

SENATOR HEYBURN ALSO IN IT

Collier's Weekly Declares While Ballinger Was Commissioner of Land Office He Shut His Eyes to Glaring Frauds and Urged Legislation to Legalize Claims.

New York, Dec. 14.—Under the caption "Can This Be Whitewashed Also?" Collier's Weekly repeats its charges against Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger in the alleged Alaska conspiracy to control the copper and coal output.

After giving a history of the exploiting of the Alaska gold mines by Washington politicians, Collier's says:

"It is common knowledge throughout Alaska and the west generally that the Morgan interests are allied with the Guggenheim mining interests, and that the same financial forces are allied with the Hill railroad interests. In the confession of S. A. D. Puter, king of the Oregon land fraud ring, convicted by Heney, Puter charged that during Ballinger's short term as commissioner of the general land office, Northern Pacific land patents by the wholesale were issued. He also stated that the general land office, under the Ballinger and Bennett administration, shut its eyes to glaring land frauds in Oregon.

"As far back as Aug. 13, 1907, Special Agent Horace T. Jones reported to Richard A. Ballinger, commissioner of the general land office: 'From the talk of different attorneys and individuals interested in the Alaska coal lands, I feel that the disposal of the lands all tends toward one direction, and that is: the Guggenheim companies. The papers here in Portland, Ore., are full of the news that the Guggenheims are constructing railroads near Katalla, Alaska, for the purpose of taking out the oil, minerals, etc., and there is an advertisement in the said papers for the employment of 2000 men to go to Katalla, Alaska, and work for the Guggenheims.' Katalla is the location of the Cunningham claims. Under date of December, 1907, Cunningham's books show the receipt of \$1358.00, with this notation: 'The above sum was received from Daniel Guggenheim (head of the Guggenheim syndicate), in full for expenses incurred on account of the examination of coal lands on his account.'

"We have in a former article referred to the fact that Commissioner Ballinger appeared before the house committee on public lands and urged the passage of the Cale bill, which had it passed, would have made the Cunningham claims legal. With Ballinger there appeared one Donald R. McKenzie.

"In October, 1908, in Portland, Ore.—after Ballinger had ceased all connection with the land office, and while the presidential campaign was on—Ballinger spoke to Glavis of the difficulty of raising campaign funds. He told Glavis that some of the Cunningham claimants had contributed freely in previous campaigns, but were unwilling to do so at that time on account of the investigation of their claims, and urged Glavis not to prosecute his investigations further until after election.

"In his written report to President Taft at Beverly, Glavis stated that a number of the Alaska coal claimants are men prominent in the state of Washington, and many of them are personal friends of Mr. Ballinger."

Ballinger and Heyburn.

"Clarence Cunningham lived at Wallace, Idaho, at the time he first became interested in the Cunningham claims. Wallace is the chief town of the Coeur d'Alene mining region. By a sort of financial manipulation the Guggenheims control the lead output of the Coeur d'Alenes. Wallace is the residence of Senator W. B. Heyburn, of Idaho. Cunningham and Heyburn are, and have been for years, friends.

"Senator Heyburn was, at the time of his election to the United States senate, the leading attorney at Wallace for some of the large Coeur d'Alene mine interests. After the hearing on the Cale bill Senator Heyburn, on April 23, 1908, introduced in the senate another bill which would have legalized the Cunningham claims, and which would have passed but for the intervention of Secretary Garfield. In Washington Heyburn and Ballinger appear to have acted in concert. In our issue of Aug. 28 last we made reference to a sort of political partnership between Heyburn and Ballinger in certain land matters. It is unlawful for a United States senator to act as attorney for persons interested in urging claims before the departments at Washington. It was for this offense that Senator Burton, of Kansas, and Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, were tried and convicted. Senator Heyburn was elected senator from Idaho Jan. 13, 1903. In Cunningham's books, under date of September, 1903, nine months after Heyburn's election as senator, there is an entry which reads as follows: 'Have agreed with W. B. Heyburn, in consideration for his services as attorney, to carry him for one claim of 160 acres in the coal, free of cost to him, and he agrees to do all our legal work in procuring titles, etc., free of expense to us.'

"When Cunningham, on Sept. 4, 1908, made his affidavit, he knew these records were in possession of the department officials. Glavis had forwarded them with a letter calling attention to the Heyburn entry. Naturally Cunningham, Ballinger and Heyburn, with Burton and Mitchell in mind, had a terrific scare. In his affidavit, prepared by Ballinger, Cunningham attempted to explain away many things. He quoted a letter from Senator Heyburn, dated Oct. 20, 1905, to himself, in

which Heyburn declares that he has frequently stated to Cunningham that he did not desire to be interested in the coal lands in Alaska, and now writes expressly to inform him again that he does not desire to participate in, or be interested in any manner, directly or indirectly, in acquiring public lands. Was this letter written after Glavis got possession of Cunningham's records? And did Heyburn's withdrawal as an attorney have anything to do with the present employment of his nephew, John P. Gray, of Wallace, as an attorney for the Cunningham claimants?

Ballinger's Many Clients.
"When Ballinger represented Cunningham, he represented all the Cunningham claims. Not only this, but the record is thick with the evidence of his employment by other Alaska coal claimants at different times. Under date of Dec. 23, 1908, a little over two months before he took office as secretary of the interior, Ballinger wrote to the register and receiver of the United States land office at Juneau, Alaska, saying that he represented W. G. Whort, whose entry was known as coal survey No. 315. On Jan. 7, 1909, less than sixty days before Ballinger became secretary of the interior, M. A. Green, who represents another Alaska coal syndicate, wrote to John W. Dudley, register of the Juneau, Alaska land office: 'I submitted this scrip to Judge Ballinger as my lawyer, and he has approved the same, saying it was regular in every way, so I bought it and paid for it, and am sending it forward to you at this time.'

"Under date of April 19, 1909—six weeks after Ballinger took the oath of office as secretary of the interior—Walter M. French, of the law firm of Allen & French, of Seattle, wrote John W. Dudley, register of the Juneau land office: 'Mr. Harriman, whom I represent, has on several occasions taken the matter of sale up with Judge Ballinger, whose firm represented the purchasers, and with Mr. Hartline, and the parties have at all times seemed to be in perfect accord.'

Mr. Taft's Letter.
"This disposes of the question of Ballinger's single employment by one claimant, so innocently stated by President Taft. Out of over a possible thousand lawyers in Seattle, Ballinger seems to have had a monopoly of syndicated Alaska coal clients. And who shall say that these clients were altogether lacking in sagacity?

"Immediately after the statement in the president's letter that Ballinger did only a little work for one claimant is this further statement: 'The evidence in respect to which you were consulted professionally was not secured by Mr. Glavis until after your resignation as commissioner of the general land office.' There is not even a 'shred of suspicion' upon which to base this statement. The president was cruelly imposed upon, and he in turn unwittingly deceived the public.

"The president also refers to the fact that Glavis was allowed to remain in charge of the claims, notwithstanding Ballinger was aware of his attitude as to their fraudulent character. As a matter of fact, the claims were not taken from Glavis, simply because it was feared he would do just what finally he did—go elsewhere for justice."

Sentenced to Death at Mob's Demand.
Whether the extraordinary circumstances of the trial and sentence to death at Williamstown, Ky., of a negro named Earl Thompson will make the proceeding legal, is a question in Kentucky.

A mob which had met Thompson at the train when he was brought from Lexington to answer a charge of criminal assault, virtually exacted a promise from Circuit Judge Cammack that he would sentence Thompson to hang within thirty days, and keep him meanwhile confined in the Williams-town jail.

Cammack delivered the pledge from the jail steps. Within the court house Thompson was tried and convicted while the mob overran the court chamber and a member of it lunged at the negro with a knife.

Thompson entered a strong plea of not guilty. Judge Cammack fixed his hanging for Jan. 7.

Negro Kills Two Women.
Sprawled hideously about the halls and rooms of their home in the heart of the residence section of Savannah, Ga., the mutilated bodies of Mrs. Ella Gribble, seventy years of age, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, were found by a patrolman, who had been attracted to the house by the moans of a third woman, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, who is at the point of death in the Savannah hospital. A bloody axe and the torn clothing of Mrs. Ohlander forms the theory of the police that it was for the purpose of criminal assault and of covering up his crime that the murderer used the weapon in such terrible fashion.

A negro who had been living for a day or two in an outhouse in the rear of the residence is missing, and though his trail is cold, blood hounds are at work, with scores of officers searching for bits of clues that may lead to his hiding place.

One hundred and fifty negro men, caught in the meshes of the police dragnet through Yamacraw, a negro section of the city, are prisoners in the police station, the theory of the police being that a negro man, having planned an assault upon Mrs. Ohlander, was compelled to commit the other crimes in order to escape.

Feeling is tense here, and an outbreak of serious character is not improbable. If the assailant-murderer is found his life would be almost certain to pay the forfeit in quick order for his crime.

Nine Frozen Bodies in Boat.
With her flag flying at half mast,

the state fisheries boat, the Commodore Perry, Captain Jerry Driscoll commanding, brought to Erie, Pa., the dead and frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer & Marquette ferry, which left Connetau, O. Tuesday, carrying thirty-two men, and that has probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

When the lookout on the Commodore Perry sighted the yawl orders were given to steam down upon the object. The use of glasses disclosed the boat to be loaded with nine men. As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half waterlogged yawl the men gathered at the side of the fishboat saw that they had arrived too late.

The nine occupants of the boat were frozen stiff. Taking the yawl in tow, the Perry made all steam for this port.

Police Stop Marathon Waltz.
After dancing continuously for 14 hours and 41 minutes, without nourishment, three of the fifty-three couples who started in a "Marathon" waltz contest at Butte, Mont., were stopped on the advice of physicians.

Six of the women contestants, at the end of several hours, were taken to a hospital. One was suffering from a ruptured blood vessel and another of muscular paralysis. All but three of the couples ceased waltzing before the police interfered. These women presented a fearful sight during the last hours of the dancing, with eyes bloodshot and bodies swaying. Their male companions were barely able to keep their feet.

Morse Granted a Stay.
New York, Dec. 11.—In the United States circuit court Judge Noyes granted a stay of ten days to Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, fact in the United States circuit court in New York Judge Noyes granted a stay of ten days to Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, now facing a term of fifteen years in the federal prison on conviction of misappropriation of national bank funds. The court referred counsel's motion for a new trial for Morse to Judge Hough, who originally tried the case.

Dog Mutilates Corpse.
When Mrs. Emma Scheuerman returned to her flat in New York she found her pet bull terrier, Buster, covered with blood and crouched whining under a table. Passing on to an adjoining room, she was horrified to find her brother, Carl Limperl, a clerk, forty-three years old, stretched dead on the floor, the face horribly mutilated by the dog's teeth. It is believed that Limperl, who was subject to apoplexy, fell unconscious and was attacked by the animal.

Haunted by His Victim.
Ralph Reedy, who in August killed Morris Bender, at Orwin, near Pottsville, Pa., crushing his skull with a stone and afterwards cutting his throat, and who is now serving twenty years, is going insane and will never live out his sentence.

He continually sees the face of his victim before him. His crime will bear upon him until his death, he being unable to sleep because he says he is haunted.

Girl Died For Love Unseen.
Leaving a note, which is accepted by her parents as a confession that she loved a man whom they declared she had never seen, Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, Md., committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

The man referred to in the letter lives in Harrisburg, Pa. They said their daughter, who was about twenty years of age, had known him only through a girl friend.

Girl Roots Wrong; Painted Red.
The state board of regents started an investigation into the hazing of Miss Mattie Taylor, a student of the Fairmont State Normal school, at Fairmont, W. Va., who was given an ice bath and painted red. It is alleged, because she rooted for the wrong football team recently.

Smultron.
Christmas will soon be here and we hope it may be a joyful one for all.

There are still a few houses for rent in this town while in Rebersburg Co. are seen to be a scarcity.

George Miller and family, of Flemington, have been spending some time as the guests of friends here.

W. F. Bair is installing a hot water apparatus in his house and has had Brungart, the plumber, do the work.

C. H. Bierly, who has been on the sick list during the last two or three weeks, we are glad to state, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Smull have furnished rooms in the house of Mr. Smull's mother, which he recently remodeled and which they expect to retain as their legal residence while traveling in the interest of Mr. Smull's health and business, which is good news to their friends here.

Elias Breen is handling a subscription for raising funds for a water trough for this town to take the place of the old one which is worn out. This should be appreciated and people should help the cause along, as many persons water at this place, and we are glad that he is meeting with good success, as all good thinking people and those interested in the affairs of the town are helping the matter along.

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