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SECRETARY BALLINGER GETS A CLEAN BILL

As President Taft acknowledges Senator Aldrich to be the republican leader and a fit counsellor for the American people, so he gives a clean bill to Secretary of the Interior Ballinger. The following Associated Press dispatch tells the story:

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 15 .- A statement in which President Taft announces his findings upon the charges against the conduct of the interior department of the government by L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office in connection with the Cunningham coal claims in Alaska; exonerating Secretary Ballinger of the interior department and observing that Mr. Glavis' case embraced only "shreds" of suspicion, without substantial evidence, was made public here tonight.

The president grants Secretary Ballinger's request for authority to dismiss Mr. Glavis from the service of the government, "for unjustly impeaching the official testimony of his superior officer," and takes occasion to review evidence in the so-called "water power" trust and to refute the charges that the secretary of the interior is out of sympathy with the policy of the administration in favor of the conservation of national resources.

The statement, which is in the form of a letter to Scretary Ballinger, written before President Taft left his summer home at Beverly, Mass., is in part as follows:

"My Dear Sir: On the 18th day of August last, Mr. L. B. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., called on me here and submitted a statement, or report, relating to the conduct of the interior department, and particularly to the action of yourself, Assistant Secretary Pierce, Commissioner of the General Land Office Dennet, and Chief of the Field Service Schwartz, in reference to the thority to discharge Mr. Glavis from report does not formulate his charges making a false charge against them. against you and the others, but by by direct averment, he does charge officer, had taken steps to aid the Cunningham claim and to secure patents based on claims that you know or have reason to believe fraudulent and unlawful. The report is voluminous and contains exhibits of telegrams, letters and public documents I directed to be copied and sent to you and every public officer involved. You and each of the gentlemen named have each made written answers to the statements of Mr. Glavis and accompanied them by additional exhibits taken from the records of the interior department as well as by private letters.

"I have examined the whole record possible for me, in announcing this tegrity of his superior officers." conclusion, to accompany it with a review of the charges and the evi- length charges made through the dence on both sides. It is sufficient press and at the irrigation convento say that the case attempted to be tion, held at Spokane that the secremade by Mr. Glavis embraces only tary is out of sympathy with the shreds of suspicions without any sub- administration and with that of forstantial evidence to sustain his at-

illegal character of the claims in the secretary a cruel injustice, and con-Cunningham group, and that he was cludes: seeking to defeat the claims. But it Mr. Glavis, seems to have taken, sources."

Mr. Glavis seeks by quoting from a single telegram in the department to show that at one time the department wished to delay him in his investigations of the Alaska claims, and at another time unduly to hurry him, and he attempts to prove these two circumstances by citing telegrams and correspondence without disclosing other circumstances and correspondence which he knew or had under his control, and which do show an entirely proper reason for the action which in each case was directed to be taken.

"In other words, the reading of the whole record leaves no doubt that in his zeal to convict yourself, Acting Secretary Pierce, Commissioner Dennett and Mr. Schwartz, he did not give me the benefit of information which he had which might have thrown light on the transactions, showing them to be consistent with an impartial attitude on your part toward the claims in question.'

President Taft then reviews the charges made by Glavis that Secretary Ballinger, during the time he was practicing law in Seattle, after his resignation as commissioner of the general land office, and before his appointment to his present cabinet office, accepted the active service with the Cunningham coal claimants as counsel and used information secured as a public official in the interest of his clients. The president declares that the records show that Secretary Ballinger was not possessed of such information and that since his appointment he has "studiously declined to have any connection whatever with the Cunningham claims or to exercise any control over the course of the department in respect to those claims; that you have said so in written and verbal communications to your subordinates, and to the claimants themselves. Moreover, in May last, you came to me and made a similar statement of your course and intention in respect to those claims."

The letter continues:

"In your answer you request auso-called Cunningham group of coal- the service of the United States for land claims in Alaska. Mr. Glavis' disloyalty to his superior officers in

"When a subordinate in a governinsinuation and inuendo, as well as ment bureau or department has trustworthy evidence upon which to that each one of you, while a public believe that his chief is dishonest, and is defrauding the government, it is, of course, his duty to submit that evidence to higher authority than his chief. But when he makes a charge against his chief founded upon mere suspicions and in his statement he fails to give his chief the benefit of the circumstances within his knowledge, that would explain the chief's action as on proper grounds, he makes it impossible to continue in the service of the government and his immediate separation from it therefore becomes a necessity. You are therefore authorized to dismiss L. R. Glavis from the service of the government for son, is a person who doubts anything most carefully and have reached a filing a disingenious statement, un- you are sure of."-Philadelphia very definite conclusion. It is im- justly impeaching the official in- Record.

The president then reviews at mer President Roosevelt in the conservation of national resources, and "The whole record shows that Mr. declares the persons making and cir-Glavis was honestly convinced of the culating the charges have done the

"From my conference with you also shows that there was delay on and from everything I know in rehis part in preparing the evidence spect to the conduct of your departwith which to bring this with other ment, I am able to say that you are claims to hearing, and that justice to fully in sympathy with the attitude the claimants required more speedy of this administration and in favor action than the department, through of the conservation of national re-

THE GOSPEL OF LABOR

But I think the king of that country comes out from his tireless host, And walks in this world of the weary, as if he loved it the most; For here in the dusty confusion, with eyes that are heavy and dim,

He meets again the laboring men who are looking and longing for

He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings them a blessing instead: Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus partakes of their bread.

He puts his hand to their burdens; he enters their homes at night: Who does his best shall have as a guest the Master of life and light.

And courage will come with his presence, and patience returns at his touch.

And manifold sins be forgiven to those who love him much; And the cries of envy and anger will

change to the songs of cheer For the toiling age will forget its rage when the Prince of Peace draws near.

This is the gospel of labor-ring it; ye bells of the kirk-

The Lord of Love came down from above to live with the men who work.

This is the rose that he planted here in the thorn-cursed soil-

Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil. -Henry Van Dyke, in National Monthly.

MR. BAILEY'S RETORT

A Topeka man, old enough to know better, but who doesn't "give a whoop," so far as that is concerned, tells us that he wrote the following letter to Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, after reading in the Capital about his speech and vote against free iron ore:

"Dear Sir: I write this to inform you that I consider you a humbug.' Not many days after, the Topeka

man says, he got his letter back with the following added in the handwriting of Senator Bailey:

"Dear Sir: I write this to inform you that I consider you a fool."

The Topeka man chuckles over this correspondence, all on one sheet, which he cherishes as a valued historic souvenir to be handed down to his posterity.-Topeka Capital.

LINE BUSY

"No," drawled the mayor of the far western settlement, "the boys had some money tide up in that thar bankrupt telephone company, an' they just didn't like the way the receiver was handling the business." "Didn't eh?" commended the tourist. "Well what did they do about it?"

"Oh, they just hung up the receiver."-Chicago News.

A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION

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