

WANT BALLINGER AS LAST WITNESS

Attorney Brandeis, for Prosecution, Asks that Secretary of Interior Appear in Pinchot Inquiry.

COMMITTEE WILL MAKE DECISION

Matter Passed Up for Time Being, but Summons May Be Issued.

STEPHEN BIRCH TAKES STAND

Manager of Morgan-Guggenheim Syndicate Questioned All Day.

TELLS THINGS ABOUT ALASKA

Coal Lands Come in for Long Discussion, in Which Lawyer Tries to Show Up "The Power of Morgan."

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry was resumed today after an adjournment of practically two weeks. The session of last Friday and Saturday having been seriously interfered with by the fight against Speaker Cannon in the house of representatives.

House Will Discuss Tax Amendments

Hasty Action Will Not Be Taken on Senate Bill to Change Corporation Act.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The senate amendment to the corporation law providing that reports required under the terms of that act shall only be made public when called for by resolution of the house or by order of the president after full discussion.

NOMINATIONS BY PRESIDENT

District Judge for Baltimore and Two District Attorneys Named.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of John C. Rose, now United States district judge at Baltimore, to be judge of the United States district court there, and John P. Hill, to be United States district attorney to succeed Mr. Rose, Clarence R. Wilson was nominated by the president to be United States district attorney for the district of Columbia, succeeding Daniel W. Baker, resigned.

SHACKLETON AT NEW YORK

Antarctic Explorer Refuses to Discuss Dr. Cook—Thinks Peary Reached Pole.

NEW YORK, March 25.—"I have little doubt that Captain Scott's expedition will reach the South pole," said Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, when he landed today. "I have no intention of heading any expedition to the South pole while Captain Scott is trying to reach it."

SHOOT WIFE OF HIS FRIEND

Verne Hartleroad of Wabash, Ind., Fatally Wounds Mrs. F. J. Webb, Who Rebuffed Advances.

WABASH, Ind., March 25.—After having fatally wounded Mrs. Floyd J. Webb, the wife of his friend, with a shotgun, Verne Hartleroad went to the county jail late last night.

Cat Up a Tree Makes Life So Hideous Police Are Called

"What makes more noise than a pig under a porch?" "Two pigs." "Wrong. To be sure that's the old answer to this old riddle, but it's wrong. The right answer is 'one cat up a tree.' Life was hideous in the vicinity of 27 North Twenty-third street Thursday night and on into the next day—so hideous, in fact, that a woman residing at that address went in person to the police station Friday morning and lodged a complaint against a cat.

Naval Hearing Keeps Cruiser From Sailing

Probe Into Alleged Harsh Treatment of Men on "Salem" Proceeds at Hampton Roads.

NORFOLK, Va., March 25.—Owing to an investigation begun today by Admiral Dillingham into charges of alleged harsh and cruel treatment to the men aboard the scout cruiser Salem, the sailing of the vessel has been delayed. It was to have joined the Birmingham, a sister ship, in a cruise to South America and the west coast of Africa, from which points the two ships are to conduct long distance wireless tests during the coming summer with Brantok, Mass. After the words "Evans' Mad House" had been found painted on the side of the Salem, which is commanded by Captain George R. Evans, a seaman, under sentence of imprisonment for five years, leaped overboard.

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From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FIRE FIGHTERS STOP BLAZE

Flames Subdued Near Dunning After Burning Two Days.

MANY RANCHERS LOSE HOMES

Leaps Dismal Twice and with Difficulty Prevented from Covering Logan and McPherson Counties.

DUNNING, NEB., MARCH 25.—(Special Telegram.)—After a struggle that required the combined efforts of all citizens in this and the surrounding country, the prairie fire that started near Hecla Wednesday morning was corralled between the junction of the Dismal and Loup rivers just east of here late last night, after it had jumped the Dismal river twice. The damage so far reported is very meager, since all telephone lines are down in the fire district.

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SIXTEEN PERISH IN CHICAGO FIRE

Victims Are Trapped Behind Wall of Flame on Fourth Floor of Furniture Factory.

DEATH ROLL MAY GROW LARGER

Danger from Tottling Walls Makes Recovery of Bodies Hazardous.

UNFORTUNATES MOSTLY WOMEN

Workers Rushed to Stairway, Only to Find Escape Cut Off.

CIGAR LIGHTER CAUSES BLAZE

Spark from Little Conventance in Hands of Clerk Set Fire to Quantity of Benaline in Repair Shop.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Search of the wreckage for the remaining bodies of those who lost their lives in the Fish Furniture company's fire here today was discontinued this afternoon, owing to danger from tottering walls, but not until after twelve of the bodies had been recovered and eleven of these identified.

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