

ALASKA COAL SCHEMES ARE FRAUDULENT IN INCEPTION

Expose Given By Official Who Worked on Cases While in Department Under Garfield.



JAS. R. GARFIELD.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The widening circles of the Alaska coal land fraud cases bid fair to include former Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

As the case stands now, a record has been demanded by President Taft, and such a record would include all the proceedings during the Roosevelt-Garfield administration as well as under the Hallinger administration.

It can be positively stated that Garfield considered the cases absolutely closed so far as the claimants were concerned, and he was merely proceeding in the cases in order to have a final finding made that would clear the title of the coal fields so that they might be open to legitimate entry.

That the Alaska coal cases were understood by Garfield's subordinates as shown in a report prepared by Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office Schwartz, and presented to Schwartz to a select committee of the house of representatives on January 30, 1909.

In that report, and referring to the same claims now under dispute, Schwartz said:

Schwartz's Report.

"Investigation has shown that the most valuable coal deposits in Alaska have been cornered by claims; and it has been proven that hundreds of these claims were held by prospectors in the employ of wealthy speculators."

In other instances men had entered into contracts to pool their lands and form a corporation. This was illegal under existing laws.

Schwartz's report goes on to speak of the law of May 23, 1906, which Assistant Secretary of the Interior Pierce ruled had cured fraud in the Alaska cases.

Schwartz's report says: "It is not thought, however, that congress intended by the terms of the act to permit the consummation of schemes which were entirely fraudulent in their inception."

Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, was present at the hearing when Schwartz's report was read.

Cases Under Garfield.

The Alaska cases were first held up under Garfield by reason of a telegram from Special Agent Lewis Glavis. Glavis later advised the department that in the language of Schwartz's report the "schemes were entirely fraudulent in their inception."

It was then ordered that a final hearing not with the end in view of granting the patents, but so as to wipe out, formally, the last vestige of the fraudulent entries and so clear the title to the coal lands to the end that future bona fide entries may not be harassed by litigation based upon the original frauds.

It is known that Secretary Ballinger had resigned from the public service and visited Secretary Garfield at the home of the latter at Mantor, Ohio, about a year ago. It was to be expected, as attorney, the reopening of the coal land cases. This was refused and Ballinger had to be content with merely filing certain affidavits for his clients.

The curious thing about the present situation is that Assistant Secretary Frank Pierce, together with Dennett and Schwartz, are meeting the attack that is being made upon the Alaska coal land cases. These men were all in the department with Garfield when the cases were held to be "fraudulent in their inception."

Worth a Billion Dollars.

The Alaska coal land cases, which are the bone of contention in the cabinet row that President Taft has taken up, probably represent the greatest single stake ever played for in this country.



CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST, ALASKA, SHOWING LOCATION OF CUNNINGHAM COAL CLAIMS.

STRIKERS ARE STILL OUT AT INCINERATOR IN DOUBT AS TO IDENTITY OF THIS VICTIM

City Makes No Settlement With Employees, Who Are Demanding Increase in Wages.

At a late hour this morning, no settlement had been reached between the city and the striking laborers at the garbage incinerator, who are out for an advance in wages. District Engineer C. J. Moore returned from the Cedar river water shed last night and has been at the incinerator all morning, in an endeavor to patch up the differences, but to no avail.

While the new men started yesterday can properly do the work, they are not as expert as the old crew and not as much work can be accomplished.

Councilman F. Sawyer, chairman of the finance committee of the council, held out little hope of the men being granted an increase in their present wages.

At present the tenders are paid \$2.50 per day and the leaders are getting \$5 per day. They ask for a 50c increase.

HIS MONEY STOLEN

John Quillen, a guest of the Hotel Seattle, reported to the police that his suit case, containing wearing apparel and \$100 in gold was stolen from the Great Northern pier yesterday.

FUN FOR LITTLE AND BIG FOLKS ON SEATTLE DAY

Special Ticket Office Is Opened Downtown for the Sale of Seattle Day Souvenir Tickets.

A downtown ticket office for the Seattle day souvenir tickets may be purchased has been opened in one of the large show windows of the Bon Marche, on Second av.

The management of the big department store kindly offered the window for a ticket office, and ticket sellers from the Treasurer's office will be in charge. The office will remain open morning, afternoon and evening, including Sunday.

Tickets are also on sale at many of the large business houses, the banks of the city and at the Chamber of Commerce, in the Central building.

Seattle day, next Monday, at the exposition, is a day for the people. The old young alike will find amusement and entertainment to their liking.

There will be parades, band concerts, free dancing, festival choruses, children's entertainments, fireworks, and the night on the Pay Street will be in the nature of a Mardi Gras feature.

"Something new and startling every hour of the day," is the watchword of the Seattle day committee. Tonight the downtown business houses will put in Seattle day. This will serve to call attention to the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Going Like Hot Cakes.

The tickets are now going like hot cakes on a frosty morning. The souvenir tickets, good for sale all over the city and at the downtown banks. Thousands are being sold,

MANIAC MURDERS WIFE AND TEARS FLESH OFF BODY WITH HIS TEETH

Terrible Crime Committed in Spokane by a Former Wrestler, Well Known on Pacific Coast.

(By United Press.) SPOKANE, Sept. 2.—Seized with maniacal fury, John Glandaman, a stock buyer and former champion wrestler of the Pacific coast, last night murdered his wife, tore strips of flesh from her body with his teeth and beat her head to a pulp with a heavy brass lamp bowl. Glandaman is in the city prison here today after a terrific struggle with five patrolmen, three of whom were injured in the arrest.

Police Are Called.

Police were called to the Glandaman home late last night by the man's neighbors, who heard him wrecking the interior of the house. It was not known at the time that Glandaman had attacked his wife and the step-children of Glandaman pleaded with the police not to enter the building because the man had threatened to kill them if they called in the police.

When the officers entered they found Glandaman seated over the body of his wife. In each hand was a revolver and the man fired several shots before the police closed in upon him.

Maniac Escapes.

The maniac escaped from the grip of the policemen, who discovered that Glandaman cunningly had covered his hands, arms and head with vaseline to escape their grasp. After a terrific struggle Glandaman was beaten into insensibility and securely bound. Two patrolmen were shot and the crazed man had bitten off a finger of another.

Body Mutilated.

A search of the premises then revealed the body of Glandaman's wife. The corpse was shockingly mutilated. A stocking had been thrust into her mouth to stifle her cries, she had been choked by the madman's fingers, her flesh hacked with broken china, her head beaten and the skin stripped from her arms by the maniac's teeth. Glandaman was released from the Medical Lake, Wash., hospital for the insane last April. He has been a patient until last night. The cause of his sudden fury is not known.

BROUGHTER TO ACCEPT.

(By United Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—That the Rev. Jas. Whitcomb Brougher probably will accept the call from Los Angeles to fill the pulpit made vacant by the resignation of Rev. "Boby" Boudette, was indicated today by an authoritative announcement from Dr. Brougher's residence here.

WEATHER FORECAST. \* Showers tonight or Friday. \* Light southeast winds. \* \*\*\*\*\*

MISSING GIRL IS FOUND BY POLICE

Miss Florence Shultz, of 2416 Washington st., who was supposed to have drowned herself in Lake Union last night, was found wandering around the streets by the police and taken to her home. The girl was out for a stroll with her mother last night near Ewing st. and Lake Union, when she suddenly started to run towards the lake. The mother followed its best she could, in utter amazement at her daughter's queer actions. The last she saw of her was when she disappeared over the bank near the lake and the mother supposed that the girl had jumped in with suicidal intent.

LITTLE BOY LOST; PARENTS WORRIED

Crying as though his little heart was breaking, a baby of about 4 years was found wandering along E. Union st., near 22d av., last night by Patrolman W. M. Burbank. The big patrolman took the little chap to police headquarters, where the boy was taken to his home. The father was taken to his home. The boy was found in the street, and the father was taken to his home. The boy was found in the street, and the father was taken to his home.

NEWSIES WILL BE GUESTS OF HENRY ON SEATTLE DAY

The newsboys of the city will visit the exposition Seattle day, as guest of H. C. Henry, vice president of the fair. Mr. Henry has purchased a big block of the tickets, which will be given to the newsboys in time that they may join in the celebration of Seattle's day at the exposition Monday.

CONSIDERS RUNNING SPECIAL TRAINS TO EXPOSITION MONDAY

The biggest crowd in the history of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will visit the grounds Seattle day, next Monday. The Northern Pacific railway is considering the question of running special trains to the fair in order to assist in handling the thousands of Seattle people who will want to go out.

CHAS. F. RICHARDS' RESIDENCE BURNED

Fire which is believed to have originated from crossed electric wires completely destroyed the residence of Charles F. Richards, at 1712 Belmont av., last night. The loss is about \$1,500. Mr. Richards and family are not in the city at present.

Y.P. ATTENDANCE. \* Yesterday ..... 25,101 \* Total admissions ..... 2,458,476 \* \*\*\*\*\*

TYPEWRITING CONTEST

The typewriting contest for Seattle day will be held at 1 o'clock in the Finance building. About 10 contestants have entered so far, but more are expected.

SCIENTISTS DOUBT POLE DISCOVERY

NOES ALONE PROVE TRUTH DISCOVERY. DISCOVERY OF POLE BY COOK. Assert Facts Told by Cook Do Not Fit With What They Know of the Far North.

(By United Press.) LONDON, Sept. 2.—The account of his discovery of the North Pole sent by Dr. Frederick A. Cook himself, to the New York Herald, is declared to be weak by explorers here today.

Scientists are asking whether the "April 21, 1908," on which he says he found the pole, was Washington or Greenwich time. The pole is without longitude and there is no rising or setting of the sun and no way to determine by the Greenwich meridian.

Cook's statement that there is land beyond the pole is assailed by nearly all English scientists as not provable from the data he is said to have rendered. The fact that Cook does not mention having left a landmark at the pole is pointed to as greatly weakening his claim.

Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton, who recently returned from an Antarctic expedition, stands forth as Cook's strongest supporter upon the information now at hand.

"Nobody has a right to be skeptical," he said. "There is nothing in Cook's message that is impossible. I don't think the criticism arising from the fact that he took sixteen months to return to civilization is well based. The speed of the journey to the pole is remarkable, but is easily within reach of reason if Dr. Cook encountered smooth ice and packs."

"According to the statements, he must have done twelve miles a day. Two miles a day is considered good progress."

LONDON PAPERS ARE SKEPTICAL

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Most of the London afternoon papers today refer to credit Dr. Frederick A. Cook's statement that he has discovered the North Pole, basing their doubt chiefly upon the fact that he has no witness to verify his claim except the two Esquimaux who now are aboard a Danish vessel en route for Copenhagen with the explorer.

Despite the attitude assumed by the local papers a bitter tone of disappointment prevails here, and the Westminster Gazette's story says:

"If Cook has really found the pole, there is nothing left in the way of scientific accomplishments for the English to attain, as Blierot already has piloted his airship across the English channel."

Locates the Pole.

An observation was taken April 21, which showed Cook had reached 89 degrees 59 minutes and 46 seconds, within 14 seconds of the desired goal. This distance was covered and the exact location of the pole determined.

Cook found the temperature to be 38 degrees Centigrade and the barometer 29.83. He began his return trip on April 23, and according to the story told in Greenland, it was worse than the effort to reach the pole. They were out of provisions and ammunition, and had to fall back on the primitive bow and arrow of the Esquimaux.

The steamer on which Cook is returning to civilization will reach here Saturday.

REPORT CREDITED AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Scientists interviewed here today practically are unanimous in declaring their belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook's word that he discovered the north pole will be accepted without doubt, and that he will be credited with the greatest discovery of modern times.

Dr. Cleveland Abbe, editor of the Weather Bureau's monthly review, said today:

"To a certain extent such a discovery is a matter of taking the word of the discoverer. If a single white man making such a journey claims to have made a discovery, the man's reputation as a scientist would be considered by the scientific world. A true scientist would not lie for a personal reputation or glory, and Cook is well known, and his reputation as a scientist is established."

Records Will be Proof.

Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau and president of the geographical survey, said:

"Fake observations without ultimate detection are practically impossible. Mathematicians and scientists have ways of checking any observation made in any section of the world. They could detect deception. Cook's records will be all the proof that is necessary."

STATEMENT MADE BY MRS. F. A. COOK

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Cook, wife of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the north pole, today sent the following telegram:

"To the United Press, New York City: "Brunswick, Maine, Sept. 2. "My faith has never wavered and I am glad that my judgment of my husband's ability has been vindicated. (Signed) MRS. DR. F. A. COOK."

AUTOS COLLIDE AND CHAUFFEUR IS HURT

F. M. Peyton, a chauffeur in the employ of MacDougall & Southwick, was slightly injured this morning when two automobiles and a horse and carriage collided at the intersection of E. Howell st. and Harvard av. Peyton was thrown out of the delivery auto he was driving and painfully bruised and cut about the knees. He was taken to the Minor hospital for treatment. The delivery auto lost a front wheel and the other machine, a Pierce-Arrow touring car, sustained a smashed front axle and the hood was twisted about.

The horse was badly skinned and cut in the ribs.

Ed Titus, who was driving the Pierce-Arrow, claims he was driving at a moderate speed. Peyton says the same.

BOODIES ARE BEING BURNED BY HUNDREDS

(By United Press.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 2.—Giant funeral pyres are burning today in Monterey, Mexico, where the government's order that the north victims be cremated is being carried out. This order was deemed imperative because hundreds of bodies of the victims were decomposing on the streets. Only 1,500 victims have been buried up to date, while the complete death list is today estimated at over 10,000. Hundreds of bodies left by the flood have been found on the lagoons below the city.

CALL ON THE MAYOR

Four of the most prominent members of the Japanese community who are now in the city on a visit to the United States, called upon Mayor Miller this morning and expressed great delight at the cordiality of their entertainment while in the city.

They were escorted to the city hall in an automobile by J. D. Lowman, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

CABLEGRAM FROM COOK TO WOMAN

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 2.—According to Father Richard Gleeson, president of the Santa Clara college, Mrs. F. J. Martz, the wife of a Redlands capitalist, received a telegram from Dr. Frederick Cook, the discoverer of the north pole, acquainting her with the news of his discovery.

The message read: "Have placed the Stars and Stripes over the north pole. (Signed) COOK."

Mrs. Martz explained that the cablegram had been sent her by Dr. Cook in accordance with an agreement between them to the effect that he would let her know the first news regarding the success or non-success of his expedition into the Boreal zone.