

OVERMAN TO FIGHT IN SHAW'S BEHALF

North Carolina Delegation Awaits Taft's Decision.

DEPOSED OFFICER'S ACTIVITY

Records in Ballinger-Pinchot Inquiry Show He Acted Under Superior's Orders—Analysis Is Made of Lawyer's Legal Right to Practice Before the Land Office.

Wide interest was manifested yesterday by the publication in The Washington Herald exclusively of the fact that A. C. Shaw, dismissed assistant law officer of the Forest Service, has been disbarred by President Taft from practicing his profession before the Land Office of the Interior Department because of Shaw's activities in the Ballinger-Pinchot quarrel.

This interest was particularly keen at the Capitol, where Senators Overman and Simmons and Representative Page, of North Carolina, are awaiting the result of Senator Root's inquiry of Attorney General Wickersham as to what Shaw's rights are, and the request Mr. Page says Senator Root is to make of the President that he reverse his decision. The refusal of which will precipitate on the floors of the Senate and House debate on resolutions inquiring why Shaw was disbarred. Senator Root said last night that he had not heard anything about the matter during the day. At the White House yesterday the statement was given out that the President had taken no final action, and in the Senate the statement was made that Senator Overman, in case the President's decision is unfavorable, will present a resolution calling on Secretary Ballinger for an explanation. The resolution, if it becomes necessary to be presented, will be introduced by Mr. Page, and, as was expressed in The Herald yesterday, it will be accompanied by "a speech that will be heard the country over."

First Saw Ballinger. Commenting upon the difficulty in which Mr. Shaw finds himself, Senator Overman declared yesterday that he, Senator Simmons, and Representative Page went first to see Secretary Ballinger, when Mr. Shaw made it plain to them that he was being deprived of permission to practice before the Land Office, and, obtaining no satisfaction, approached the President.

"We told the President," Senator Overman said, "that a man's license is his property, and this fact has been established by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Garland, of Arkansas. It was held in that decision that no man could deprive a holder of a license of his right to practice under it unless charges were made against him and sustained. The President did not take our view of it."

"We have not taken any further steps, hoping that the executive department would reconsider," he said. Mr. Shaw's activities in connection with the Ballinger-Pinchot quarrel were clearly brought out in a report to the deposed Forester, dated January 5, which was submitted to the Senate Committee now investigating the Interior Department. This was written in response to a reference publicly made by Secretary Ballinger as to "conduct on the part of members of the Forest Service alleged to be in contravention of official propriety." In the report to the Forester, made before Mr. Pinchot's deposition, Mr. Shaw unites with his superior, O. W. Price, in a joint statement. They declare:

"We believe that our activities have been pernicious only from the point of view of those who have been hampered in urging fraudulent claims to the public domain. In all that we have said and done we have been animated by a desire to safeguard the public interest. We have nothing to conceal."

Instigated by Price. After reciting Glavis' perturbation at the condition of things in regard to the Alaska coal claims, and how they came to be called into the matter by him because he wanted the assistance of Forest Bureau officers, Price and Shaw allude to the publication of the first article which opened the Ballinger-Pinchot quarrel, which, they say, was instigated by Price.

"After this publication," the report states, "newspaper articles appeared—some favorable to the Department of the Interior and others opposed. Some of these articles contained material derived from the records of the Land Office and

the Forest Service, furnished by Price and by Shaw at the direction of Price in response to inquiries by the press. Price also gave information to the representatives of several magazines.

"In so doing we acted upon the theory that there are no facts which the people of the United States are not entitled to know respecting the source, nature, and progress of the claims of individuals seeking to acquire for themselves large portions of the public domain except those facts a general knowledge of which would be prejudicial to the government's case.

Believed President Misinformed. "The study of the President's opinion made it clear to us that from some source an impression of the facts had been conveyed to him which in material particulars was not correct. Feeling that there was no alternative but to appeal to the people by giving further publicity to the material contained in the Glavis report, we accordingly communicated with Glavis respecting the publication. With our knowledge and approval Glavis addressed to the President an open letter. Thereafter Glavis began the preparation of his report for publication. The representatives of several journals had communicated with Price for the purpose of securing this material, but Price was not a party to the selection of the medium of publication.

"During the preparation by Glavis of his report, which he subsequently decided to publish in Collier's Weekly, Price, in the absence of the Forester, directed Shaw to stop off at Chicago on his way to Seattle to attend the hearings in the trial of the Cunningham cases, in order to secure from Glavis information relative to the government's defense against the claimants. Price also directed Shaw to examine the manuscript which Glavis was preparing. Shaw accordingly examined the manuscript. Shaw was of the impression that the Forester knew that Shaw would see the Glavis manuscript at Chicago in October, but Price says this was not the fact. The manuscript examined by Shaw was never, in fact, published. The article later published by Collier's differed from the manuscript sent by Shaw in both form and substance."

PLAYGROUND FIGHT HALTS COTTON HEARINGS CONCLUDE

Conference Report Not Presented on Appropriation Bill. Parsons and Longworth to Lead Attack for \$17,000 in the House To-day.

The conference report on the District appropriation bill, public interest in which now centers largely in the effort to be made to have restored the item of \$17,000 for children's playgrounds, was not presented yesterday in the House. It was expected that it will come up to-day, and Representatives, including a member of the Appropriations Committee, yesterday assured friends of the playground movement that there is no danger of jeopardizing other provisions in the bill by making the effort to have the playgrounds item restored.

It is understood that a point of order will be raised against acceptance of the conference report when it is presented in the House to-day by Representative Parsons. It is declared that the jurisdiction of the conference committee did not extend to the question of whether an appropriation of \$17,000 should be made, and that it did extend simply as to whether this item should come entirely from the funds of the District or on the half and half basis.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE HEARD

Representative Steenerson Accuses Officers of Marine League.

Asks for Committee to Sift Alleged Attempt to Influence Members.

Charges that officers of the Merchant Marine League of Cleveland, Ohio, among them former Gov. Myron Herrick, have conspired and federated with a view to securing the enactment of ship subsidy legislation by corrupt means are contained in a resolution presented to the House yesterday by Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota.

The resolution, which was submitted in the open House, provides for the appointment of a special committee of seven members to inquire into the Steenerson charges. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. The Steenerson resolution created a sensation in the House. Mr. Steenerson said that in a recent publication of the American Flag, a Cleveland magazine, statements were made that reflected on him in his representative capacity.

The Steenerson measure is a lengthy document. It recites that the officers and other members of the Merchant Marine League are engaged in issuing pamphlets, periodicals, and other printed matter devoted to the advancement and agitation of legislation for appropriations by Congress for ocean mail service and subsidy payments generally. Further, that an effort is being made improperly to influence members of Congress in connection with this legislation. In pursuance of this conspiracy, the resolution recites, funds are being collected in various States of the Union from interested persons.

The charge was also made by Mr. Steenerson that representatives of the league had gone into his district in an effort to defame him for re-election because of his opposition to legislation. This took place during the last campaign. Mr. Steenerson expressed the opinion that an inquiry would disclose like acts of intimidation in other districts.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

Sir Walter Raleigh sat in jail, removed from strife and flurry; the light was dim, his bread was stale, and yet he didn't worry. He knew the headman, grim and dour, with sleeves uprolled and frock off, might come to him at any hour, and cut his blooming block off. He knew that he would evermore with dismal chains be laden, till he had traveled through the door that opens into Aiden. To have his name wiped off the map King James was in no hurry; and yet—he was a dauntless chap—he still refused to worry. Serenely he pursued his work, and wrote his lustrous pages, serenely, as a smiling clerk who works for weekly wages. And when the headman came and said: "I hate the job, Sir Walter, but I must ask you for your head," the great man did not falter. "Gadzooks," quoth he, "and eke oddfish! Thou art a courteous shaver! Take off my head! I only wish I might return the favor!" And so the headman swung the ax, beneath the sky of Surrey; Sir Walter died beneath his whacks, but still refused to worry!

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YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE. The Senate met at noon. Leaders worked after vote on postal savings bank bill. Gallinger ship subsidy bill reported. Minority report on administration railway bill presented. Overman to fight for Shaw for right to practice before Land Office. The Senate took a recess at 5:30, to meet at 11:30 to-day.

HOUSE. The House met at noon. Conference report on District money bill postponed until to-day. Geographic Society members to tell of Peary's north pole trip to committee having honors bill in charge. Legislative appropriation bill reported. Post-office bill under consideration. Steenerson charged conspiracy against Congressmen by Marine League. District street bills favorably reported. Hearings on anti-option bill concluded. The House adjourned at 5:45.

GORDON WILL RECEIVE GIFT

Second Subscription Started Among Late Colleagues in Senate. First View of Lodge that Precedent Is Lacking Found to Be Incorrect.

Several Senators who are friends and admirers of Col. James Gordon, who has just retired as Senator from Mississippi, after a brief service, yesterday started a second subscription fund to purchase a cane to be presented to the retiring Senator as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues. The action of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, in forbidding a Senate page to circulate a subscription paper started by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, for a Gordon testimonial, aroused much resentment, among Southern Senators. Mr. Gore, being blind, asked the page to circulate the paper among Senators for subscriptions. When the list was laid before Senator Lodge he not only demurred, but commanded the page to return the paper to Senator Gore, and give back all subscriptions received up to that time. Mr. Lodge took the view that the matter was without precedent.

Senators from the South were saying yesterday that the proposed testimonial was a personal undertaking among the subscribers, purely voluntary and unofficial, and that Senator Lodge had no call to interfere. The page was circulating the paper at the request of Senator Gore, who could not perform that service himself. It was pointed out yesterday that many such testimonials have been given by Senators in the past, as a result of personal contributions, voluntary made. Vice President Fairbanks was thus remembered by Senators in a body, and, in addition, a special testimonial was presented to him by the minority Senators. Senator Frye received like recognition when he concluded his services as acting Vice President, in March, 1905, and was succeeded by Mr. Fairbanks. Such affairs have been wholly unofficial, the result of voluntary contributions, and spontaneous in character.

DISTRICT BILLS REPORTED

Favorable Action on Telepost Company's Plan and Street Measures. The House Subcommittee Considers Without Action Public Service Corporation Scheme.

The bill enabling the Telepost Company, of Portland, Me., to conduct a telephone and telegraph business in the District, and to make connection between its lines in the District and all other parts of its system, was favorably reported yesterday by the District subcommittee having the measure, which was introduced by Representative Pearce, in charge. Four street bills were favorably reported. They are: Authorizing the extension of Van Buren street northwest. Authorizing the extension of Princeton street northwest. Providing for the extension of Nineteenth street from Belmont road to Blittmore street, with a uniform width of fifty feet. Authorizing the closing of a part of Forty-first street northwest, between Warren and Yuma streets.

WILL DESCRIBE PEARY'S TRIP.

Geographic Society Members to Urge Honors Before House Committee. Representative Alexander, of New York, chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, appeared yesterday before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, which is considering the proposition of rewarding Civil Engineer Peary for his discovery of the north pole. Mr. Alexander urged that Mr. Peary be retired with the rank and pay of a rear admiral.

At the conclusion of the hearing, which was had in executive session, the subcommittee announced that Henry Gannett, of the Geological Survey, and Superintendent Tittman, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, would appear before the committee to-day to discuss the Peary discovery. Gannett and Tittman were two members of the board of the National Geographic Society which officially decided Peary had reached the pole.

FOR RELIEF OF PORT DEPOSIT, MD.

In an attempt to see if means can be suggested or provided by Congress for the relief of Port Deposit, Md., which is suffering from ice jams and floods in the Susquehanna, Representative Covington, of Maryland, has gone to Port Deposit to make an investigation. Mr. Covington now has in the House a bill to grant an appropriation for a protecting wall along the river front at Port Deposit.

CRUSADE AGAINST HOUSE FLY.

The extermination of the house fly was discussed by Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology of the Agricultural Department, yesterday before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture. The department, according to Dr. Howard, is planning a country-wide crusade against the disease-carrying fly. A special farmer's bulletin is now being prepared by the bureau, which will give valuable fly extermination recipes and tell of the various diseases that are spread by the pest.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA.

Arguments Are Completed in Damage Suit Demurrer. COURT'S DECISION IN APRIL.

Frederick Schwab Recently Awarded \$4,500 for Loss of Foot—Dates for Civil Service Examinations Are Announced—Firemen's Association Appoints Committee—Other Notes.

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WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 65 King Street, Alexandria, Va., March 2.—Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the Circuit Court for this city, this morning heard arguments on the demurrer to the evidence in the case of Frederick Schwab against the Luna Park Company. The arguments were completed this afternoon. The court took the matter under advisement, and will give its opinion during the April term.

This case was recently heard before Judge Thornton. The court awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$4,500, subject to the court's decision to the demurrer. The suit was to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 for the loss of a foot. Former Judge J. K. M. Norton represents the plaintiff and Messrs. Moore, Barbour, and Keith the defendant company. The case of Ballenger & Bro. against J. M. Garvey and others will be heard Monday before Judge Thornton. The complainant will be represented by Attorney Gardner L. Boothe and the defendant by Attorney Samuel G. Brent.

Dates for civil service examinations announced by the local board of civil service examiners to be held here follow: March 29-31, senior mechanical and optical draftsman, ordnance department at large, Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, salary, \$1,600 per year; March 23, chart engraver, Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, salary, \$720 per year; March 20, expert farmer, Indian Service, salary, \$1,200 per year; timer and tinner's helper, temporary, National Museum, Washington, salary \$80 and \$70 per month, respectively; grazing fee collector, office of the commissioner of the five civilized tribes, Muskogee, Okla., salary, \$75 per month; monotype machinist, casterman, and printer, Weather Bureau, Washington, salary, \$1,250 per year; April 20, electrotypist-stereotypist, Philippine Service, salary of not less than \$1,900 per year; bookbinder, Philippine Service, salary of not less than \$1,800 per year.

Friendship Veteran Firemen Association has appointed the following committee to co-operate with committees from other fire engine companies who will assist in entertaining the firemen at the State convention here on August 24-26: J. T. Williams, M. R. Norris, H. Friedlander, F. Diddoznet, and Dallas Peyton.

Robert A. Travers died this morning at his home, 208 North Pitt street, following a lingering illness. He is survived by three children, John B. and Charles W. Travers and Mrs. Mae Perry. Mr. Travers conducted a fish stand in the city market. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The funeral of Harry C. Tyler took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from his home, 1104 Prince street. Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, conducted the services. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery. The pallbearers were L. S. Sheades, George Schellhorn, F. L. Connor, J. D. Bryant, J. C. Crump, and Gray Hicks.

The Regulars, a baseball club, has been organized for the coming season, with an average age of sixteen. M. Barnett has been elected manager and C. Kuhn captain. The batteries will be Lyles, Massey, Finner, W. Barnett, Kuhn, and Risdon. The remainder of the team will be picked from Tyler, Whalen, M. Barnett, Smith, Hall, H. Gemeny, M. Gemeny, Rose, and Martin.

The body of Mrs. J. T. Henderson, who died Tuesday night at her home, 918 Franklin street, was to-day shipped to Fredericksburg, where burial was made. Funeral services at her home were conducted by Rev. C. D. Bulla, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

G. W. Clift has purchased from J. C. Bowie a house and lot on the south side of Commerce street, between Payne and West streets. J. W. Wood, assistant secretary of the board of missions, New York, delivered an address to-night before students of the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

J. H. Reid, retired lieutenant commander of the navy, has purchased through George W. Summers, of Sterling, Va., the George Y. McMurphy farm. The property contains 263 acres and is situated three and one-half miles north of "The Plains," Va.

Legislative Bill Reported. The legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$30,885,785 was reported to the House yesterday by the Committee on Appropriations. The bill is a reduction of \$54,124 under the estimates submitted by the various departments, and a decrease of \$56,754 from like appropriations for the current fiscal year, this comparison taking no account of the straight appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the expenses of the thirteenth census, appropriated in the deficiency act of last June.

Ballinger Subsidy Bill Reported. The Senate Committee on Commerce yesterday reported favorably to the Senate without amendment the Gallinger ocean mail subsidy bill. Three Democratic members of the committee, Simmons, Foster, and Taylor voted for a favorable report.

Offers Park Commission Bill. The bill recently sent by the Commissioners to Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate District Committee, to authorize the appointment of a commission consisting of public officials to supervise the park system of the District was introduced by Senator Gallinger yesterday.

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Watch for the Sunday Edition THE WASHINGTON HERALD On Sunday, March 6, Will contain an article of unusual interest. Definite announcement will be made Saturday morning, but in the meantime do not fail to place your order for a copy of The Washington Herald for next Sunday. Among the features that will make the paper worth double the price will be the following: When The Hague Tribunal Fails. Knotty international problems must now be solved by special international conferences. Furnishing the Dining-room. Suggestions to be found in "The Little Dutch Masters." How to care for old mahogany. Marathon Race to South Pole. Great Britain and America will compete in the longest and most hazardous undertaking ever attempted in a similar manner. Homes of Our Statesmen. Charlotte M. Conger gives an entertaining account of the growth of Washington home life among those who come here for a term of years. Some of the prettiest and most comfortable homes are those belonging to men who are legal residents elsewhere. A candid talk by John J. Mitchell, one of the builders of big business in the great Central West, on subjects that are of vital importance to the American people, is repeated by James B. Morrow. Mr. Mitchell declares that national banks should be prohibited from having phantom reserves, and compelled to keep sufficient currency in their vaults to meet the strain of abnormal local conditions. Mr. Morrow gives an anecdote concerning the Mitchells, father and son, that shows their characteristics as money-makers, together with the code of rules that has governed their conduct. WOULD CONTROL WIRELESS. Subcommittee Named in House to Investigate Chance of Regulation. Congress yesterday took steps looking toward the regulation of wireless telegraphy in an effort to control unwarranted, mischievous, and harmful employment of the electrical currents of the air. A number of witnesses, representing the Navy Department and private wireless telegraph companies appeared before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and discussed the provisions of the bill introduced by Representative Burke, of Pennsylvania, for the regulation of wireless companies. The witnesses were unanimous in their opinions that there was urgent demand for some control by law of the business of sending messages through the air, but they did not believe that Congress itself could make hard and fast rules for the control of wireless stations, as provided in the Burke bill. They believed that Congress should repose power in the Department of Commerce and Labor for the regulation in detail of the wireless business. The committee named a subcommittee consisting of Representatives Green, Humphrey, Spight, Alexander, and Hobson to draft a bill along the lines indicated. Allotments to Charities. In accordance with a section of the District code, the Commissioners yesterday allotted to the Associated Charities and the Citizens' Relief Association the sums of \$46.82 and \$500, respectively, from the available balance of the so-called estates relief fund.

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