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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

CLARK GETS A DECISION

Montana Senator Wins From The Government in Federal Supreme Court.

LAND PATENTS HELD TO BE VALID

Washington, March 6.—United States Senator Clark of Montana has won the case against him in the supreme court of the United States in which the government sought to have cancelled patents to 11,400 acres of public lands in Montana which were alleged to have been fraudulently secured. The opinion in the case was delivered by Justice Holmes and upheld the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit. Justices Harlan and Brown dissented.

This was a civil proceeding instituted by the government against Senator Clark to secure the cancellation of eighty-two patents to land issued under the timber and stone act. The charge made by the government in its bill of complaint was that the patents were fraudulently secured and it was further set forth that about eighty of the patentees are now under indictment in the Montana courts. It was asserted that Senator Clark had entered into a contract to purchase the land before the patents were granted and that he had known, or had good reason to know, that the proceeding was fraudulent. The government charged that Clark was not a bona fide purchaser, but the courts below, including the court of appeals, took the contrary view, holding that the issuance of patents had the effect of converting his purchase of an equity into a purchase of title. The printed record in the case covered 7,000 pages.

Motion to Acquit Overruled.

Washington, March 6.—Justice Gould has overruled the motion made by the defense to instruct the jury to acquit in the case of ex-Senator Green of Binghamton, N. Y., on trial in connection with postoffice frauds.

HEINZE SUITS CALLED OFF.

Actions Dismissed Include Claims Aggregating \$50,000,000.

Butte, Mont., March 6.—On motion of counsel representing the Amalgamated Copper company and the Heinze interests eighty actions at law have been dismissed by the district court of Silver Bow county.

This wipes out all pending litigation in the state courts involving the former opposing interests, with the exception of a few cases in which counsel were not authorized to appear.

These will be dismissed later, as will be twenty-three actions now pending in the United States circuit courts. The dismissal of these suits forms one of the concluding incidents of the copper war terminated by the sale of the Heinze interests to a company represented by Thomas F. Cole.

The actions dismissed include claims for damages aggregating more than \$50,000,000.

Dined by King Edward.

Paris, March 6.—King Edward during the day gave a dinner at the British embassy to former President Loubet and former Foreign Minister Delcasse. The presence of the latter is considered a graceful acknowledgment of M. Delcasse's services in connection with the Anglo-French agreement.

Big Cigar for Speaker Cannon.

Washington, March 6.—Representative Longworth of Ohio returned to his duties in the house during the day. He brought with him to the Capitol and presented to Speaker Cannon in his room a huge cigar, at least eighteen inches long, a product of Havana

GENERAL SCHOFIELD DEAD.

Former Head of the Army Expires in Florida.

St. Augustine, Fla., March 6.—Lieutenant General John M. Schofield, U. S. A., retired, former head of the army, is dead here. He was attacked with cerebral hemorrhage and died in a few hours.

John M. Schofield was secretary of war during 1868-9 and his career was marked by continuous service in the army from the time he entered West Point in 1849 until he retired Sept. 29,



GENERAL JOHN M. SCHOFIELD.

1895, with the rank of lieutenant general, the highest military honor then permitted by law. His command of the army extended from 1888 to 1895. Since his retirement he has made frequent visits to Washington, though he made it a practice each year to spend the winter in Florida and the summer in the East. He was a well known member of the Loyal Legion and for two terms was its commander-in-chief. He was seventy-four years of age.

BATTLE WITH POLICE.

Italian Stowaways Make Desperate Break for Liberty.

New York, March 6.—Eight Italian stowaways who had been penned between decks of the steamship Italia, lying at a dock in Jersey City, since their discovery in the coal bunkers when the vessel arrived here on Thursday, made a desperate break for liberty during the day, charging the crew with drawn stilettos.

Though six of the men were manacled in pairs they thoroughly frightened the sailors and cargo hoisters on the Italia and had nearly reached the side of the steamer when the police arrived and gave battle. The manacled men fought hard, but were overpowered and returned to their temporary prison. They will be returned to Palermo by the steamship company.

STOCK MARKET DEPRESSED.

Heavy Liquidation Results in Bad Break in Prices.

New York, March 6.—Stocks broke badly during the day on the heavy outpouring of liquidation from all quarters. There was a well centered bear attack on a number of stocks which have become vulnerable by the building up of extensive pool accounts and manipulation in the market. The dissatisfaction over the money outlook, the continued withdrawal of banking reserve and the necessity of scaling down credit accounts to keep pace with the declining reserves were responsible for most selling. The unstable condition of stocks developed last week aroused widespread distrust and was the cause for sending out calls for large additional margins on speculative holdings. Failure to respond to these induced the throwing over of some holdings by commission houses. The pounding down of prices by the bears had the effect of exhausting margins and uncovering stop loss orders. The weight on the market was thus increased. Lenders of money also exercised increasing discrimination against some of the stocks whose market position was distrustful when they appeared in collateral for loans.

The liquidation continued intermittently in the afternoon at an extreme decline in Reading of over 8 points and in Amalgamated Copper, Locomotive, Northern Pacific and Great Northern preferred of over 4 points. Anaconda was carried down 16 1/2. The determined resistance of Amalgamated Copper at par seemed to mark the limits of the decline and there was a general rally late in the day when the shorts began to cover to take profits on the day's movement.

TO DISCUSS COAL SITUATION.

Executive Council of Federation of Labor Will Meet.

Washington, March 6.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has called a meeting of the executive council in this city March 19. The matters to be discussed have not been disclosed, but the fact that John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is a member of the council, will be present lends color to the belief that the coal situation will be considered. President Gompers has gone to Philadelphia and New York on matters connected with the organization.

EARLIEST IN MANY YEARS.

Lake Navigation Between Detroit and Cleveland Opened.

Detroit, March 6.—Navigation between Detroit and Cleveland opened during the day, when the Detroit and Cleveland steamer City of Detroit, with 100 passengers and a large load of freight, left here for the Lake Erie port. This is with one exception the earliest opening of navigation across Lake Erie in twenty-six years. Reports to A. A. Shantz, general passenger and traffic manager of the Detroit and Cleveland line, from the mouth of the river and points on Lake Erie are that very little ice is in sight.

ESTIMATED AT FIFTY.

Number of Fishermen Lost Off Coast of Norway.

Trondhjem, Norway, March 6.—Besides eleven fishing boats already reported missing as a result of the recent storm five others are unaccounted for. The total loss of life is estimated at fifty.

Cronstadt, Russia, March 6.—A block of ice from the Gulf of Finland, with about 150 fishermen on it, has been driven ashore here. The ice breaker Yermak has gone to the rescue of the remainder of the fishermen.

McCurdy to Return if Wanted.

New York, March 6.—It appears from the Herald that Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, before sailing for Paris Wednesday last entered into a written undertaking with District Attorney Jerome to return to this country at any time his presence might be desired and to return by Sept. 1 in any event.

No More Transports Needed.

Washington, March 6.—War department officials state that they are not endeavoring to charter any private steamships on the Pacific coast for the transportation of troops to the Philippines, as has been reported. There is no present intention of dispatching any troops in addition to the two regiments and two batteries already on the way to Manila.

JAP GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

It is Proposed to Compel All Railroads to Sell Out.

Tokio, March 6.—A bill introduced in the diet provides for the nationalization of railways and authorizes the government to compel companies to sell to it at a price based on the cost of building, plus twentyfold the average profits of the last three years. The bill will be strongly opposed and its fate is doubtful.

FRENCH ARMY IN READINESS

Minister of War so Informs Questioners In The Chamber of The Deputies.

SHOUTS OF BRAVO GREET ANSWER

DISCUSS RAILROAD BILL.

Senator Clapp Confers With President Roosevelt.

Washington, March 6.—Senator Clapp, one of the men who assisted in framing the Hepburn rate bill, was at the White House during the day and discussed the situation with the president. Senator Clapp would not discuss his interview with the president, but said that so far as he was concerned no propositions had yet been submitted that he thought would improve the bill as it stands. Should it develop in debate that some amendments were necessary and would strengthen the bill he would be willing to have them incorporated, but so far none had been offered that he thought was necessary.

New York Official Resigns.

New York, March 6.—Third Deputy Police Commissioner James F. Mack has handed in his resignation, which was accepted by Commissioner Bingham. Mr. Mack issued a statement in which he said: "I came to the police department with respect for my fellow man. I leave it while that respect is still untarnished."

EFFORTS TO CHECK FIRE FAIL.

Indian Territory Gas Well Burning Since Feb. 23.

Caney, Kan., March 6.—The great gas well five miles from here, in the Indian Territory, that has been burning since Feb. 23, when it was struck by lightning, continues to roar with unabated fury. The flames, forced 150 feet into the air, are visible for forty miles at night. The fire probably is one of the worst of its kind gas men have ever had to combat. An attempt to extinguish the flames with steam having failed an effort to drop an immense iron cap over the well was made, but without success. This cap, weighing 3,000 pounds, was turned to a white heat within twenty feet of the well. Another attempt will be made to cap the well.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Trial of Former State Auditor Sherrick of Indiana.

Indianapolis, March 6.—The trial of David E. Sherrick, former auditor of state, who is charged in eleven indictments with grand larceny and the embezzlement of \$145,000 of the state funds, began during the day in the Marion county criminal court. Mr. Sherrick resigned his office Sept. 14, 1905, on demand of the governor. He had failed to make a settlement on Sept. 1 required by law. It was found on investigation that Sherrick had invested heavily in stocks of different concerns and had loaned money to friends out of the state treasury. All of this money has since been paid back.

ASKED FREEDOM IN RETURN.

Bertha Claiche Offers to Testify Against Police.

New York, March 6.—The murder trial of Bertha Claiche was resumed during the afternoon. It was learned that the woman had offered to give evidence against the police and that her counsel demanded that she be given her freedom as a reward for such evidence. To this the prosecution refused to agree, contending that acceptance of a plea of guilty of manslaughter in the second degree was the greatest concession that could be made.

Score of People Injured.

Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—A passenger train on the Ashborough division of the Southern Railway was wrecked near High Point, N. C., two day coaches and a box car being hurled down a steep embankment. About a score of persons were hurt. A broken fishplate was the cause of the accident.

Militia Leaves Springfield.

Springfield, O., March 6.—Four companies of the Ohio national guard from Columbus, two from Springfield and one each from Xenia and Urbana were withdrawn from duty during the day, the danger from further rioting having passed.

Paris, March 6.—In the chamber of deputies during the day War Minister Etienne, answering inquiries regarding the condition of the war supplies, said that every branch of supplies and ammunition was completely assured in case of a mobilization of the troops. Fleury Ravaurin, Republican, asserted that the stock of soldiers' shoes was inadequate, to which M. Etienne replied that 3,600,000 pairs of shoes were ready, which was amply sufficient, adding:

"At present all is ready and all is in good condition."

The answer was received with shouts of bravo, as indicating the state of preparedness of the French army.

GERMANY DISPLEASED.

Decision to Take Up Police Question Not to Her Liking.

Algeiras, Spain, March 6.—Intense activity prevails here, following the voting of Saturday. The German delegates are not pleased with the decision to take up the police question before the bank question is completed. There is no indication that they will refuse to proceed, but the conferees expect dilatory tactics. The Germans ask for time to secure further instructions and the other delegates are showing impatience at the delays. The Germans intimate that things are being rushed and say that they do not intend being pushed. They are counting upon France losing patience and making a false step, which would throw the onus of a rupture on France.

Possible Concession by France.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Information received in diplomatic circles confirms previous reports to the effect that France is prepared to make concessions on the question of the bank of Morocco if Germany will yield on the question of the Moroccan police. Only on these lines, it is added, is a compromise considered possible.

KING EDWARD MAY ATTEND.

Princess Ena to Join Catholic Church on Wednesday.

Paris, March 6.—Princess Ena of Battenburg, the future wife of King Alfonso of Spain, will be received into the Roman Catholic church on Wednesday next at San Sebastian, Spain. Right Rev. Robert Brindle, Roman Catholic bishop of Nottingham, Eng., provost of the Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster and a retired chaplain of the British army, will officiate. King Edward will accompany Princess Ena from Biarritz to San Sebastian, but it has not been determined whether he will attend the ceremony of abjuration, which will take place in the English church at San Sebastian.

VILLAGE FALLS INTO LAKE.

Inhabitants Warned of Disaster in Time to Escape.

Rome, March 6.—The village of Tavernola, built on the perpendicular cliffs above Lake Isomed, was almost entirely destroyed by the rocks suddenly giving way, apparently because the lake had eaten into the base of the cliffs. The disaster was preceded by a loud roar which gave the 1,000 inhabitants time to escape. One fisherman was killed.

PHILIPPINE CITY IN RUINS.

Tacloban, Capital of the Island of Leyte, Destroyed.

Manila, March 6.—Tacloban, the capital of the island of Leyte, has been destroyed by fire. The financial loss is reported to be \$600,000. Tacloban was the fifth city of the island and was situated in an important hemp district. A number of warehouses were destroyed.

Government assistance will be rushed.

Opera House Destroyed.

Des Moines, March 6.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Grand Opera House and did \$5,000 damage to an adjoining building. The total loss will aggregate \$80,000. The effects of an opera troupe here for a three nights' stand were totally destroyed.

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