

SECY. BALLINGER MEANS BUSINESS

Prest. Taft Yields to His Demands
For an Investigation of Con-
troversy With Pinchot.

AFFECTS REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Leading Members in Congress Feel It
Is Time to Use Lancet on
Festering Sore.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft today yielded to the demands of both Secy. Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger this afternoon served upon the president virtually an ultimatum to the effect that such an investigation was indeed the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear that he was no longer willing to sit silent and wait for the thing to "blow over."

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted the disappointment of his hope that the country at large would accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of the charges brought against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, former special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides was inevitable.

PARTY AFFECTED.

Mr. Ballinger's attitude in this matter has the support of leading Republicans in both branches of Congress—senators and representatives—who feel that, entirely apart from the merits of the controversy itself, a festering sore of this character must poison the whole system of the party in power, and that it is high time to resort to the lancet.

These leaders, determined that a cleansing of this wound is necessary, have not hesitated to go to the White House and impress their views upon Mr. Taft. Conferences of a confidential character, in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of Congress and the president himself have participated, have been held in the last few days. They culminated today when Secy. Ballinger, Atty.-Gen. Wickersham and Postmaster-General Hitchcock met in Mr. Wickersham's office and proceeded thence to the White House, where the matter was laid before the president.

Mr. Ballinger told the president, it is said, that the situation had become intolerable to him, and that though the senate charges against him had come from irresponsible persons, he could no longer sit supinely by, and in justice to himself, he felt compelled to insist upon an investigation.

The president was given to understand that Mr. Ballinger's demand carried with it the endorsement of both Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Hitchcock. It is known tonight that he has the sympathy also of other members of the cabinet.

Tomorrow is cabinet day. There can be little doubt that this will be one of the important subjects of the meeting. Presumably this is one of the reasons, that the investigation, backed by the administration, will not be broached in Congress before the holiday recess.

Several things have served to bring the matter to a head. The speech of Representative Hitchcock, a Democrat of Nebraska, in the house a few days ago, demanding action upon his resolution providing for an investigation of the land office, was a factor. Mr. Ballinger, it is said, feared that this resolution might be laid upon the table by the Republican majority and that such action would be construed by his enemies as an effort on the part of the administration to "whitewash" him.

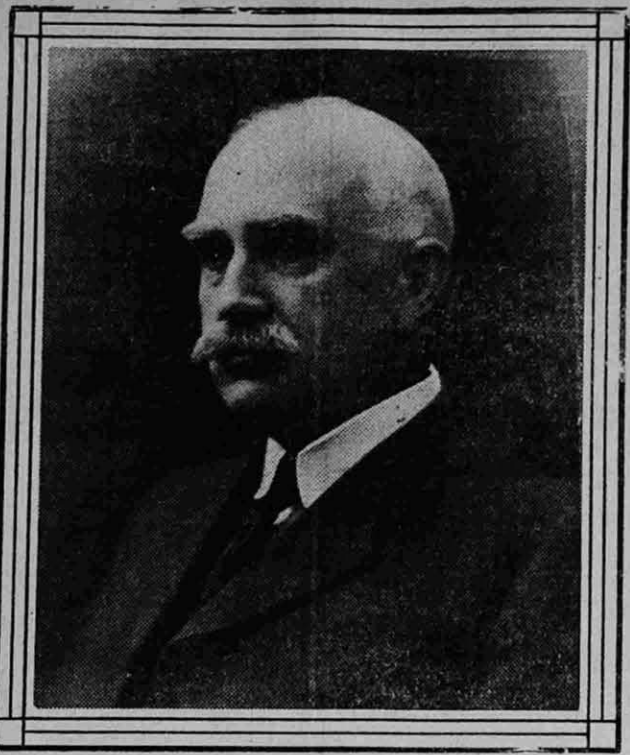
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a man who has recently left the government service, who has himself been an investigator of the department of justice and who is an expert on land laws, urging just such an ultimatum as Mr. Ballinger carried to the White House today. He impressed upon the secretary the conviction that the time had come when he must either demand an acquittal or retire to private life.

IMPORTANT ASPECTS.

Four important aspects of the situation are taken into consideration by party leaders:

First—The effect upon the future of the Republican party and of the Taft administration if attacks upon the integrity of a member of the president's official family may be made with impunity and allowed to pass unanswered, even unchallenged.

Secondly—The possibility of the controversy between adherents and opponents of Mr. Ballinger becoming so bitter as to endanger party legislation.

Third—The practical standstill of the whole policy of conservation of natural resources in the present conflict among those in whose hands lies the administration of that policy.

Fourth—The desire to do justice toward the cabinet officers whose personal and official integrity has been assailed.

So the decision has been reached to sift the entire matter to the bottom. It remains only to settle on the details of the program. All parties understand that the investigation must be of such character as to leave in the public mind not the slightest doubt of its thoroughness and impartiality.

Mr. Ballinger is impatient of delay and is said to have urged that a resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented in the senate tomorrow.

It is understood that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of determining the form of inquiry will be threshed out between now and the reconvening of Congress on Jan. 4.

This whole subject gives promise of heated discussion among members of both houses of Congress, and it is not unlikely that the investigation will at length be put in the hands of a joint special committee representing both.

Ordinarily an investigation of this character would fall to the committee on public lands in one house or the other. These committees are made up, however, largely of men from western states who have in one way or another taken sides in the controversy and whose interests might be regarded as possibly interfering with an unbiased judgment.

One thing appears certain—the investigation, wherever makes it—must be relentless and everybody seems agreed that it must be absolutely public; it is admitted that anything in the nature of "star chamber" proceedings would satisfy no one.

The entire department of the interior so far as it concerns public lands and mineral and water rights, it is agreed, must be bare to the searchlight; from the time when Mr. Ballinger was commissioner general of the land office under the Roosevelt administration, down to the present moment.

The position of Mr. Ballinger and his friends goes beyond any question of personal controversy and they and those who voice the attitude of the administration disavow any desire to "convict somebody else" as a means of vindicating the secretary of the in-

terior.
For instance, it is positively declared that the interests of the department of agriculture, and its forest service, of which Clifford Pinchot is chief, will be recognized as having an important stake in this business, since much of this unhappy controversy has concerned matters in which the forest service was more or less directly involved.

MONDELL DEFENDS BALLINGER'S POLICY

Washington, Dec. 20.—Scouting the idea that there is a water power trust and defending Secy. Ballinger against some of the adverse criticism of his administration of land laws, Representative Mondell of Wyoming spoke today in favor of the water power, particularly on the non-navigable streams.

He declared the federal government has no constitutional authority to exercise control over the waters of non-navigable streams for any purpose. The attempt to establish such federal control, he said, was an effort to take control from the people who now exercised it through the states and lodge it with the federal bureau.

Calling attention to the fact that Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Arizona and New Mexico contained half the available water power of the United States, he said the phantom of a water power monopoly in that region, which certain persons had attempted to conjure up, was indescribably grotesque and ridiculous.

Mr. Mondell spoke of the influence of certain "power" bureaus of the federal government in building up and fostering "superficial" public sentiment. He referred to what he termed the loose talk about "giving away power of incalculable value," "squandering the water power of the public domain," etc.

After Representative Mondell's address Chairman Mann of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, defended his bill on federal control of water and power sites against what he termed was "unwarranted construction of its language by Mr. Mondell."

A colloquy ensued between the two, in which Mr. Mann exhibited considerable impatience and finally exclaimed:

"Anybody on earth excepting the gentleman from Wyoming can see the meaning of my bill. The trouble is that he is so wrought up over this subject that the action of any member from east of the Rocky mountains in introducing a bill having a bearing on it is like waving a red flag at a bull."

SENATOR SMOOT ON DOMESTIC SCIENCE

(Special to The News.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Senator Smoot has returned from Philadelphia. On Saturday evening he attended the banquet of the New Jersey society of Pennsylvania when he responded to the toast "Domestic Science Courses in our Colleges." The senator outlined his plan for federal aid for such courses and his address is said to have been cordially received.

BROKAW'S BUTLER TOLD HIS STORY

He Related How He Had Served
The Wife With Cocktails in
All Sorts of Shapes.

ALSO DECLARED SHE SMOKED

Justice Gildersleeve Testified as to
Happy Relations Between Hus-
band and Wife.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cocktails and cigarettes, which have figured prominently in the suit of separation brought by Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw against her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, again assumed importance today in the trial at Mineola, L. I.

Sidney Woods, the Brokaw butler, testified for the defense that he had served cocktails to Mrs. Brokaw in a teacup, in tumblers, in a snaker, when she was up and dressed, and when she was in bed. He was positive that he had seen Mrs. Brokaw puffing cigarettes and that he had served her with them in her room. During her butler's testimony, Mrs. Brokaw, who in her own testimony would only own to an experience of four cocktails and an occasional cigarette, sat open mouthed.

"I carried a cocktail to Mrs. Brokaw in the sun parlor," continued the butler "and she mentioned to me that she had discharged her nurse, Miss See. I told her that Miss See had asked me for liniment to apply to bruises which she said had been caused by kicks and lashings from a whip."

"Was the name of the person mentioned," asked counsel, "who applied the whip? Or did the kicking?"

"Mrs. Brokaw knew who did it," replied the butler.

"Was anything said to indicate that she had knowledge of the cuts on Miss See's limbs?"

"Mrs. Brokaw was very cross and nobody asked her."

Justice Henry H. Gildersleeve, a friend of Mr. Brokaw, testified that he had spent some time at High Point, N. C., the Brokaw winter country home, and had always found the husband kind and affectionate toward his wife.

Quarrels with her husband, which Mrs. Brokaw said were brought about by Mr. Brokaw's unreasonable jealousy and ill temper, have been asserted by guests of the Brokaws at High Point, N. C., and elsewhere, to have been trivial for the most part, and as much the fault of Mrs. Brokaw as of her husband.

Mrs. Brokaw's constantly reiterated tales of trouble so annoyed Mrs. H. B. Gilbert, Mrs. Brokaw's sister, that Mr. Gilbert forbade her coming to their home. Mrs. Gilbert testified. These tales, in their inception, at least, were imaginary, largely, Mr. Gilbert thought, by guests of the Brokaws at High Point, N. C., and elsewhere, to have been trivial for the most part, and as much the fault of Mrs. Brokaw as of her husband.

Asked if Mrs. Brokaw had not asked his protection, the witness did not remember the incident, nor did he recall Mrs. Brokaw's sending her maid home for her personal belongings.

Mr. Brokaw was excited, "very excited," that night, Mr. Gilbert remembered. Mr. Brokaw might have been drinking and certainly was very much fatigued. He thought Mr. Brokaw might have been laboring under what the cross-examiner finally defined for him, after a close analysis of his views, as "trivial exasperation."

He did not think it strange that Mrs. Brokaw should have come to his home that night when she had a husband of her own. She did not know her husband was at the Gilbert house when she came there, he testified said.

Atty. Balcin wanted to know if Mr. Brokaw had not made Mr. Gilbert and his wife the medium through which to obtain information about Mrs. Brokaw.

Mr. Brokaw was a "highly solicitous man," Mr. Gilbert admitted, and would not state positively that Mr. Brokaw had never wired the witness to find if Mrs. Brokaw had gone "to town."

CHINESE EDITOR INDICTED AND ARRESTED

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Tong King Chong, editor and publisher of the Chinese Free Press, secretary of the Chinese society of Free Masons, the most powerful organization of Chinese in this country, and right-hand man of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, a revolutionist for whose capture the Pekin government is said to have a standing offer of \$5,000, was arrested today on an indictment charging him with murder in connection with the feud between the Yee family and On Yick tong. He had been hiding for two months, evading every effort of the police to find him, but was located today in a house in the residential portion of the city and removed to the city prison.

The fight between the Yees and On Yicks arose over the elopement of Bow Gue, an On Yick slave girl, with a Yee family man. Eight murders have been committed and business in the Chinese quarter has suffered greatly since the first of November, because of the reign of terror brought on by the warring factions.

The Six Companies and commercial organizations of the quarter have repeatedly summoned the leaders of the two parties into council in the effort to bring about a truce, but neither side would yield. The Chinese merchants finally appealed to their minister as he passed through this city en route to Washington and they received a telegram yesterday asking for details of the war and its cause, which is thought to indicate that the Chinese government will take a hand in suppressing the feud.

Chong is among the most prominent Chinese in the country. He is the actual head of the Free Mason lodge, which numbers 50 per cent of the Chinese of the United States on its rolls, and is advanced in his ideas, believing that western civilization should enter China.

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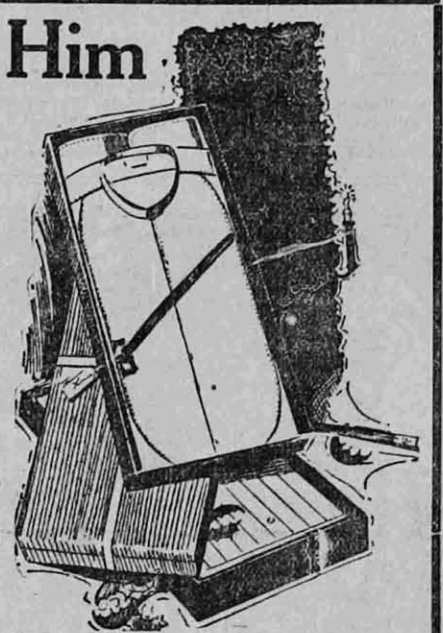
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