

Chemical Company admitted before the committee to-day that his company yesterday closed a deal for five additional land claims in Colorado. He denied, however, that his agents were under orders to buy all the radium claims they could "lay their hands on," and said his company now had all the claims it needed.

ASSAILS DR. HOWARD A. KELLY

Witness Questions His Motives at Radium Land Hearing.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The interest of Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore in the American radium situation was assailed to-day before the House Public Lands Commission by O. B. Wilmarth, a prospector from Montrose, Col., owner of twenty-five radium claims. Mr. Wilmarth told the commission he thought Dr. Kelly was actuated by mercenary motives. He said if the radium lands were withdrawn from public entry prospectors would be shut out, and this would bottle up the radium-bearing ores for the use of the plant of the National Radium Institute, which Dr. Kelly and James Douglas of New York had founded.

Dr. Kelly was absent when Wilmarth gave his testimony. However, Chairman Foster of the committee answered the witness by asserting the belief that Dr. Kelly was actuated by philanthropic motives entirely. Mr. Foster said Dr. Kelly was not taking any profits out of radium, but was putting it into a public fund to be used in the treatment of cancer cases free of charge. Mr. Foster said Dr. Kelly had an expert accountant going over his records to show that. He also said the doctor had agreed that if any processes for the extraction of radium were developed at the National Radium Institute they were to be turned over to the Federal Government.

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