

PINCHOT CHARGED WITH BAD FAITH

Scandal Promised by California Delegation Which Makes Allegations.

SAY BOOKS WERE "DOCTORED"

When Chief Forester Made Trips, House Members Say, He Entered False Items In Accounts.

Washington, March 30.—Charges of a serious nature against Gifford Pinchot, chief of forestry bureau, were made in the house today by Messrs Smith (Cal.) and Mondell (Wyo.) during consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. Mr. Smith accused him of entering into a secret understanding with the city of Los Angeles with the view to securing to the city valuable water rights in the Owens River valley as against the interests of private parties having prior claims. Mr. Mondell denounced him for, as he charged, illegally paying the expenses of forest officials in attending conventions in the west in which the government had no part and also of spending government money to boost his bureau in the newspapers. Mr. Pinchot was defended by Mr. Pollard (Neb.) and Mr. Scott (Kan.).

CHARGE AGAINST PINCHOT.
Mr. Smith (Cal.) denounced the forestry service for attempting to acquire the Owens River valley in California. "If," he said, "I should state to the house the ultimate purpose, the house would be shocked. In many ways," he said, "the service is doing a great good, but it is working some outrages upon certain interests in the western part of the country."
He was referring, he said, to the manipulation of the water rights under the laws of California. He openly charged that Mr. Pinchot, the chief forester, was trying to secure the water rights for the use of certain persons against others which had made earlier application of the water. There was not, he insisted, a single element of forestry in the proposition, and it would be a sin to give the water service the great privilege it sought.

Pressed by Mr. Weeks (Mass.) to explain more in detail "this serious charge" against Mr. Pinchot, Mr. Smith said that the party he referred to as desiring to obtain the water monopoly was the city of Los Angeles. He insisted that the city did not desire the water; "it had not claimed the water; it had not asserted any intention of using the water for municipal purposes." "The city," he said, "had a perfect system and simply desired to sweep in all the water there and carry it out of the valley 250 miles, through 20 miles of mountain tunnels, for the irrigation of land adjacent to Los Angeles."

IN PINCHOT'S BEHALF.
While the debate was going on, Mr. Pollard (Neb.) went to the telephone and had a talk with Mr. Pinchot. When he came back into the chamber, he declared that Mr. Pinchot had said that the entire California delegation, including Mr. Smith, had gone to the department "and requested and demanded that this reserve be created for the purpose of furnishing a water supply to Los Angeles," and that the city was entirely dependent on this supply.

"Now," he charged, "Mr. Smith comes here and tries to show that the department is trying to create a monopoly." The policy of the department, Mr. Pollard declared, was to prevent monopolies rather than to create them. Mr. Smith denied that Mr. Pinchot's statement was true. He asked the house to call on his colleagues to bear him out.

"I never did," said Mr. Kahn.
"I didn't," said Mr. Nowland.
"Nor did I," remarked Mr. Needham.
"Nor I," added Mr. Engelbright.
Mr. Smith said he would hunt up the rest of the delegation and get them also to rise and deny Mr. Pinchot's statement.

On objection by Mr. Mondell the clause authorizing the secretary of agriculture to advise and assist owners of "lands within and adjacent to the national forests in the proper care of the same" was stricken out.

NO TREES IN FORESTS.
That vast tracts of timbered land have been included in forest reserves was the charge of Mr. Smith (Ariz.), who criticized such action. And this was admitted by Mr. Scott (Kan.), but he said the forestry bureau had given prompt attention to petitions in protests and had released over 12,000,000 acres of lands so included.

The explanation was not satisfactory to Mr. Mondell, who charged that it had been the rule for the forestry bureau to secure "rather extraordinary opinions" from the attorney general. He insisted that if the president had authority to create a reserve, he had authority to divide one.

Mr. Smith (Cal.) again got the floor and, speaking of the recommendation of the president, the forestry bureau should be taxed, denounced him for it.

"The federal government," he declared, "ought to be ashamed of itself if it undertakes to extort a tax by way of a right of way over a piece of land that is not worth one dollar an acre."

SOME STRICKEN OUT.
On points of order the following provisions were stricken out:
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culture to divide and designate for administration public land reserves for national forests, making irrevocable for 50 years permits for power plants within national forests; authorizing the secretary of agriculture to accept lands for forest purposes or to exchange lands for "swampage" in the national forests; covering into the treasury "a creating a special fund for the administration, protection and improvement of the forest service; all monies received as contributions toward cooperative work; authorizing advances of money to chiefs of field parties for fighting forest fires."

Mr. Burleson (Texas) made a plea for an investigation of the best means of preventing the ravages of the mistletoe, and doing so he brought down upon himself a lot of good natured gibes. The amendment was lost, 38 to 42.

AFTER PINCHOT AGAIN.
More criticism of Mr. Pinchot was indulged in when Mr. Mondell offered an amendment providing that the money for transportation or travel expenses of forest officers or agents shall on business directly connected with the forest service. Mr. Mondell charged that such officers and agents last year had attended a convention in Denver, with which the government had nothing to do, and that their expenses had been paid out of the federal treasury.

He knew, he said, that it was not safe to attack the forestry bureau because of the influence it had over the country every time they presume even to suggest that this service is not entirely free from criticism.

FALSE BOOK ENTRIES.

Mr. Scott protested that Mr. Mondell was mistaken in saying government money had been improperly used, but in reply Mr. Mondell suggested that there had been false entries in the forestry office books in order to cover up the expenditures.

The amendment was adopted, and its author served to make Mr. Mondell more aggressive. He followed up his success and attacked the bureau's publicity department and offered an amendment prohibiting the use of any part of the appropriation to pay for any newspaper or magazine articles advertising the bureau's work.

Mr. Scott again sprang to the defense of Mr. Pinchot and read a letter from him that it was necessary to convert scientific knowledge into common knowledge, and that the periodical press was the best means of distributing the information to the people.

ONE WON AND ONE LOST.

The subject was discussed for some time when Mr. Mondell insisted that he was not opposing the distribution of the information when given out in a proper way. His amendment did not, he declared, reach those news items bearing the statement that the news emanated from the forestry bureau.

The amendment was adopted, and the chair overruled a point of order against another amendment by Mr. Mondell providing that no part of the appropriation shall be used "for the administration of any lands in a national forest in a township in which less than 50 per cent of the land is public land and less than one-fourth of the public land is timbered."

Followed by a brief discussion the amendment was lost.

CANNON LOSES TEMPER.

Mr. Williams (Mississippi), the minority leader, opposed a motion by Mr. Scott to lay the bill aside, and forced a vote by yeas. The motion carried, 57 to 45.

Mr. Williams filibustered a vote on a motion to adjourn. By a vote of 65 to 35 the chair overruled a point of order to adjourn, but the Democrats, under Mr. Williams' leadership, forced a roll call on the question, thereby making good his threat of last week to require such a call on every affirmative vote until certain legislation is enacted.

While the roll was being called members poured into the chamber in such numbers that it soon took an opening day appearance.

Speaker Cannon clearly displayed anger when Democrats rose in sufficient numbers to order the call. He brought down his gavel with such force that it flew from his hand, and he threw himself back in his chair to await the conclusion of the tedious procedure.

The vote resulted: Yeas, 104; nays, 88. The house accordingly adjourned at 1:34 p. m.

WITHDRAWS FILES FROM THE SENATE

Senator Foraker Unburdens Record of Reflections on High Officers.

Washington, March 30.—Senator Foraker obtained leave to withdraw from the senate files a paper introduced by him on Wednesday last and printed as a public document, and the order carried with it the suppression of all the printed copies of the paper. His introduction of the paper last week and the withdrawal today contained no intimation of the sensational character of the document, which still would be unknown had it not been for the fact that several copies had been given out before it was suppressed.

The paper was prepared by Henry W. Elliott of Lakewood, Colo., and purporting to be "the official record of the loss and ruin of the fur seal herd of Alaska." It was written in chronological order, beginning about 1783, and continuing to the present time. It was written in long hand, closely written and difficult to read. Prof. Elliott had submitted records of pelagic sealing several times, and always been printed as public documents. Therefore when Senator Foraker was asked to have the alleged "official record" printed, he made the request in the usual form, and did not take the trouble to read it. Today he made apologies to Vice President Fairbanks and several senators.

REFLECTS ON OFFICERS.

It was not until the paper came out in printed form today that its character became known. It was found to reflect upon the integrity of the presiding officers of the senate and upon members of the senate and house and other government officials.

Passing over 30 years of the "official records," Prof. Elliott dealt with the work of the Anglo-American high commission in connection with the sealing question and told of an argument made by Mr. Fairbanks in opposition to a sealing bill before the senate committee on foreign relations in 1902-1903, when he was a member of the committee. This paragraph is taken from the bill in the house: "But on Feb. 17, in the senate foreign relations committee, Senator Fairbanks declared that the bill was not needed; that the fur seal question has been acted to by the joint committee and only awaits the formal publication when the committee reports; he assured the committee that the reconvention of the commission is to take place soon after March 4, 1903."

Comment of Senator Fairbanks was an untruth in every respect—a square and wholesale fabrication on his part, to defeat the pending bill. Under the circumstances, Mr. Fairbanks could not dispute his false report; therefore they took no action on this bill, at his request.

JOHN HAY DRAGGED IN.

The "official record" refers in a disparaging manner to the part taken by the late Secretary of State John Hay in regard to the sealing question, and charges that legislation was "illegitimately" passed by the land and sea butchers of the fur seal herd, who had suborned certain senators, congressmen and department officials.

It refers also to the "extended trip of inspection over Alaska" made by Senators Dillingham, Nelson, Burnham and Patterson, and mentions that no legislation was accomplished. "By the land and sea butchers of the fur seal herd," it says, "the fact that Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon had done 'absolutely nothing,' although fully informed that a plan of mutual concession and joint control of United States and Canada could be 'successfully negotiated in six weeks time.' The long record closes as follows:

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HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

John E. Redmond Secures Favorable Vote on His Resolution.

London, March 30.—The house of commons tonight, after a lengthy debate on the question of home rule for Ireland, adopted by vote 213 to 157 a resolution moved by John E. Redmond, the

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It was known beforehand that the debate could have but an academic interest because the government had already pledged that there would be no deal in the matter of home rule until it had been given a mandate at the general election. But the debate was made notable by the strong declaration of Chancellor Asquith, which was all the weightier because made at the moment Mr. Asquith is actually assuming the premiership.

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FAVORED IN COMMITTEE

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The full committee was addressed on the subject today by former United States Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada, who favored the creation of such a bureau in the interior department rather than in the department of commerce and labor, because of the natural and necessary connection it would have with the geological survey.

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Another charge pending against Horne, that of assault with intent to kill O. D. Woodward, a theatrical manager, and president of the Post company, was dismissed.

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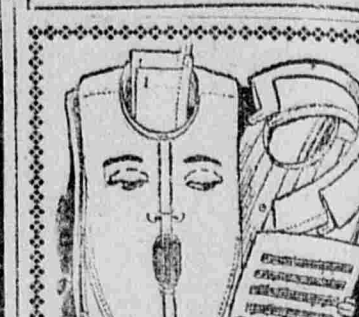
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