same rights.

OKLAHOMA, Okla., April 9.—Doubt that the Cherokee Indian Nation can lay claim to 14,000,000 acres of land in Oklahoma and Texas, as was done in a petition filed in the United States Supreme Court today, because it has no official or legal status as a nation, was expressed by S. P. Freeling, Attorney General of Oklahoma. He said, however, it might be possible for individual descendants of members of the nation to support the petition.

The land in question, which includes the City of Tulsa and Oklahoma City and practically the entire Burkburnett oil field, has been patented by the government since the Van Buren patent, according to Mr. Freeling. He declined, however, to interpret the law to show whether the Cherokee patent does or does not rank the later issue.

"The people of Oklahoma City and Tulsa need not worry about the property they own," declared the Attorney General. "The Supreme Court has been admitting petitions by any one praying intervention in the Red River case. Any man who thought he had a little land was allowed to file a case. The Red River case would not be affected, taking it for granted the suit by the Cherokee nation is valid."

"The litigation between Oklahoma and Texas is merely one of boundaries. No effort is being made to establish ownership of the property. The suit does not refer to title."

Mr. Freeling said he had received information that the Supreme Court would hand down a decision next Monday on the Red River case.

# Allied Trial for German

PARIS, April 8.—A German customs official in the occupied area of Germany, Herr Seydel, recently was appointed by the Inter-Allied Commission to a post connected with its application of the new customs regime, according to a Havas dispatch from Coblenz. Hearing of this, the German government recalled Herr Seydel to Berlin, assigning him to a new post. The Inter-Allied Commission, it is learned, has decided to bring Herr Seydel before a court-martial, charging him with failure to fulfill its orders.

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# U. S. Protests to Paris On Cable Restrictions

## American Business Concerns Not Allowed to Deal Direct With French Public

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The American State Department is in correspondence with the French Foreign Office over the alleged discriminatory practice of the French authorities against American cable users who seek to transact business direct with the public of France.

Secretary of State Hughes disclosed today that the department has received a great number of complaints from American cable users that the French authorities refuse American concerns the privilege of dealing directly with the French public in the matter of delivering and receiving messages and settling accounts. The point is made that this government does not impose similar restrictions on French cable companies, which may wish to operate on American soil.

The protests laid before the State Department come largely from chambers of commerce and commercial organizations whose business relations with French clients have been seriously interfered with by the French government's policy of dealing directly with the public there.

# Gonzalez Praises New Mexican Revolt Scheme

## Denies He Yet Has Been Offered Leadership of "Reconstruction" Movement

LAREDO, Tex., April 9.—General Pablo Gonzalez told The Associated Press today what he knows of a plan "de reconstruction nacional" in Mexico which formed the basis for a movement to overthrow the present government.

"I received a copy of the plan recently from 'somebody in Mexico,'" General Gonzalez said, "but I had nothing to do, directly or indirectly, with its composition. I understood from the plan that a delegation of three men would approach me, offering me the leadership of the reconstruction movement and asking my acceptance and oath, but so far the committee has not made its appearance, and my decision regarding the matter is not ripe for announcement."

"I consider as very laudable the purpose of these Mexicans who seek as their high aim the salvation of my country, managed as it is by the bad management and inconceivable turpitude of those men who have seized the reins of the administration, and I do not find, unfortunately, that there is any exaggeration in their concepts, but that they are hardly reflexes of the reality."

Burton To Be Budget Leader

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, probably will be the new chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, or budget, to succeed Representative Good, of Iowa, who will retire from Congress in a few months to enter law practice in Chicago.

# Caucuses Prepare For Organization Of House Monday

## Kitchin Succeeds to Leadership of Minority; Republicans Indorse Action on Committee Selections

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Republicans and Democrats, meeting separately, put things in shape today for the organization of the House of Representatives at noon Monday.

Speaker Gillett, nominated by the Republicans, will be opposed for reelection by Representative Claude Kitchin, Democrat, North Carolina. Mr. Gillett will be elected and Mr. Kitchin, by reason of his nomination, will become Democratic leader. In the new House the Republicans have 301 members and the Democrats 151.

Back after a long rest, Mr. Kitchin said he felt physically fit to carry on his work as minority leader, but at his request Representative Garrett, Tennessee, was named as acting leader. At their final caucus Republicans ratified the action of the Committee on Committees and adopted the report on standing committee assignments. The action of the general committee in giving representation to labor and agriculture on the steering committee was approved. Representative Nolan, California, who holds a union card, and Representative Anderson, Minnesota, long active in urging legislation designed to aid the farming industry, were added to the committee along with Representative Greens, Vermont, who succeeds Chairman Winslow, of the Interstate Com-

merce Committee. Other members hold over.

The only fight in the Democratic caucus was for a place on the Ways and Means Committee, which went to Representative Tague, Massachusetts, who defeated Representative Hayden, Arizona, by five votes. Members said Tague won because he had opposed the Fordney emergency tariff, which Hayden supported.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the Republican leader, and Representative Knutson, Minnesota, Republican whip, will serve again, both having been reelected.

Republican committee assignments, aside from those already published, showed many changes. Seven new members were placed on the Agriculture Committee, which will report out the packer control bill which failed to reach the House last session. They are: Williams, Illinois; Sinclair, North Dakota, the only Nonpartisan League Republican in the House; Hays, Missouri; Thompson, Ohio; Gerner, Pennsylvania; Clague, Minnesota, and Clarke, New York.

Woman to Indian Affairs

Representative Robertson, Oklahoma, the only woman member, was put on Indian Affairs, where she wanted to be. New members of the Naval Affairs Committee are Burdick, Rhode Island; Patterson, New Jersey; Kline, New York, and Swing, California.

Two committees which were expected to be dropped, Woman Suffrage and Alcoholic Liquor Traffic, need of which it was said had passed, were continued. Representative Mann, of Illinois, retired as chairman of the former and returned to his old status as a House free lance without assignment.

Representative Nolan was made chairman of Labor and Representative Knutson of Pensions. The Census Committee, which must prepare a bill for House reapportionment, has three new members—Beedy, of Maine; Faust, of Missouri, and Wyant, of Pennsylvania.

# Cholmeley-Jones Rechosen Former Head of War Risk Insurance Bureau Returns

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The reappointment of Colonel R. G. Cholmeley-Jones as Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance was announced today by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. He will take charge of the government's insurance office at once.

Colonel Cholmeley-Jones resigned a little more than a month ago to return to private business as vice-president of the Finance and Trading Corporation of New York after serving as head of the bureau for twenty-two months. He had previously served as lieutenant colonel with the war risk section of the A. E. F. and was chief of that section at the time of his resignation from the military service. Secretary Mellon said today that Colonel Cholmeley-Jones has returned to the bureau to assist in carrying out the recommendation of the special Dawes committee appointed by the President.

The tone of the Treasury Secretary's statement is generally believed to indicate that Colonel Cholmeley-Jones' reappointment is a part of the plan for consolidation of the war risk with all the other soldier relief agencies recommended by the Dawes committee.

# Jersey Sets Shell Record Specimens 15 Million Years Old Unearthed at Marlton

MARLTON, N. J., April 9.—Shells, declared to be fifteen million years old, have been discovered in the marl pits of this town by Professor John H. Ruckman, Federal geologist and engineer. The discovery, it is said, gives Marlton the greatest range of such specimens in the world, extending from the period when shellfish represented the only animate life, until the epoch which probably directly preceded the appearance of man.

Giant lizards and huge animals long extinct are among the specimens which have been unearthed from marl deposits in this section. The most recent discoveries of Professor Ruckman, it is said, upset the calculations of the age of the marl deposits in New Jersey, and are believed to be the oldest remains of prehistoric life on earth.

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Sport hose—quite an important item they are! You'll be delighted to find these good-looking ones of wool in heather shades, with hand-embroidered silk clocks. The price is an added inducement. 2.35

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