

## BALLINGER GETS WHITEWASH COAT BY A CLOSE VOTE

Majority Members of the Congressional Investigating Committee Vote to Clear Him of Charges.

### FIVE HELD HIM GUILTY OF ALLEGATIONS MADE

Madison and the Democratic Members Insist Pinchot and Garfield Were Justified in Their Case.

Chicago, July 18.—John Callan O'Laughlin in a Washington dispatch to the Chicago Tribune says:

Richard Achilles Ballinger is a wise, honest, conservative official, entirely qualified to discharge the duties of the secretary of the interior and fit to be trusted with the interests of the people of the United States.

This sums up the finding of the majority of the joint congressional committee which for five months has been making an exhaustive investigation of the conduct of affairs of the interior department, and also of the bureau of forestry of the department of agriculture. The investigators who concur in these findings, which constitute a condemnation of the course of Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester; James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior; and Louis R. Glavis, former chief of a field division of the general land office, will be found to be the following:

Senator Knute Nelson, Minn., chairman.

Senator Frank J. Flint, Cal.

Senator George Sutherland, Utah.

Senator Elihu Root, New York.

Representative Samuel W. McCall, Mass., vice chairman.

Representative Edwin Denby, Mich.

Representative Martin E. Olmsted, Pennsylvania.

Minority reports disagreeing with the foregoing findings will be made by:

Representative Edward H. Madison, Kas.

Senator W. E. Purcell, N. D.

Senator D. U. Fletcher, Fla.

Representative Ollie M. James, Ky.

Representative J. M. Graham, Ill.

Nelson Prepares the Report.

Madison is a republican and the last four named men are democrats. The Chicago Tribune correspondent has learned that since the adjournment of congress the members of the investigating committee have been drafting reports and their conclusions in the famous cause.

The basis of the reports for the majority was prepared by Senator Nelson and for the minority by Representative James. Mr. Madison is writing his own opinions. It is understood that the results of the labors of Mr. Nelson and Mr. James have been submitted to the members of the committee for criticism and for addition. By the time the committee reassembles on September 10 it will have in practically final shape the reports which it will make. It is intended to give the reports to the press without delay in order that the charges shall not be uttered that the republican party deliberately suppressed the findings because of the fear of the effect upon the impending congressional campaign.

The report of the majority will be what the friends of Gifford Pinchot have expected for some months. It will be found to be a long resume of the testimony of numerous witnesses and deductions therefrom.

Holdings of Majority Report.

The majority report will declare: That Mr. Ballinger is a wise, honest, conservative official of the government.

That Mr. Ballinger acted entirely within the record and displayed proper judgment in his attitude with respect to the Cunningham coal claims.

That Mr. Ballinger was justified in his criticism of the reclamation service.

That nothing was developed to prove any monopoly or improper granting of water power sites.

That Mr. Ballinger was justified in abandoning the policy of Mr. Garfield, expressed in a "co-operative agreement" whereby absolute control, management, and direction of certain employees in the Indian service were given over to the forestry bureau of the department of agriculture.

## TO FACE THE MUSIC

(American News Service) Evansville, July 18.—John W. Burns, former city attorney of Rockport, Ind., was arrested at the home of his attorney, W. B. Mason, at Rockport this morning, but was later released on a thousand dollars bond. After Burns disappeared a month ago it was alleged a twenty-thousand dollar shortage was discovered in his accounts. He went to Texas, but his conscience drove him back to "face the music."

## A CRUSHING BLOW

(American News Service) Whiting, Ind., July 18.—The grease plant of the Standard Oil company here was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is two hundred thousand dollars.

## CRIPPEN MAY BE DRESSED AS WOMAN

American Wanted in London for Murder Searched for in Paris Now.

### WOMAN TRAVELS WITH HIM

FATHER OF THE YOUNG WOMAN TODAY ISSUES A PATHETIC APPEAL TO HIS DAUGHTER TO RETURN HOME.

(American News Service)

London, July 18.—The police today abandoned, for the time being at least all hope of finding in America, or England, Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, wanted in connection with the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, and the Ethel Clare Le Neve, his companion, is being concentrated on the continent. Paris is the center of interest, and the British authorities have requested Prefect Lepine of the Paris force to ransack every quarter and suburb of the French capital. The man is thought to be disguised as a woman.

This and the direct result of the reporting of the first definite clew the police have received since the physician disappeared on June 9. Although in some quarters the clew is regarded as of small importance, the leaders of the search believe in the truth of the statement that the couple were seen in Dieppe on July 12 and entrained there for Paris.

Had Little Evidence.

Though the inquest was set for today, the police had little evidence at hand upon which to act.

Under the direction of Sir Meiville MacNaughten, head of Scotland Yards criminal investigation department, additional information has been sent to the police of every continental city, and in America as well, informing them that Crippen may have disguised himself as a woman. The first description of the fugitive said that Miss Le Neve might be dressed as a boy.

The father of Miss Le Neve, having made an open plea for her return, today reiterated his belief that Crippen had hypnotized the girl or done away with her.

"If she saw my letter, she would come to me," he said.

His appeal reads:

"Dear Ethel—Should this letter by any chance come before your notice, I fervently appeal to you with all a father's and mother's love to return to London or to give yourself up to the police authorities of whatever country you may be in. Every hour you are away you make your situation terribly worse for yourself. Do wire me instanter. I assure you of my devotion and protection through this trouble."

"Your affectionate Dad."

Free at Home.

The funniest thing is a married man paying money to hear a lecture.

Cleveland Leader.

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## SUCCESS IN LIFE IS DOING THINGS SAYS COL. MILLER

Veteran Railroad Man Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday and Talks Interestingly to Interviewer.

### CONGRATULATIONS BY SCORES SENT TO HIM

President McCrea of the Pennsylvania System Sends Best Wishes—His Health Much Improved.

"The thing to do is Do" and according to Col. J. F. Miller, who for the past few days has been receiving telegrams and letters from the most prominent railroad officials in the country congratulating him on his eightieth birthday anniversary, little detail and trouble are to be lightly passed over.

Eighty years the greater part of which has been spent in the up-building of the greatest transportation system in the world, gives Col. Miller, he believes, the right to advise young men to "Do."

Over seventy-five letters and telegrams were received Saturday by Col. Miller from presidents and officials of the principal railroad systems of the United States. One letter which is valued greatly because of its demonstration of years of friendship is that from James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania system.

The letter is warm in its sentiment; subtle in its wishes for many more years to add themselves to those passed and compliment the "Father of the Richmond School of Railroading."

A Gift of Roses.

Officials of the line west of Pittsburgh tendered Mr. Miller a large bunch of American Beauty roses.

Mr. Miller, who in 1900 at the age of seventy years, was retired on pension by the road, came to Richmond in 1864 as superintendent of the Indianapolis to Columbus division. Within a few years he was put in charge of the Bradford and Logansport divisions, under the title of general superintendent of the lines west of Pittsburgh.

In the year of his retirement a pretty compliment was paid him by the government when he was designated one of the commissioners to the world's fair, St. Louis.

One of the most romantic periods of Col. Miller's railroad life was his being forced into the charge of the Johnstown flood relief work through a social invitation. A day or so before the flood Mr. Miller was asked to accompany a party east. He did so and arrived in the vicinity of the

Commercial Club Has Drafted an Ordinance Regulating Building.

### PROVIDES AN INSPECTOR

WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT UNTIL PLANS WERE INSPECTED—RATES PROVIDED.

A building ordinance, drawn up by the Commercial Club, is in the hands of the ordinance committee of council and will be ready for presentation within a few weeks. City Attorney A. M. Gardner says that Richmond has been in need of such an ordinance for many years because many buildings here are being constructed without proper supervision. Besides the construction of buildings the ordinance establishes the office of building inspector and fixes the fire limits of Richmond. The ordinance has over forty pages and is very complete.

By the new ordinance all building permits are taken out after specifications and plans of the structure to be built are approved by the building inspector. The rate for permits is one cent for each hundred cubic feet of volume. Permits for building or altering houses is not to be less than \$1.00 while house moving permits can not be taken out for less than \$5. Special temporary permits must not be less than \$1. For improvements which can not be classed by volume, the rate is 50 cents for each \$500.

A section of the ordinance deals with material which is to be used in construction of buildings. The quality of brick, lumber and metal, strength of the building and tests for material as to strength are given. Provision for the depth of excavation in different classes of buildings and tables for the thickness of walls are included for buildings of from one to six stories. Instruction for building chimneys, electric light wiring and fire-protection devices are outlined.

## FRENCH TROOPS TO WAR ON STRIKERS

Fifty Thousand Soldiers Today Were Called Out by the Troubles.

### SEVERAL MINOR CLASHES

RAILROAD MEN QUIT WORK AND IT IS FEARED STRIKE WILL BE WORST IN THE HISTORY OF THE REPUBLIC.

(American News Service)

Paris, July 18.—Fifty thousand troops were today rushed by special train to every strategic railroad point in France following the authorization of a general strike by the National Railroadmen Union Central committee.

Desertions from the railroad ranks at many places were reported today. The general strike will involve 100,000 men.

Every mile of railroad will be protected as far as possible, the government profiting by the night attacks made during the telegraphers' strike. Special trains provided with searchlights will be run over exposed lines at night.

Minor clashes were reported within a few hours of the final action by the labor men here late last night. It is believed on all sides that the strike will prove one of the worst in the history of the republic with far greater effects than the postal strike of a few months ago.

A Special Meeting.

A special meeting of several cabinet Briand, who as minister of the interior, and who, as minister of the interior, has the situation in his hands. The minister of commerce, labor, posts and telegraph and war, respectively MM. Dupuy, Viviani, Millerand and Gen. Brun, were called upon for advice for the premier. The possibility of a peaceable solution was declared to be

President Fallières is deeply interested in the situation and requested to be kept informed of every development.

Prefect Lepine of the Paris police today an unusual precaution to get the entire force in readiness for trouble.

Radical papers today bitterly attack Premier Briand.

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## NEGROES SHOT DOWN

(American News Service)

Franklin, La., July 18.—While officers were waiting at the railway station at Iola with four negroes charged with trivial offenses a crowd of drunk men charged upon them shooting one negro dead and hanging two others.

The fourth escaped during the battle between the mob and officers. The attack was without warning and the officers were quickly overpowered.

Not Her Weapon.

"Is your wife a clubwoman, Mike?"

"Narry the likes o' that, sor. She uses a fistiron, sor."

## ROOSEVELT WILL GIVE PRAISE TO PRESIDENT TAFT

Semi-officially Announced the Ex-president Will Shortly Indorse Administration of Successor.

### WANTS MORE PRUNING OF THE TARIFF RATES

He Will Touch Lightly Upon the Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy—Will Act to Save the Party's Defeat.

(American News Service)

Oyster Bay, July 18.—Theodore Roosevelt will come out with an endorsement of the Taft administration before starting on his speech-making trip through the west. This is the truth that comes today from a semi-official source.

Roosevelt will not go so far as to praise unreservedly his successor in the White House, but in the main he will place his stamp of approval upon the president. Roosevelt believes that in a large measure Taft has tried to follow out "my policies." He will indorse the president's fight for lower tariff but will make it plain that the president's endeavor has not gone far enough.

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