

Mr. Gifford Pinchot Sustains Charges Made by Miss Abbott

In Statement He Says That Vital Records Relating to The Guggenheim Activities in Alaska Have Disappeared From War Department Files.

Interest is Again Aroused in Famous "Dick to Dick" Letters by The Part Confirmation of Miss Abbott's Statements by Pinchot.

Washington, July 15.—Gifford Pinchot today issued a statement sustaining the charges made by Miss M. F. Abbott, a writer of vital records relating to the Guggenheim activities in Alaska have disappeared from the war department files.

Mr. Pinchot has been at the bedside of his sick mother. His interest in Alaskan affairs, is so intense, however, that he came hurriedly to this city to take active part in the investigation now being started.

When Major J. B. Cavanaugh, of the engineering corps of the war department, appeared before the house investigating committee, he brought, as ordered, all maps, and plates on file there. The committee especially wanted to see a certain plat showing the exact location of the "Dear Dick" road railroad on Controller Bay harbor.

This map, Miss Abbott had told the committee, was shown to her about June 1, 1911. It was dated December 14, 1910. It pretended to represent surveys made on Controller Bay subsequent to December 1, 1910. As it could not possibly have come from Controller Bay to Washington in these fourteen days the plat must have been made before December 1. But before December 1 there was no government survey of the region and no authority for Ryan surveys to make their private survey.

It is argued, therefore that Ryan must have had advance information that he would be given these lands; he must have hurried to Alaska, made his surveys before the official surveying him the right to do so had taken effect and rushed it back to Washington to be filed just as soon as the government survey had been completed.

Said Mr. Pinchot today: "As soon as Stimson became secretary of war, I took up this Controller Bay with him, because I had hoped that there might yet be time to save the public's interest, and the war department might have power to block the proceedings."

Miss Abbott, had come to me, told of her investigations, and stated that she had seen this apparently pre-dated map. Its significance was apparent to me, as it was to her.

I went at once, at her request, to the war department to see it for myself. Mr. Stimson went with me to examine it and he will remember it. I showed an amended location of the railway, across the tide flats at Controller Bay, with a plat of ground showing the deep water edge, which was taken for wharves, docks, slips, tracks, etc. The map was labeled as approved by an assistant secretary—Mr. Oliver, as I recollect it."

The disappearance of this map together with the disappearance of an alleged "Dick to Dick" letter, written by Richard S. Ryan to Richard A. Ballinger, bringing President Taft and Charles P. Taft, his brother, into the Controller Bay scandal, threw doubt about the story of their existence told by Miss Abbott. Mr. Pinchot's testimony as to the existence of the map is corroboratory in part of Miss Abbott's statements and arouses renewed interest in the now famous "Dick to Dick" letter.

Pinchot Denies Report. Washington, July 15.—Gifford Pinchot gave out the following signed statement tonight: "My attention has been called to what purports to be an interview with me in an evening paper in connection with the Controller Bay investigation. I have in progress. I have given no interview and issued no statements. My only public expression on the subject of Controller Bay is a brief reference contained in a short statement given out at the time the Cunningham claims were cancelled. (Signed) "GIFFORD PINCHOT."

Endorse Dr. Wiley's Past Record. Mobile, Ala., July 15.—At a meeting of the Alabama oyster commission here today Dr. Harvey W. Wiley's course as to the pure food problem was unanimously endorsed. President John Craft, of the commission, was authorized to wire President Taft to the effect that Dr. Wiley, because of his usefulness, would be honored and retained in office.

MRS. LUKE LEA MAKING FIGHT FOR HER LIFE

Washington, July 15.—Somewhere between Chicago and Denver is a hospital pullman in which Mrs. Luke Lea, wife of the junior senator from Tennessee, whose fight with death is watched with breathless interest by her friends in the capital city.

Mrs. Lea was taken critically ill with pneumonia at Deer Park, Md. After recovering somewhat from her recent illness when Senator Lea gave his blood in transfusion to aid her, and her physicians said her only chance of life was "rare air."

The chances against them, Senator and Mrs. Lea agreed to try to race across the continent to Denver in time to save Mrs. Lea's life. So Wednesday a Pullman pulled out of Deer Park transformed into a hospital, in which Mrs. Lea was nursed unceasingly by her devoted husband, Miss Cora Shackelford, her trained nurse, and Dr. Henry Fry, of this city. Every possible precaution had been taken to make Mrs. Lea comfortable. The train arrived at Chicago Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and an hour later started westward over the Chicago & Northwestern. The news of its arrival in Denver is eagerly awaited here at the senator's office. Until today the news of the race of Mrs. Lea with death was kept carefully guarded, but when it spread about the capital in the early morning her distinguished husband's colleagues expressed the most lively interest in her welfare.

Going After Scalp Of Wickersham

Washington, July 15.—Attorney General Wickersham today made an informal reply to the charge of chief delegate, Wickersham of Alaska, that he had allowed the statute of limitation to expire in certain Alaska criminal cases, without taking action.

"I have not given a definite opinion that the statute of limitation has expired in all of the cases. It is not improbable that criminal action may be taken. The matter is still under investigation in so far as it relates to the alleged combination of bidders in the coal proposition.

"The Hazy case, however, I think, is barred by the statute." Delegate Wickersham today declared that former Secretary of War Dickinson had been furnished with the same evidence concerning Alaskan frauds as was furnished Attorney General Wickersham, in May 1910, and that he never acknowledged receipt of the documents. He had this statement placed in the records of the hearings of the judiciary committee.

Coupled with it was the further statement that delegate Wickersham submitted to the attorney general more than a year ago evidence of an alleged bribe to a United States district attorney by the Katalia Company, one of the organizations in the Alaskan syndicate.

"I have evidence," declared Delegate Wickersham, "that \$5,000 was used to bribe a deputy district attorney. That is the kind of matter I have been vainly trying to get this government to investigate and prosecute."

Mr. Guggenheim Strikes Back. New York, July 15.—S. R. Guggenheim, one of the chief officers in the great corporation that is accused by Delegate Wickersham of attempting to get control of the development of Alaska, struck back at the accusers tonight in an interview with an I. N. S. correspondent at his villa at Elberon, N. J., where he is spending the summer with his family.

"I dare say," he declared, after expressing reluctance to discuss any phase of the subject for publication, "that nobody was more surprised at the charges contained in the Wickersham affidavit against our company than I was. The subject is entirely new to me. I know nothing about it. What is true of myself I believe to be true of my brothers and of J. P. Morgan, who is associated with us in our Alaskan enterprises. I have read everything pertaining to the matter that we got hold of in today's papers. The whole thing would strike me as ridiculously absurd if it were not that for so long a time we have been under the fire of malignant and ignorant persons. For this reason, this alone, I feel that it is time to say something."

Death of Capt Davis. Special to The News. Asheville, July 15.—Capt. J. N. Davis, one of the best known residents of the Reems creek section of the county, died last night about 2 o'clock at his home two miles from Weaverville at the age of 87 years. The burial services and the interment will be at Long's chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.



IN FULL MOROCCO.

MAY GET TAFT IN A HOLE ON WOOL TARIFF

Washington, July 15.—If Senators Smoot and Crane, republicans, and Williams, democrat, prove to be prophets, President Taft will have to solve one of the hardest problems of his administration before the adjournment of the special session of congress. According to the three senators, all of whom talked with the president today, the senate, through a combination of democrats and insurgents, will pass the LaFollette bill, revising the wool schedule of the present tariff.

The house already has passed a wool bill which differs materially with that drawn by Senator LaFollette, but according to the same unofficial prophet, it would accept the latter measure rather than get no bill at all. President Taft, it is pointed out, then would be face to face with one of the most difficult questions that have come before him. He has called the present wool schedule "indefensible."

The tariff board has promised to furnish data for a scientific revision of that schedule by December and in many of his later speeches the President has declared that he opposed any revision not based upon investigations of the board.

The president, it is believed, would veto the LaFollette bill and in his veto message would make a defense to the country for such action.

It was said late today that the regular republicans might make an effort to counteract the effect of the movement by introducing a bill of their own but they have little hope of success.

Little Joe Brown Must be Urged. Atlanta, July 15.—The Journal today says: "Former Governor Joseph M. Brown will not be a candidate to succeed to the vacancy that will be occasioned by the retirement of Governor Smith unless he is convinced by some question that it is the desire of an overwhelming majority of the people of Georgia that he make the race. This was learned from an authoritative source Saturday morning and by many is regarded as accounting for the heroic efforts of certain influences to create the impression that Governor Brown is the choice of many men who heretofore have opposed him politically."

First Case of Asiatic Cholera in New York. New York, July 15.—The first native case of Asiatic cholera to develop here this season ended today with the death of Patrick Bushing, night watchman at the Swinburne Island quarantine station. There have been a number of deaths among immigrants detained and two suspects kept for the required observation period developed the disease afterward and died but Bushing is the first infection of a resident American.

SAYS HE OBSERVED SPIRIT AS IT LEFT THE BODY

Chicago, July 15.—"I have actually observed the spirit leaving the body of a dying man who was a charity patient at Mercy hospital."

This startling announcement was made by Dr. Patrick S. O'Donnell, and X ray expert of Chicago, today. He adds to the statement that he believes he has discovered what in fact constitutes the soul or spirit.

According to Dr. O'Donnell's story, an invited number of Chicago physicians attended his latest demonstration at Mercy hospital last Thursday night. Previously he had held demonstrations in his office in the Heyworth building, using four young women as models for the detention of the "human aura."

Using a film of diphanin and other chemicals held between two small plates of glass all of the physicians invited agreed that they had seen the "human aura" or "halo" of light waves that surrounded the bodies of the women. This "aura" developed as a strong radiation of light surrounding the outline of the body and the head.

Following up this experiment, Dr. O'Donnell, believing he had found the secret of death and the way the soul passes from the dead body when dissolution comes, went further. Here is his own story of his vision of what happened when death comes and life departs.

"The patient was reported as having only a few minutes to live. I looked at the man through this chemical screen for almost half an hour. The "aura" was plainly distinguishable. The attending doctor said the patient was sinking rapidly. I did not take my eyes from the subject. "Suddenly the physician announced that death had occurred. At the same instant the "aura" which as a bright light had been radiated from the body at all points, began to spread from the body and disappeared. Further observation of the body revealed no sign of the "aura."

Dr. O'Donnell says that he does not claim that this "aura" is the soul or spirit. He says he does not know what it is, but declares that he has witnessed the fact that it is a radio activity that is present during life and passes away after death.

Dr. O'Donnell promises to go further. He wants to solve the question, "has an animal a soul or spirit kindred to that of man." Tomorrow he expects to test a horse or a dog to see if they too have an "aura."

WHAT CONGRESS DID SATURDAY. Washington, July 15.—The senate was not in session today. In the house: The house met after a three days recess. Representative Macon objected to immediate consideration of the conference report on the urgency deficiency bill, and it went over. Kinkead, of New Jersey, introduced a resolution providing for a special committee to investigate the meat packing trust. Cox introduced a resolution directing Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary Wilson to send all records in the Dr. Wiley case to the house. Adjournment taken over Monday until next Wednesday to avoid voting on the \$45,000,000 pension bill.

THE DEAD FROM FIGHTING NOW NUMBER 135

Puebla, Mex. The total dead in this place where fighting has been going on since reported to have been killed in the Covadonga textile factory; Juan Hill; 54 in the city proper, and ten or more in minor skirmishes in the outskirts. The Covadonga fight started between the rurales and Maderistas near the factory. The striking factory hands seized the opportunity to enter private houses which they pillaged. In the course of their outlawry they killed four Germans, three men and one woman. Later they joined the Maderistas.

Scourge of Typhoid In Little Rock

Little Rock, Ark., July 15.—Reports to the city physician show there were a total of 121 cases of typhoid fever here up to noon today. A majority of these cases are said to be convalescing.

An expert chemist Friday reported the presence of typhoid bacilli in the water in the public cisterns in the city pary and the mayor ordered them closed. It is declared that 60 per cent of the fever cases are within a radius of a few blocks of the city park. Physicians say there are no fever germs in the city water supply.

Experts Will Examine. Memphis, Tenn., July 15.—A news dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., says: Governor Donaghue has been advised by the authorities at Washington that Dr. W. H. Frost, an assistant surgeon of the United States army, and an expert in the hygienic laboratory, left the national capital last night for Little Rock. He is coming at the solicitation of the governor and Mayor Taylor, for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of the sanitary and health conditions of Little Rock, to determine if possible, the cause for the epidemic of typhoid fever that has been raging here for the last month. There has been a great deal of concern over the situation, and the city council has charged it directly to the city water which is alleged to be impure and unwholesome.

Senator Watson Entertained. Fairmont, W. Va., July 15.—As the week end guests of Senator Clarence W. Watson, six of his colleagues in the United States Senate, arrived here this afternoon to remain until Monday. One feature of Senator Watson's entertainment was an exhibition of the widely known Watson show horses, this part of the event taking place during the afternoon in the presence of the general public, which had been especially invited. Tonight a banquet was served on the lawn of the Watson home, at Fairmont. Farms, which was attended, in addition to the United States senators, by the democratic members of the West Virginia legislature. The United States senators present were Messrs. Chamberlain, Overman, Johnson, Bailey, Kern and Taylor.

Is There A Deep Laid Conspiracy To Oust Wiley?

Resolution Will be Offered Asking That Publicity Be Given All Complaints Filed Against Wiley—Idea is to Learn His Enemies.

Wilson and Wickersham Will be Examined and The Probe Will be Thorough—Something Interesting is Looked For Before the End.

Washington, July 15.—To demonstrate that "The interests are making war on Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert, to have him removed from office, Representative Cox, of Indiana, has prepared a resolution calling from the departments of agriculture and justice all the complaints against Dr. Wiley since he was appointed chief of the bureau of chemistry.

Chairman Moss, of the committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture, who is making the inquiry into the Wiley case does not think a special resolution necessary to gather these facts. He says his committee has full authority and will have the complaints produced. Mr. Cox with held his resolution, today, but may present it later if he finds that Chairman Moss cannot get the information.

Mr. Cox believes that the response to this resolution will show just what interests are lined up against Dr. Wiley, and why. He is convinced that the expert's pure food activities have resulted in the accumulation of considerable correspondence both at the department of agriculture and the department of justice and he thinks that it would make interesting reading for the public. It is apparent that the Moss committee is extremely friendly to Dr. Wiley, and that every effort will be made to ascertain if it is true as charged that he is the victim of a conspiracy on the present interests inimical to pure food legislation, and which have been fighting the government chemist and his activities for a good many years.

The inquiry into the Wiley case will be begun by the committee early next week. Although no announcement has been made it is understood Dr. Wiley will be the first witness called and that he will be followed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Attorney General Wickersham and the three members of the committee on personnel of the agricultural department who recommended, as a result of their inquiry into an alleged technical violation of the law by Dr. Wiley, that he be separated from the public service.

According to official statement at the department of agriculture today, the letters of defense from Drs. Wiley, Eichelow and Krebler, who are involved with Dr. H. H. Rusby, in the Wiley case, have not been received by Secretary of Agriculture. It was stated that there was no time limit for the submission of these letters and that when they are received by the secretary they will be indorsed with his recommendation and forwarded to the president.

Gov. Hoke Smith Wont Resign Now

Atlanta, July 15.—There is no indication that Gov. Hoke Smith will take the slightest notice of Editor Stovall's editorial and Editor Thomas E. Watson's editorial, demanding that he resign the governor's chair at once to take up his duties as United States senator.

Gov. Smith stands on the fact that the United States senate itself still regards Terrell as the junior senator from Georgia and that every day Terrell's name is being called, and Terrell is being marked "absent," and that Hoke Smith's name will not be called until Hoke Smith's credentials are presented.

Gov. Smith further stands, it is said, on the precedents which have been heretofore freely quoted in the press, making it possible for him to continue as governor under the circumstances.

That Hoke Smith will resign as governor before the end of the present session of the general assembly, seems altogether out of the question, judging by his attitude, and he has said anything yet that would give rise to the idea that he has abandoned his originally stated intention of not resigning until the late fall.

ONLY ONE SMALL CHANGE IN 1911 FOOTBALL RULES. Chicago, July 15.—There will be one minor change in the football rules for the season of 1911, according to Walter Camp, Yale's athletic adviser and chairman of the intercollegiate football rules committee who is Chicago on business. Camp said the penalty for the incomplete forward pass would be lightened, the ball being brought back to the point where it was put in play instead of where it left the hand of the passer, as was the case in 1910.

Mr. Madden Reproved. Washington, July 15.—"If you have been loyal to the department when you were third assistant postmaster general, we would not be bothering with this Lewis publishing case," said Representative Austin, of Tennessee, to Edwin C. Madden, now appearing before the house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department as attorney for the Lewis Publishing Company, of St. Louis. The Lewis company is complaining because the second business privilege was denied it several years ago. Mr. Madden had objected because Mr. Austin had interrupted him with too many questions.

Doomed Woman May Go Free. Sault Ste Marie, Ont., July 15.—News that her sentence of death had been commuted to life imprisonment came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky to Mrs. Angelina Neapolitano, in jail in Sault Ste Marie, Ont., for the murder of her husband, Peter Neapolitano, last Easter Sunday.

Seated on the edge of the cot in her cell the woman resigned to her fate, was sewing clothing for her expected child when the word reached her.

Hearing a tapping on the floor beneath her feet, she placed her ear to a rivet hole and heard from the lips of a condemned burglar on the floor beneath the joyful tidings that had been called to him through the window of his cell by a passerby.

The message completely unnerved the prisoner and she fainted. The matron quickly revived her.

"I not be hanged, I not be hanged," she fairly screamed in broken English, as she realized the true worth of the information she had received. Then, falling to her knees, she grasped the hem of the matron's skirt and kissed it passionately, while tears streamed from her eyes.

PROMINENT COUPLE WED IN DURHAM. Special to The News. Durham, July 15.—Miss Annie Hamilton, of Raleigh, and young Thomas Bruner, son of the late secretary of the department of agriculture, were married this evening at the First Presbyterian parsonage, Rev. E. R. Leyburn officiating. The couple came here accompanied by Miss Kathleen Bernard and Arthur Holding, who performed the important wedding function. Difficulty in securing a ring came near causing the attendants to lose their train, upon which they returned to tell the story. The married couple went to Greensboro and from there to Biscoe, where young Bruner has a position in a cotton mill.

Detective Burns Remains in Europe. Indianapolis, Ind., July 15.—Counsel for Detective William J. Burns, who is under \$10,000 bond on charges of having kidnapped John J. McNamara from this city last April, requested this morning that the hearing scheduled for today be postponed until September, as Burns is on his way back from England where developments in the case demand his presence.

While unwilling to delay the case until September Judge Markey said he would not forfeit the bond at this time, but ordered the attorneys to report to him in a few days when Burns could appear in court.