

CONTROLLER BAY LAND ORDER WAS MINE, SAYS TAFT

President in a Special Message to the Senate Assumes Full Responsibility

"Dick to Dick" Postscript Declared to Be a "Wicked Fabrication"

WASHINGTON, July 26.—President Taft sent a special message to the senate today shouldering full responsibility for opening for settlement and development 12,300 acres of the Chugach national forest reserve in Alaska—an incident which has come to be known as the "Controller bay affair."

In concluding he brands the now famous "Dick to Dick" postscript as a "wicked fabrication" and says that Charles P. Taft, whose name appeared in the alleged postscript, "has no interest in Alaska, never had and knows nothing of the circumstances connected with this transaction."

Moreover, the president adds, his brother does not even remember that he ever met Richard S. Ryan, representing the Controller Railway and Navigation company.

As for eliminating the land in question from the reserve, the president says that there is no danger of the Controller Railway and Navigation company or any other interests monopolizing the field and nothing to show that this company is in any way connected with the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. Hence he believes that in eliminating the land he has acted for the best interests of the nation.

SHOULDERS RESPONSIBILITY

"I wish to be as specific as possible upon this point," says the president in his message, "and to say that I alone am responsible for the enlargement of the proposed tract of land from 238 acres to 12,300 acres, and that I proposed the change and stated my reasons therefor. The thing which the territory of Alaska needs is development, and where rights and franchises can be properly granted to encourage investment and construct a railroad without conferring exclusive privileges I believe it to be in accordance with good policy to grant them."

HISTORY OF CASE

The president then relates how Ryan, representing the Controller Railway and Navigation company, applied in 1909 for the elimination of a tract to enable this company to secure railroad terminals, etc. The application was referred to the forestry bureau and then to the navy department with a view that perhaps the navy desired to use Controller bay as a reservation.

The forestry interests found no objection to the elimination of the tract indicated, "or indeed," as the president writes, "to the elimination of 18,000 acres in the northwest shore of Controller bay."

The navy department's answer was "negative," says the president, and after the matter had been considered by the secretary of the interior, the secretary of the interior and the general land office, a recommendation was made to him that 320 acres with a frontage of the harbor on the northwest shore of Controller bay be thrown open.

A formal order to this effect was finally submitted to him in October, 1910, but when the order came before the cabinet late in that month he found objection to it.

REASON FOR ENLARGEMENT

"I expressed dissatisfaction with the order because it purported on its face to make the elimination for the benefit of a railroad company of a tract of land which the company could not by lawful entry secure, for it was a tract 320 acres in one body, when only 160 acres could thus be acquired, says the president.

"In the second place, I preferred to make a much larger elimination of a tract facing the entire channel, and with sufficient room for a terminal railway town. I was willing to do this because I found the restrictions in the law sufficient to prevent the possibility of any monopoly of either the upland or the harbor or channel by the Controller Railway and Navigation company or any other persons or company."

The president says he had every assurance at the time that the Controller Railway and Navigation company was an independent enterprise working in all good faith, and that no evidence to the contrary has since been brought to his attention.

BARBARY COAST; TAXI; ROBBED; THROWN OUT

P. H. Hose "Piped" as Good Thing and Pushed Along

P. H. Hose of 449 Cole street visited the Barbary coast Tuesday night. A man invited him to ride in a taxi cab. He accepted. The man had gone two blocks when the man threw Hose into the street after taking a diamond pin and \$115.

Clarice Stoddard of 121 Tehama street reported to the police yesterday that burglars entered her home and took jewelry worth \$136.

Thieves forced an entrance yesterday to the home of Mrs. J. Abrams, 123 O'Farrell street, and were in the act of robbing the place when Mrs. Abrams returned. The men ran from the front room and escaped through a window.

Mrs. S. J. Maszio reported to the police that jewelry valued at \$300 was taken from her home at 1056 Filbert street.

BAUM PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN WATER BOND SWINDLE

Attorney Demands Quick Trial and Gets It

Alexander R. Baum, accused by the grand jury of having fraudulently disposed of \$15,000 worth of People's Water company bonds, held by him as security for a loan made to Harold Havens, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Judge Trabucco yesterday.

Attorney W. T. Hume, appearing for Baum, demanded an immediate trial. Judge Trabucco, who has been sitting for Judge Dunne, granted Hume's request and appointed next Wednesday.

In calling for an immediate trial, Attorney Hume took a sting at Millionaire Havens, upon whose testimony Baum was indicted. He declared that Havens, too, should have been called before the grand jury, not as a witness against Baum, but as a defendant, to be investigated.

CONTRACTOR INJURED—F. H. Born, a contractor living at 23 Prospect street, was thrown from the seat of his buggy in a recent accident yesterday afternoon and severely injured.

Exciting Finishes Feature Pleasanton Harness Meet Which Is Held Under Most Perfect Weather Conditions

Five fair spectators snapped by The Call photographer yesterday while they were watching the races at the Pleasanton track.

MRS. R. J. RUSTALLER MRS. E. J. WELDON MRS. ALBERT EBERLE MISS CHARLOTTE RUSTALLER MRS. CHAS. L. DE RYDER



VERA HALL WINS FEATURE EVENT

Grace Pointer Takes First Two Heats, but Is Unable to Stand the Pace

By PETE SMITH

The second day of the Pleasanton light harness race meet was a grand success and the three events on the card brought out shifty fields and furnished the spectators, who filled the grandstand, with a fine day's sport. Nearly all of the heats were closely contested and the finishes highly exciting. Two of the races were split heats and the result was in doubt to the end. The weather conditions were ideal for the sport and the track was in good condition.

J. A. McKeron, I. B. Dalziel and Charles Durfy decided matters in the judges' stand, and Charles Becker, Lon Daniels and Doctor Nash held the watches. Starter J. L. McCarthy sent the horses away in the first heat of the day shortly after 2 o'clock.

A. Ottlinger's Bodaker won the 2:35 trot in straight heats. T. E. Ward took second money with Larry McKinley. Wesos of the Woodland Stock farm got third place. W. E. Meek captured the short end of the purse with The Fleet. Ottlinger's win was a popular one, as he has worked hard with Bodaker, which has been a cripple for several years, and while he has great speed, nobody has been able for a number of years to get him in condition to stand a race. Ottlinger has a great deal of faith in him and took him in hand six weeks ago with a very dicky leg. He was amply repaid yesterday for his hard work.

The second race, a 2:25 pace, required four heats to decide the winner. There was considerable time lost in starting this event, as a tire blew up and Oakwood threw a shoe. This race was out of luck, as he fell on making the first turn. Frank N had the speed of the bunch, and, after finishing second to Princess Ethel in the first heat, captured the next three and the purse. Princess Ethel got second money. June Pointer third and Princess G fourth.

Five heats were necessary in the 2:09 pace, the feature event of the day. Grace Pointer took the first two heats. Chiquita took the third and Vera Hal the fourth. Vera Hal was given the big money on points and Grace Pointer had to be content with second place. Chiquita and Vera Hal were fourth money, as Chorro Prince was distanced in the fourth heat. Grace Pointer had plenty of speed in the first two heats, but the mare has been on the sick list for the last two weeks and could not do herself justice in a long krind.

Just previous to the first race, Del Rey, a 3 year old stallion out of Demonia, by the great, Nutwood Wilkes, was attempted a fast mile in 2:08 and from the way he has been reeling off the miles in training, he looks like one of the best green stallions in the country, and it would not be surprising to see him make a world's record, when he is sent after it.

Ten horses went into the starter's hands for the 2:35 trot. Wesos went into the lead at the start of the first heat, closely followed by Bodaker. Larry Kinney moved up to a good third position at the end of the back stretch. On the back turn Bodaker and Larry both moved up to first and second positions. They finished in this manner a half a length apart and Wesos got third by a length and a half. The balance of the field was strung out.

In the second heat Bodaker, Larry Kinney and Wesos went out together and stayed that way to the back turn, when Larry Kinney went to the front. He did not stay in that place long, as Bodaker forged to the front half way down the stretch and won by half a length without much trouble. James evidently eased up on the back turn and then came on and won when he wanted to. Bodaker took the lead from Larry Kinney at the half in the third heat and was never again headed, jogging home an easy winner. Larry held his second position and Wesos came third.

Princess Ethel took the lead in the first heat of the second race, and made the pace all of the journey. Princess G made a strong bid in the stretch and just failed to get up, being beaten half a length for the place by Frank N, who came from far back. Frank N would have won had there been a little more room on the inside for him to cut through. He proved that he was the best horse in the race by taking the next three heats in impressive style.

In the third heat Princess G went out in front by three lengths. June Pointer and Frank N picked up at the back stretch and followed close to the pace to the stretch, where they both passed her and came on with Frank winning easily by a length. Frank went into the lead on entering the back stretch in the fourth heat, and was never headed.

Grace Pointer and Chorro Prince raced neck and neck to the head of the



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stretch in the first heat of the third race. The latter could not stand the hot pace and faded away, finishing last. Grace Pointer kept on her way and won out by a head from Vera Hal, who came fast through the stretch from far back. Conqueror cut into the rail in the stretch and came like a shot to get the show. The time in his heat was the best of the day, being 2:07 1/2. Grace took the lead at the start of the second heat and never gave it up. Vera Hal moved up on the turn and made a good stretch drive to get second place. Chiquita came the overland and got third. Grace had to be driven out to win in 2:10. This was evidently her last stand, and it took out all that was in her, in her poor condition. Chiquita came strong in the third and won out. In the last two heats it was all Vera Hal.

Today's program will include the 2 year old trot, the 2:20 trot for amateurs and the 2:15 trot. The results of the day's races were as follows:

- First race, 2:25 class, trotting, mile heats, three in five, purse \$600. A. Ottlinger's Bodaker, by Antrim-Birdie (James), 1:11 F. E. Ward's Larry Kinney, by McKinley 1:22 Woodland Stock farm's Wesos, by Trice 1:33 Vera Hal, by Mendocino 1:44 (Chastleton) 1:55 Valencía farm's Direct Benefit, by Direct 2:06 S. Christensen's Ben's Circum, by Rey 2:17 Direct (De Ryder) 2:26 W. H. Wood's Princess Ethel, by Princess 2:35 Tip Top ranch's Lucile Pateson, by The Patches Boy (Wilson) 2:45 L. Borden's Barney Berato, by Berato 2:59 J. F. McCreary's Bill Dunlap, Dist. Time—2:13 1/2, 2:14 1/2, 2:15 1/2.

Second race, 2:25 class, pacing, mile heats, three in five, purse \$600. W. T. McBride's Frank N, by William Harold Daphne (Chastleton) 2:11 R. S. Wood's Princess Ethel, by Princess 1:24 Charles (Hayes) 1:32 S. Christensen's June Pointer, by Star Pointer (Walker) 1:42 Mrs. W. B. Good's Princess G, by Prince Charles (Smith) 1:52 C. Montgomery's Dan Logan, by Charles D. Derby (Montgomery) 2:04 J. A. Child's Alford, by Alford 2:11 George Hierano's Beauty Dick, by Alta Gomez (Hierano) 2:15 Time—2:12 1/2, 2:13 1/2, 2:14 1/2.

Third race, 2:09 class, pacing, mile heats, three in five, purse \$600. James Liggitt's Vera Hal, by Expressive-Mac (Liggitt) 2:27 1/2 G. Gunter's Grace Pointer, by Star Pointer (De Ryder) 1:42 C. (Maben) 3:12 Valencía farm's Conqueror, by Direct 3:45 Luke Mariseh's Little Dick, by Diatus (Schwartz) 4:03 L. A. Child's Alford, by Alford 4:11 E. H. (Childs) 5:56 R. E. Keweenaw's Chorro Prince, by Morris A. (Sanford) 7:22 Dist. Time—2:07 1/2, 2:10, 2:11, 2:13 1/2.

Plover Horse Is Track Marvel

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 26.—The greatest crowd assembled at a race meeting here since the famous Allerton-Nelson match in 1891 today saw Tommy Murphy's graduate plover horse, repeat recent triumphs and captured his third great stake in as many weeks. He won three of the heats necessary to determine the winner in the 2:12 trot for the Furniture Manufacturers' \$10,000 stake. R. T. C won the first two heats as he will, in the third heat, the geld-

ing broke badly while passing the quarter. Belvasia, Lewis Forest and Al Stanley made a great finish in this heat, noses apart. In the final heat R T C got all the worst of the start, but beat out Belvasia by a neck in a spectacular finish.

GOMEZ FORMS A NEW VENEZUELAN CABINET

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The Venezuelan cabinet has resigned. A new ministry with Gonzales Gulman as minister for foreign affairs has been organized by President Gomez. Nothing is known here as to the cause.

DROUILLARD A SON OF RICH PLANTER

Father, a Federal General, Settled in Tennessee After the War

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 26.—Van K. Drouillard, the Tennessean, for whose slaying Dr. L. C. Chisholm of Santa Rosa, Cal., began serving a life sentence yesterday, was a son of the late General J. P. Drouillard, an officer of the federal army, who came to Nashville after the civil war.

Young Drouillard's sister, Miss Florence Drouillard, married Count Four-tales several years ago. The young man had lived away from Nashville since the death of his father and mother.

Drouillard Recognized

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, July 26.—With the announcement this morning of the identity of L. C. Chisholm's Port Ross victim, as Van K. Drouillard of Tennessee, Attorney R. E. Long of this city recalled the dead man as a friend of his when a youth in school.

According to Long Drouillard is the son of one of the most prominent planters of Tennessee, who retired some years ago quite wealthy. Drouillard attended the Vanderbilt university at Nashville, Tenn., and was considered a very bright and promising young man at that time.

Special inquiries were received here today from Nashville relative to the murder and the disposition made of the remains and from Salt Lake City.

Girl's Clothes Tally

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN RAFAEL, July 26.—Investigations with the murder of Minnie Passi, whose remains it is thought were those found on Mount Tamalpais two years ago, were continued today by Sheriff J. J. Keating, who made a careful comparison of the garments found on the skeleton with the description given of the woman's attire by her two friends, Nita Kroil of Sacramento and Lillie McGuire of Redondo.

Sheriff Keating found that the descriptions fitted the clothes found on the Tamalpais victim in every detail, save the color of the shoes. "It is probable," said Keating, "that Lillie McGuire and Nita Kroil will not be brought here to identify the garments for several days. "It is necessary that we should establish other evidence first."

EAGLES TO SPEND LARGE SUMS HERE

Committeeman Says Big Amount Will Be Left Among the Merchants

Official figures of the railroad companies show that 50,000 people have taken advantage of the Eagles' excursion rates in August, and have purchased through tickets to San Francisco to attend the grand aerial session of the Fraternal Order of Eagles from August 31 to 28. These figures are from points east of Denver only and do not take into account the thousands who will attend the session from the various Pacific coast points, nor those who have yet to make their bookings before August 21.

Chairman James F. Cheatham of the grand committee of the Eagles gives positive assurance, based upon official figures from the 2,000 aeries throughout the United States and Canada, that 100,000 visitors will be in San Francisco during the week of the convention.

Cheatham said yesterday: "We are going to give the visiting Eagles a program of entertainment such as they never had at any previous grand aerial session, and we intend that every member of the order will go back home boosting for San Francisco, the exposition and the spirit of hospitality that prevails among our people. The various aeries throughout the state are also going to let the visitors see our marvelous resources, for every county is going to distribute packages of the products for which it is famous."

"The session will be the occasion for a public celebration similar to Admission day and the Portola festival, with parade, masquerade ball, carnival night, barbecues and the rest.

"The figures quoted in my estimate are official. A great amount of money will be left among the hotels, cafes and tradespeople of the city by the visitors."

HOTEL EMPLOYE FALLS DEAD—Oakland, July 25.—Laurence Mendler, 50 years old, dropped dead at 6 o'clock this evening in the kitchen of the Metropolitan hotel, Thirteenth and Jefferson streets, where he had been employed for four years. Nothing is known of his family.

FARMER IS BANKRUPT—A petition to be declared a bankrupt was filed yesterday in the United States district court by J. B. Banks, a farmer living near Ukiah. He has not assets with which to pay obligations aggregating \$3,575.

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The Best Shirt by the Best Maker. Exceptionally Made of Exceptional cloth. (First Aisle)

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Priced at Large Savings, 98c

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180 Brand New, Dainty Nainsook Night Gowns with Color Trimming

Underpriced at 95c

There are several very attractive models in these fine, dainty gowns. One square-neck model has a color embroidered panel that reaches from the neck to the hem; another dainty tuckered gown has soft hemstitched sailor collar, tie and cuff bands of pale pink or blue. One round neck gown has embroidered medallions of white and color effect. These are decided innovations and are as fine as they are pretty. Save money on all.

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