



MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1910.

With a bold and sweeping charge that Richard A. Ballinger took office as secretary of the interior in Taft's Cabinet determined to destroy the Roosevelt conservation policy to which Taft was committed, followed by the no less grave specific charge that Ballinger had deliberately deceived his chief for the purpose of carrying out his alleged unpatriotic purposes, Gifford Pinchot, the deposed chief forester and Ballinger's arch-enemy, began his testimony before the joint congressional committee in Washington on Saturday afternoon, as was stated in the Gazette of this day.

Turning to a direct attack on Ballinger's act and motives, Pinchot accused the secretary of having made an explanation of his conduct to the president that was "essentially false." He charged him with being a "dangerous enemy to conservation." He charged him with having made a statement shown by undisputed documentary evidence to be absolutely false in three essential particulars. He charged him with having "willfully deceived the president," of being disloyal to the president, of being unfaithful to the public interest and said he should be removed from office. Later in the day Secretary Ballinger, when asked concerning Pinchot's charge said: "I shall not reply through the press to the mendacious insinuations which Mr. Pinchot seeks to cast upon me. He attempted without success to deceive the president. He will find it equally difficult to deceive the committee." At the present writing Mr. Pinchot has the confidence of the public which cannot be said of Secretary Ballinger. The general opinion is that the secretary should go.

It was supposed last week that the crisis of the strike in Philadelphia had passed and that in a few days normal conditions would prevail in the Quaker City. An ominous cloud, however, has gathered during the past twenty-four hours, and should the programme planned last night by the allied trades unions be carried out, trouble of a more serious nature may result. It is proposed, as far as possible, to bring all the business of the city to a standstill by precipitating a wholesale strike. As will be seen by the despatches from Philadelphia, boys are still playing prominent parts in the disorder, and an archbishop of the Catholic church very properly urges parents to keep their children indoors during the present disturbed conditions.

In the midst of the prosperity being reported by railroads and business interests generally comes the announcement that the Philadelphia & Reading Company has issued an order reducing the working hours in some of its departments because of the slowing up of business. The official announcement of the company is as follows:

On account of falling off in volume of traffic and consequent loss of revenue, the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company has issued orders reducing the hours of labor in all locomotive and car shops to eight hours a day, beginning on Monday, the 28th of February. This will effect a reduction in shop expenses of about 15 per cent.

ARoused by the activity of a gang of chicken thieves, that is said to have been reformed and stolen 50,000 chickens in the Wyandotte county, Kansas, since last Christmas, the Wyandotte County Entomological Society has offered \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the crimes. It is said that the thieves soak rags in the drug, apply the rags to the chickens' noses, put them to sleep and remove them from the roosts with an even so much as a squawk. This surely is an incentive.

FOUND guilty of stealing a newspaper from a doorway, a youth, aged sixteen, was committed by Judge De Lacy of the Juvenile Court in Washington on Saturday to one year in the Boys' Home. Such punishment is the reason so few newspapers are stolen in Washington. In Alexandria a newspaper on a door step seems to be public property.

From Washington. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, February 28. The term of Mr. T. F. Barroughs as postmaster at Alexandria will expire on Wednesday, March 23, and it is expected that his successor will be named within the next few days. Mr. J. Armistead Eggborn has the solid endorsement of the republican organization of Virginia and the knowing ones say he will be appointed to the position, but there are others who believe that Mr. Barroughs will get another term. Congressman Carlin has introduced a bill in the House for the erection of a bridge across the Potomac at Point of Rocks, to cost \$100,000. The case of J. M. Parsons, republican, who is contesting the seat of Congressman Saunders from the Fifth Virginia district, will come up for argument before elections committee No. 2 on Wednesday. Mr. Parsons has retained former Governor Montague as his counsel. The president today pardoned Thomas

J. Taylor, a well-known baseball player, of this city, who fifteen years ago, it is said, under great provocation killed his wife and was sentenced to life imprisonment. President Cleveland commuted his sentence to life imprisonment and President Roosevelt refused to interfere. Today President Taft issued the pardon. Some times a politician was signed by a large number of Alexandrians requesting Mr. Roosevelt to interfere in the case, but he refused, and since Mr. Carlin has been in Congress he has been active in securing clemency for Taylor who has a sister living in Alexandria. The president held that Taylor should have been convicted of murder in the second degree instead of in the first degree and thinks that the imprisonment he has already served is sufficient punishment.

There was an echo from the famous Cassie Chadwick when the president today issued a pardon to Arthur B. Spear. Spear was the cashier of the Oberlin National Bank, of Cleveland, Ohio, and he was convicted of falsifying his accounts and certifying the checks of Cassie Chadwick when there was no funds to meet them.

With the air of a martyr, Miss Gladys Gerald, storm centre of a tempest that threatens an upheaval of the national organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, resumed her work in the office of the Daughters today, despite the fact that she has been disowned by the President General, Mrs. Julia G. Scott. Miss Gerald, who was dismissed for "insubordination," declares that the real reason for Mrs. Scott's action was a "snub" administered by the "insubordinate" daughter to Mrs. Amos C. Draper, chief lieutenant of Mrs. Scott. The fact is also mentioned that Miss Gerald's mother is in the van of the "insurgent" faction of the daughters, which is opposing the Scott administration. There are black looks and whispered conferences at the D. A. R. offices today while Miss Gerald works industriously, unmoved in the storm.

Representative "Jim" Tawney, chairman of the House committee on appropriations, is today gathering his cohorts for a fight against President Taft's naval programme, as prepared by Secretary of the Navy Meyer. No billions or battleships while Tawney guards the treasury in the House, if the Minnesota legislator can prevent. He is bitterly opposed to the president's scheme for two 27,000 ton warships at this session, and today he talked right out about it. "As well as could be expected," is the anything but reassuring news from the stock bed of Representative Perkins, of New York, who has been in a dangerous condition for the past two weeks. The congressman's physicians say that there had been no distinct relapse although they are not yet willing to say that Representative Perkins will recover.

In the U. S. Supreme Court today the government presented a motion to set aside the writ granted Friday by Justice Lurton to bring before the highest court the case of Charles R. Heike, the sugar trust employe, now under charges for alleged customs frauds. After a bitter wrangle between attorneys, the court postponed its decision on the government's motion for one week. Shall private presidential utterances on the subject of conservation be divulged to the joint committee now investigating the diverse views on that subject of former Forester Pinchot and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger? Shall President Taft, in effect, be made a party to the squabble already being aired? Such are the two interrogatories which are giving Chairman Nelson's investigators considerable food for thought. The question came up Saturday, when Attorney Vertrees, counsel for Ballinger, objected to the relation by Pinchot of the substance of a conversation he had had with the president about April 20, 1909. "Public policy" was the warning note sounded by the attorney. The committee decided to consider the matter and make a ruling tomorrow. The suspicion grows in well-informed circles here that the Pinchotites purposely brought the question to an issue. If the former forester is permitted to tell on the stand his recollection of what the president said to him in answer to Pinchot's protest against the Ballinger programme of conservation, Attorney Pepper, counsel for Pinchot, expects to have a weapon with which he will force Secretary Ballinger, when the latter assumes the stand, to relate why it was that on April 29, immediately after having seen the president, he hurried to his office, and immediately reversed the policy he had inaugurated—that of restoring the water power sites withdrawn by his predecessor. He will demand to know just exactly what the president told his secretary of the interior. If, however, the committee rules that there must be no testifying as to conversations with the president, the "prosecution" will make the most of spreading the rumor that a "whitewash" is being prepared for application and that an attempt was being made to suppress facts bearing on the case.

There was a rumor current today that perhaps President Taft would solve the dilemma by himself asking to be heard before the committee. Such an action would be a shattering of all precedents. After a conference between Senator Root and the president at the White House today it was definitely decided that Frederick B. Bagher, deputy police commissioner of New York city will not be appointed surveyor of the port of New York. Bagher who is a democrat was the personal choice of President Taft for the position and was practically without any other support.

Another battle seems to have gathered about the White House executive offices today when some fifty representatives of the American Association of foreign newspapers called to enlist the help of the president against further immigration restrictions. The association sent a delegation to Washington to appear before the Senate and House committees on immigration, in opposition to the Hayes bill, which would impose an educational test on all immigrants, and increase the head tax.

The president today sent among others the following nominations to the Senate: Recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, L. J. Johnson, colored, of Atlanta, Ga.; receiver of public moneys of Camden, Ark., L. E. Rowe, of Arkansas; Postmaster S. Brown Allen, Staunton, Va. The speaker's matrimonial bureau, which began as a joke, has assumed serious proportions. The speaker's daily mail is filled with letters from sighing swains and maidens who ask him to act that part of fairy godfather and introduce them to their soul-mates. Today the speaker received the following letter from Tom McConnell, of Salem, South Carolina: "Uncle Cannon: Dear Sir—I will say I have no wife but the one

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John Redmond, the nationalist leader has sent an ultimatum to Asquith that unless the nationalists received Asquith's positive guarantee that the vote measure would be advanced at the earliest opportunity, they would vote against the government. The Roosevelt Party. London, Feb. 28.—London was today stirred by the publication of a rumor that Col. Theodore Roosevelt had met with an accident during his Nile river hunting. The rumors arose through the misreading of a dispatch from Oodokoro. Messages from Oodokoro today say that the Roosevelt party, as full of energy and enthusiasm as when it first landed at Mombasa, left today for Mangalla. Mr. Roosevelt, who arrived at Naples yesterday with her daughter Ethel, will start for Khartoum Wednesday. Cairo, Feb. 28.—In reply to messages of inquiry from United States Consul General Iddings today, Col. Roosevelt telegraphed as follows regarding a report that he had been injured: "Preposterous; never in better health. There has been no accident of any kind." Col. Roosevelt will arrive at Khartoum March 15, according to present arrangements. Crushed by Avalanche. Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 23.—Hundreds of men are digging frantically to recover the victims of the avalanche which buried many houses last night at Mace, a small hamlet, five miles from here. Three bodies had been taken out up to two o'clock this morning and other were then reported in sight. Ought like rats in a trap the residents of the village had no chance to escape and many were crushed in the debris of their demolished homes.

The latest word from the scene of the disaster stated that 25 families, comprising seventy-five individuals, had been caught in the slide and that fifty other men in the construction cars were buried. Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 23.—The latest estimates place the number of persons buried by the avalanche at Mace at 150. Destruction Wrought by Explosion. Newark, N. J. Feb. 23.—Havoc and destruction extending for two blocks was wrought by a series of explosions, followed by fire, which completely wrecked a double brick building, used for mercantile purposes at 63 and 70 Springfield Avenue, early today. The explosion, terrific in force, ripped the structure asunder, buried sleeping tenants of dwellings within a block from their beds and caused the demolition of window glass and fragile articles in many homes. The loss is roughly figured at \$40,000. The fire department authorities are as yet unable to determine the exact cause of the explosion. China and Tibet. London, Feb. 23.—The government was notified today in official despatches from Peking that the Chinese government had ordered the Tibetans to choose another Grand Lama to succeed the deposed Dalai Lama. The energetic manner in which China deposed the Dalai Lama and has ordered the selection of a successor makes it apparent that China will dictate who the successor shall be. Train Derailed. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Lake Shore train No. 25, the Twentieth Century limited, west bound, was derailed while running 70 miles an hour at Olivedale Falls, 14 miles west of here, at 2:45 this morning. Seven coaches were derailed, through both engines kept the track. Railroad officials report only two persons were slightly hurt. New York Stock Market. New York, Feb. 23.—The downward movement that marked the closing of the stock market Saturday made further progress at the opening today. The firmer tone in evidence at the end of the first fifteen minutes improved gradually through the first hour. A noon the list generally ranged substantially above Saturday's close.

The Legislature.

SENATE. Rev. Lyman Abbott, of New York, made a brief address in the Senate chamber on Saturday, in which he commended the people of Virginia for the many splendid monuments to her great men, mentioning Washington and Lee. The Senate passed the bills providing the teaching of agriculture, domestic arts and manual training in the public schools, and public playgrounds in cities. The Senate passed the bill providing for public playgrounds in certain cities and towns. The following bills were also passed: To provide for the legal record of all deaths in Virginia; to amend the act regarding the compensation of coroners and constables; to amend the act relating to the retired list of Virginia volunteers; to amend the law in regard to telegraph license taxes; to amend the law in regard to interrogatories in certain cases; to authorize executors and administrators of dead persons to execute deeds made by the latter in their lifetime; the Leaser drainage bill; the Parks bill providing that the pension fund shall be distributed pro rata. Perhaps the most popular visitor on the floor of the Senate so far was Harry St. George Tucker, who was surrounded by members when he entered the chamber Saturday. His big black goggles, which he has to wear on account of the sensitive condition of his eyes, disguised him somewhat.

HOUSE. The passage of the Courtland dispensary bill in the House which previously passed the Senate, if signed by the governor, will mean the abolition of the only place where liquor legally may be sold between Norfolk and Richmond and South Carolina. Though Courtland has only a population of a few hundred, the dispensary one day last week took in more than \$1,000. It has built schools and streets and established town taxation since the dispensary was opened.

The House after adopting several amendments to the Williams banking bill, which were indorsed by members of both parties, sent the bill to its engrossment. The amendments were: A strict system of state and private banks; the resignation of the chief of the banking bureau as examiner, and making the smallest fee for examinations \$35, the highest \$150. It will come up for final action on its passage within a few days. A bill which the governor's bill, creating an agricultural board, was unfavorably reported by committee, its end is not yet. On Saturday its committee, the committee on finance was secured in the House.

Objection was raised to the provisions in the Senate bill regarding the care of criminal insane, which would put the whites in the Eastern State Hospital. It was referred to the finance committee whence it may emerge with the place changed to the Southwestern State Hospital. The House adopted the measure taxing pilots \$50 a year. The House passed the following Senate bills: Exempting from the payment of a license tax those physicians who served as army surgeons during the civil war. Requiring women actresses who marry to certify to the change of name. To require physicians to report cases of communicable or infectious diseases. To amend the charter of the town of Falls Church. To require fiduciaries to pay taxes before making settlement. To authorize cities to make additional compensation to commissioners of the revenue.

Next came the three companion bills regarding the care of the criminal insane. These provide that the whites of this class are to be confined at the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg and the colored at the Central Hospital at Petersburg. The bills were referred to the finance committee. Speaker Byrd, yielding to the solicitation of many business men in Richmond, has withdrawn the bill which he introduced in the House some weeks ago with the object of getting more taxes from the American Tobacco Company. The House finance committee has reported adversely the bill which seeks to remove the license tax from physicians. Virginia News. Mrs. Priscilla N. Brown, wife of William Henry Brown, of near Purcellville, died suddenly Thursday. She was sixty-one years of age and a daughter of the late John W. Nichols of Loudoun county. Geo. O. Lenney, president of the Atlantic Bitullith Co., who is being sued for divorce in Richmond, by his wife, has made reply to the charge and alleges that Mrs. Lenney has been indiscreet. The names of several prominent Richmond parties are said to be mentioned. Meredith and Cooke and Samuel Anderson, who were retained by Lenney when the suit was brought, are reported to have retired from the case when the answer was filed. The Lenneys are very wealthy. Eugene Peebles of Norfolk, who escaped from the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg a month ago, has been returned to that institution. Peebles murdered his wife about a year ago. The crime was committed in the presence of his children. Immediately after being arrested the man showed signs of insanity. When placed on trial he was adjudged guilty. The case was finally decided and he was ordered sent to the asylum, being pronounced a lunatic. He was in the hospital about six weeks, breaking out of his cell and disappearing a month ago. He was found at his old home Alken, S. C. In the Circuit court of Prince William county, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, the case of John Lunsford against the R. F. & P. R. R. was compromised, after the court had decided in the favor of the defendant company, by the railroad agreeing to pay the complainant the sum of \$25. Lunsford was a passenger on a train from Fredericksburg to Widewater in September, 1908. When the train stopped at Widewater there was a fight in the coach, which prevented Lunsford leaving the coach before the train started and he was carried to Quantico, three miles from his home station. It being late at night, the agent at Quantico closed the waiting room as soon as the train departed, and Lunsford, as he alleges, was compelled to sit out in the night air and took a cold. DIED. On Sunday, February 27, 1910, at the residence of her nephew, Dr. E. L. Morgan, 2315 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, JULIA EUSTIS LEF, daughter of the late Col. Richard Blunt Lee, of this city. Funeral at 11 o'clock at Ivy Hill. No flowers. (Richmond, Baltimore and St. Louis papers please copy.)

Woodward & Lothrop New York—Washington—Paris The Black Dress Fabrics Ever since the late Queen of England introduced years ago the wearing of black for women not in mourning, black has retained the popular favor, and manufacturers have so steadily improved and varied its effects that nearly all the color weavers are reproduced in black and many other novelties seen this spring. Among the most popular fabrics are: Priestley's. Tussah Royal (stripes), \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$1.75 yard. Tussah Royal (plain), \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, and \$2 yard. Queen Cloth, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Clarette, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Batiste, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Challis, 75c and \$1 yard. Silk-warp Henrietta, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 to \$3 yard. Cravenette Cloth, \$2.50 yard. Lupin's. Wool Tull, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Plain Voile, \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.75 yard. Check Voile, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard. Imperial Serge, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard. All-wool Crepe de Chine, \$1 yard. Hopsacking, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Eolienne, \$1.50 and \$2 yard. OTHER REPUTABLE BLACKS Nun's Veiling, 50c, 75c, \$1, and \$1.25 yard. Wool Batiste, 75c, \$1, and \$1.25 yard. Storm Serge, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 yard. French Serge, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Spot-proof Broadcloth, \$2, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, and \$4 yard. Read's Lansdowne, \$1.25 yard. Fauna Cloth, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 yard. Wool Poplin, \$1.