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CUNNINGHAMS LOSE CLAIMS

The Morgan-Guggenheim Syndicate Denied Control of Alaskan Coal Lands

DEPARTMENT ENDS CASES

Famous Case Which Brought About the Ballinger Investigation and the Dismissal of Pinchot and Glavis and Others From the Service, Finally Settled As Pinchot Claimed It Should Be—Secretary Fisher Says New Laws Are Needed.

Washington, June 26.—The Cunningham Alaskan coal land claims were finally disallowed by the department of the interior. These were the famous claims through which it was alleged the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate planned to extend their vast interests in Alaska and control valuable coal fields.

The department's decision was handed down by Commissioner of the Land Office Dennett, and approved by Secretary of the Interior Fisher. It is believed no course remains for the Cunningham claimants save to yield. An appeal to the supreme court is mentioned, but it would be based only on some point of law involved, and not on the findings of fact.

The Cunningham claim, in the public eye constantly for two years, brought about the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation and the dismissal of Chief Forester Pinchot, Lubis R. Glavis, chief of the land office field division, and several other officials. Pinchot and Glavis were dismissed for insubordination incident to their attack on former Secretary Ballinger, who, they claimed, favored the Cunningham claims. Secretary Fisher, Ballinger's successor, in announcing the decision today, said that new coal land laws are needed in Alaska if it is developed properly.

The secretary said the department would proceed immediately to the final determination of all the remaining Alaskan coal claims. He hoped for modification by the next session of congress of the present laws applicable to coal lands.

Such modifications, he considered would permit development under provisions that would adequately protect and promote the public interests.

Mr. Dennett, in the decision that fraud was practiced, declares each of 33 entries was improperly allowed because of fatal defects apparent on its face. He asserts the government established conclusively the charges brought against the claimants, and there is no doubt the agreement existed among them in violation of law. The value of lands embraced in the 33 claims runs high in the millions. A number of prominent men in the northwest are among the Cunningham claimants. In 1902 they were enlisted in the enterprise by Clarence Cunningham, who made filings and conducted the negotiations. Claims at once were cleared for patent. Final action was held up at the request of Louis R. Glavis.

FAMOUS CONTEMPT CASE COMES UP AGAIN

Washington, June 26.—Justice Daniel T. Wright of the district supreme court issued rule today against Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, labor leaders, requiring them to show cause, July seventeenth, why they should be adjudged guilty of contempt of court.

This action followed the filing of the report of the special committee of attorneys appointed by Justice Wright to inquire into the matter of contempt proceedings in the Buck Stove and Range Company boycott case. The contempt proceedings were recently passed upon by the supreme court which set aside the jail sentences imposed by Justice Wright of the supreme court held that the contempt on which Wright passed was of a civil nature, against the Bucks Company. The supreme court, dismissing the former proceedings, gave the district court the right to reopen the case in the event of any contempt of court to itself or its orders, was found. The day following the supreme court's decision, Wright immediately ordered an

LILLINGTON MAY GET NEW STATE SCHOOL

Kinston or Lillington is destined to get the school for the feeble-minded. The visiting committee of the board of trustees, appointed by the last legislature to secure a location, met this afternoon with the fact practically established that the school would either be in Lenoir County or Harnett County.

The locations offered by these two towns were said today to have been

IMPORTS FOR YEAR

For Eleven Months Ending With May—Some Reductions Are Shown.

Washington, June 26.—Imports during the 11 months ending with May, 1911, show a reduction in values of a large share of the manufacturers' materials imported, also a reduction in luxuries, according to a statement just issued by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor. Wool shows a fall from \$50,000,000 in the 11 months ending with May, 1910, to \$22,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1911; hides and skins from 105 million to 64 million; India rubber, from 95 1/2 million to 71 1/2 million; fibers, from 30 1-3 million to 27 1/2 million; leaf tobacco, from 25 1/2 million to 24 1/2 million; lumber, from 17 1/2 million to 14 1/2 million, furs, dressed, from 10 1-3 million to 7 1/2 million; fur skins, from 14 1/2 million to 13 1/2 million; pig iron, from a little less than 6 million to 5 1/2 million, copper ore, from a little more than 6 million to 5 1/2 million; feathers, from 6 million to 5 million; and pulp woods, from 5 1/2 million to a little less than 5 million.

Of the manufacturers' materials showing an increase in value imported during the period in question, raw silk advanced from 61 million dollars to 68 million in value; tin, from about 28 million to 36 million; pig copper, from 28 1-3 million to 29 1-3 million; raw cotton, from 14 1-3 million to 23 million, and wood pulp, from 10 1/2 million to 12 1/2 million. Of the articles which may properly be classed as luxuries, diamonds show a decline from 37 1/2 million dollars to 30 1/2 million; champagne, from 6 million to 3 million; silk laces, from 5 million to 3 1/2 million; cotton laces, from 3 1/2 million to 3 million; while art works show an increase from 20 1-3 million dollars in value to 21 1/2 million.

BALLOON FALLS IN WATER

With Two Passengers Aboard is Carried Out to Sea.

Bremen, Germany, June 26.—One of the four balloons, ascending at Paris Saturday, fell into the North Sea near Isle of Jost. A violent storm prevailed. The craft was carried out to sea. Two persons were aboard. The other balloons made landings on the Frisian coast.

Mrs. Gambler's Suit

New York, June 26.—Suit of Mrs. Edith Russell Gambler, an Atlanta society girl, for separation from Edward Victor Banker, was continued before Justice Pendleton. She testified her husband treated her "like a piece of stone," seldom embraced or kissed her. She said she played cards with certain gentlemen while her husband played "Solitaire."

Victory For Conservation

Washington, June 26.—Secretary Shippen, of the national conservation association, says the department of the interior decision, cancelling the Cunningham claims, is a great victory for conservation and should clear the way for the prompt development of Alaskan coal fields for the benefit of all the people.

Reciprocity in the Senate

Washington, June 26.—Canadian reciprocity bill is up in the Senate. The Root amendment was considered.

The Firemen Dead

Portland, Ore., June 26.—Three firemen perished in a fire at the Union oil plant. The damage is \$250,000.

New Zeppelin Dirigible

Friedrichshafen, Germany, June 26.—A new Zeppelin dirigible balloon, Schwaben I, made its maiden flight today. Count Zeppelin was aboard.

THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL



(By courtesy of the Scientific American.)

Birds-eye view of the battleship Utah, the largest warship so far completed for the United States Navy, which has left the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., for her official trial off the New England coast. The new ship must develop a speed of 20 3/4 knots an hour to comply with the government's requirements. The speed test will take place probably next Monday June 26 over the measured course of Rockland, Maine. The Utah has a displacement of 21,875 tons, while the battleship Delaware, the biggest Dreadnought in the fleet now assembled off Portsmouth, England, for the coronation review of King George, has a displacement of 20,000 tons.

POTATOES 75 CENTS A PECK

Chicago Housewives Face Big Rise in Vegetables and Fruit.

Chicago, June 26.—The most distressing thing to the housewives of Chicago just now is the poor purchasing power of a dollar in the vegetable and fruit stores of the city. Prices of potatoes have reached the highest point ever known. New potatoes sold on South Water street yesterday for \$6.40 a barrel. That means that the grocer, the vegetable store man, and the peddler paid \$2.56 a bushel for them. The housewives paid 75 cents a peck. This condition of affairs is due, say the wholesale dealers, to the southwestern potato crops being practically failures. Forty cars of potatoes are required daily to supply the normal demand of the city. Yesterday only three cars arrived. The average daily receipts in the last several weeks have been about 25 cars.

DR. CLARENCE JUDD AT REX HOSPITAL

Dr. E. Clarence Judd, of Holy Springs, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical College this spring and who passed the examination given by the state board of medical examiners at Charlotte last week, has been elected resident physician of Rex Hospital. He will begin his duties about July 15. Dr. Judd is a son of Representative J. T. Judd and a brother of County Superintendent Z. V. Judd. He received his first two years' training in the medical department of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Judd is a bright and splendid young man and is destined to become one of the leading physicians of this section.

Killed by Baseball

Bridgeport, Conn., June 26.—John H. King, 17, is dead as the result of being hit on the temple by a ball during a baseball game. He dropped unconscious when hit and died without regaining his senses.

ANOTHER SHIPPING STRIKE LAUNCHED

London, June 26.—Another shipping strike commenced today. The union workers on the Liverpool docks generally ordered their order to strike against forty-six firms in the shipping corporation. Two thousand dock hands at Amsterdam struck in sympathy with the striking seamen. Work ceased at all ships of the eight largest firms.

ARTHUR TONEY DROWNED

Well-known Negro Falls From Boat and Drowns—Telephone Improvements—Railroad, Castalia to Henderson.

Nashville, June 26.—Arthur Toney, a well-known negro at Spring Hope, was drowned in Tar river Friday. The boat in which he was, capsized, and he was unable to get to land. It is thought the party of negroes were drinking. Toney, who ran a pressing club at Spring Hope, was recently convicted of retailing, and fined \$100 and costs.

LAND FRESH WATER LOBSTER

Attitash Fishermen Hook the First on Record.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., June 26.—While angling for bullheads last night, J. R. Tait and Charles Wendelin hooked and landed a strange crawfish, which has since been called a lobster, by persons who say they know what they are talking about. It has the claws, tail, legs and long feelers and is the color of a lobster. It is a young one, and has attracted much attention because it is the first of its kind ever caught in the fresh waters of the Adirondacks.

APPLE CROP WILL BE ABOUT 30 PER CENT

Mr. S. B. Shaw, assistant horticulturist, has returned from Alexander and Wilkes counties, where he went to investigate fruit conditions in the Brushy mountains. Mr. Shaw says the conditions for a crop of apples in these counties are good, but that the average for the state will not be over 30 per cent. In McDowell and Yancey counties, where the snow caught the apple and peach trees in bloom, a fair crop is indicated. The peach crop in this state will not average more than five per cent. of normal. In some sections of the mountains, where the farmers are co-operating with each other in the care of their orchards, the crop of apples is better. Watauga county is noted at this time for the intelligence displayed in the care of orchards and gathering and shipping of apples.

PLEA TOUCHES ALL HEARTS

Girl Says She Stole Asparagus From Father to Support Sister.

Trenton, June 26.—Mercer court had before it today a case which touched the hearts of all in the courtroom in the arraignment of Margaret J. Kirtel, of White Horse, for stealing two bushels of asparagus from her father, Charles Kirtel.

FAILS TO NAME BUFFET CARS

New Illinois Law Forbids Intoxicating Liquors on All Others.

Chicago, June 26.—All the railroads with tracks within this State are preparing placards promulgating the law just passed by the Illinois State Legislature, making it unlawful to drink intoxicating liquors or to be intoxicated in or upon railroad passenger cars in use for transportation of passengers or about any railroad station.

INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

New York, June 26.—Indictment formulated under the criminal proceedings division of the Sherman law, drawn by United States District Attorney Wise, was returned by the Federal Grand Jury against the Eastern Box Board Club, the alleged co-sponsors of the "disolved" Florida Maulla Association.

REINA HARRIS NOT TO COME

Attorney General of Maryland Advises Against Honoring Requisition

POINT CENTERS ON DATE

Proof Clearly Shows, Thinks Maryland's Legal Adviser, Madame Hunter, or Reina Harris, Was Not in Raleigh at Time of Alleged Offense—Telegram From Attorney Harris.

SCHOOL DESK FACTORY

Southern Desk Company Now in Operation—Horn With Call and Freed-stuff Burned.

(Special to The Times.) Hickory, June 26.—A sign reading "Southern Desk Company" now hangs from the front of the Ives & Hies Manufacturing Company, showing that Hickory has an industry that only one other city in the south has—a school desk factory. When Dr. W. H. Nicholson purchased a half interest in this firm he conceived the idea of manufacturing school desks and at once proceeded to execute his plans. There is only one other desk factory in the south, and that is in Georgia, and Dr. Nicholson rightly reasoned that a desk factory in this section would receive a liberal patronage on account of the saving in freight rates. They manufacture a desk that is guaranteed against wear for 10 years and against inferior workmanship forever. The desks are made in six different sizes from the native oak of this section in the most approved and up-to-date manner and with special attention to their lasting qualities. Only the very best castings are used and these are hand-somely finished with enamel and baked according to the most approved methods. Dr. Nicholson states that "this is to be an object-lesson as to what can be done from our own material by our own people for our own children." The new company will also manufacture blackboards and teachers' desks and chairs. Dr. Nicholson has all along contended that the south can produce as good an article in most any line as can be produced elsewhere, and he has set about to prove this contention.

Taft Returns the Money

Received Great Mass of Anniversary Letters Containing Silver.

Washington, June 26.—The popular interest throughout the country in President and Mrs. Taft's silver wedding anniversary was shown every day last week by the great mass of letters received, containing silver money. Every day letters came containing coins, from 10 cents to \$1.

MR. VICKERS DIES

Found Saturday Afternoon in Critical Condition—Mysterious Affair.

Durham, June 26.—Mr. George Vickers, who was found in the woods in a dying condition Saturday afternoon, died this afternoon. It is not known at this writing whether it was suicide or not. The affair seems shrouded in mystery.

Balloon Burned; Crew Saved

Hannoversch, Munden Prussia, June 26.—The dirigible balloon Paravel V, undergoing repairs, caught fire and was destroyed. None were injured. The crew pulled the envelope and made a rough landing.

Suit Against Magazine Trust

Washington, June 26.—Civil anti-trust suit against the periodical publishers association, commonly called "The Magazine Trust," will be filed in the United States supreme court, at New York tomorrow unless the department of justice plans change.

BUILDING COMMISSION IS DESIGNATING ROOMS

The state building commission of which Mr. Ashley Horne is chairman and Mr. W. E. Springer is secretary, met this afternoon with the architects for the purpose of designating the rooms in the building to be occupied by the various state offices. The insurance department will not be required to vacate for sixty days yet and after July 1, when the property purchased for the site will be paid for, this department will not be required to pay rent for its quarters.

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