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VOLCANO AND EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS WHOLE ISLAND

Both Houses Now Debating Alaska Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Both Houses of Congress are now giving most of their time to the debate on the Alaska railroad bills. The House reached the bill yesterday, and Delegate James Wickersham again opened the debate for the bill in the House, supporting his own measure.

Approaches Gravity of Crime.
Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, closed his eloquent speech with the statement: "To keep the resources of Alaska longer locked up approaches the gravity of crime."

Wickersham Attacks Guggenheims.
In speaking before the House Delegate Wickersham said that lobbyists of the Guggenheims are at Washington working against the passage of his bill.

EBNER DEFENSE IN WATER FIGHT

Last night, the third night session of the district court in the great battle between the Alaska-Juneau company and the Alaska-Ebner company over the right to Gold creek water, was marked by the termination of the plaintiff's case and the introduction of the principal testimony for the defense.

H. T. Tripp, who was employed in 1908 by the parties in control of the Ebner property, was the first witness and he gave a detailed account of the early efforts looking toward the expansion of operations by building a larger mill farther down Gold creek and by the boring of a new tunnel from a point below Shady Bend through the mine. In 1909 Mr. Tripp testified he was placed in possession of the property for the purpose of planning and bringing about means of operating the mines on a larger scale. Several sites for the mill were considered but the Shady Bend site was selected according to his testimony. He also employed H. L. Wollenberg, now chief engineer of the Alaska-Gastineau company to assist in working out the plans and according to the testimony on June 20, 1910, as a step toward the consummation of the plans, posted a notice at the old Ebner dam, claiming 10,000 inches more water for mining and milling purposes. Mr. Tripp left the employ of the company in August, 1910, being succeeded by George Bent.

Angus Mackay, present receiver in charge of the property for the Ebner company, testified to having been engaged June 1, 1910, to build a 200-stamp mill and install it on the property. The mill timbers were framed in Seattle, the work commencing in July. That same month he was called to Juneau to consult about the mill site, according to his testimony; Manager Bent, already in Juneau, decided upon the Shady Bend site, which is about 75 feet distant from the spot chosen by Mr. Tripp and near where work had been started by him on the proposed tunnel. Mr. Mackay said he went below with the Bent party after giving instructions to Hill and Wetrick, on August 3, to survey the present flume line; that pending the completion of the flume, power was obtained from the old compressor below the Ebner mill and drills started on the present tunnel in January, 1911. The flume was completed in December, 1910, but since that time had been increased in capacity by adding eight inches to the sides. Water was first carried through the flume according to his testimony in 1911, but no practical use was made of it until August, 1913, when machinery, ordered in 1910, was installed.

During Mr. Mackay's testimony the physical conflict between the contesting companies for the control of the water was slightly touched upon.

The hearing was continued until tonight.

TONIGHT'S RACE.

Everything is in readiness for the big 125-lap skating race between Ray Rohrabach, of Juneau, and Van Der Weyer, of Douglas for gate receipts and \$200 side bet. Admission 50 cents, skates extra. Race starts 8:45.

THE WEATHER TODAY.

Twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m.:
Maximum—37.
Minimum—31.
Clear.

STATE PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

Discussing what it with considerable enthusiasm characterizes as the "constructive" report of Secretary of the Interior Lane, and particularly that portion of the report which recommends that there should be "treaty agreements" between the separate States and the Federal government as to the management of the public domain that lies within those States, the San Francisco Chronicle says:

"There is but one sovereign in America and that is the whole people. The Federal government represents the sovereignty as to certain functions and the State governments as to other functions. The term 'treaty' is therefore an appropriate name by which to designate an arrangement between State and Federal government in respect to disputed claims of authority.

"The report of Secretary of the Interior Lane both in its conciliatory language and in its statement of the issues opens the way to such a settlement. With most of the proposals of Secretary Lane the West will be found in hearty accord.

"In the States the Federal government, except as to functions expressly delegated to it, represents no sovereignty whatever. It represents proprietorship, and nothing else, with respect to the public domain.

"And one thing which the West ought to insist on with no compromise whatever is that the Federal government shall cease right now to make any attempt to use its rights as proprietor to in any way affect or modify the operation of the general laws of the State. When, as a proprietor, it grants easement there should be no strings to them, and, like other proprietors, its land should be subject to the State law of eminent domain.

"But there is a twilight zone growing out of the Federal proprietorship in respect to which representatives of the State and Federal governments should negotiate a treaty.

"The enactments which resulted in Federal proprietorship would be temporary. It was expected that the Federal government would sell the land, making use of the money as it deemed best. It was not imagined that any public land would remain permanently in public ownership, and therefore that contingency was not provided for. It has to be provided for now.

"The people of the West will insist that this provision be made in the spirit of the enactments under which Federal title was obtained and not in the spirit of recent Federal executive—and to some extent judicial—assumption of Federal supremacy to the State.

"The States concede that under their own agreement they cannot tax the public domain, but they protest against any such interpretation of the law that great areas of land within their boundaries—in this State about one-third of the area—shall be forever released from obligation to contribute to the States revenue. Nor will a Federal dole of a portion of the revenue satisfy the States.

"The Federal proprietorship is recognized. If extinguished compensation must be made. The object of the suggested treaty should be to determine on what terms Federal proprietorship shall be extinguished, in so far as to permit the States, having made due compensation to the United States, to obtain revenue according to their own judgment from the public lands. Several plans could be suggested which would be just to all.

"With the spirit of Secretary Lane's address the West is in hearty accord. It ought from the beginning to have been made impossible for any one to acquire land except to be immediately put to beneficial use or its resources conserved for the future under well-defined obligations. There is no Western objection to applying that principle to what remains of the public domain. Both as to conserving public rights and encouraging private enterprise the West is in accord with Secretary Lane.

"And, above all, the West will most heartily assent to Secretary Lane's suggestion that the public domain should be, as to a small extent it now is, administered under co-operative agreement and participation between Nation and States.

"Let us have peace."

New "Steel Cap" chisels; sells at sight, try them. Stanley Bed Rock Planes, at GASTINEAU HARDWARE.

GRAND JURY INDICTS MOYER AND OTHERS

HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. 15.—President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, and 38 other officials of the Federation of miners were indicted by the county grand jury today on charges of conspiracy.

E. B. HUSSEY HEADS SEATTLE ENGINEERS

E. B. Hussey, who was in Juneau last month in connection with the work of the Scottish Rite Masons, has been chosen president of the Engineers' club, of Seattle. Mr. Hussey was connected with the engineering staff of the White Pass railroad in its construction days.

KETCHIKAN ANXIOUS ABOUT "TOM AND AL"

An inquiry from Ketchikan expresses grave fears for the safety of the gasoline fishing schooner "Tom and Al," which was last seen December 23 at Yakutat, since which time the craft has been unreported. The Helgeland, also a fishing boat, was in Juneau a few days ago and reported seeing several fishing vessels off Yakutat but they were so far away that the identity of the different craft could not be made out.

Waterfront men in Juneau believe that the "Tom and Al" is safe. It often happens that fishing craft are compelled to stay out several weeks in order to get a catch. The banks off Yakutat are not regular in formation and the feeding grounds of the halibut are somewhat scattered and the fishing spotted according to men engaged in the business. The "Tom and Al" is considered a staunch and seaworthy craft, by men in the trade about Juneau, and little anxiety is manifested here over the fact that the craft has been out a few weeks unreported.

"YUKON MONEY LOOKED BOGUS," SAYS SCHNABEL
W. F. Schnabel, former deputy marshal at Wrangell, arrived in Juneau on the Mariposa from Seattle whence he had gone on a vacation after many years. Mr. Schnabel says that there is something wrong with the "spirit" down there, for they refused to take "Yukon" money when it was tendered for admission to a moving picture show.

"They used to grab at any kind of money," said Schnabel, shaking his head; "there's certainly something wrong with them or else they thought the money was bogus."

ORDER ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD PERFECTED
Word has been received in Juneau of the successful launching of a branch of the Native Alaska Brotherhood, to be known as Wrangell Camp. The organization at Wrangell starts off with thirty-five members and it was perfected into working conditions last week.

The matter of bringing this great Alaska Indian fraternity into being was brought up during the convention of native Alaska Indians held in Juneau some weeks ago. At that time a charter roll for Juneau Camp was made up consisting of 25 charter members. The organization in Juneau has not, however, yet been entirely perfected but this will be done immediately.

QUIET WEDDING AT EPISCOPAL RECTORY
Mr. Albert Palm and Miss Alvina Hiltie, both of Juneau, were united in marriage last evening at the rectory of Trinity Episcopal church. Rev. Geo. E. Renison, officiated. The wedding was a private one, only intimate friends of the bride and groom being present. Mr. and Mrs. Palm will make their home in Juneau, and have taken apartments in the Hogan flats.

SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL.
There will be an important choir practice in Trinity Episcopal church this evening at 7:45 o'clock. All members of the choir are earnestly requested to be present.

PRESIDENT CREATES HOPE.
Now that President Wilson has declared himself and demands the opening of Alaska we see a faint glimmer of hope in the distance. — Wrangell Sentinel.

J. E. Moulton will arrive in Juneau on the next Spokane.

POLICE AND TRADES OFFICIALS CLASH

Johannesburg, So. Africa, Jan. 15.—Secretary Bain and 300 associates surrendered unconditionally this afternoon.

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Jan. 15.—A seige has been laid to Trades hall where Secretary Bain, of the Federation of Trades and a band of supporters have gathered and are defying the police. After the hall had been attacked great crowds gathered and the police were compelled to make several bayonet charges. With a final bayonet charge the police cleared the neighborhood, and a cordon of officers with fixed bayonets was thrown around the hall.

The position of the besieged Bain and his friends is serious as they are cut off from water.

GUGGENHEIM PAYS TRIBUTE TO WILSON

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Commenting upon business conditions upon arrival here today, William Guggenheim said: "Taking into consideration the new currency law and the tariff law, I feel that, disregarding unusual troubles, the outlook is very bright. The financial skies have materially cleared, for which President Wilson is in a great measure responsible, so that the gratitude and the thanks of the nation are due him."

COMPANY WINS SECOND TRESPASS SUIT—THIRD ON
The second trespass suit of the Pacific Coast company was given to the jury before noon today and a verdict for the plaintiff was returned. N. B. Johnson is the defendant.

The third suit of the same nature in which Theodore Torgenson is the defendant, went to trial this afternoon before the following jury: Fred Anderson, Everett Bradford, R. M. Shepard, Sim Freeman, Jerry Cashen, John Day, John Lockhardt, George Simpkins, J. G. Morrison, T. F. Bush, Mill Bothwell, M. E. Russell.

CHANGE OF BILL AT ORPHEUM.
The Orpheum Theatre tonight will present as its headliner, "The Flag of Freedom," a splendid Kaleid picture, carrying many dramatic incidents of the chivalrous Colonial days, and being complete in detail of production.

"The Office Boy's Birthday," is an Edison comedy, with that popular juvenile comedian Yale Boss in the leading role of the office boy.

"Y. M. C. A. At Geneva Camp, N. M." is a descriptive picture of the annual outing of that organization, showing their athletic sports on land and water.

"The Gunfighter's Son," a Western Selig drama, on the question of heredity.

"Kissing Kate" and "The High Cost of Reduction," are two good Biograph farce comedies to fill out a fine program.

MARTIAL LAW IN CAPE TOWN
CAPE TOWN, So. Africa, Jan. 15.—Martial law was declared here last night, and the military authorities have taken possession of the city.

DISTRICT COURT NOTES.
The demurrer interposed by attorney Barker for defense in the case of Lawrence McCoy, who plead guilty, was withdrawn this morning.

The court made an order for a writ of habeas corpus to issue in the case of C. E. Briggs against J. T. Martin.

The grand jury returned an indictment this morning, true bill, against Charles Davenport for selling liquor to Indians.

Sam Watson entered a plea of guilty to two indictments for selling liquor to Indians and will be sentenced tomorrow. Harvey Sullivan also plead guilty to an indictment for the same offense.

Charles Davenport, indicted for selling liquor to Indians, was arraigned this afternoon and Grover C. Winn appointed as his attorney.

Not a True Bill.
The grand jury in reporting this morning returned not a true bill in the case of the following defendants: John Nelson, Jack Bennet, and Charles Mitchell, all of whom were charged with selling liquor to Indians.

Empire ads for results.

The Empire \$1.00 a month delivered

MARSHALL CRITICISES OUR COLLEGE BOYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, in an address delivered last night said, "It is generally believed that the distress caused by unrest in this country is due to the preachments of flannel-mouthed anarchists from the street corners, but it must be remembered that four out of five of the young people who come from our high schools and colleges are failures."

ACTIVITY IN THE KATALLA OIL FIELDS

CORDOVA, Jan. 14.—Advices received here are that the Royal Katala Oil Co., which has the largest oil refinery erected in Alaska, is all ready to begin boring for more oil next spring. Their new development operations will be in the neighborhood of Bering Lake, where excellent prospects are evident from visible seepages. The Alaska Oil and Refining company is now pumping 100 barrels of crude petroleum daily, which is refined into kerosene and gasoline, much of which is consumed in local trade.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION WILL BE PASSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Democratic leaders here say that the re-organization of J. P. Morgan & Co., effected through their retirement from the directorates of other corporations, will not alter plans under way to pass supplemental anti-trust legislation at this session of Congress.

COMMERCE SECRETARY SEES GOOD TIMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Commenting upon the condition of the country, Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield said: "I think the fundamental economic conditions of the country are sound. Crops both South and West are selling at prices that are very remunerative. Exports are steadily maintained at a high level. Imports show no sign of flooding our markets or unloading upon them.

"The serious depression in Europe is reflected here, but in small degree. The currency bill has removed serious dangers from our commercial pathway."

MISSOURI STATE BANKS MAY JOIN RESERVE

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—Attorney General Barker has ruled that the State banks of Missouri may subscribe for stock in the Federal reserve banks to be organized under the new currency law.

MAINE CITY BECOMES GRAIN SHIPPING PORT

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 14.—Grain shipments from this city last year totaled 12,102,533 bushels, the largest in 10 years and an increase of 5,000,000 bushels over 1912.

HERRING MEN PREPARE FOR BIG BUSINESS

VALDEZ, Jan. 3.—The Prince William Sound Packing company, of which Capt. Jack Cann is the manager, have purchased a large amount of lumber from the Copper River Lumber company and will immediately commence the construction of a large warehouse and the salting and smoking of sound herring will be continued on a larger scale as the result of the fish pack market, which has indicated that the market for this fish is greater than anticipated and that the Prince William Sound herring will soon supplant the foreign herring.

The people of Valdez, who have tried the new smoked herring now on sale at all the local stores, are confident that nothing better has ever been placed on the market.—Valdez Prospector.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ITALY THIS MORNING

LEGHORN, Italy, Jan. 15.—Six shocks in rapid succession at 4:30 o'clock this morning shook up this part of Italy.

Not a Soul Remains Alive on Sakura Isle

GOV. GLYNN OUTLINES PROGRAM OF REFORM

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—In order that the corrupt practices disclosed by his Special Commissioner, James W. Osborne, and by District Attorney Whitman in their pursuit of public graft and political bagmen may be prevented in the future, Gov. Martin H. Glynn has asked the new Legislature to enact laws:

1. That will make it a crime for all persons to make a false statement or returns of moneys received by them for campaign purposes.
2. That will prevent public employees, not protected by the Civil Service, from contributing in any way to any political fund or social fund designed to promote the welfare of a political organization.
3. That will tighten up the provisions of the corrupt practices act pertaining to the collection of moneys by candidates for public office.
4. That will safeguard the expenditure of the people's money for the construction and improvement of State highways.

TACOMA MAN ACTING AS U. S. MARSHAL

SEATTLE, Jan. 14.—While the fight against the appointment of George E. Ryan for the United States marshalship for Western Washington has been carried to Washington with renewed earnestness, John M. Boyle, of Tacoma, is drawing the salary through a temporary appointment by United States District Judge Jeremiah Neterer, who acted upon the direction of the Attorney-General.

Francis A. Garrecht, of Walla Walla, is acting as Eastern Washington attorney for United States District Attorney for Eastern Washington by temporary appointment from United States District Judge Frank H. Rudkin, who, likewise, acted upon the suggestion of the Attorney-General. Garrecht is an organization aspirant for the permanent appointment from the President.

INCOME TAX LAW IS BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The case of Miss Elsie De Wolfe, of New York, testing the validity of the income tax law has been docketed by the United States supreme court. The case is an appeal from the United States district court at Chicago which held that it had no jurisdiction. Miss De Wolfe sued a Chicago trust company for holding out the income tax "at the source" on dividends due her.

NEGRO, CHARGED WITH MURDER, ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Isaac Bond, a negro wanted for the murder of Miss Ida Leegson, an art student, last October, was arrested here last night.

BANK DEPOSITORS TO GET MONEY

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 15.—Every cent of the \$1,600,000 due depositors of the First National Bank, which closed a week ago, will be paid according to the statement of National Bank Examiner Goodhart.

W. F. GARMS IN TOW OF TUG OFF FOR SOUND

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—The tug Gollah, towing the disabled schooner W. F. Garms with six of the crew aboard, sailed from West Haycock island yesterday afternoon. Capt. Torluff and five of the crew of the W. F. Garms left the schooner in an open boat seeking assistance previous to the arrival of the Gollah.

PRESIDENT NAMES DILLON TO BE MARSHAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—President Woodrow Wilson yesterday afternoon nominated Joseph P. Dillon to be United States marshal for Arizona.

GREAT BRITAIN AGAINST PANAMA FORTIFICATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The New York American says Great Britain has within the last few days intimated to United States that it does not understand that the Hay-Panacote treaty permits this government to fortify the Panama canal.

KOGOSHIMA, Japan, Jan. 15.—With the rescue of 33 men from a cave at the foot of the volcano Sakurajima no living being remains on the island of Sakura. The whole island has been made a complete waste. There is nothing but desolation everywhere. All the houses have been entirely destroyed, and the fields are useless as far as can be determined.

Aged Japs Choose Death.

HITOYOSHI, Japan, Jan. 15.—Refugees from Sakura report that many of the aged residents of the island refused to flee from the stricken community, saying that they preferred to die in the houses of their ancestors. One of the refugees said "the whole island shook and oscillated like a swinging paper lantern."

MEXICO GIVES NOTICE OF DEFAULT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Through Charge d'Affaires Nelson O'Shaughnessy, Mexico gave formal notice of the suspension of the payment of interest on the Mexican national debt.

London Paper Wants Wilson to Act.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The London Spectator, which has been consistently friendly to the United States, makes a severe attack this week on President Woodrow Wilson's Mexican policy. It calls on him to grasp the nettle, stop anarchy in Mexico and administer the affairs of that republic.

VANDERBILT SUCCEEDS MORGAN AS DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Harold S. Vanderbilt was yesterday afternoon elected a director of the New York Central railroad to succeed J. Pierpont Morgan, resigned.

WILSON OPPOSES RETURN TO SPOILS SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—President Woodrow Wilson today let it be known that he is opposed to a return to the spoils system in making postoffice appointments.

MARSHALLS ENTERTAIN PRESIDENT AND WIFE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Vice-President and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall entertained President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson at dinner last night.

UNIFORM AUTOMOBILE LEGISLATION PROPOSED

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A draft of a law for uniform automobile legislation will shortly be presented to the legislatures of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. One of the provisions is a penalty for reckless driving that results in death.

RURAL FARM CREDIT BILL MAY BE FIRST

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A Washington dispatch says: President Wilson and his Administration leaders have decided that right of way shall be given to enactment of rural farm credit laws as an adjunct to the currency law. Trust legislation is to come later.

BURSTED DAM ENDANGERS MANY VIRGINIA TOWNS

PIEDMONT, W. Va., Jan. 15.—A wall of water 15 feet high is sweeping down the north branch of the Patomac river as the result of the bursting of a dam at Dobbie. Many towns are endangered. Every effort is being made to notify all those who are in the danger zone.

RAILROAD MAN ABOUT TO MARRY SUICIDES

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Richard D. Lankford, vice-president of the Southern railroad, who was engaged to marry Miss Nellie Patterson of Brooklyn on Saturday, committed suicide this morning.

HINTS TO THE WISE—U-No Lintment for all rheumatic and other pains. J. W. Doran's Drug Store. 1-15-tt