

BALLINGER TAKES THE STAND TODAY TELLS OF ABUSES

Relates His Side of the Conservation Muddle and Tells About the Pinchot and Glavis Charges.

LARGE CROWD HEARS SECRETARY TESTIFY

Says Garfield and Roosevelt Urged Him to Enter the Land Office—Gives a History of His Career.

(American News Service) Washington, April 29.—Interest in the Pinchot-Ballinger investigation before the senate committee became intense today when Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of interior, took the witness stand and told his side of the conservation controversy and charges made against him by Pinchot, Glavis and others. He told of the great personal sacrifice he had made in accepting the office of the commissioner under Roosevelt, persuasion being brought to bear by Secretary Garfield, an old college chum of his and Roosevelt himself. Ballinger said his law firm had practically no business with the land office in the interest of the clients at that time. Roosevelt told Ballinger that as he had cleaned up Seattle he wanted him to clean up the land office. Ballinger proceeded to relate the conditions of the abuses existing in the land office when he took hold and how he installed new regulations regarding the Alaskan lands to prevent a monopoly. Denying the charges made by special agent Jones, a Glavis witness, Ballinger classified him as a "knocker" and said he had "knocked" against his own brother-in-law.

Room Was Crowded.

The room was crowded when Ballinger stood up and was sworn by Chairman Nelson in a formal way. "This is R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior," was Mr. Vortex's first question.

"Yes, sir," replied Mr. Ballinger. He then proceeded to give a brief biographical sketch of himself. He read telegrams from Senator Piles of Washington, Secretary Garfield and from President Roosevelt. They all went to show that Mr. Ballinger had not sought the office, but that he accepted it after consulting with his law firm at the urgent solicitation of Garfield and Roosevelt. He had assisted in organizing the pioneer mining company of Nome, Alaska, in 1904. That was the extent of his firm's business in Alaska.

Made Big Sacrifice.

He considered that he made great personal sacrifice in becoming commissioner of the land office in March, 1907, he said. But did so because Roosevelt had expressed a desire to have such a man at the head of the land office. Ballinger said that when he came to Washington Roosevelt "told him, 'I am glad that you are in. Anybody who could clean up Seattle as you did, can clean up the land office.' I understood that I would have to carry on some heroic methods," said Ballinger. He told of discovering \$800,000 in the hands of receivers of public money, which was not properly protected. He had this money brought into the treasury.

He said he did not know Clarence Cunningham, when he came into the office and had no knowledge of coal lands in Alaska. In fact the land office knew very little of the actual field condition. Touching on the statement of Glavis, made before the committee to the effect that he had given the names of the claimants of the coal lands to Ballinger in 1907, the latter characterized it as a "deliberate and willful lie."

DIPHTHERIA DEATH

The first death from Diphtheria in this city for some time was that of Dorothy Sherer, the six year old daughter of Charles Sherer, 212 North Sixteenth street, who died this morning after an illness of several weeks from the disease. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock and will be private. Services will be held at the cemetery at College Corner, O., where the burial will take place.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburg	6	2	.750
Chicago	6	2	.750
New York	8	3	.727
Philadelphia	7	3	.700
Cincinnati	3	5	.375
Boston	3	8	.273
Brooklyn	2	8	.200
St. Louis	2	8	.200

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Detroit	7	3	.700
New York	5	3	.625
Philadelphia	5	4	.556
Cleveland	5	5	.500
Boston	5	6	.455
St. Louis	4	4	.429
Washington	5	7	.417
Chicago	2	5	.286

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Paul	9	3	.750
Columbus	7	5	.583
Minneapolis	7	5	.583
Toledo	6	6	.500
Indianapolis	6	7	.462
Louisville	6	7	.462
Kansas City	4	7	.364
Milwaukee	2	7	.222

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.
Pittsburg 5; Cincinnati 2.
Chicago 2; St. Louis 1.
Brooklyn 10; Boston 3.
New York 5; Philadelphia 2 (13 innings.)

American League.
Detroit 7; St. Louis 1.
New York 7; Philadelphia 3.
Washington 2; Boston 1 (12 inn.)
Cleveland-Chicago—Too cold.

American Association.
Louisville 5; Toledo 3.
St. Paul 5; Kansas City 4.
Milwaukee 6; Minneapolis 5 (10 innings.)
Indianapolis 2; Columbus 0.

GAMES TODAY.

National League.
Cincinnati at Pittsburg.
New York at Philadelphia.
Brooklyn at Boston.
St. Louis at Chicago.

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Boston at Washington.

American Association.
Minneapolis at Kansas City.
Toledo at Indianapolis.
Columbus at Louisville.
St. Paul at Milwaukee.

JOHN KLING PAYS

(American News Service)
Cincinnati, April 29.—Johnny Kling, the star catcher of the Chicago National Baseball team, is reinstated. The commission received Kling's \$700 check, in payment of a fine assessed, today.

TEN DIED IN BLAZE

Hotel at Cornwall, Ontario, Burns Down With Fearful Consequences.

REPORT THREE MISSING

(American News Service)
Cornwall, Ontario, April 29.—Ten bodies were recovered and three are missing as the result of fire which destroyed the Rossmore hotel and several other buildings this morning. The total loss is a quarter million. The unidentified dead are Charles G. Gray, wife and two children, and Mrs. Archibald. Two of the missing were last seen rushing through the upper halls warning the guests to escape. Forty-five persons were in the hotel when the fire started and spread with terrific rapidity.

All the pomp that has marked the departure of Mr. Roosevelt from other cities was observed here. Foreign Minister Davignon bid him farewell on behalf of the government, and there were at the depot, besides the throngs of commoners, representatives of the king, the army and the navy.

An interesting feature of Mr. Roosevelt's stay here was his meeting with Colonial Minister Renken, with whom he discussed the situation in the Congo, and commented on the plans for reform promised and undertaken by King Albert, after the death of his predecessor, Leopold.

Before the departure, a formal invitation was delivered to Mr. Roosevelt from the burgomaster and the councilors of Antwerp, asking him to halt there for luncheon on his way to Hart.

MEETING ON SUNDAY

W. C. Hall, state president of the Indiana Sunday School Workers, will address a mass meeting to be held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Hall has just returned from the Indianapolis convention which closed recently and is an able speaker. The convention was one of the greatest ever held in the state. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting Sunday afternoon and a special invitation is extended to Sunday school workers. A special musical program will be furnished by Leroy Lacey and Mrs. F. W. Krueger.

TAFT WILL INVADE THE MIDDLE WEST

President Leaves This Evening to Add 2,200 Miles to Travel Record.

IS AT BUFFALO TOMORROW

SUNDAY AND MONDAY HE IS AT PITTSBURG, TUESDAY AT CINCINNATI, WEDNESDAY AT ST. LOUIS—HIS PLANS.

(American News Service)

Washington, April 29.—President Taft will leave early tonight for a week's whirl throughout the middle west. When he returns here the morning of May 6, he will have added 2,200 miles to his travel record as president. The president will be in Buffalo tomorrow. Sunday and Monday he will be spent in Pittsburgh. Tuesday he will be in Cincinnati and Wednesday in St. Louis. Midnight Wednesday the journey to Washington will begin.

President Taft will be accompanied by Secretary of State Knox until the Pittsburgh date has been filled and by Count J. H. van Bernstorff the German ambassador, until Cincinnati has been visited.

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Early in June the president will again invade the middle west, visiting Ada, Ohio, June 2, and Detroit, Jackson and Monroe, Mich. The present program for this trip is not completed as it is possible he may extend it to Wisconsin.

HIS FOREFATHERS LAND GREETS HIM

Col. Roosevelt This Morning Arrives in the Little Dutch Kingdom.

RECEIVED BY THE QUEEN

HIS DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS WAS MARKED BY ONE OF THE GREATEST OVATIONS HE HAS YET BEEN GIVEN.

(American News Service)

The Hague, April 29.—Roosevelt today entered the land of his forefathers. He was received by Queen Wilhelmina, who provided a special train for the Roosevelt party and a distinguished escort of officials and military men. The cordiality of the welcome relegated the formality to the background.

BRUSSELS LIKES HIM.

Brussels, April 29.—Theodore Roosevelt's brief stay in Brussels came to an end this morning with one of the most enthusiastic ovations that the former president has received since he emerged from the African jungle. The Roosevelt party left for the Netherlands on the 7:33 train, being given godspeed by a great crowd which crowded the station and filled the streets about.

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AUDITS THE BOOKS

Mrs. George Scott of this city, member of the department W. R. C., executive board, has returned from Danville, Ind., where she assisted in auditing the books of the department. The books were found to be in perfect order and the department is in fine condition financially. A large increase has been made in the membership in the corps throughout the state.

Arrangements are about completed for the twenty-seventh department convention to be held in Terre Haute, May 25, 26 and 27. A large and handsome flag will be presented the high school with appropriate exercises on the morning of May 25. An oratorical contest will be held and a prize given by the W. R. C. to the winner. The W. R. C. is doing a great amount of good towards creating a feeling of patriotism.

Young Boy Before Committee

Youth in Short Trousers Tells Grey-haired Solons That Wireless Regulation Is a Mighty Poor Thing.

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The lads represent the Amateur Wireless Club of America, and told the committee that there were upward of 60,000 young men throughout the country who were conducting experiments with wireless apparatus, and that the passage of the Depew bill would stifle the genius of the American boy. Dressed in knee pants, and with his head scarcely reaching above the table at which sat Senator Frye, President pro tem. of the senate and half a dozen other gray solons, the Stokes boy read a carefully prepared paper, which aroused not only the interest, but the admiration of the dignified senators and made a profound impression upon them.

The youth did not appear at all abashed, neither was he precocious.

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