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FRIDAY MAY 24 1907 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH
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IMMENSE LAND SWINDLING SCHEME HELLO GIRLS WIN A BOISE

Amazing Revelations of Conspiracy to Defraud United States of Millions.
Operators of Independent Telephone Company Receive an Increase in Pay.

PROMINENT MEN INVOLVED.
Among Them Are U. S. Senator, Ex-U. S. Senator, One of Wealthiest Men in World, and Others.

Frauds Have Been Under Investigation by Secret Agents of Interior Department for Some Years.

Chicago, May 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: Amazing revelations of a conspiracy to defraud the United States of millions of dollars' worth of mineral and timber lands will be laid before the grand jury of half a dozen states within a few days.

The frauds, it is alleged, will involve in criminal charges the names of men high in business and political circles. They include:

One United States senator, one former United States senator, a man reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world, a railroad man known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, two of the wealthiest timber barons in the United States, numerous smaller fry, including railroad officials, coal operators and men at the head of fuel companies.

These men, whose names for obvious reasons cannot be made public before the grand jury acts, it is declared here, will surely be indicted by the evidence which is now in the hands of the United States district attorneys in half a dozen western cities.

The frauds, it was declared yesterday in an official quarter, extend into a number of states, including California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Many of the witnesses in these frauds were obtained by Detective Burns, who is engaged in the municipal graft prosecution in San Francisco, and by Frank H. Hony, who is prosecuting the same San Francisco grafters. Upon the conclusion of their work in San Francisco, Atty. Hony and Detective Burns are expected to return to the frauds.

The frauds have been under investigation by the secret agents of the interior department for more than three years. These secret agents have unearthed startling evidence, showing that the public domain has literally been looted by corporations who have been protected and aided in their operations by United States senators and federal officials.

Most of the lands acquired by the so-called conspirators were timber tracts in the west, of which hundreds of thousands of acres have been taken from the public domain.

In some instances the services of "dummy" companies were utilized for the purpose. In others the title was obtained through the use of lieu land scrip.

Obtaining the conviction of the men said to be involved, the government expects to regain possession of large areas of forest land, some of which have been in the hands of lumber operators for many years. Much of the land, it is understood, has not yet been cut over.

It is admitted by certain officials that in a number of instances the offenders will be immune from criminal prosecution owing to the fact that the statute of limitation will apply, but in all such cases the title to the land will revert to the government.

ARMAMENTS.
Lake Mohonk Conference Very Lethal to Touch Question of Limitations.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 24.—When the conference on international arbitration assembled today there was expectation of a discussion of the adoption of a platform. It was understood that the business committee, headed by Dr. Samuel J. Barrows of New York, had decided to omit from its report on platform any reference to limitation of armament. The committee desired to confine the recommendations to the subjects of peace and disarmament, and to leave the question of affirmative action to more immediately hopeful. There was, however, a considerable sentiment in the conference in favor of a limitation plank and it appeared likely that such a declaration would be offered from the floor as an amendment.

The representatives of the business men's organizations in attendance had already recommended a plank for restriction of armaments and if possible, their reduction by compulsory international action. It is the time honored policy of Lake Mohonk conference, however, which discussion is free and unlimited, and to bring nothing into the formal platform on which there is not substantial unanimity of opinion.

In an address defining Mexico's attitude toward arbitration, Anrique Creel, Mexico's ambassador, said that country has always upheld the principle of arbitration, but that Mexico does not believe the time is ripe for unrestricted arbitration. He spoke for the Drago doctrine.

A Bolivian minister to the United States expressed the hope that the great powers will end the "disgraceful practice" of collecting debts by force.

Former Asst. Secy. of State Francis C. Loomis delivered an address in advocacy of the Pan-American railroad to connect New York and Buenos Ayres.

PUBLIC LANDS WITHDRAWN FROM ANY DISPOSITION.

(Special to the "News.")
Washington, D. C., May 24.—The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from any disposition whatever under public land clause the following lands for use in connection with Strawberry valley irrigation project in Utah: sections 15, 16, 20, 21 and 27 of township 3 south, range 11 west, all of sections 1 to 24 and 27 to 34 inclusive; sections 2 to 10, 15 to 27 and 32, inclusive; township 2 south, range 12 west, all of sections 1, 2, 3, 10 to 15, 20 to 27, and 34 to 36, inclusive; township 2 south, range 12 west, all of sections 1, 2, 12.

Heavy Rains Are General All over Utah.

St. George, the Only City as Yet Unvisited by the Storm—In Salt Lake City 1.50 Inches of Moisture Had Fallen by Noon, But the Promise is For Clear Skies and Frost Tonight.

The city was visited by a down-pour of rain last night, which began shortly after 9 o'clock, and continued with varying intensity until this afternoon, with a slight increase for the fall after that hour. The air was chilly and raw in the valley, and quite cold in the mountains where the fall of snow was considerable. The cold there checked the melting of the snows on the City creek watershed so that the size of the stream running through this city was not increased, but remains today, no higher than it was two days ago. The ground has become thoroughly soaked, and so much fell that had it fallen in less than that amount would have been done.

As it was, considerable sand and gravel washed down the north bench onto the tracks of the Sixth, Third and First avenue lines, and also onto the South Temple street. Cars were derailed and bunched up several times on these lines, and the Center street tracks suffered similarly. Gangs of men were, however, sent out who shoveled out the switches and cleared the tracks. Sand in a switch derailed a car last evening, west of Jordan bridge, where some of the men were necessary to replace the car on the rails. Trenches about town were filled with water. South State street below Fourth South became a lake at an early hour, and on the south side where the water runs from the upper part of the town, the water collected in the gutters, and at present time of writing, the skies are threatening a further downpour. But the local weather office reports that tonight will be clear and frosty, with tomorrow fair and warmer. According to local government advisers, the storm was mostly local, but telephone reports from over the state would indicate it was quite general.

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