

MINORITY REPORTS ON BALLINGER CASE

Democratic Members Join in One and Madison, Insurgent, Presents Another,

MINNEAPOLIS.—Refusing to wait until all the members of the investigating committee could be called together to make a report upon the Ballinger-Pinchot-Glavis investigation, the four Democratic members and one insurgent Republican prepared and gave out reports finding against the secretary of the interior.

The insurgent member is Representative Madison, of Kansas. He made a report of his own.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, chairman of the investigating committee, refused to have a part in the proceeding. Three Republican members, objecting to action in the absence of those of their colleagues who could not be present, absented themselves. Senator Nelson, after giving notice of a meeting in Chicago September 13, left the room and the committee, which had been without a quorum, was without a chairman.

Absentees Issue Statement.

The Republican members who were in the city but did not attend the meeting, issued the following statement defining their position:

"In view of the refusal of a minority of the committee Wednesday to postpone action until the members of the committee known to be coming could arrive at Minneapolis, and their evident purpose to attempt to make the action of a minority the official action of the committee, without considering their refusal to discuss the evidence at the former meeting, and in view of the fact that at the former meeting they promulgated to the public their decision of the case, which had no validity whatever as official action, and yet amounted to a conclusive judgment of the case as far as said minority were concerned, we insist upon an opportunity for the full membership of the committee to decide the case which was committed to them by law, and we must therefore decline the invitation of the gentlemen assembled to meet with them.

TURN DOWN STATE CONSERVATIONISTS

ST. PAUL.—Far Western delegates to the National Conservation Congress aver that they were not only barred from the programme and discussions, but also vetoed in the resolutions of the congress. They say that the committee on resolutions promised a clause treating of conservation within strict constitutional limitations and that the clause was included in Chairman Pardee's reading of the resolutions, but that it was omitted from the published draft.

State conservation champions of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, California, Colorado and other states are indignant at what they term bunco game and say it is a sample of the whole programme of knock-down-and-drag-out. Throughout the congress Pinchot foes of state conservation were on guard to squelch every attempt of the Western champions of home conservation to defend the needs of the people of their pent-up Western states. The congress was ruled by an iron hand, which made things go just as Pinchot partisans wanted them. Governor Hay, of Washington, said that he will probably call a Western conservation congress of governors and delegates at Portland next spring.

LORIMER GIVES UP CLUB

Senator Resigns From Society That Canceled His Invitation.

CHICAGO.—United States Senator William Lorimer resigned his membership in the Hamilton Club of Chicago, of which he has been a member for many years. Senator Lorimer's resignation follows former President Roosevelt's refusal to attend the club banquet if Mr. Lorimer was present.

Convicts to be Whipped.

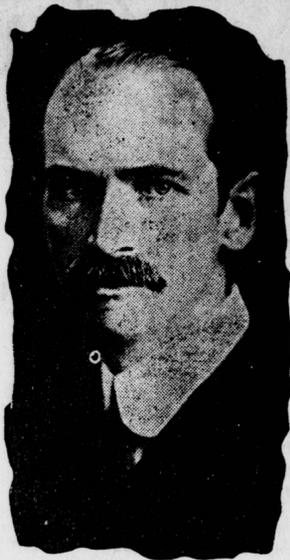
AUSTIN, Tex.—The last official act of the fourth special session of the Texas legislature was the signing by the lieutenant-governor and the speaker of the house of the lawmaking radical changes in the conduct of the state penitentiary. Whipping in the cases of convicts in what is known as the third or incorrigible class, was restored.

All Peace at Managua.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua.—The last armed opposition to the new regime under Gen. Estrada, the provisional president, has ceased with the surrender of Gen. Fernando Maria Rivas, with 1000 men and 11 cannon.

GLENN CURTISS.

Latest Photograph of Daring
Aeronaut and Inventor.



30 PERSONS LOST WHEN FERRY SINKS

LUDINGTON, Mich.—Thirty lives were lost when Pere Marquette ferry No. 18, bound from Ludington to Milwaukee, went to the bottom of Lake Michigan.

The disaster was one of the worst in the history of navigation on Lake Michigan. The car ferry Pere Marquette No. 18, was the flagship of a fleet of six steel car ferries owned and operated by the Pere Marquette Railroad Company.

The boat was valued at \$400,000, and the cargo, which included 29 loaded cars, at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The total loss will exceed \$500,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery. Among the survivors the conclusion seems to be that the car ferry's after water compartment filled through an open or broken deadlight, which was followed at the last minute by a bursting of bulkheads.

Roosevelt Denounces Lawlessness.

COLUMBUS, O.—Coming to the scene of the street car riots which kept Columbus in a state of disorder for weeks, ex-President Roosevelt, in a speech here, denounced in strongest terms acts of lawlessness and men who committed them.

"Hush" Fund Discovered.

NEW YORK.—The charge that thousands of dollars had been deposited to his credit by representatives of street interests was made before the investigation committee of the legislature against ex-Senator Goodsell, of Orange County.

HAMILTON BADLY INJURED

Aviator Breaks World's Record, Then Drops and May Be Fatally Hurt. SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, was seriously, if not fatally, injured when his Curtiss biplane, "Hamiltonian," in the presence of 20,000 state fair visitors, crashed to the ground in the center of the race track enclosure within an instant after lowering the world's record for traveling around a circular mile. He completed the circuit in one minute flat during the three laps.

Hookworm in New York Milk.

NEW YORK.—The hookworm has been found in considerable numbers in the milk and butter supply of New York, by Dr. C. C. Carroll, a Pennsylvania bacteriologist, who is conducting a series of laboratory experiments here.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 85c; bluestem, 91c; red Russian, 82c. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$22. Oats—No. 1 White, \$28 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@22; alfalfa, \$15@16. Butter—Creamery, 36c; ranch, 24c. Eggs—Ranch, candled, 30c. Hops—1909 crop, 10@11c; olds, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound. Mohair—32@33c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; Club, 87c; red Russian, 85c. Oats—\$30 per ton. Barley—\$22 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$24 per ton; alfalfa, \$15 per ton. Butter—Washington Creamery, 36c; ranch, 26c. Eggs—Selected local, 40c.

ALASKA GOLD VALUED AT \$57,500 STOLEN

Lead Pigs Are Substituted for Ingots While in Transit to Seattle.

SEATTLE.—Gold bullion valued at \$57,500, part of a shipment of \$470,000 from the Washington-Alaska Bank of Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Dexter-Horton National Bank of Seattle, on the steamship Humboldt, was stolen in transit and lead substituted in the strong box that had contained the bullion.

The gold when it left Fairbanks on a Yukon River steamer for Dawson and White Horse was contained in three wooden boxes and was in the care of the Alaska-Pacific Express Company. When the boxes were opened by the Canadian customs officials at Dawson the gold bars were found to be as stated in the express company's papers.

The boxes were opened again at the United States assay office in Seattle, and one contained pigs of lead, not of gold. The seals of the box were intact when it reached the office, and it was evident that the robbery had been committed by removing one end of the box. The gold was insured against loss by the express company.

It is supposed that the gold was stolen on the Yukon steamer between Dawson and White Horse, or on the steamer Humboldt between Skagway and Seattle. There would have been small opportunity for robbery in the assay office or in the short railroad run from White Horse to Skagway. The gold weighed 250 pounds, and the disposal of such heavy plunder must have required time and preparation. The gold was in the purser's cabin and it is not customary on the gold ships to take elaborate precaution against robbery.

Detectives working on the case have made no arrests, and say they have no clew on which to work.

VALUABLE LANDS WILL BE RESTORED

WASHINGTON.—Under a plan of co-operation outlined by Secretaries Ballinger and Wilson, and now being carried out by the officials of the Interior Department and Department of Agriculture, material areas of agricultural land, as well as a considerable area of grazing land, is to be eliminated from forest reserves and restored to the public domain. Some of this land has already been restored; a much greater area is expected to be restored during the coming winter, when reports on this Summer's field work are collected and maps submitted to the heads of the two departments.

Flirting No Cause For Divorce.

SEATTLE.—The act of flirting in the abstract, without evidence of consequent damaging complications, is not a sufficient cause for divorce," said Judge Wilson R. Gay, from the bench in the suit of Dr. Leon B. Collier against his wife, Myrtle N. Collier.

ROOSEVELT RETURNS HOME

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—After an absence of three weeks, Colonel Roosevelt is home again, weary from his Western trip.

Early in October Colonel Roosevelt will launch out again on a shorter tour through the South, in which he will make a campaign speech for Senator Beveridge in Indiana. He has also promised to speak for Senator Lodge in Massachusetts.

"Spokane Case" Up.

SPOKANE.—For the purpose of considering the final contention of carriers and shippers in what is known as the "Spokane case," Interstate Commissioner Prouty visited Spokane Tuesday, September 13. It is stated that Commissioner Prouty will only take additional testimony and statistical data, reporting to the full commission in Washington by October 1. This hearing will not affect directly the case before the commission known as the "backhaul case," in which Seattle and Tacoma are also interested.

Taft Would Know "Leaks."

BEVERLY, Mass.—A force of experts will be put to work shortly in the departments of the Government at Washington to locate the "leaks." Taft wants to know how much of the \$800,000,000 that Senator Aldrich says he could have the Government by conducting it on business lines can really be saved.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OUR STATE

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Washington Readers.

Char Pitting Successful.

CHEHALIS.—Harry Thompson, of Seattle, and H. W. Sparks, of the Puyallup experiment station, are engaging in some interesting experiments with the char-pitting process of burning stumps on logged-off lands. Mr. Thompson is a government agent and the work is being done with the purpose of issuing a bulletin on the subject.

The plan consists in brief in building a pile of kindling about the stump. The fuel is then banked over with earth, a small opening being left for lighting. When the fire is started it is covered over and the blaze does its work, effectually following the roots in every direction.

Pontoon Bridge Success.

SPOKANE.—What is probably the only pontoon bridge in the Northwest is now being operated across the Clearwater River at Peck Station, Idaho, on the Clearwater branch of the Northern Pacific, by the Peck Ferry Company, a syndicate of local business men, who several months ago purchased the ferry and franchise from Len Magill.

Quit Fort Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA.—Orders have been received at Fort Walla Walla for the abandonment of that post. The order issued from General Leonard Wood and stipulates that all must have left the post by October 1.

SOLONS TO BE PLEDGED?

OLYMPIA.—The state of Washington this fall, with almost without question, elect a legislature in which Republicans pledged to vote for their party choice for United States senator will constitute a clear majority of all the members.

Reports have been received from all but two of the 59 legislative districts, and from all of the 42 senatorial districts, showing that on the Republican side more than three-fourths of the candidates have subscribed to the senatorial pledge as it is set forth in the direct primary law. Out of 275 Republican candidates for the house or senate, 215 are pledged and 60 are not.

Babe is Born With Teeth.

TACOMA.—Born with teeth, like Richard III, of England, was the little daughter of Mrs. W. A. Miller, of Mineral, Wash. The baby weighed eight pounds and on the lower jaw were two fully developed incisors.

Physicians regard the fact that the teeth are fully developed as remarkable. Often small points which are mistaken for teeth appear, but fully developed teeth in a newly-born infant are extremely rare, they say.

TAX CERTIFICATES SOLD

TACOMA.—The controversy over the delinquent taxes of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in this county is becoming more strained, neither side showing any inclination to give in.

"Of certificates for delinquent taxes to the amount of \$153,536.70 owing from the Weyerhaeuser Company, we have disposed of several thousand dollars' worth," said County Treasurer Meath. "Chances are we will be able to transfer them all and then the county will have this cash immediately at hand and the purchasers will also profit, as the certificates draw 15 percent interest. The company has until 1912 to redeem them.

Bridges to Be Made Fireproof.

SEATTLE.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad, which suffered heavy losses from burned-out bridges in the Idaho and Montana forest fires last month, has instructed Chief Engineer E. J. Pearson to begin at once on the work of fireproofing all bridges on the lines through the forests. Bridges that cannot be filled in will be reconstructed of steel and concrete, and before another season rolls around the Milwaukee will be prepared to bid defiance to forest fires.

Spend Half Million on Plant.

SPOKANE.—E. H. Stanton Packing Company's model abattoir and packing plant in the eastern limits of Spokane, erected and equipped in seven months at a cost of more than a half million dollars, will be opened October 3d, giving employment to 350 skilled men and laborers. The abattoir, a six story brick structure with full basement and cellar, has a capacity to handle 1500 hogs, 350 sheep, 350 cattle and 100 calves daily.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

A notable party of Irish leaders will leave for America on September 17 on a tour which will take in most of the large cities of the South and West. The chief figure of the mission will be John T. Redmond, the leader of the Irish party.

What is said will be the largest cheese in the world will be made in Appleton, Wisconsin, for the National Dairy Show at Chicago, October 20. The weight of the cheese will be 4000 pounds. It will be 15 feet in diameter and four feet high.

Cigar smokers all over the country are facing a famine. Every cigar-maker at Tampa, Fla., the great manufacturing center of the velvety Key West brands, is on strike. The output from that great tobacco depot has ceased entirely.

The government is preparing to build what will be the longest fence ever constructed in the world. It will extend from El Paso, Texas, to the Pacific Coast, and will divide the United States and Mexico, a distance of over 1000 miles.

The secretary of the treasury has designated J. W. Roberts to inspect sites offered for public buildings on the Pacific Coast. He goes first to California, thence to Oregon and Washington.

Controller of the Currency Murray, in a statement, asserts that every recent national bank failure could have been averted if bank examiners had reported actual conditions. He announces that he will make a personal investigation of every district.

SIDELIGHTS FROM OTHER CITIES IN WASHINGTON

A petition containing 101 signatures, praying for submission of the question of local option in Colville, has been filed.

Harvest is ended, and there is probably a better quality of grain in the warehouses this fall than in the history of the Walla Walla valley.

A Japanese, who had been employed at Doy, paid a cash fine of \$25 in the superior court at Chehalis rather than go to prison at Walla Walla.

The State Grocers' Association met in Walla Walla September 14 for a three days' session at the annual meeting.

The petition for a local option election in North Yakima this fall at the time of the general election signed by more than the necessary 7000 voters has been filed with the city clerk.

Work on the Yakima Indian reservation reclamation project, which is expected to redeem thousands of acres in the lower Yakima valley, will commence soon.

Live stock is bringing as high prices at auction in the Palouse Country as last fall despite the high price of feed, which many predicted would cause a slump in the prices of stock.

The chief signal officer of the Department of the Columbia has been ordered to make an annual inspection of the Alaskan telegraph lines, including the wireless stations and equipment.

In spite of the hot pursuit of a pack of bloodhounds and a posse of sheriff's deputies, George Reid, charged with the murder of his 20-year-old wife at Clayburn, B. C., is believed to have escaped to Seattle.

We are sure to get the better of fortune if we do but grapple with her.—Seneca.

In South America.

Foreign Correspondent—And who are those two men under the tree? General Paprika—Oh, that's the second battalion of the royal guards.—Chicago News.

Seeking a Home, Ladies?



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