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INTEREST REVIVED IN BALLINGER CASE

Favoritism and Unwarranted
Expenditures Charged by
Representative Hitchcock

Committee to Investigate Mat-
ter; Demanding Details of
Use of \$1,000,000 Fund

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Sensational charges were made yesterday against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska. Following the accusations involving Ballinger and his nephew, Jack Ballinger of Seattle, Secretary Ballinger issued a sensational statement in which he characterized the charges as ridiculously false and a peculiarly unwarranted assault upon an efficient government official.

Specific Charge Made

Secretary Ballinger is specifically charged with favoring his nephew at the expense of public funds as well as to the detriment of another employe of the service.

The charges, which are before the house committee on expenditures in the interior department, will be investigated tomorrow by that body.

"Mr. Hitchcock's statement," said Chairman McGuire of the committee last night, "was based solely, as he said to the committee, on rumors; we are going to the bottom of the matter, and I have not detected any disposition on the part of any member of the committee to be otherwise than entirely fair to both sides."

Hitchcock Files Charges

Somewhat waning interest in the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was quickly revived in congress today by sensational charges against Secretary Ballinger filed by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska and incidentally by the senate's adoption of the investigation resolution as agreed upon in congress. The house will adopt the resolution tomorrow.

The most important allegation of Hitchcock is that funds of the interior department were improperly used in paying private traveling expenses of Secretary Ballinger's nephew. The secretary and other officials of the interior department will be subpoenaed to appear before the house committee on expenditures, to which Hitchcock's charges were addressed.

The republican caucus to select members of the joint investigating committee probably will be held Wednesday evening. The democrats have selected Rainey of Illinois and James of Kentucky. The senate members of the committee will be named by Vice President Sherman as president of the senate.

Willful Extravagance Alleged

The statement was presented by Hitchcock at a meeting of the committee called to permit him to substantiate his charges of extravagance in the interior department. The committee decided to subpoena Commissioner Bennett of the general land office and all others to appear before the committee next Wednesday.

The statement alleges improper use of the \$1,000,000 appropriation "for the protection of the public domain against frauds" by the purchase of expensive furniture amounting into the tens of thousands of dollars, the erection of "a certain large brick chimney for a land office at considerable expense," the employment of some 30 additional clerks, "salaries increased, and in one case at least doubtful" out of this \$1,000,000 fund (citing case of Chief of the Field Service Schwarz as this instance), long telegraph bills which "cover long extracts from the newspapers sent in by traveling representatives of the general land office, selections of special agents not at all qualified," etc.

Title Created for Jack Ballinger

The statement asserts that when Ballinger became commissioner of the general land office he reduced the salary of Law Clerk Wright so that Judge Wright's \$2,000 salary "could be given to Jack Ballinger, his nephew, not under the title of law clerk, but under the title, created by Ballinger's order, of confidential clerk. I have been told Wright died of disappointment and humiliation thereafter."

"It was announced in March, 1908," the statement goes on to say, "that young Jack Ballinger was leaving the land office to resume law practice in Seattle. In order that he might receive a final rakeoff he was designated as special temporary inspector of offices, an efficient outrage on the treasury. This enabled him to draw traveling expenses from Washington to Seattle and per diem also."

Will Investigate Employes

Hitchcock suggested to the committee that the following government employes be called to furnish specific information, explaining that he was persona non grata with the interior department, and that the committee was in a better position to obtain the facts: J. D. Yelverton, chief of division P, or his assistant, Bert Marshall, or Irving Rittenhouse, chief of the accounts division, general land office, concerning the purchase of desks, filing cases, etc., out of the million dollar fund; Frank Bond, chief clerk of the general land office, concerning 30 odd clerks performing ordinary clerical duties not

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John T. Hyland, 28-year-old, was arrested Sunday for disturbing the peace. He was booked as a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in Auburn for burglary.

MURDERER IS TRACED FROM EUROPE HERE

Alleged Slayer of Eight People
in Germany Hiding in
California

Escaped From the Old Country
Appears in Barefooted Act as
Professional at Salary of
\$1,000 Weekly

Learning that Joseph Lovenitz, who is charged with having murdered a family of eight persons in his home in Germany November 16 of last year, and then fled the country, is in hiding near Auburn, Cal., a representative of the German consulate here is trailing the camps in an effort to locate him. Lovenitz, it is declared, is looked upon as a criminal of an exceptionally vicious type, the murders with which he is charged being of a nature revolting in the extreme. He escaped to the United States with the German authorities hot on his trail.

Despite his success in entering this country the German officials did not give up the chase. Representatives of the government followed him all the way across the continent to San Francisco. He arrived here a short time ago and last Thursday was thought to have sought work at a local employment office. With scores of other workmen he was sent to one of the railroad construction camps near Auburn. On receiving this information the German consul took up the chase again and a representative was dispatched on a tour of the railroad camps in an effort to find him.

The pursuit was kept as secret as possible. Lovenitz is regarded as being a hard man to capture, and the successful manner in which he has eluded his pursuers in his flight across half the globe shows his ability in this respect.

Following the commission of the crime, when it was learned that he had started for the United States, every possible avenue of escape was watched. The federal officials at New York were informed of his character and the charge against him. The German shipping world was notified to bid him. Despite their precautions he managed to slip through the fingers of the police.

When it was realized that he had eluded the officials at New York the warning was sent throughout the country. Every German consul was ordered to watch for him and every possible measure undertaken to bring about his capture. Up to the present, however, he has managed to cover his tracks.

Should he be arrested he will be deported. The great fear now is that, having come to San Francisco, he will again slip away and lose himself in the orient. The fact of him seeking work at employment offices indicates, however, that he is running short of funds.

O'DOWD ASSURED HIS SEAT AS SUPERVISOR

Appellate Court Quashes Con-
test of Booth and Payot

The contest brought by James P. Booth and Henry Payot for the seat of Thomas P. O'Dowd in the board of supervisors was effectively quashed yesterday by the district court of appeal. The same ruling may yet be invoked to put an end to the Sullivan-Colan controversy for a place on the police bench. Its application to the contest over the sheriff's office is in doubt.

The appellate court granted the restraining writ sought by O'Dowd, and thus assured him his job as a supervisor. The tribunal adopted as its own the process of reasoning enunciated by Attorney John P. Allen, who represented O'Dowd. With Allen, the judges held that service of citation at least five days before the time specified for the hearing was essential to give the court jurisdiction.

The findings reverse the opinion of Judge Murasky of the superior court, who held that personal citation was unnecessary. Murasky expressed the conviction that the appearance in court of O'Dowd and his attorney was full evidence that they were aware of the calling of the case.

Arguments on the writ were presented on January 13. Allen speaking for O'Dowd and Edward T. McMurray for Judge Murasky. All election contests were postponed by Judge Murasky until today, in order to await the decision of the higher tribunal. It will be incumbent upon him today to dismiss the contest for O'Dowd's place. The other cases will be taken under advisement.

LIFE SAVERS BLAMED FOR LOSS OF CREW

Investigation May Follow the
Wreck of the Czarina

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—Inefficiency of the life saving crew and neglect on the part of the bar lookout at Coos Bay are largely to blame for the loss of the steamer Czarina and death of 23 men, is the accusation coming from Marshfield.

The life saving crew, it is set forth, should have been able to have brought to shore at least the six men who clung to the rigging for several hours, had the life saving station been equipped with modern appliances for firing a line over the doomed craft, not to say anything about the failure of the lookout at the bar to hoist the danger signal, warning masters from trying to make the bar when he saw the seas breaking dangerously high.

Captain Howard Emery in charge of the government life saving department in port is out of town on an inspection tour. It is believed here that an investigation of the equipment of the Coos bay life saving stations will be ordered.

TITLED DANCER MAKES LONDON AUDIENCE GASP

Lady Constance Richardson
Wears Filmy Drapery Which
Causes Sensation

Appears in Barefooted Act as
Professional at Salary of
\$1,000 Weekly

[Special Cable to The Call]

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Lady Constance Stewart Richardson made her first appearance tonight as a professional paid "barefoot dancer" at a public music hall. She has given her dances for money before, but at private affairs for charity, the last time being at Covent Garden. At that performance the bishop of London was present, but left when Lady Constance appeared.

Her exhibition tonight was the most daring display that London has seen, and it has witnessed dances by Maud Allan, Isadora Duncan, Gertrude Hoffman and many others of the so called Greek dancers.

It was given at Alfred Bett's Palace music hall, where Lady Constance received a salary of about \$1,000 a week, which, it is said, she will devote to charity. When she appeared on the stage the audience sat up and gasped. She wore a filmy drapery, practically transparent. Her costume was such that it would not have been tolerated if worn by a professional dancer, but worn by a woman of title nothing was done.

In this costume she gave four dances, much the same as those she has given at other times, although, perhaps, more daring than those she gave in New York when she danced before society there.

The audience was silent until she had finished the last dance and then broke into thunderous applause.

FAKE CORRESPONDENT IS GUILTY AS CHARGED

Pseudo Press Representative Con-
victed of Three Counts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Julius M. Waterbury of New York was convicted today on three counts of an indictment charging that in the guise of a representative of the Associated Press in 1908 he obtained money by false representations from Representatives Hill of Iowa and Bartholdt of Missouri, and Ormsby McHarg, former assistant to the attorney general.

The maximum penalty for the offense of which Waterbury was convicted is three years in the penitentiary on each count. The prisoner was released on his bond of \$5,000 pending a hearing of a motion for a new trial.

Waterbury's defense was that the persons approached confused the name "Associated Press" with "Associated Biographies."

ROBBER BLINDS VICTIM WITH AMMONIA GUN

Dentist Grapples With Intru-
der; Sight May Be Saved

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Dr. H. C. Gleason, a dentist of Ocean Park, is in a hospital here blind from the effects of the discharge of an ammonia gun in the hands of a robber whom the doctor encountered in his office.

Gleason found the intruder in his laboratory on returning from the aviation events yesterday and when he sought to grapple with the thief the latter discharged the ammonia.

Surgeons hope to save Gleason's eyesight.

COACHMAN CONFESSES TO MURDER OF WOMAN

In Mother's Presence Admits
He Strangled Governess

POUGHKEEPSIE N. Y., Jan. 17.—In the presence of his mother, Frank Schermerhorn, coachman, lying on his cot at Vassar hospital, tonight confessed to Under Sheriff Fred Hornbeck that he alone was responsible for the death of Sarah Brymer, the governess who was found strangled to death at the Compton home at Millbrook last Thursday morning. Schermerhorn says he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing.

SCIONS OF PROMINENT FAMILIES WIN HONORS

Unusual Number in Yale High
Scholarship List

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 17.—Sons of prominent New York families were unusually frequent in the Yale list of honor students in scholarship in the freshman half year just completed. William Averill Harriman, son of the late Edward H. Harriman; Vanderbilt Webb, son of Dr. Seward Webb; Reginald Lee and Grange Auchincloss have just won a formal faculty rating as members of the first scholarship division of the first year class.

DROPS DEAD IN CHURCH—Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 17.—After repeating the Lord's prayer in the Christian church at Fairbury yesterday Mrs. Lourinda Anderson, a pioneer of that city, aged 64, dropped dead in her pew.

Mrs. Christy Weeps Denies Accusations

Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, and his wife, from a sketch by her husband



ARTIST'S WIFE SOBS DENIAL OF CHARGES

Breaks Down in Court When
Depositions Declare Her
Addicted to Drink

NEW COMET FOUND CLOSE TO THE SUN

Discovery Officially Announced
at Berkeley May Solve
Riddle of Composition

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 17.—Crying bitterly and declaring that what the depositions said was untrue, Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy broke down completely here this afternoon in the hearing of her case against her husband for the possession of their little daughter. The depositions to which she referred were those of Frank Van Devere, Fred Halfelt and Miss Lavina Lemon, her former maid, living in New York.

Van Devere said that he had warned Mrs. Christy to stop associating with a man named Purdy for the sake of her daughter and that he personally had pleaded with her several times to quit this man's company. He said that she was frequently under the influence of intoxicants and had to be sent to White Plains to be treated by the Keely institute for Intemperance.

Halfelt, who has a liquor store at 514 West Fifth avenue, New York, said that the artist had told him to sell Mrs. Christy no more whisky, champagne or beer. He said that the next day she called him and ordered some liquor and that it was sent to their home. Later, he said, he sent the bill to Christy and the artist refused to pay it. The bill was dated November 21, 1908. He said that Mrs. Christy bought liquor regularly from him and that her husband had often asked him to send no more to their home.

Miss Lemon, the maid, said she worked for the Christys in New York and that Mrs. Christy, during the absence from home of Christy, often received Purdy and frequently went out with him at night. She said that she had to take charge of Natalie because Mrs. Christy was either away from home most of the time or under the influence of liquor when she was home.

Christy sat silent in court and looked out the window when his wife broke down and cried that those charges were untrue.

Christy testified in his own behalf today. He freely admitted the truth of the charges made against him by his wife and witnesses, but insisted that since he took up the Christian Science faith two years ago he had completely reformed.

FLINT WILL GIVE UP HIS FEDERAL POSITION

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Postmaster Motley H. Flint will probably tender his resignation before the end of this week. He has been postmaster since 1906, but his duties as vice president of the Los Angeles trust and savings bank have become so numerous as to practically force his resignation from the postoffice department.

LIBERALS SURE OF VICTORY

Return of Cabinet by Fair Ma-
jority Now Declared to
Be Certain

Government Fares Much Better
Than Expected by Most
Ardent Admirers

Day's Polling Results in Net
Gain of Fourteen Seats for
the Unionists

"Honest John" Burns Re-elect-
ed to Parliament Over Tariff
Reform Opponent

LONDON, Jan. 17.—At the conclusion of today's polling in the general election the parties stood as follows:

Unionists 92, liberals 77, laborites 16, nationalists 13. Net gain for the unionists 29.

The government fared much better today than its most ardent supporters expected. The unionists gained 19 seats, the liberals 4 and the laborites 1, making a net gain for the unionists for the day of 14—one less than they gained at fewer elections Saturday.

Liberal's Return Assured

This practically assured the return of the liberal power with a fair majority, for among the places still to poll are those in Scotland and Wales, which always are solidly liberal.

There were not many surprises today. Some expected that John Burns, president of the local board, would be defeated in Battersea division and Clapham, but Burns himself never had any doubt as to the result.

Other state officials who had to fight for their seats and were successful were Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, and C. E. Hobhouse, financial secretary to the treasury in Bristol, and Dr. T. J. MacNamara, secretary to the admiralty in Camberwell. Their majorities were greatly reduced.

Big Reductions Shown

In fact, this happened all through the country, the huge majorities secured in 1906 showing big reductions in almost all cases. Indeed, many liberals who became members of the house of commons by the grace of the landslide that year have been sent back to private life. Among them is Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian who represented York and was considered a prominent candidate for high office. Another Canadian, Joseph Martin, former premier of British Columbia, was more successful, winning the seat for St. Pancras, East.

Other prominent members defeated included L. G. Chiozza Money, apostle of free trade, who lost his seat for North Paddington, and Will Crookes, labor leader, for Woolwich. Sir H. Robinson, liberal candidate for North Kensington, failed to get a majority, as did also Sir John Gorst, a former minister and at one time a member of the fourth party, whose leading spirits were A. J. Balfour and Lord Randolph Churchill.

Doctors Defeat Unionist

On the other side Lord R. Cecil and George Stewart Boles, who ran as free trade unionists, failed to overthrow Philip Snowden, labor leader, and Sir Thomas Brawley Blackburn.

Doctors had much to do with the defeat of Claud Hay, unionist, in the Horton division of Shoreditch. His opponent was Dr. C. Addison, a famous consulting surgeon. Hay, on the platform, made disparaging remarks about the profession, and as a result the whole fraternity turned out to assist Doctor Addison.

The liberals also won back the adjoining constituency of Haggerston, represented by the Hon. R. Guinness, unionist, he being defeated today by S. G. Chancellor.

Unionist leaders who ran today, including A. J. Balfour, A. Bonar Law, Walter Hume Long and Sir William Bull, hold their seats by increased majorities.

Polling Is Close

The polling was remarkably close, however, in many constituencies. H. E. Duke, noted barrister, for example, won Exeter from the liberals by the narrow margin of 26, while in the Beecham division of Camberwell Henry Cubitt Gooch, who secured a majority of more than 2,000 in the recent by election, retains his seat by a bare hundred. One liberal retained his seat by a majority of only 10.

The general view of today's battle bears out the forecast. The north is held for the government; the midlands section, and especially the voice of Birmingham, favors tariff reform.

The victory of the unionists at Wall-sall points to an extension of the influence of Joseph Chamberlain.

The metropolis, which was expected to make a clean turnover, is displaying

The New York Tribune today says: "Governor Hughes will not, under any circumstances, be a candidate for re-election. This the Tribune is able to announce positively."