

TRICKSTERS UNLOAD INDIAN MORTGAGES

White Earth Land-Grabbers Are Frightened, Declares Commissioner Leupp.

Finds Charges of the Journal True—Pledges Effort to Punish Leeches.

By H. C. Stevens.

Washington, Aug. 15.—"The interests of the Indians will be cared for to the full extent of the government's resources and facilities."

This was the announcement made by Commissioner Leupp of the Indian Bureau, relative to the White Earth Indians, upon his return to Washington last night. He spent a day of personal investigation at the agency and another day with Agent Mischelet in Minneapolis.

The records of every one of the mortgages recently executed by members of the tribe are being examined and information as to the methods under which they were procured is being gathered," continued Mr. Leupp.

"The result of this activity on our part is already apparent. One or two of the men who loaned money to Indians have thrown up their hands and returned the deeds to the Indians with whom they dealt. In other cases the papers have been turned over to the United States district attorney with instructions to make an examination to see if prosecution will not lie against the persons who procured execution of the mortgages. Other cases are to be placed before that official as fast as they are investigated."

Money Spent, Sober Now. Mr. Leupp's investigation, altho a short one as to time, led him to endorse Agent Mischelet's report that drunkenness and squandering their money was confined to a comparatively small percentage of mixed bloods—those who would have done the same thing under any circumstances which gave them control of money in any considerable amount.

"These Indians are natural spend-thrifts and would have spent their money on drink and other follies had they obtained it in any other way," he said. "I know some of them personally and am thoroughly convinced of the truth of my statement. They have now squandered their money and in consequence there is not so much excitement in the vicinity of the reservation as there was a few weeks ago."

"Were any one of the better-behaved and more provident Indians included in the number who mortgaged their holdings?" Mr. Leupp was asked.

Good Indians Bliked. "Unfortunately, yes," was the reply. "I was told that some of the better class Indians were induced to mortgage their holdings thru statements that bordered perilously close to violations of the law. Representations were made to them that the money of the loan and the signing of the mortgage note did not bind them to anything—that the transaction was merely friendly, with other statements along the same line. These were the men which the government will get after the landgrabbers and seek the annulment of the mortgages. It was in some such cases as these that the holders of mortgages gave up the papers and got out from under."

Commissioner Leupp is looking forward to more or less trouble regarding the determination of whether or not some Indians are mixed bloods or full bloods. He said that some of the Indians who were protesting last year against allotments of timber land to their mixed bloods, claiming that they, as full bloods, were being cheated out of valuable lands, are now claiming to be mixed bloods, and therefore entitled to the benefit of the new law.

Landgrabbers Deceived? He also admits the probability that some of the white landgrabbers have been victimized into loaning money to the full bloods who claimed to be mixed bloods. These Indians may be able to secure some sort of proof that some one of their female ancestors married a white trader or trapper, trader several generations back, testimony which officials may not rely upon entirely, but which would have to be refuted. But Indians of this class, and in fact all Indians claiming to be mixed bloods about whom there is a shadow of doubt will be required to furnish proof of the presence of white blood in their veins before the Indian bureau will will it that they are entitled to the benefits of the act.

Mr. Leupp foresaw this latter diffi-

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BLASTS K.G.'S HOPES FOR 25-CENT GAS

Chicago Syndicate that Asked Franchise, Granted One, Backs Down.

Kansas City, Aug. 15.—Kansas City's fight for cheap gas received a setback last night when the Chicago capitalists, who recently were granted a thirty-year franchise to sell the city natural gas at 25 cents a thousand feet for domestic use and 10 cents for manufacturing purposes, notified Mayor Hardisty that they would not accept the proposition. The franchise, they said, carried too many restrictions.

EAGLES ADOPT A NEW VOTING PLAN

GRAND ARMY WILL BEGIN BALLOTING TOMORROW.

Committee on Finance Approves Work and Record of the Grand Treasurer—Boy Mayor of Milwaukee Raises the Lid for the Visitors.

Milwaukee, Aug. 15.—Today's first session of the granderie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, opened with the reading of an exhaustive report by the committee on finance, which also included the grand treasurer's report of disbursements and funds on hand, and highly commended him for his work.

The report of the committee on judiciary, recommending that instead of calling the roll in the election of officers, a balloting system be adopted, was taken up and discussed, the problem being whether or not it was wise to abolish the old method simply to save time. Senator T. F. Grady of New York, as chairman of the committee, presented the advantages of the plan, and it was adopted and the committee on credentials was directed to prepare ballots.

It is the understanding that nominations will be made on the floor on Thursday morning, and that the balloting will proceed for all officers and the place of holding the next convention all day Friday, during which consideration of legislation will be given up. Mayor Sherman M. Becker extended the freedom of the city in a few appropriate remarks, taking occasion to raise the lid, for the time the visitors are the city's guests.

WOMEN FIRST VICTIMS OF KENOSHA'S GRUSADE

Kenosha, Wis., Aug. 15.—The first victims of the Kenosha Civic Federation, which was incorporated less than a week ago, are women. Officials of the federation went to Anderson's park last night and found four women playing the wheel of fortune with all the zeal of practiced gamblers. It is said they will be called as witnesses against the operators of the games.

WOOD ORDERS INQUIRY

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RENEWS PROMISE TO GUARD LATIN

Root, at Buenos Ayres, Pledges Fealty of the United States.

Declares Big Republic Inherits Right to Shield Little Sisters.



SECRETARY ROOT, Who Was Warmly Received in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 15.—At the official banquet given at the government house last evening by President Alcora in honor of Secretary Root, the secretary made what was considered the most important speech he has delivered while on his tour.

Rising to tender the secretary an official welcome and proposing the health of Mr. Root, the president traced the similarity in the constitutions, progress and success in overcoming the obstacles of North and South America, and dwelt especially on the mutual advantage of closer friendship between the races.

"We inherit the right to be interested in the Argentine republic and to be proud of the Argentine people. From the time when Benjamin Rush was fighting, from the day James Monroe threw down the gauntlet of a weak republic, we were then in defense of its independence and rights, and from that day to this the interest and the friendship of the people of the United States for the Argentine republic has never changed.

"I deemed it a duty to come in response to your kind invitation to say this, and to say that there is not a cloud in the sky of good understanding. There are no political questions at issue between Argentina and the United States here is no thought of grievance by one against the other. There are no old grudges or scores to settle.

"We can now rejoice in each other's prosperity. We can assist in each other's development. We can be proud of each other's successes without hindrance or drawback and for the development of this sentiment in both countries nothing is needed but more knowledge.

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Have you seen the Pillsbury "A" Mill?

MINE FIRE STILL BURNS

Tamarack Exploring Party Reaches Second Level and Reports the Situation.

Calumet, Mich., Aug. 15.—Under the leadership of Captain Ned Waters, a party of miners succeeded in reaching the second level of No. 2 shaft at the Tamarack mine today. This is the point where the fire which broke out last January started, causing a loss of one million dollars in production. The searching party found that the crosscut leading from No. 2 to No. 1 shaft is caved in. There are gas and smoke in the upper workings, indicating that the fire still exists.

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