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## THE REMOVAL OF PINCHOT FROM OFFICE

Far-Reaching Importance May Split The Republican Party Up The Back

### A NATIONAL ISSUE

It is now practically a case of Roosevelt against Taft with the National Convention of 1912 as the final scene in the tragedy—President's Action Was Expected But the Separation of the Party Was a Surprise—Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy Becomes a National Issue. President Could Not Have Acted Otherwise, it is Said.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Jan. 8.—"The removal of Chief Forester Pinchot by President Taft will result in bringing about a situation which may be so far-reaching as to split the republican party up the back," was the expressive statement of a well known member of congress today.

"It is now practically a case of Roosevelt against Taft with the national republican convention of 1912 as the final scene of this present tragedy. The drastic action of the president yesterday was by no means unexpected but it was not believed that it would be done in such a sensational manner. Of course, the curtain which is now rising on this very latest phase of the Ballinger-Pinchot episode will disclose to view some interesting scenes and surprises during the forthcoming congressional elections next fall, for, as they demonstrated in the home yesterday in the vote on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation resolutions, the hitherto despised insurgents are very nearly in the saddle," he concluded.

That President Taft deemed the "insubordination" of Pinchot of sufficient importance to consult his cabinet adds to the significance of his act, for it is construed by many members of the house and senate to mean that the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has now assumed the importance of a national issue. Many competent to judge profess to see in the dramatic climax the shadow of Roosevelt and the entering wedge of a split in the administration forces in congress. With hardly an exception it is agreed on all sides that the president could not have acted otherwise, if administration discipline was to be preserved, for it is admitted by Mr. Pinchot's friends that he violated the executive order of November 26, 1909, which forbids subordinates from furnishing information to congressmen without consent of the head of the department.

The president, having had the experience of a federal judge, could not brook the violation of an order any more than he could have condoned a gross contempt of court.

The only criticism heard today was that the president delayed action too long. The opposition to the Pinchot forest reserve policy was, that after the chief forester delivered his New York address, which got into the papers before its official release some days ago at New York, the president would have been fully justified in asking Pinchot's resignation, and if it had been requested it would have been tendered without delay.

The whole matter has now assumed an entirely different aspect, however. Congress has taken the initial steps for an investigation that promises to lay bare the inside workings of the general land office patents. Witnesses, many of whom are employees in the land office and the forest service may be influenced in their testimony by what has happened to Glavis, Pinchot, Price and Shaw. This is the comment heard at the capital today.

Friends of Secretary Ballinger say that employees who may be called as witnesses have been assured that they will be required to tell all they know and that no one will be disturbed in their positions because of testimony they may give before the investigation committee.

A report was circulated today that President Taft might veto the joint resolution to investigate Secretary Ballinger and the forestry bureau, but inquiry among the leaders in congress shows the report to be without foundation. The resolution to investigate Mr. Ballinger was not considered by congress until after Mr. Ballinger had appealed to the president.

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MISS CAROLINE A. DRAYTON.



Miss Caroline A. Drayton, a daughter of J. Coleman Drayton, whose marriage to William Phipps, the first secretary of the American Embassy at London, has had to be postponed because of the death of the late D. O. Mills. The American Ambassador had to leave London to attend the funeral, leaving Secretary Phipps in charge, and he will have to remain in London until Mr. Whitelaw Reid's return.

## FIRES INVESTIGATED

### The Insurance Investigated 136 Fires Last Year

Fires Were the Result of Over-insurance in Twenty-six Cases—There Were Nine Convictions During the Year—Twenty-two Prosecutions Were Started—Four Fires Were Caused by Boys With Cigarettes.

Insurance Commissioner Young says under the law requiring the commissioner to have all suspicious fires investigated, there have been investigations during the past year 136 fires. In all these cases special investigations were made by a representative of the department and 22 prosecutions were commenced. There were 9 convictions during the year, the combined sentences of which aggregated about fifty years. Five suspects left the state pending investigations. In thirty cases no clues could be obtained. In thirteen cases there were strong suspicions and such as to satisfy the officer in regard to the causes of the fires, but the evidence was not sufficient upon which to justify convictions.

Commissioner Young says it was found that in twenty-six cases the fires were the results of over-insurance. Ten were accidents, four were caused by boys with cigarettes, one by a crazy woman, one by carelessness of a housekeeper and the burning of three school houses were results of factional fights in regard either to the location or management of the schools. In one case the fire was caused by the carelessness of carpenters.

In the trials one case was not pressed, six were found not guilty and four are still on the docket for trial. Commissioner Young says that under the law requiring the putting in of fire escapes and the proper hanging of doors to all assembly halls, he had sixty-two towns inspected and is very much gratified at the manner in which the citizens and officers of the towns have complied with the requirements of the law.

### MEDAL FOR NURSE.

Sacrificed Her Life for Sick Patient and Mother May Get Carnegie Medal.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Jan. 8.—The mother of Miss Mary R. Brown, the nurse who died Thursday as a result of being shot by Martin L. Sterling, a delirious patient, may receive a Carnegie hero medal and a reward of \$1,000 as a memento of the bravery of her daughter.

Requests for the blanks necessary to make application for the medals has been made by Dr. J. R. Biggs and others interested in the case.

"She sacrificed her life to save a sick man and there are few deeds of heroism more worthy than this," said Dr. Biggs today.

Sterling, who is recovering, does not yet know of Miss Brown's death.

## A FAMILY QUARREL

### Additional Evidence of Quarrel Over Girl

DeJanon, Father of the Girl, Believes That Her Grandfather Knows of Her Whereabouts and is Hiding Her From Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Jan. 8.—Additional evidence of a family quarrel over the search for Roberta De Janon, the \$10,000,000 heiress who eloped with Frederick Cohen, a waiter, from Philadelphia, was furnished here today.

Ferdinand De Janon, the girl's father, declared today that he believed Robert Buist, the millionaire grandfather of the girl, has been in communication with her and is hiding her whereabouts from other relatives. De Janon has been conducting the search here.

Buist has taken this strange step, De Janon charges, because he wanted to hush up the case by keeping Miss De Janon in seclusion until her escapade has been forgotten by the public.

"I approve of any efforts that may be made to keep the girl's whereabouts from the public, but when it comes to hiding facts from me, I think it is cruel and heartless," he said. "Since my girl disappeared I have done all in my power to find her. And now that another relative has found some trace of her, I am not told of it."

De Janon made the statement just before he left his apartment under mysterious circumstances.

"I am going away for a short time," he told the landlady. "Just tell anyone who calls for me that you don't know anything about me."

It was reported that he had gone to Philadelphia to demand an explanation from Buist.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 8.—The charge made by Ferdinand De Janon was strengthened by a mysterious automobile trip made early today by Robert Buist and W. Atlee Burpee. They left the Union League Club in Philadelphia just after midnight and went to the farm of Mr. Burpee. This farm is being guarded by several bull dogs. The bull dogs were not taken there until Thursday, the day Roberta was reported to have been found by Buist.

A friend of De Janon who is devoting his entire time to the case, declared at Philadelphia today that a woman had aided Roberta to carry out her plan to elope with Cohen.

### Evils of Six Day Races.

(By Cable to The Times) Berlin, Jan. 8.—Proof of the evils of six-day bicycle racing was given today when it was learned that Walter Rutt, one of the team which won the races here and in New York, is suffering from enlargement of the heart and defective hearing. He is ineligible to service in the German army. The authorities will forbid all six-day races or compel complete physical examinations.

## EFFORTS AT PEACE BEEN ABANDONED

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Bluefields, Jan. 8.—Peace negotiations between the forces of General Estrada and President Madrid have been postponed as a result of the death of General Pinos Diaz, the insurgent leader, who was drowned off the coast near Greytown while on his way to confer with the peace representatives of Zelaya's successor. There is now on prospect that a decisive battle at Acouya can be averted, with probable heavy loss of life.

The death of General Diaz who was generally beloved has cost the United States many more friends here. It is understood that appeal was made to the commander-in-chief of the American war vessel to take him to Greytown but the request was refused and he started out in a small boat that was swamped by the heavy seas.

Although Diaz was politically a bitter enemy of President Madrid, the personal relations between the two were close. General Diaz took up the task of bringing about an agreement between the opposing forces against the advice of his friends, and his intervention was the last hope of a peace pact being arranged.

General Diaz undertook to reach Managua over the route by which one of the two divisions of General Estrada's army is advancing on the capital—by the sea, the San Juan River from Greytown, and Lake Nicaragua. He was one of the foremost of the rebels and probably the most powerful next to Estrada. He left a sick bed to take charge of the strategic work at Managua before the government defeat, and was largely responsible for the result of the battle.

Bluefields was in mourning today and services for the dead hero were held in the military camps and the churches.

REPRESENTATIVE J. M. GRIGGS.



Representative James M. Griggs of the second Georgia district, who died recently very suddenly, following a stroke of apoplexy. He was esteemed one of the most brilliant southern democrats in the house. He was over six feet tall and possessed a winning personality. He was especially active in the special session of congress which passed the new tariff bill last year.

## WILL UNVEIL BUST

### Marble Bust of Gov. Graham Will be Unveiled Jan. 12

Exercises Will be Held in Hall of House of Representatives Next Wednesday Evening at 8 O'clock. The Unveiling Will be by William A. Graham, Junior 4th.

The ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the bust of William A. Graham, in the State Capitol, will be held at 8:00 p. m., January 12, in the hall of the house of representatives. Arrangements have all been completed, under the auspices of the North Carolina Historical Commission, which had the bust erected and set up. The following program will be observed:

Address—William A. Graham, by Frank Nash.

Address—The Value of Historical Memorials in a Democratic State, by Thomas W. Mason.

Presentation of the Bust, by the chairman of the Historical Commission, J. Bryan Grimes.

Acceptance by the governor of North Carolina, William W. Kitchin.

Unveiling by William A. Graham, Jr., the Fourth.

The bust is the work of the well-known sculptor, F. W. Ruckstuhl, of New York, and was carved by him last summer in Italy. It is of the finest Carrara marble, and is a beautiful work of art and a speaking likeness of the great North Carolinian whose memory it is designed to honor. It has been placed in the northwestern niche of the rotunda of the capitol, and makes a beautiful ornament to what travelers pronounce to be one of the most impressive rotundas in the country.

Perhaps no other man in the history of the state served her longer or better than Governor Graham, and it is eminently fitting that the first bust to be erected in the capitol, the scene of his splendid achievements, should be his. The occasion of the unveiling promises to be one of great interest, and a large and representative audience from all over the state will be present.

The statue of Washington by Canova, recently recovered by the Historical Commission after more than three-quarters of a century, will also be on exhibition that evening in the east corridor on the second floor of the capitol.

The North Carolina Historical Commission is composed of the following: J. Bryan Grimes, chairman, of Raleigh; R. D. W. Connor, secretary, of Raleigh; W. J. Peele, Raleigh; Thos. W. Blount, Roper; M. C. S. Noble, Chapel Hill, and D. H. Hill, Raleigh.

### COAL RATES LOWERED.

Corporation Reduces Coal Freight Rates About 33 1-3 Per Cent.

The corporation commission has issued a circular reducing mileage freight rates on coal 33 1-3 per cent. This will be effective February 1, and, of course, only applies to intra-state shipments.

## TRACK TEAM MEETS

### Wake Forest Schedule Complete For Coming Season

Manager Murchison Has Gotten Up a Good Schedule for the Season and Wake Forest Will Compete in Several Meets—Not Known Whether There Will be a State Meet at Greensboro This Year or Not.

(Special to The Times.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 8.—Manager Murchison has completed the track schedule for this season. It is as follows:

March 19—Guilford College at Greensboro.

March 26—A. & M., at Raleigh.

April 16—Southern Intercollegiate Meet, at Charlottesville, Va.

April 9 or 23—University, at Chapel Hill.

The team will also participate in the state meet at Greensboro if it occurs again. The meet last year was held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce has taken no definite action so far and the probability is that the state meet will not occur. Wake Forest holds the cup offered as a trophy to the winner last year. The college will be represented in the Southern Intercollegiate. Meet, held under the auspices of the A. A. U., at Charlottesville on April 16.

Two new events in the meet with A. & M. will be the two mile run and the discus throw.

### THE RAILROAD BILL.

Will be Fathomed in the Senate by Senator Elkins.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 8.—It is probable that the administration's railroad bill, which it is thought will be introduced in the house this afternoon by Representative Townsend, of Michigan, will be offered in the senate on Monday by Senator Elkins, of West Virginia. He is chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce which will have jurisdiction over the measure.

Senator Elkins is one of those with whom the president has held numerous conferences on the subject of railroad legislation and while the bill is probably not exactly what he desires, he will doubtless father it in the senate. If the measure passes, it will most likely be known as the Townsend act, although it was drawn by Attorney General Wickersham. Mr. Townsend, however, was one of the members of the commission appointed by the president several months ago to study the railroad question and report recommendations for legislation. He is one of the best authorities on the subject in the house, and was the only member of either house on the president's commission. He assisted the attorney general in the preparation of the bill which is to bear his name.

## BANQUET TO STEEL COMPANY OFFICIALS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—Never in the history of this city has a more expensive dinner been arranged, including dainties and delicacies which have cost hundreds of dollars, than the annual banquet of the Carnegie Steel Company officials at the Fort Pitt Hotel tonight.

One hundred plates will be set at \$100 a plate. The officials, including department heads and superintendents of plants and guests, will be seated in a beautiful garden in the center of which will be a large artificial lake with real birds and fishes. The Grecian Garden reproduced in the Hotel Schenley a few years ago for the annual meet of the steel magnates will be far surpassed by the display tonight.

An army of workmen has been engaged for a week preparing the fairyland spot for tonight, with all doors and entrances kept closed and guarded day and night by Carnegie Steel Company detectives to prevent anyone not bearing written permission from witnessing the beautiful garden which is being prepared for the eyes of the steel magnates alone. Out-of-town guests are expected to arrive this afternoon and will be entertained at the Fort Pitt Hotel and the Duquesne Club.

District Sales Agents of the company from all parts of the country here today and are conferring with department heads.

### Indicted for Murder.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 8.—Hattie LeBlanche, 16 years old was indicted by the grand jury this afternoon for the murder of Clarence Glover, who was shot recently.

KATHERINE L. PORTER.



Katherine L. Porter, the three-year-old girl who, although the daughter of American parents cannot speak a word of English. She was born at Ramal Pindi, India. She talks the Hindoo tongue fluently, and when she sailed past the Statue of Liberty on her arrival, she cried out in the language "See the big lady". The little girl's parents have been missionaries among the Hindu heathens for years.

## PINCHOT HAS NOTHING YET BUT SILENCE

Statement For Publication Is Not Yet Ready to Give Out

### MET WITH CHEERS

Nothing to Say But Silence, Says Pinchot. But He is in No Wise Disturbed by His Dismissal From the Service—Will Make a Statement to the Public But Can't Say When It Will be Given Out—George P. McCabe Acting in Pinchot's Place—Pinchot Cheered by Subordinates When He Took Leave of His Office.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 8.—"Nothing to say but silence," laughingly declared former Chief Forester Pinchot this morning when asked for a statement in reply to President Taft's bitter letter of censure in ordering him dismissed.

"I shall, of course, make a statement," Mr. Pinchot said, "but just when it will be ready is a hard guess, even for me."

"Will your statement be made public today?" he was asked.

"I cannot say," he answered. "At this moment I have nothing to say for publication. Please say that my attitude at present is one of silence."

It is believed that Mr. Pinchot intends conferring today with friends who are members of the senate and house, as well as others, as to the exact form his statement shall take and what it shall contain. Its importance and bearing upon the present and future situation, resulting from President Taft's action yesterday, is fully appreciated, and as "big politics" are involved, with no doubt far-reaching political results, which may even decide the identity of the next president of the United States, Mr. Pinchot and his friends who have wide experience in matters of political importance do not intend to be hurried in the matter of publicly setting forth his position, and while they are thus determined to "make haste slowly," it is equally certain that there will be fireworks enough very soon, to satisfy the curiosity of the most exacting.

Meanwhile the insurgents in the senate and the house are figuratively throwing their hats into the air and shouting, "Good-bye, Gifford."

### Pinchot Cheered.

Washington, Jan. 8.—George P. McCabe, solicitor of the United States Agricultural Department, acting under orders from Secretary Wilson, today took charge of the forest service. This was made necessary owing to the fact that Albert F. Potter, an assistant forester, who was designated yesterday by Secretary Wilson to temporarily take over the office of Chief Forester Pinchot, is at present in Denver, Col. Mr. Potter is expected to return to Washington at once.

Mr. Pinchot, Mr. Price and Mr. Shaw were at their offices this morning soon after 9 o'clock. Mr. Pinchot conferred behind closed doors with the heads in charge of the various divisions of the service. An outbreak of applause from his former subordinates greeted Mr. Pinchot when he bade them official farewell and greeted Mr. McCabe as his temporary successor.

Albert F. Potter is a Californian, who has been several years in the forestry service. He has a reputation for "doing things."

Following the example of Mr. Pinchot, neither Mr. Price nor Mr. Shaw would today comment on their dismissal.

### Boy Kills Cracksmen.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 8.—Paul Sauls, seventeen-year-old son of J. M. Sauls, night watchman at the postoffice, killed two cracksmen early this morning who were attempting to blow the safe, after a fierce fight. Young Sauls was slightly injured. Both burglars were white but have not yet been identified.

### Fire Destroys Saw Mill.

Wadesboro, Jan. 8.—Fire destroyed the Hartell & Feltzer saw mill with lumber stacked on the yard some time during last night. The mill has been closed down for some time and the origin of the fire is unknown. The machinery and lumber was not insured. The owners of the mill reside at Concord.