

SENSATIONAL ARE CHARGES AGAINST SEC'Y BALLINGER

Funds Improperly Used in Paying Traveling Expenses of Secy's Nephew.

WHILE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE IT IS ALLEGED THAT HE CREATED A POSITION FOR JACK BALLINGER AND WHEN THE LATTER LEFT THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE HIS TRAVELING EXPENSES WERE PAID TO SEATTLE AND PER DIEM ALLOWED.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The somewhat wanting interest in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was quickly revived today by sensational charges against Secretary Ballinger and other officials filed by Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, with the house committee on expenditures in the interior department.

Hitchcock asserts that when Ballinger became commissioner-general of the land office, the position he held before entering the cabinet, he reduced the salary of Law Clerk Wright so that Wright's salary of two thousand could be given to Jack Ballinger, Secretary Ballinger's nephew, under the title created by Ballinger's order of confidential clerk.

BALLINGER SAYS CHARGES ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION Washington, Jan. 17.—Secretary Ballinger tonight issued a statement declaring in most vigorous terms that the charges made by Representative Hitchcock before the congressional committee are without foundation in fact.

PAULHAN DID NOT FLY GOOD

BECAUSE OF LEAK IN FUEL TANK OF AEROPLANE HE FAILED TO EXCEED FARMAN'S RECORD NEAR FARMAN'S DISTANCE RECORD.

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.—Paulhan, because of a leak in the fuel tank of his aeroplane failed to come anywhere near Farmman's distance record today. After covering seventy-five miles Paulhan quit, promising tomorrow to exceed Farmman's record of 144 miles.

Greatest Gorge on Record Now in Ohio River Near Louisville

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.—The ice gorge at Wolf Creek, on the Ohio, remains almost as solid as granite and today the jammed ice extends from the extreme western edge of Louisville to Brandenburg, a distance of about seven miles.

Pres. Taft Pays Compliment to National Civic Federation

Washington, Jan. 17.—With the opening address by President Taft, complimenting the organization on the work it had done in the past and referring to some of the important questions of national moment to which it could yet lend its aid, the National Civic Federation today began a three-day conference here.

KANSAS LAW NOT VALID ONE

U. S. SUPREME COURT DECLARES UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW WHICH SOUGHT TO COMPEL OUTSIDE CORPORATIONS TO PAY CHARTER FEE.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Kansas law which sought to compel outside corporations to pay a charter fee for the benefit of state schools as a condition on doing business in that state, was today held by the United States supreme court as unconstitutional.

CONFESSES TO KILLING A GIRL

FRANK SCHERMERHORN SAYS HE ALONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF SARAH BRYNES, FOUND STRANGLED TO DEATH.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 17.—In the presence of his mother, Frank Schermerhorn, lying on a cot in Vassar hospital tonight confessed to Sheriff Hornbeck that he alone is responsible for the death of Sarah Bryner, the governess who was found strangled to death at the Compton home at Millbrook last Thursday morning.

COTTON WAREHOUSE PROMOTER IS INDICTED FOR FORGERY

Houston, Texas, Jan. 17.—David Shapiera, widely known throughout the cotton states, who about two years ago promoted a cotton warehouse scheme in Texas, and who disappeared after numerous creditors had instituted bankruptcy proceedings against him, was indicted today by the Harris county grand jury on eighteen counts, all alleging forgery.

TIFFON, GA. BANKER UNDER INDICTMENT.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 17.—Jasper L. Brooks, president of the Bank of Tifton, was today indicted by the federal grand jury for a violation of the national banking laws by making false entries and false reports. He was released on bond.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF EVANSVILLE ORDERED SUSPENDED

Came Like a Bolt Out of a Clear Sky to the Army of Depositors.

ALL HAD IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE IN THE INSTITUTION AND ITS OFFICERS—BORROWING OF THE PRESIDENT SAID TO BE CAUSE OF INSTITUTION'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES—DEPOSITS AMOUNT TO OVER ONE MILLION WITH LOANS OF ABOUT \$1,500,000.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 17.—Announcement today that the Citizens National Bank would suspend temporarily, pending an investigation into its affairs by National Bank Examiner J. C. Johnson, of Indianapolis, came like a bolt out of a clear sky to the citizens of Evansville, who had implicit confidence in the institution and believed it one of the safest in the city.

LIBERALS HOLD ON TO POWER

GOVERNMENT FARED MUCH BETTER THAN THEIR MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS EXPECTED—JOHN BURNS IS RETURNED TO PARLIAMENT BY BIG VOTE.

London, Jan. 17.—At the conclusion of today's polling in the general elections the parties stood: Unionists ninety-two, Liberals seventy-seven, Laborites sixteen, Nationalists thirteen, net gain for the Unionists of twenty-nine.

MRS. FRANK J. GOULD, FAMOUS BEAUTY, WHO IS LIKELY TO WED SOON AGAIN



MRS. FRANK GOULD FROM A PAINTING



MRS. GOULD AND CHILDREN

of being one of the most beautiful young women in New York. The couple had frequent differences, and a year ago when rumor coupled Gould's name with that of Bessie DeVole, a stage dancer, Mrs. Gould began an action for divorce.

COUNCIL HEARS EXPLANATION OF ENGINEER CHALKLEY HATTON

PITCH PINUS PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER SEVERELY

GEORGIA MEN LOSE BIG SUIT

U. S. SUPREME COURT DISMISSES ACTION BROUGHT BY WHOLESALE DEALERS AGAINST RAILROADS TO PREVENT FREIGHT RATES.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Determining the technical question of jurisdiction the United States supreme court dismissed the suit of the Macon Grocery Company and other wholesale dealers in groceries for an injunction to restrain the railroad from putting into effect on August 1, 1908, a general increase in rates on fresh meats, grain products, hay and packing house products.

J. M. CHENEY IS AGAIN NAMED

NOMINATED U. S. ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA—JUDGE KNAPPAN SUCCEEDS JUDGE HORACE LURTON.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The president has nominated Judge Loyd E. Knappan, of Michigan, to succeed Judge Horace Lurton, of the Sixth Circuit, also John M. Cheney for United States attorney and John F. Horr for marshal of the Southern district of Florida.

Humphrey's Bill Proposes Doubling Tonnage Tax On All Shipping.

The Chamber of Commerce committee on legislation, rivers and the harbor will meet at 11 o'clock this morning in conference with shippers to discuss the Humphrey bill, now in congress, which proposes to double the tonnage tax on vessels from foreign ports.

The present tax is six cents, and the bill fixes 12 cents per ton. In pitch pinus charters, this tax is borne by the shipper, so that the bill, if it becomes law, will impose a heavy tax on local business, not a tax that would have to be borne by the foreign ship owner, but one that would be borne by home people.

STATEHOOD BILL PASSES HOUSE

GRANTS SEPARATE STATEHOOD TO ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO—SENATE ADOPTS CONFERENCE REPORT ON BALLINGER-PINCHOT INQUIRY.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The passage of the bill granting separate statehood to Arizona and New Mexico by the house and the adoption by the senate of the conference report on the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution were features of today's sessions.

CONTINUED EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 17.—While trading in the cotton market was much less active during the sensational developments of last week, there was continued excitement today accompanied by violent fluctuations.

PROMINENT MEN ASK FOR MORSE'S PARDON.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 17.—Prominent men in rapid succession affixed their signatures to a petition for a pardon for Charles W. Morse. The petition says the sentence was a "pitiful miscarriage of justice."

Penniless Poles Stir Up Storm of Indignation in Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17.—Recalling the upheaval occasioned several years ago by the inauguration of the government's strenuous fight against penniless Poles, fresh from their homes across the sea and ignorant of conditions in this country, have stirred up a storm of indignation in Georgia against the alleged inhuman methods of a New York employment agency.

Members of Body to Make Personal Inspection of DeVillier Street.

THIS TO SETTLE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS OF CONSULTING ENGINEER AND CITY ENGINEER AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE SEWER—MR. HATTON CLAIMS THE SEWER PERFORMS SATISFACTORILY EXCEPTING ON OCCASIONS OF EXTRAORDINARY HIGH TIDES.

After hearing the statement of T. Chalkley Hatton, the city's consulting engineer, regarding the DeVillier street sewer and outlet, also the report of Mr. Hatton, as well as statements from L. Earle Thornton, city engineer, affidavits from numerous plumbers and statements of the plumbing inspectors, the city council at its special meeting last night decided, after a short executive session, to have excavations made by the city engineer to be examined by the council as a whole, this to settle the dispute between the consulting engineer and the city engineer, one that the joints of the sewer have not pulled apart nor the cement cracked and missing, and the other that it has and the sewer is in a bad condition.

When the council convened President Greenhut was in the chair and Aldermen Bear, Conannon, Dunham, Meyer, Kent, Kugelman, Williams, Renshaw and Welsh, Mayor Reilly, Messrs. Bushnell and Merritt of the bond trustees, City Attorney Jones, City Engineer Thornton, Consulting Engineer Hatton and his assistant, Mr. Rommel, were present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT READ.

The report of City Engineer Thornton was first read, in which he stated that the DeVillier street sewer is in bad condition, having discovered leaks and breaks, as well as the sewer out of line, and making recommendations that a portion of it be relaid on a wood foundation, as well as about 650 feet of the outlet cut off.

Mr. Hatton was then asked to make a statement regarding the sewer, why it does not perform its functions and the reasons of its condition as reported by the city engineer.

Mr. Hatton then submitted his report, which was as follows: Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 17th, 1910. Mayor and City Council of Pensacola, Florida.

Gentlemen: The following resolution was transmitted to me by your City Clerk on December 24th, 1909. "Be it Resolved, That T. Chalkley Hatton, Consulting Engineer, be notified to appear before this Council in person, between the 25th day of December, 1909, and the first day of January, 1910, and explain to the City Council the condition of the sewer constructed in DeVilliers street and the outlet emptying into the Bay at the time of his approval of the same for its acceptance by the City, and the reason of its failure to perform the functions for which it was designed, and all matters relative thereto, and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. T. Chalkley Hatton, and to the Board of Bond Trustees."

In compliance with the above, I submit the following report for your consideration: On May 21st, 1909, after making a very careful examination of the system of sewers as built by Mr. R. C. Storrie, I approved of the work done and certified my approval to the Board of Bond Trustees. A portion of the system thus approved consisted of a 20-inch cast iron pipe 2,721 feet long laid in the bottom of the bay from the foot of DeVilliers street, and in order to get a better idea of the condition of this pipe when I finally approved of it, it may be best to give you a brief history of it.

To the best of my present recollection this pipe was laid about the year 1905.

The treatment accorded them, the men have appealed to the federal authorities for protection. They claim that after having been beaten by the guards they were told that they would have to pay the bills for the medical services necessitated by the wounds inflicted. The Poles left the construction camp at night in small squads, making their way afoot to Atlanta and other Georgia cities, where most of them have been given employment upon public works until they can secure the necessary money to defray their transportation to Washington, where they plan to lay their grievances before President Taft and the immigration authorities. It is not unlikely that the federal grand jury will be asked to make a thorough investigation of the charges of the Poles.