

WILSON'S ACTS IN LAND CASE CAUSE RUMORS

Secretary of Agriculture Accused of Suppressing Reports on Florida

Discharged Officials Complain of Influence of Speculators in Everglades

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Another investigation of the department of agriculture involving orders of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe and embracing charges of suppressed reports and influence of land speculators over government officials, is to be instituted by the house committee on expenditures.

Trouble relating to exploitation of Florida everglade lands, millions of acres of which have been sold throughout the country by syndicates broke out before the committee today, as a result of the summary dismissal from government service by Secretary Wilson last Saturday of C. G. Elliott, chief engineer of the drainage division, and Assistant Engineer A. D. Morehouse, and the suspension of F. E. Singleton, an accountant, on a technical charge of transference of public lands.

LAND PROMOTER'S HAND Representative Frank Clark of Florida and E. R. Bathrick of Ohio, charged that officials of the department had been influenced by Florida everglade land promoters in the preparation of a report on the condition of the land made by the drainage department; that Chief Engineer Elliott was threatened by agents of the land promoters unless he would revise a circular letter to the public which did not contain laudatory references to the lands they were selling; that upon his refusal the circular and the technical report were suppressed by the order of Secretary Wilson and that later Engineers Elliott and Morehouse were removed from office.

McCabe denied that the dismissal of the department officials was in any way caused by the Florida land case and said that the action was taken on charges that the dismissed men had misappropriated funds.

Clark said that Elliott was assured there would be no prosecution of the charges against him if he would "keep still" about the action in the department on the Florida investigation.

ENGINEERS AT VARIANCE McCabe told the committee that the reason Wilson had ordered that the report on the everglades should not be printed was that the engineers were at variance.

Part of the evidence submitted to the house committee is a copy of a letter written by Elliott to Wilson last November. He said that in January, 1910, E. O. Howe and Thomas H. Will, agents for the Florida Everglades Land company, demanded the retraction of statements in a circular regarding the everglades.

TREASON BY COMPANY "Upon my refusal to entertain such a proposition," he said, "I have informed me that unless I acceded to their wishes they would take the matter up higher and compel me to suppress all information concerning the everglades." The charge against the discharged officials is that several years ago they had short in the appropriation for the drainage division because funds had been irregularly lent to the irrigation division of the department. The total was about \$900, but no financial gain accrued to any of the officials.

COUPLE ACCUSED OF INFANTICIDE EXAMINED

Parkinson's Hearing Attracts Many to Courtroom

FRESNO, Feb. 6.—Before the largest crowd of spectators that ever assembled in Justice Smith's courtroom at Selma, the preliminary examination of Mrs. George A. Parkinson, charged jointly with having murdered their newly born babe three weeks ago, is being held today. At a morning session Dr. Williams testified that he was called to the home to attend the mother after the birth, but could find no baby, and said that the mother denied that she had given birth to one. The sheriff of the county told of the subsequent search for the body that resulted in the finding of the tiny corpse hidden in a sack of bran in an out-house.

S. P. DETECTIVE FINALLY FURNISHES \$1,000 BAIL

E. G. Mundorff Long Held on Bribery Charge

REDDING, Feb. 6.—E. G. Mundorff, the Southern Pacific Railway company detective, who was arrested January 14 on a charge of having attempted to bribe a witness in the Fleming trial and held in jail since that date in default of \$1,000 bail, found a bondsman today and was released. Mundorff is said to have been discharged from the employ of the Southern Pacific company during his incarceration. No date for his arraignment has been set.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED AFTER SECRET HEARING

William H. Crossley of Stockton Loses His Wife

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Feb. 6.—After hearing testimony behind closed doors, Judge J. A. Plummer has annulled the marriage of Adelle M. Crossley to William H. Crossley, Judge Plummer also granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to Esther Bartels from Fred W. Bartels on the ground of cruelty.

FAMILY DESERTER WILL BE TAKEN TO MICHIGAN

Governor Honors Requisition From Wolverine State

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—A requisition issued by the governor of Michigan for the return of Stanley Godzinski, alias Dix, arrested in this city, was honored today at the office of Governor Johnson. Godzinski is wanted in Detroit for the abandonment of his wife and children four years ago. He fled to California, living for some time in Sisson, Siskiyou county.

NAVY SECRETARY LIFTS BAN AGAINST REPORTERS

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Feb. 6.—The ban against newspaper reporters visiting the Mare island station has been lifted. The order came from Secretary of the Navy Meyer today.

CHURCH DECORATED FOR MISS BOERICKE'S WEDDING



Miss Dorothy Boericke, who will be married this evening to Laurence Metcalf Symmes of New York.

Reception for Bridal Party to Be Held at Home of Doctor

Miss Dorothy Boericke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Boericke, will become the bride of Laurence Metcalf Symmes of New York at a brilliant wedding at 9 o'clock this evening in the First Unitarian church. The formal setting for the affair will be green and white, with the same color scheme in the gowns of the bride's attendants. The maids of honor will be Mrs. Ralston White, formerly Miss Ruth Boericke, and in the group of bridesmaids will be Miss Hazel Palmanteer, Miss Joy Wilson, Miss Florence Wil-

STANDARD TO CUT \$29,000,000 MELON

Capital of Indiana Company to Be Increased and Divided Among Stock Holders

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Preparations, it is said, are being made whereby next month a division of \$29,000,000 in stock of the Standard Oil company of Indiana will be made. The company is one of the former 33 subsidiaries of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

The annual meeting of the Indiana company will be held March 7 at Whitings, Ind., and stock holders will be asked to vote an increase of \$29,000,000 in the company's capital, which now is \$1,000,000. The additional \$29,000,000 will then be turned over to the stock holders, it is generally reported, as a stock dividend of 2,900 per cent.

Shortly after the dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, shares in the Indiana company sold as low as \$1,400 and yesterday the shares were quoted at \$1,000—\$4,500 asked. There is a growing belief that this is only the beginning of a number of capital increases among the Standard's subsidiaries. It was the Standard's Indiana company which in 1907 was fined \$25,240,000 by Judge Landis.

In apparent confirmation of reports that former subsidiaries of the Standard are to increase their capital stocks to correspond more closely to their assets, it was announced today that stockholders of the Vacuum Oil company would be asked to approve an increase of the capital stock of the company from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000 on February 29.

COUNTERFEITERS PAWN COINING MACHINERY

Burglar Says Loot Was Molded Into Bogus Money

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—As the result of the finding of a complete counterfeiting apparatus in a local pawn shop, Steve O'Connell, head of the secret service for this district, caused the arrest last night of three men, who gave the names of Roy Smith, Al Lamphire and William Holman. A woman, who refused to give any name, but said she was a waitress, was also taken into custody. She was with Smith. The men are charged with burgling and using the stolen jewelry to melt up and mold into money. O'Connell says that Smith confessed the burglaries and said that Holman disposed of the counterfeited coin while Lamphire did the counterfeiting.

STARVATION DOCTOR IS SEEKING A NEW TRIAL

Misconduct of Jury Made Basis of Application

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Allegations of misconduct of the jury is the basis of an application for a new trial for Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, the fasting specialist convicted of manslaughter for starving to death Claire Williams. The application was filed today. Counsel for Mrs. Hazzard charges the use of a magnifying glass by the jurors for the examination of writing exhibits used by the state. Judge Yasky will pass sentence upon Mrs. Hazzard tomorrow morning.

YOUTH IS MAILED AS CHECK PASSER

Albert Lester, 21 Years Old, Is Foiled in Attempt to Swindle Stockton Banks

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Feb. 6.—Albert Lester, aged 21 years, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of passing worthless checks.

Lester called at the Commercial Savings bank and stated he desired to open an account, and gave the cashier a check for \$38 on the First National bank signed by C. Campbell. He then went to the Stockton Savings and Loan Society bank and opened an account there also, depositing a check similar to the one he had given to the First National bank for \$50. He opened his account with \$40, taking \$10 in gold.

Both banks telephoned to the First National and ascertained that Campbell had no account there. The police found Lester in the street in company with a young woman. She said that she ran away with Lester from Portland, Ore. Lester admitted to bank for \$50. He had done the same thing recently in Fresno.

SEATTLE TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUES MARCH 5

Electorate to Decide on Harbor Island Terminals

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—The port of Seattle commission today voted to submit the Harbor Island terminal bond issues, aggregating \$6,000,000 to the voters of Seattle March 5.

Two propositions cover the Harbor Island terminal scheme. The first is an issue of \$3,000,000 of bonds to cover the cost of acquiring the necessary land on Harbor Island by condemnation, estimated at \$2,000,000, and \$1,000,000 additional for the construction of the first concrete piers. The second proposition is a resolution providing for the issuance of an additional \$2,000,000 of bonds.

The land bought by the city is to be leased to a New York syndicate known as the Pacific Terminal company. The lessees will be Samuel Day, Garin Boericke, Fay Boericke, Ralston White, Jack Geary and Harry Miller.

MEXICAN STABS LABORER TO DEATH IN QUARREL

John Haley Walks Into Saloon and Drops

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OAKDALE, Feb. 6.—John Haley, a laborer, was stabbed to death by a Mexican at Knight's ferry at 10 o'clock Monday evening. Little is known of Haley's antecedents. He formerly worked on the diverting dam of the Oakdale irrigation district.

The Mexican was ordered out of a saloon because of a quarrel with Haley a short time before the murder occurred. Haley followed him out after a few minutes and was sitting on Collins' porch with another man when the Mexican slipped up and stabbed him in the groin, severing an artery. Haley walked into the saloon, announced that he had been cut by the Mexican and dropped dead.

The Mexican was taken into custody by Constable Corrigan and delivered to the sheriff at Oakdale the same night.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY INDICTED BY MISTAKE

Testimony in Marks Trial Discloses Error

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Feb. 6.—Review of the testimony given in the trial here of Benjamin Marks, who was charged with conspiracy in the John C. Maybray swindle syndicate, today disclosed that the name of W. H. McGrath, who has given valuable information to the prosecution, has been erroneously included in a list of men indicted by the grand jury. McGrath, who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a member of the Minnesota bar, was one of the first to complain of the operations of the Maybray gang, and on his testimony the case against the syndicate in the Maybray swindles were indicted.

SACRAMENTO ELKS WILL TOUR WEST IN SPECIAL

Trip to Be Taken in Connection With Reunion

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Sacramento Elks plan to go to Portland in July in a special train which, after the Elks' reunion, will take them to Boise, Yellowstone National park, Salt Lake City and back home through Nevada. The trip will include an auto trip through the famous apple country of Idaho and a daylight trip by steamer up the Columbia river. More than 100 reservations have already been made.

FORMER DETECTIVE IS SENTENCED FOR ROBBERY

Arthur Shelley Abetted Negro in Holdups

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Arthur Shelley, patrolman for a local detective agency, was sentenced today to three years in prison by Judge Hughes today on a charge of highway robbery. Shelley pointed out possible victims to Myrtle Hughes, a negro, who would then rob them. In the Redwood city holdup, which was robbed by the Hughes woman, was the complaining witness. Shelley has a wife and child.

STATE PRINTER TO GIVE JOBS TO APPRENTICES

Friend Richardson Establishes New Precedent

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Breaking away from all political rules of the past, State Printer Richardson announced today that he would place apprentices in the state printing office; that he would give boys a chance to hold positions formerly held by men who "were appointed on the sole qualification that they had a vote."

STEAMER BRINGS TON OF GOLD DUST FROM NORTH

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—The steamship Alameda arrived from southwestern Alaska with a ton of Iditarro gold dust and 1,000 tons of copper ore, the value of the metal cargo alone being a million dollars.

100 PASSENGERS CUT BY GLASS IN TRAIN CRASH

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 6.—An open switch is blamed for a crash between a San Francisco passenger train and a freight here today. One hundred passengers were hurt by flying glass from the window panes of the coaches.

FORSYTH PROCESS PATENT HELD VOID

Independent Raisin Packers Win Victory Over Consolidated Seeded Company

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FRESNO, Feb. 6.—The United States circuit court of appeals has just affirmed a decision by Judge Welborn, holding that the Forsyth patent process patent is void. The patent was controlled by the United States Consolidated Seeded Raisin company and covered the processing of raisins before they are seeded. The suit was brought by the Consolidated against the Selma Fruit company.

Independent raisin packers regard this as a great victory for them, for it breaks the hold the Consolidated long has had on the seeding business and involves several hundred thousand dollars. By this decision the Consolidated is prohibited from collecting royalties and damages, which had they won, would have amounted to several hundred thousand dollars.

Another suit is now pending in Los Angeles affecting the patent on seeding machines. The independents do not now consider this as of great importance, for the Consolidated is not supposed to be sustained, different machines could be built, whereas all are obliged to use the same process to make raisins ready for seeding.

NEW \$10,000,000 OIL COMPANY IS FORMED

Principal Office Will Be in Los Angeles

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—The Pacific Pipe Line company, capitalized at \$10,000,000 and formed principally for the production and transportation of oil, today filed its articles of incorporation in Secretary of State Jordan's office.

The articles name, among the purposes of the company, the prospecting and boring for oil and the operation of oil wells and of tank steamers for its transportation. The principal office will be in Los Angeles.

The directors, all of Los Angeles, are: E. Fletcher Scott, Floyd Warring, Ira W. Byrnes, D. K. Gault, A. K. Kinder Jr., Harry Price, M. S. Pattison, Lenore Turman and Milton Dyer.

TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION NAMES NEW OFFICERS

Fight for River Improvement to Be Continued

FRESNO, Feb. 6.—The Fresno Traffic association, which has conducted the agitation for terminal rates for this city and for the improvement of the San Joaquin river for navigation to a point to within 10 miles of Fresno, today elected the following officers:

President, former Superior Judge M. K. Harris; vice president, Roy Hall; treasurer, H. Graf; secretary, F. M. Hill. These with Louis Grunfeldt, C. W. B. Holland, constitute the executive board.

Arrangements were made for continuing the fight for river improvement, the new being prepared for further presentation to the board of army engineers at Washington.

VOTING MACHINES TO BE ABANDONED IN SOLANO

More Money Will Be Required for Elections in Vallejo

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Feb. 6.—The board of supervisors of Solano county has decided to eliminate the voting machines, for which the county has paid \$18,000 and which have been used only eight times, substituting the old Australian ballot instead. As a result the city of Vallejo, which is to have two special elections in the near future, an initiative and referendum election, in addition to the two primaries and the presidential election in the fall, will have to pay \$12,000 to election officers at each of the elections instead of \$500, as has heretofore been the case.

FORMER GUAM GOVERNOR MAY BE YARD CAPTAIN

G. R. Salisburg Mentioned in Connection With Post

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARE ISLAND, Feb. 6.—Captain George R. Salisburg, lately governor of the island of Guam, now on his way home, is the latest officer mentioned in connection with the billet of captain of the Mare island yard. Since the announcement that neither Captain J. H. Glennon nor Captain C. F. Pond wants the post, many believe that Captain Salisburg will be ordered here.

COMPTROLLER APPROVES NEW BANK FOR PASADENA

Capital of Security National Will Be \$100,000

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—An application to organize the Security National bank of Pasadena today was approved by Comptroller Murray. The capital of the new corporation is to be \$100,000. The applicants were: Ernest H. May, F. G. Hogan, G. E. Grier, H. Sherry and E. L. Moody.

MAN HURLS HIMSELF 175 FEET TO HIS DEATH

TACOMA, Feb. 6.—First writing a letter to his sister in which he thanked her for her kind treatment and saying he had reached the stage of illness where death seemed the only way out, C. E. Mann, aged 72 years, last night cast himself from the railing of the South Thirty-fourth street bridge and dropped more than 175 feet to the gulch below. Death was instantaneous.

Hilvilla Tea advertisement with prices and product description.

Congress Devotes Most Time to Investigations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The day in congress:

SENATE: In session at 2 p. m. Non-appearance of manufacturers caused postponement of finance committee's hearing on steel tariff revision bill.

Finance committee heard Stenographer Blumensberg's reasons for denouncing a false stenographer Sheridan's notes. Democrats caucused on increasing finance committee. Finance committee debated Heyburn bill to repeal Canadian reciprocity bill, but took no action.

HOUSE: Met at noon.

Democrats prepare for fight on "trust" investigation resolution. Reduction of food cost urged at interstate commerce committee hearing as reason for creation of bureau of markets.

Governor Clark of Alaska, before territories committee, opposed Alaska elective legislature and urged development of railroads for the territories.

Vreeland spoke endorsing currency reform plan of monetary commission.

Subject of frauds in army shoe contracts renewed on floor and investigation probable. Pepper introduced bill to prevent shut-down and wage reduction threats by employers to influence employees' votes at presidential elections.

Investigation of department of agriculture's drainage bureau decided upon as result of hearing on Florida everglades drainage proposition charges.

MEN HELD FOR WOMAN'S DEATH

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—In the Fletcher court today Judge Bagley refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus for the release on bail of Joseph G. Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, both of New York, arrested at Lawrence last week on the charge of being accessories to the murder of Miss Annie Lopez.

The two men will remain in jail until Friday, when their case will come up in the Lawrence police court for a continued hearing.

The Lopez woman was shot and killed in a riot a week ago Monday during today's proceedings. George E. Rower, counsel for the accused men, declared that the fatal shot was fired by a policeman. District Attorney Atwell said that, according to the autopsy performed by Medical Examiner Dow, the bullet which killed the woman was of .38 caliber, while the two police officers on duty in that district at the time carried .32 caliber weapons.

TWENTY DAYS' REPAIRS AUTHORIZED ON COLLIER

Nero to Leave for Canal Zone With Fuel

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARE ISLAND, Feb. 6.—Twenty days' repairs have been authorized by the navy department on the collier Nero, which recently arrived from the east coast. The collier is expected to depart the latter part of the month for the canal zone with fuel for the cruiser Maryland and the gunboat Yorktown.

On the arrival of the Nero at Panama the collier Justin will leave for Mare Island.

The tug Locust, which has been at California station, has been stricken from the navy list and will be sold at auction in March.

ROMANCE TO CULMINATE AT CAPITOL BUILDING

Major C. L. Pardee Will Marry Mrs. Alice Greenough

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—An interesting romance at the state capitol will culminate soon in the marriage of Major C. L. Pardee, statistician in State Controller Nye's office, and a cousin of former Governor George C. Pardee, to Mrs. Alice Greenough, formerly employed in the state printing office. Major Pardee has been in the state controller's office for the last five years. He formerly was secretary of the state lunacy commission and before going into the state service was manager of a hotel at Eureka. Mrs. Greenough also formerly lived at Eureka.

GENERAL J. B. WEAVER DEAD AT DES MOINES

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 6.—General James B. Weaver, populist candidate for president in 1892, died at the home of relatives here today. He was 80 years old. He had been ill only a few days.

NOME APPEALS FOR AN ICE BREAKER

Seattle Chamber Is Asked to Have Russian Steamer Make Trip With Coal

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—The Chamber of Commerce today received a cable dispatch from Mayor William A. Gilmore of Nome, Alaska, asking the chamber to use its influence to induce an ice breaking Norwegian steamer now at Vladivostok to make a voyage to Nome with coal.

This message indicates that the fuel situation in the gold camp, which has 2,000 inhabitants, is becoming acute. The district companies have turned their coal supply over to the citizens, and there is much fuel ore in store, but evidently everything burnable will have been consumed long before the opening of navigation in June.

Whalers say that the Bering sea ice pack is not so formidable in February and March as it is later, after the thaw begins. There are open leads in winter, the whalers say, but the leads are closed after the sunshine begins.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR BIG CEMENT FIRM

"Depression of Business in the Trade," Basis of Petition

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—On petition of two stockholders of the American Cement company, Judge McPherson, in the United States District court today, appointed three receivers for the concern, which is one of the largest manufacturers of cement in the United States.

The receivers are Robert W. Leslie, president of the company; Sydney W. Keith and John Scott Jr. The stock holders alleged that because of the "depression of business in the cement trade," the receivers were necessary in order that the property of the company might be conserved. The company did not oppose the receivership. The assets of the concern are placed at \$1,358,000, and consist largely in the company's holdings of stocks of subsidiary concerns. The liabilities are given as \$25,000. President Leslie said that some of the subsidiary concerns were unable to operate at a profit.

MONTANA PUTS STOP TO ADVANCE IN RATES

Railway Commission Disapproves New Classification

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 6.—The state railroad commission notified the traffic departments of all railroads operating in Montana today that it will not approve the new western classification to go into effect February 15, but that the old classification, known as classification 50, will continue in effect in this state on interstate business. The new classification makes 1700 changes, the rates being advanced in 900 cases and reduced in 800, the general effect being an advance.

D. Samuels will sell today at \$3.45 each the choice of 20 doz. assorted new blanket robes—all made of the best quality Beacon blanket-ing in medium, light and dark colorings, worth \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00—at \$3.45 each.

D. Samuels advertisement for blanket robes and other goods.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company advertisement for gas and electricity.