

HITCHCOCK MAKES REPORT

Secretary of Interior Tolls of Affairs in His Department. WORK IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY

Investigations of Land Frauds Are in Progress, Including Alleged Turbulence and Irregularities in Nebraska Last Summer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—In his annual report to the president, E. A. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, says, in part:

The volume of public business requiring consideration has increased during the past year, but through the earnest and commendable interest in the service manifested by the officers employed, the work has been expeditiously dispatched. In some of the branches of the service, however, additions to the force will be required to the proper handling of the work, and the required accretions will be brought to the attention of congress through the channels prescribed by law.

Sale of Lands Successful. The method adopted last year of soliciting bids for the sale of lands and the purchase of timber thereon instead of disposing of the same by public auction, was employed with creditable results in the sale of the sale of timber in the Chippewa ceded lands in Minnesota...

Leasing of Indian Land. In the Indian service ten agencies were abolished during the year, and the work of those agencies devolved upon bonded superintendents of Indian training schools. The policy of requiring able-bodied Indians to labor for their own support has been adhered to in proving more and more beneficial, both to the Indians and the service.

Investigation of Land Frauds. The record of the land department for the past year one of the most accomplished. The ring of conspirators on the coast has been completely broken up, and its predatory raids on the public domain stopped. The offenders indicted and apprehended and brought before the courts for trial.

Other investigations of alleged violations of the public land laws in that section and elsewhere are being rapidly and vigorously pushed, and it is believed that they will soon be in shape to present to the federal grand jury. Having jurisdiction of the offense alleged, that the offenders will be speedily brought to justice.

Charges were made and freely circulated by the opponents of the administration to the effect that the investigation of the frauds by the interior department is not being seriously and diligently conducted; that criminal prosecutions connected with the investigation are not being pressed with such vigor as to manifest a determination to bring the guilty parties to speedy justice; and that an air of secrecy pervades the department, manifestly to the disadvantage of the progress and prompt conclusion of the work.

These charges are utterly without foundation in fact. The investigation has been in the hands of competent officers of the department from the beginning, and has been conducted, under the direction of the secretary of the interior, with the greatest possible speed consistent with thoroughness; the prosecutions, where indictments have been found, have proceeded as vigorously as possible, and at no time has there been any attempt to deprive the public of the fruits of the investigation or of the progress or status of such prosecutions.

The leading splits in the fraudulent treatment of the public lands are mostly men who have occupied positions of influence and high standing, both socially and politically, in many of the states. They are large wealth, they have thrown many difficulties in the way of the investigation, time, patience, constant effort, day and night, and courage on the part of those having charge of the investigation to overcome.

They have diligently sought in search and out of season, to frustrate the progress of the investigation and to control its results, and to have the results of the investigation have been successfully met and overcome.

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and the tactics resorted to by the parties criminally involved and by their friends have been circumvented and defeated at all points.

The commissioner of the General Land Office, for reasons stated in his report, recommends the passage of bills pending before congress, as follows:

A bill to provide for the entry of agricultural lands within forest reserves. H. R. 13,621.

A bill to control grazing in forest reserves. H. R. 8,480.

A bill for the protection of the public forest reserves and national parks of the United States. H. R. 12,986.

A bill to regulate the use of forest-reserve timber. H. R. 12,986.

A bill to provide for the sale of the timber and other material growing or being on public forest reserves and for renting or leasing of the lands thereon. H. R. 7,338.

A bill for the protection of wild animals, birds, and fish in the forest reserves of the United States. H. R. 8,132.

A bill to set apart certain lands in the territory of New Mexico as a public park. H. R. 10,221.

A bill for the purpose of preserving the prehistoric caves and ruins and other works and relics therein. H. R. 7,232.

A bill creating the Colorado Cliff Dwellings national park. H. R. 7,232.

LIBRARIAN MAKES REPORT

Too Many Copyrighted Articles Are on File in the Library. WOULD RETURN THEM TO THE HOLDERS

Some Plan Must Be Devised to Dispose of Collection of Papers Useless to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—According to the annual report of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, transmitted to both houses of congress today, the total number of printed books and pamphlets in the library is 1,173,731, a gain of 78,791 for the last fiscal year.

The gain during the year was 44,348 new pensioners and 3,128 restorations and renewals, a total of 47,476; of this number 28 were deaths of former pensioners in congress. The losses to the roll during the year were 12,464, a net loss of 18,912.

There is elaborate discussion of the methods of disposing of copyright articles that are not available for the library and the librarian urges that a means be found for the disposal of such articles as to be retained in the building used as a library.

Mr. Putnam suggests several alternative methods of disposing of these publications, but he makes no recommendation, and presents report. The alternatives suggested are:

1. The destruction, after credit given of articles useless for the library.

2. The return to the holder of the copyright of such articles already accumulated and systematic returns hereafter to the appropriate authority.

3. The sale of such articles as to be retained in the building used as a library.

4. The deposit of such articles in a collection under the care of the national library.

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TEN RIDERS QUIT THE TRACK

Five Teams Object to Rule Made in Six-Day Bicycle Race.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—An angry because they believed the race was being unfairly conducted and because methods which they alleged to be wrong, allowed others riders to take a lap upon the teams in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, including some of the best riders competing in the event, quit the race today.

The five teams which quit were Walthour and Monroe, Bedell brothers, Mayo and Root, and the National Cycling association. They are protesting against the rule which they made with the management.

He concluded: "You can go back on the track or not. Take your choice."

When Manager Pollock ordered the ten riders to quit, the ten riders quit, and the police reserves were summoned. The excitement was over when they arrived. It was reported that Nat Butler, one of the riders, had been assaulted and beaten by five of the National Cycling association's supporters.

After a conference between President Batchelder of the National Cycling association and R. S. Keley, chairman of the board of control of the association, Walthour and the nine other riders who withdrew from the race were indefinitely suspended.

Root and Dorian gained their lap honestly. I have no ground of complaint against them, and none of us have. I am entirely against the unjust scoring of Stol and Vanderstuyft that we are fighting.

Denial was made by the management this afternoon that there had been any error in the scorer's box, as claimed by the riders who left the track.

Harry Pollock presented on the track late in the afternoon with Nat Butler and asked that the story be denied that Butler had been assaulted. The rider bore no marks.

Only Two Favorites Win at New Orleans—Talent Fares Badly.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Lord of the Valley, who was run up to his eye after his race and sold to W. M. Walker, and Excelsior were the only winners in the morning.

First race, five furlongs: Lord of the Valley won, Belle of Portland second, Trilium third. Time, 1:05 1/2.

Second race, mile and three-sixteenths: Exton won, Dasher second, Merry Acadie third. Time, 1:42 1/2.

CRESCENT CASE IS REOPENED

Trotting Board of Appeals Will Hear Evidence at Chicago Today.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The board of appeals of the American Trotting association today began hearing evidence in a long list of cases which have been brought before it.

Only verbal testimony was heard, all affidavits and written statements being placed on file. These affidavits will be thoroughly investigated by the board.

George H. Keckm, owner of Crescents, whose record of 1,554, made at Wichita, Kan., is under review, is expected to be present at tomorrow's session, when the case of the trotting stallion will be re-opened.

On the Omaha Bowling association alley last evening the first time a three-man bowling team gave the Drexel team a surprise by taking two games of the three played. The team consisted of Harry, Hays and made a number of errors, but the games were interesting to the spectators.

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