ESTABLISHED 1855.

THE FRAME-UP AT THE FINCH Dictagraph of the Bait to Catch | you don't. I know what Blease is, he isn't going to do anything that will let them get it on him, because they would give him hell. Now, I can go to Blease with this proposition— | you don't. I know what Blease is, he don't veto it; if you are either doing this thing for one of two things, you are either trying to take a shot at Smyth or somebody has approached you representing the Southern rail-

Governor.

INTERESTING RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Story of Opportunity for Big Fee and Lawyer Mr. Nichols: It just amounts to this, Uses all His Wiles to Stretch the Fee as Far as proposition before Blease is elected, Possible. Although the last issue of The En-uirer was pretty well filled with tes-uirer was pretty well filled with tes-

circumstances are extenuat-

On Securing Petitions.

we can get the petition signed

you know; so I wouldn't go down there without a petition of that kind

you know.
Mr. Porter: No, I wouldn't want

position, that there's a good deal in-

this petition, I would tell Blease "here's the facts and circumstances;

this man was convicted in Spartan-burg, and he was sentenced for this

thing; it was all one and the same act.

Blease is taking graft, that's a damn

himself, though. Now, I know him Blease says "I'll tell you what I'll do

it's only eighteen hours from Wash

Mr. Nichols: Are you going to New

Nichols: When are you going

Where do you stop in Washing-

Where could I reach

you take the Carolina Special, that's the best train, the Carolina Special

you can get a through sleeper to Chicago, without a change of cars,

Mr. Nichols: I'm going from here

Mr. Porter: That's so, you're going

to Baltimore. In Washington I stop at the—House, I expect, but you'll

find me at the Albemarle Hotel

to Paltimore instead of Washington. Mr. Nichols: Yes. I've got a brothe

there in the hospital, and I'm going to

stop off there and see him. Here's th

way I feel about it; I got a letter ask

ing me to come up there to be on the ground, and I know that he knows that in case—we're for Wilson, our delegation is, and they'll vote for him

on the first ballot and as long as he's

Mr. Porter: I could reach you by

wire at the Albemarle, at Baltimore could I?

Mr. Nichols: Yes, sir, at any time af

ter Monday morning, I'll be there if I go

to Chicago or New York to meet you, I'll be there when the convention is over, but if you find that ylou can't get

back to New York, if you could wire m there, why it might be possible that

could leave—here's the only reason don't know whether I could leave or n

I wouldn't leave the convention if I thought I could do Mr. Harmon any good, but I could see in a day or two whether he's got a chance, and if he

leave, then I'll go out, but if I could do him any good then, of course I

Mr. Porter: Then, in that case.
I'll keep in touch with you and we

Possibilities of Pardon

must be done right away. I think Blease will be elected, I don't know

whether he will or not, but in my

if he is elected, he's going to keep on

he isn't going to change his tactics at all, he's going to pardon who he feels

like. If he's defeated, that man won

influence with the governor-you un

think if Blease would say "Here,

ise me that-we can count on

derstand him thoroughly-and I think

going to grant this pardon until after

the election"-I think he would prom

if he is elected, to give this pardor

out five years and served about ter

years; Blease told me that matter's all right, and he will pardon this man, he's a fugitive from justice, "I'll par-

Mr. Porter: Of course, I'm not

ing, and if you think well of it,

more or less money, Mr. Nichols: No, he wouldn't

man that expects something for noth-

Well, I think this:

adgment in politics, he will be, and

Mr. Nichols: Well, I'll tell you this

ouldn't go

may meet in Chicago.

got a chance, but after that we are un

leave here at 4.15 this afternoon.
Mr. Porter: Where could I

ington to Chicago-

ork to see me?

Baltimore.

you going to New York?

Now, when you talk matters

Mr. Nichols: Oh, well, I don't mean

quirer was pretty well filled with testimony submitted to the investigating that the committee at Augusta, t'.e story was ing. Wouldn't that make a difference? not complete. It developed after the adjournmen that for the evident purpost of producing a better effect Mr. to give up hope. Here's what: Get a Felder had submitted the last part of petition in circulation, get it signed his story gfirst, and the first part was right, a great many people here will sign it for the simple reason that I not submitted to the committee until after it had adjourned. The part of want them to. Blease don't care a damn who signs the petition, all he the record published by the committee related to the alleged pardon negotiations after they had begun to reach a white heat, when the eagerness for the big fact that was offered was naturally growing stronger and stronger. For a more complete understanding of such an unusual case it is obviously proper that the reader should have more of especially the beginning, and we herewith reproduce the dictagraph record giving the developments of an alleged conference of five hours in the Finch was as follows:

Dictagraph Record.

The following pages comprise transcript of my notes taken stenographically by means of the dictagraph, of a conversation between Samuel J. Nich-Henry N. Porter, at Spartanburg, S. C., on Saturday, June 22, 1912, beginning at about 12.40 p. m. Said conversation taking place in the room occupied by said Porter, being room No. 46, Finch hotel, and I occupying room No. 48 ,Finch hotel: Mr. Porter: How do you do, Mr.

ichols? Come in. Mr. Nichols: Good evening, Mr. Por-I'm going to Washington tonight, and I haven't got much time.

Mr. Porter: How long will you be

Mr. Nichols: I suppose I'll be there about a week, I'm going to that con-

Mr. Porter: I was just thinking maybe you could get away for a day or two and meet me, say in Chicago? Mr. Nichols: It's going to be awful for me to get away, Mr. Porter, we are just as busy as we can be. Mr. Porter: I presume it would be the better way for me to perhaps drop

down here, if it is so that I could. I'm pretty well tied up though, and I don't know about that. Mr. Nichols: Yes, we are about in the same fix, we're awful busy, just as busy as we can be. If the convention for me to go from there, because I want to get back a day or two before our court begins: our court begins about that time and we have court three weeks, and I have got lots of ess and, of course, I'd like to get back here a day or two before court so I could kinder go over things. I was just thinking I could leave the convention up there and we are personal friends, I know him very well and have known him for several years, and I am instructed for Wilson, but our convenpassed resolutions endorsing him, so I have got to go there and vote for Wilson, but after Wilson's out, I

Mr. Nichols: It might be so that I could leave the convention on the 25th, it might be that I could be back here the 27th or 28th-I believe I could get back by the 1st or 2nd, couldn't I? What did you want me to go to Chi-Mr. Porter: Why to save me a trip

have no instructions at all, and then

Mr. Porter: It doesn't take but a

I can vote for Harmon, if I want to.

down here, and we could talk matters over there. That is, if you give me any encouragement along those and from what you said the other night I believe-

As to Securing Pardon.

Mr. Nichols: Oh, I believe we can get the matter through, as far as that's concerned. I know this that has never refused to do anything I have told him to do since he has been gov-ernor and he refers everything to me. Lots of people go there and he refers it to me, He always asks my opinion, and he acts on that opinion, and he does that all over the country here; he isn't going to do anything without consulting me about it, one way or the other, and if I ask him to do it I'm satisfied he will do it. Only one thing in the way about it, I have heard incidentally from other lawyers that Blease has told them that wouldn't consider anything during his campaign; that he didn't have time to look into the matter, he didn't think, and wouldn't grant any other think, and wouldn't grant any other pardons until after the election. But I believe, even with that, if I insist on it, it will be granted. Blease is this kind of fellow—there's no doubt about the fact that whatever is to be done it-if he takes a notion to act, he's a fellow that will act, he don't care a urn about that. Mr. Porter: I believe he's a man

that is thoroughly independent.
Mr. Nichols: Oh, yes, he's absolutely independent, he's a man of his own convictions. But even if he don't consider it before the election, even it get out there in ten years.

Mr. Porter: Oh, I believe with you it is late, it is better late than never, The fight that they are making on Blease right now is on his pardon that's the great reason they hing him. It's like Ben Tillthey you might get up some circumstancesman says-there's been an accumulaernors have been afraid to pardon because people talked about it records show that plainly. Blease got in there, and he went and did what he thought was right about a fellow escaped from down there, he it-he got in there and put them to When are you going to Chicago. Mr. Porter? Mr. Porter: I'm going tonight. I thought, perhaps, if we had a few hours together, we could get every-

hours together, we could get every him before the election. They have a part of the care what they say, if he feels to care what they say if he er. I've got a great many things this afternoon to do. Mr. Porter: Of course, I'm going

to be liberal in the matter; there's no doubt about the money, and if you think it's worth while, knowing all the circumstances and the way you are situated and the way the governor feels in this matter, I think we could make it worth while all-round. get him out, and if we fail he have to stay there, that's just the sit-

absolutely no chance in the world to is about that. At that last election, get him out, and—well, there's no chance to get him out unless we can fund and I wrote him and told him will about things, he wrote and told me to draw on his for whatever is necessary nave to stay there, that's just the sit-tural on his for whatever is necessary uation, and as far as I'm personally and use it for whatever I thought best concerned—of course, I'll go over All the funds that was necessary, I put there and see if we can handle it, the only thing I know it's going to be a nickel, and I really paid all the exawful hard to do anything until after penses of his campaign in this county the election.

Mr. Nichols. Blease might put it up to me in this way: There's been other people that have been after me pardons, and I have told them I wouldn't consider any of them wouldn't consider any of them until after the election, and if I grant this supposition, and if I grant this way: There's any of them until after the election, and if I grant this way: There's any of them until after the election, and if I grant this way: There's any of them until after the election, and if I grant this way: There's any of them until after the election.

Mr. Nichols. Blease might put it up to spind to spend the proposition." He's in politics, the same as you and I in business, and we don't do anything was in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the soft in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything was in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the signs, "As ever, Cole." Oh, we've got wouldn't do anything whis it until clients or their patronage, and if we had heard from me. So I went and on. You came and employed me to represent the wouldn't do anything was in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the mount of the way in business, and we don't do anything was in business, and we don't do anything was in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the mount of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way. I represented the mount of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't do anything out of the way in business, and we don't

far as that is concerned, I don't want anything for nothing.
Mr. Nichols: Oh, certainly, I know on don't I know what Blease is, he I'm going to put up the money at Spar-tanburg, but it's my money, you have got a right to make a donation if you want to; of course, everybody knows in politics you have got to spend

Mr. Porter: Well, that clarifies the situation a little bit. At the same time I always want people to feel that I'm Detective Sought to Tempt Lawyer With Plausible not going to look for something for nothing; I'm going to benefit by this,

> don't know of a governor that would have granted a pardon, but if he is elected at all, he will do it. Now, if I take hold of your proposition there are about three or four fellows in town here that I could get on that petition; they are among Blease's strongest supporters, and they always fought meone was the mayor of this town, he was quite a politician in town here— Landrum and——; those fellows were against me always and against Till-man; when I went out for Blease, they walked right out for him, and they will do anything I ask them to. if I take hold of your proposition, every e one of those fellows will back me up wants is the petition signed; he knows the money influence is against him anyhow. I'll take the petition, send in it, I can get on the train and go and I stayed there four days with him, and see the governor, and every one of them will tell the governor it ought to be done. That's the situation now—in the morning whether I'll sign it." anyhow. I'll take the petition, send it out and get 2,000 names in a week, and that's all the evidence Blease wants. These are the people who vote for him, and he knows these other people—he ain't caring a damn for them—and they will be justified in signing their names, you know, they are the people who elected me, you know; so I wouldn't go down there without a petition of that kind. be done. That's the situation now—
> in the morning whether I'll sign
> Landrum is on the governor's staff. All
> then he said, "I won't sign it." those fellow's influence will help us, and that's what we have got to have.
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> Mr. Porter: Oh, my, yes, speak of those men, without them there those men, without them there says, "No, I'm not going to sign it," wouldn't be anything to it at all. Alleged Promise.

Mr. Nichols: Well, I can enlist in your behalf every strong Blease supporter in the Piedmont section. I'll tell you what I'd do in regard to this matyou to. Now, when you talk matters over with him, place yourself in this ter; I'd undertake this pardon, represent your people in trying to get it on this sort of proposition-we haven't wolved here—
Mr. Nichols: Here's what I would tell Blease, if I was down there with this petition, I would tell Blease got time to agree on the details now I'll go ahead to get these petitions up and I'll have them signed; if I fail to get the pardon, that's all right, just pay me for the actual work done; bu if I do succeed in getting the pardon, then I be paid—I'll take no contingencies, if I get it, I be paid for it, and if I don't, then you pay the actual ex-

lie. Blease has never received a cent since he has been governor. But with me, I'm practicing law, and cases come to me and I have to make fees out of it; he wouldn't take anything himself, though. Now, I know him; think your pardon ought to be ranted," and that's all. It might be that I could go up there and save you a trip down here.
Mr. Porter: There's splendid service between New York and Chicago; Mr. Porter: And it may be that I could catch you down there.
Mr. Nichols: That's what I say; are to Chicago, but I might go over to New York, and it's only a short ride and I could wire you in a day or two after I get my proposition presented from New York to Washington, or it may be that you could come to New this sort of fellow; he will tell you, will grant this pardon now," or "I will grant it after the election," or "I won' grant it at all." I can find out in fiftonight? You ought to leave this afternoon, if you're going to Chicago.

> to fool with him-no use for anybody Mr. Porter: Well, I'm going to rely upon your judgment. I have had dealings with men before and I know how to understand these matters. The way the thing is tied up I can't get out from under it very well, and I'm going to be gone indefinitey, as I told you before; I think I'm coming back, so we'll leave it that way. after the court is over with.

een minutes what he will do, and if he

tells you he ain't going to do it, no use

Mr. Porter: About what date would that be? Mr. Nichols: Court starts on the 8th thing's sorter quiet." be out making speeches every day until the 26th; he has a week off from the 26th, he will be in politics all that time, and if I can get away on the 22nd I can go that week and catch him in his office, if he wants to act. Mr. Porter: That's very good, very

Mr. Nichols: I think we can agree on terms. I can let you know whether he will be pardoned or whether he won't. Mr. Porter: It isn't an entirely pleas ant matter, but at the same time, these maters arise.

"It Isn't Pleasant." Mr. Nichols: It isn't pleasant. I'll ell you why I hate to take hold of it. petitions that have come to me to try doesn't stand a chance, I'll go out, and if I can fix things for him before I tanburg, they give me the very devifor supporting Blease, because all of my affiliations are the other way, you know, and all my kin people. Now as I say, I hate to take hold of these matters because they have always been against him, and I have always supported him, and they say thes corporations that I represent employ me on account of my influence with the governor, and the same way with these pardons—they say. "Oh, it's nothing but graft, he's making money out of it," but that's all a damn lie. For that reason, I have refused numbers and numbers of them. The only has been governor that caused a lo of comment was this bill that was up road from Spartanburg and Green wood (?) to Charlotte (?); I was representing the Southern Power company, which was the same thing. I drew up the bill giving these powers, and there was quite a lot of lobbying. it was only carried by about three votes—just barely got it through. Of course Blease signed it, but I had a nell of a time getting him to do it. got up to Spartanburg, and the first thing I knew, they told me that it was says, "Well, that meant possibly a mil-rumored about that Blease had said that he was going to veto it. We had an awful time getting it passed—just him and he paid Blease \$50,000 to sign passed by about three votes, and if that bill." I got up and looked at him Blease vetoed it, it would take a two- and moved my chair back. I said Blease vetoed it, it would take a two-thirds vote to carry it over his head we only carried it by three votes. I went over there—I says, "Blease hasn't vetoed that bill, he merely said hasn't vetoed that bill, he hasn't he thought he would veto it, he hasn't received one cent you are just a damnacted. I'll call him up over the long distance phone." I called him up over and I knew it. He says, "I didn't mean and I knew it. He says, "I didn't mean that I heard the phone, and I said to him. ernor, what about the interurban bill? We had an awful lot of trouble get-ting that thing through the house." He says, "I'm going to veto the damn thing:" I says, "Oh, don't fly off your thing:" I says, "Oh, don't fly off your nut," I says, "wait a minute," I said," "I want to talk that bill over with you might make a suitable donation to his campaign fund. Of course, we all know that these elections are expen-sive, and require the expenditure of before you finally act on it one way or the other, I want you to hold the mat-ter in abeyance until you can hear from me: of course, I don't want you to do anything that you oughtn't to go out of the club." on the crowd, you know. So I "I'll come up on the first train, veto it until I can get there;" he says,
"I'll hear you on it, but I'll tell you
frankly, Sam, I think I'll veto it;" I
Mr. Porter: My idea

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Representation of the says,

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"Blease, here's the situation— veto it; if you are either doing says, you representing the Southern rail-road. Now, those are the two things we have got confronting the road," and after I had talked to him half an hour he saw which proposition was

want it." You see, Blease thought I was going to get mad and fly off the handle and cuss him out, and he wanted to get it down so he could have a record of it to show if anybody had anything to say. Well, I took it up section by section; I said. "I represent this company, and if there's anything objectionable in this convince you there's nothing objectionable, I'll bear you out, and if I can convince you there's nothing objectionable, you sign the bill." So we took it up section by section; I had fool to take a drink before he's forty. took it up section by section; I had already prepared in my office copies of every franchise ever given a rail-road in South Carolina, because I used it in preparing this charter, and he took it up section by section; I said, "I want to show you the franchise of the C. and W. C. railway, and so on; now, if they have it, how are we go-ing to protect ourselves without it?" now, if they have it, how are we go ing to protect ourselves without it? and I says, "I've gone through every article in this bill with you, every section, and you have agreed tentatively with me it's all right; now, when we are through with it, now are when we are through with it, now are you going to sign it or veto it?" He says, "I can't sign it." I says, "I want to tell you this"—his stenographer was sitting right there, I don't know whether he took it down the color not. "I want to tell you this"—stenok it down the color not. "I want to tell you this Color some money used of course, there's the color not. "I want to tell you this Color some money used of course, but as a or not—"I want to tell you this, Cole; some money used, of course, but as a people that fought you are giving me hell for supporting you; I always al friends elect him or his personal enthought you were honest and straight; emies defeat him—it's a personal matter every time or a campaign. the minute I find out you are not honest and straight, we part company; if you don't sign this bill, I'll be of the things you have told me, and I demand if I don't raise bell."

I sign it?" "That doesn't matter a damn, that don't make a damn bit of Southern railway for not signing it; that's the situation." And I got my hat and walked out of the office. the general office: he says. Cole says. "Come back here a minute; come in,' he says, "and bring this G— damned railroad bill; I'm just going to sign it to get rid of the damned thing." He signed it and people came out all over the state cussing him, and that's the only thing I ever done with him that

An Alleged Club Incident. We have got a pretty nice club out here, and several of us go out there pretty often and enjoy ourselves, but they are against Blease, and they know I'm for him, and so we never talk politics in the club. Well, one day a fellow blew in from North Carolina; I can take the matter up with you he came in-we insisted on his joining us: of course, he came over; he said "Gentlemen, how's politics in Carolina?" "Well," we said, "c thing's sorter quiet." "Say," he "everypolitics. He says, "Well you ought to take interest in it;" finally he says— Mr. Porter: You do what you think is right; I can understand how you feel and your friends, of course, re-spect your feelings and don't talk politics in the club.

Mr. Nichols: That's it exactly. Like

caused a good deal of comment.

here that I represent: he was talking to me and he says, "My mill pays you about \$2,500 a year retainer, and want to tell you, if you're going to keep on for Blease like you are, we can't afford to have that sort of a man representing us." I said, "I want to ask you a question now: "Did you employ me to represent your mill—he em ployed us purely on my account, an I knew that, I said did you employ me on account of politics or be-cause you thought I could represent ed you because we thought you could | do it better than anybody else." "Well, then," I said, "whenever you get to thinking differently else." He says, "Well, I can't do that I says, "Well, then, don't come into my office politicing about it." Well, this fellow from North Caro lina, Fox, says, "We did everything we could to beat Blease; we never discuss opolitics in the club. Mr. Nichols is a member of the club and we know he's member of the club and we know he's man buy a pardon, and if they could, for him and the balance of us against couldn't these two men buy out?" And him; we always fought Blease before and we were never able to beat him, and the only way to beat him is to prove he's done something crooked since he's been governor, and if know he has, we'd like to have it beat him with." He says, "Well, I' glad you mentioned that." He says, "Well, I'm know of my own personal knowledge ty years—and I have been in it, lot of of an instance where he has accepted others have been in it—still that's true. graft and big graft." Fox says, glad you mentioned that." He says, "You remember when it came out in the paper that he was going to that railroad bill " I says, "Ye

"You are just a damned dirty liar." I said, "I'm the only attorney in South time and see; I think it will be better for you to think the mater over a little Carolina that ever mentioned that matter to he governor, and if you say he received one cent you are just a damnbit, but I'll be back in the fall. Mr. Nichols: When I see you in Chiclean-cut proposition; what we will get to say that I knew that, but I heard that." I says, "No, you're lying when ing these people, "I'll get up this pe-tition, and I'll have it signed by a certhat." I says, "No, you're lying when you say that." I said "you were sayto be a fact of your own personal knowledge, and I'm the only man that talked to him, and I'm the only man that talked to him, and I'm the only man that to be paid me whether I succeeded or not. Now, if I do succeed, an addithat knows, except Mr. Smyth, over there. "He says, "Oh well I'm the only man that will be paid me and it is to be paid me and it is a succeed, an additional amount will be paid me and it is to be paid me and it is a succeed. there. "He going to club." I s: "He says, "Oh, well, I'm not to have any difficulty in the That makes it up to me to succeed, and I says, "Very well, then, we'll it makes it up to me to succeed, and to the club." He says, "No, we much if I do succeed, but you can tell was rather fortunate. I think, that course, in politics in this county, you do, but I want you to give me a hear-you hunted me up, because there is have got to use money, that's all there absolutely no chance in the world to is about that. At that last election retion, mind hearing you, but I don't want to do a thing for that crowd that's know you, but I can substantiate evhim trying to get it through." He was sore erything Mr. Nichols says, because I'm the same thing.

Mr. Dortary, I consider myself for Mr. Porter: I consider myself for a director of this company, and my addon't vice to you would be to leave this tunate to have met you and taken the club and not come back again," and matter up with you. Mr. Nichols: It was fortunate for us Mr. Porter: My idea of Governor Blease is he's a good fellow; he's like out as it did. Now, a fellow came to

road, he was Blease's cousin and I despise it's somebody trying to down lived in the governor's mansion. I somebody when they are doing the very same thing. Now, personally, I have got the western spirit—everybody is liberal, everybody believes in treating everybody right; they like a good fel-

As to Blease's Habits.

Mr. Nichols: My people have always been in politics. I have been in politics, and I have known the governor, and I have gone out and got drunk hour he saw which proposition was
the stronger. So we went into executive session, you might call it, and
—oh, yes, he had his stenographer;
he says, "you don't mind my stenographer taking down everything we
say, do you?" I says. "No, he can
take down every word of it, if you
want it." You see, Blease thought I
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ed up our books and were ready to you something, Sam, a man's a damn fool to take a drink before he's forty, and a damn fool after that if he don't

Mr. Porter: I like a man that's broad-minded. In our western country we can't accomplish very much with-out showing that we are right; we overlook a good many faults, and we realize that, in order to do business, everything must be harmonious, and we have got to show that we are right. Now, that's my personal feeling, that's the way I feel personally, but, at the same time, I realize that I'm in a strange country, and I would like to show you that's the way I feel; and, of course, if you think it worth while, we would be willing to make a satisfactory donation to the expenses of his campagn, Mr. Nichols: Well, I've been in you

country a great deal more than you have been in mine, and—I don't know says he thought that man oughtn't to have been punished—he felt a great sympathy for that fellow. The fact that this fellow had been convicted in some money used, of course, but as a rule, a man runs for office, his persondamned if I don't raise hell." He says, want to go on record as doing what"What does it mean to you, Sam, if
I sign it?" "That doesn't matter a Mr. Nichols: The governor will make

I don't, then you pay the actual expenses.

Mr. Porter: That's very satisfactory, that's all right.

Mr. Nichols: Because if I don't get it, I wouldn't want any money.

Mr. Porter: Now in connection with any agreement we might make in that any agreement we might make in that any agreement we might make in that any agreement that would be satisfactory very soon.

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that way, and we got that through that way. Mr. Porter: Well, I think I under stand the situation pretty thoroughly. and we have two weeks of it. It would be about the latter part of July; the campaign starts on the 18th. Cole will be out making any interest in Mr. Nichols: Here's the situation ourse, they are right about some of them; he has made some mistake any man who does as much as he has he will make mistakes; he has, made mistakes, and they have fought him to the point where he don't care, but he wouldn't do anything that wasn't right, and I wouldn't do anything that Mr. Porter: No, no, and I wouldn't

be a party to it if he wasn't. Two Wealthy Prisoners.

tell you what I'll do; I've got a bunch I'll call them up here in the room. I got ten or twelve of them up ther Mr. Nichols: There are two men in the penitentiary now serving life senand he got to doing that buck dance I says, "Boys, this fellow needs \$20; I'm going to give him \$10 of it and I tences, one worth about \$200,000 and th other and his relatives about \$500,want you to chip in and give him the other \$10." They chipped in—it was other \$10." They chipped in—it was about \$26—and I gave it to him.
Well it passed out of my mind. I 000; either one of those men would give every cent of it to get out, because they realize that if Blease isn't elected never thought about it any more and they'll never get out; they have gone to last year I went to a football game; I him with petitions, both of them, and went to New York and stayed a week and got about half loaded, you know, he has refused both of them. He says, "I have pardoned people, turned them and I was there in front of a show of out, but you name any man that ever had a cent that I turned out." He says, some sort and got into some disturb ance, and of course, the officer wanted "I have pardoned men from the peni-tentinary that never had a suit of citiout and walked up to the policeman zen's cothes to go home;" he says, "unand said something to him; I don't know what it was, but at any rate the policeman said, "A friend of mine "under the law we give them a suit of citizen's clothes when they get par-doned, and instance after instance"old me your name and I won't arrest who he would call the names-"I have you: I'll drop it.' ut of my own pocket, given that mar ognized me and interceded with the railroad fare; now, can that kind of officer for me. I didn't remember in at all. I said, "I'm certainly if we do get this thing through, we have got to take absolutely that basehere's a man that was convicted, he didn't have money to employ a lawyer -in other words, whatever is don must be done between us. The reason they are fighting Cole they can't handle him. We have had a ring for twen-"I'm They can't handle Blease, he won't be handled, and that's the trouble, that's time he saw me. Well, he talked to why they are fighting him.

Mr. Porter: If you want me to make any contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the saw me. Well, many contribution to his fund I would work in the work is to use to take to use t any contribution to his fund I would be glad to do it.

Mr. Nichols: You just tell your people this, that I think we can get the ple this, that I think we can get the york and play here in the slightly and the standard statement of the standard standard statement of the standard stan pretty well now. I live here in New York and play here in the show"he was doing that vaudeville stunt matter through, if we can agree on it; the minute I saw that woman and now, what the terms will be, I'm not in position to say.

Well, you take

> Red Men are very strong down here-you know the order don't you? A Spartanburg Incident. Mr. Porter: Oh, yes, the Indepen-dent Order of Red Men?

I never

Mr. Nichols: The Improved Order of Red Men, that's right; well, I'm a Red Man and Cole is a Red Man, and they have some of the biggest men the country in it. Blease went to Cincinnati last convention, was there and Cole went up there, and they got there and wrote it to every paper in with a negro in the lobby of the hotel As a matter of fact he never had a cross word with a negro. judges, and one man, I have forgotten who he was, he signed an affidavit that he was there with Govern Blease and he never had a dispute Governor anything else with a negro even. There's a fellow in town, Guy Morris, a political lieutenant of ours, a wild ort of fellow, made a lot of money rooms; he gets a take-out of the game says, "All right, it is up to you, you and I; he used his own judgment; are the governor, but I'm going to explain our side of the proposition."

Blease is he's a good fellow; he's like out as it did. Now, a fellow that the same as you and I; he used his own judgment; see me named Green. They framed up against the husband to get him the sheriff had it in for him for poexplain our side of the proposition."

YORKVILLE, S. C., FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1912. son, he fooled around finally and got the woman pardoned; but they refused to pardon the man on the ground that he led the woman into it. They came down to me to represent him in the pardon matter on the ground that I represented him and thought he was guilty—they came to me with thirty or forty thousand dollars, and they came to me and said they would give me a mortgage on a farm he had up there worth about \$20,000, for \$5,000, on the contingency that I get him out of the penitentiary. I said, "No, Mr. Green, I won't do it if you'd give me your whole farm I wouldn't do it; I represent people in that section, and they blame me for representing him, but I've got a right to ask my friend, the governor to pardon him for Lebletce he's right." So they came son, he fooled around finally and got "Henrico, don't put this thing in five, of course, that knocked me right but I've got a right to represent my clients, but I haven't got a right to ask my friend, the governor to pardon him about it?" He says, "Yes." Well, my friend, the governor to pardon him about it? He says, "I want to tell you this, if for I believe he's right." So they came and employed Wyche, after I refused to take it, they employed Wyche. He refused to take the case on a contingency further than this, he told them he would present the petition for \$2,500, and if he got it through they were to pay him \$5,000 when he got the man pardoned, he wouldn't get any more. So they paid him the \$2,500. Wyche employed this Bob Hannon to go down there with him—he was a Blease man—they went down and talked with Blease, and Blease asked them at once where I was, said "Sam is not convicted he with general to take it they will be at hell out of you." Well, we went ahead the jury acquitted him in about ten minutes. Guy came up to the office, says, "Well, Sam, I want you to go up to the race track with me." "What for?" "I'm going to beat hell out of that editor," and I says, "all right. I'll help you do it;" so we went up and Guy got a raw hide whipe, and he says while whipe and he wouldn't do you or me either; he wou caught him on the race track and whipped him like you'd whip a dog. That's the only way to treat such fellows as that. Morris told me he went home and says his wife told him "if you don't whip that cur I'll never live with you again." A fellow named Holland (?) who runs the paper with him, pulled his gun, and I pulled my gun and told him, "you keep away, had don't you mix in with this thing."

Mr. Porter: Well. we all make misat once where I was, said "Sam isn't in town." Blease says, "wait a minute," and he wired me instantly; says, "What do you think of the Green pardon, should if be granted?" I wir-ed him back, "I refused to present this say to you," and he refused to pardon him. I'll tell you frankly, if you had all the money in the country, if I didn't Mr. Porter : Well, we all make mis-

> wouldn't have a thing to do with it because I had refused both of those fel-lows that I told you about. Blease

knows that I have got his interest at heart, and he knows I'm not going to

advise him to do anything that he oughtn't to do. I was talking to father about it the other night, after I left

you. Although Blease knows father has been against him, still he has a

great respect for him, and I was talk-ing to him about that case, and he

the United States court. That's what hurt that fellow, in other words, the

verdict of the United States court.

ithout that, they couldn't have con-

Mr. Porter: Wes, I think that's

rue. I know there isn't one case in a

thousand, where the American Bank-ers' association is behind it, and the

that's what might have convicted him.

On Matters of Reward.

knows anybody else in your county. You can't know two men on the jury.

He says. "I just want to tell you, old boy, I've been on five cases where

you've been the lawyer and you ain't lost none of them, and I want to tell

you something else, as long as you get

they'll go sometimes for personal reasons. I had one thing to happen

to me about six years ago; I was up at Henderson and a kid got broke up

there. He was doing a vaudeville

stunt in a moving picture show, and he was a pretty wild kid; he got half

Mr. Nichols: Oh, that's what con-cted him. There isn't anybody

inkertons and Burns's

victed him.

Mr. Nichols: About this thing—how in the world did you happen to come to my office?
Mr. Porter: Well, I couldn't go any. where else, could I? Mr. Nichols: Well, yes, I'll tell you

takes, you know, every one knows without instruction what's right and

why I asked you that question. things had developed as they have dereloped-if you knew about conditions own here, I wouldn't be surprised; I wouldn't think anything of it, but not knowing about things and since you came here as a stranger without knowng anything except you wanted to see a lawyer, I couldn't think how you came to come to me. Mr. Porter: I have always made point never to do anything unless

know all about the thing. I have al-ways had it pounded into me, always to get the best, and so I made my inquiries with this end in view; and as I was going to your office I asked the cab driver how about Mr. Nichols, is they ever fall. I think probably what might have convicted him. cab driver now about my he a good lawyer? And when he told me, "yes, sir, the best in the state," of course I felt satisfied.

Mr. Nichols: If you want a lawyer in San Francisco or Chicago, they have a sign out, and you can take whoever

knows anybody else in your county. You can't know two men on the jury. In this county it's absolutely impossible to get a jury that I don't know every man on it, or at least ten out of twelve—absolutely impossible to get a jury that I don't know somebody on the jury. I'll give you an example: Evans, though, couldn't have done you A fellow here—this was this last court at Blackwell, S. C.; I had two cases: they were both murder and I cleared both of them. Now, I represented twenty-eight men since this and that's the reason I asked you how sented twenty-eight men since this and that's the reason I asked you how man has been solicitor; out of the you happened to come to me. Those twenty-eight I got verdicts in twenty- people ought to pay you a nice fee; two of them I pleaded guilty of man-slaughter; and down at Greer's the other day, Blease went there to make other day, Blease went there to make other day, Blease went there to make are civil lawyers; they hardly ever go a speech, I saw a fellow that I had into the criminal court; in four years' never seen before. He spoke to me practice there has never been but three and I says, "How are you getting on?" capital ca capital cases tried that I wasn't asso

probably can be adjusted very quickly and without very much trouble, I prob-

until I see you.

Mr. Nichols: If I take this proposition up for you. I'm going to get up a he was a pretty wild kid; he got half loaded, run around with the women a good deal, and he was broke and he couldn't get out; well, he came to my room and he told me. He said he petitions; he'll get them up. If we start-like that I haven't got a nickel out was a pretty wild kid; he got half loaded, run around with the women a petition and I'll have about sixteen and hold of a case like this they ought to give them to Sims, to go get up the willing to pay for it, that is, if they are able to, but I have had cases petitions; he'll get them up. If we start-like that I haven't got a nickel out

"You mean to give it to you, don't to me about Sims. I says, "Father, you another thing—Cole Blease is goyou?" He says, "No, sir, I mean to I've got Sims sized up better than you lend it to me." I says, "Well. I'll have; if Sims could have started out elected, too—and I'll tell you another nave; if Sims could have started out on the same plane I started out on, he of friends up here"—about forty never would have done a crooked thing friends of mine were there—"you but he had a wife and family, and come up here and do the stunt and started out in the practice of law without anything to support them, and he resored to hings hat he wouldn't otherwise have done-drivn by necessity to do things that he wouldn't otherwise do." If you want to get this man out—if those people want him out, we can get him out, and when I say
"we" I mean that—I don't mean Sam
Nichols. I want you to go to those
people and say—see here, you're not
working for your health, are you?

man out—if those people want him out,
Suppose I'd run for governor? I'd get
all the Blease vote and the Parker, and
all the factions all around would suppeople and say—see here, you're not
working for your health, are you? working for your health, are you?

Mr. Porter: No, no, my own health got the key to the situation, we can

the proposition exactly. You control the key to the situation, because nobody else can come to me and get him

there's no doubt that we can get out.

Mr. Sims: No, there's no doubt that we can get out. him at all. I said, "I'm certainly very much obliged to you; I don't remember you." He says, "You don't remember we?" I says, "No." He says, "No." He says, "About four or five years ago I was in Henderson and you gave me broke money to get back to New York." That boy never had forgotten that thing, but he said, "I recognized you the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time out, and without me they can't get him out.

Mr. Nichols: I told him this, that we can get him out, that's all there is to it, but I thought maybe your business was so that you could go, whereast to them, "I'll represent you if you are willing to pay me a fee that's reason-thing, but he said, "I recognized you the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time to the minute I saw you." Well, I guess he recognized me; the reason he recognized me; the reason he recognized me I was drunk the first time out.

Mr. Nichols: I told him that at all, you certainly can get him out.

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Mr. Nichols: I told him the pour to it, and they can the you to it, but I thought maybe you to it, but I thought maybe you to it, but I thought maybe you that true
Mr. Porter: That's true absolutely.

Mr. Nichols: Now, there's the proposition in a nutshell. I know this, I'll tell you frankly, if Cole Blease would write me a letter and ask me if he should be turned out-which he heard the disturbance I looked up and do-having been convicted like that, recognized you." It never occurred and if you are not interested in the to me that I would ever see that boy again: I just felt sorry for him. The and I know this that we can get him out,-that ain't Scotch, that ain't Scotch talking, that's straight goods. Mr. Porter: Your statement, of course, goes a long ways with me. Mr. Nichols: I won't guarantee that

I can get him out before the election-I think I can, but I don't guarantee him; but if I represent him I'll guarantee you he will get out; I'll stake my life on that, and I'd like to see anybody else do that much, if there's any body else that can ever get him out. Mr. Porter: That's very good; that's Mr. Nichols: I'll tell you what I'll

Mr. Porter: All right. Mr. Nichols: You come over to the office with me and I'll show you two

low we are. Mr. Porter: I'll be glad to; it would not strengthen my opinion any, how-ever, but I'll be glad to, just for the nterest of the thing.
Mr. Nichols: Oh, he's a fine fellow. Mr. Porter: From what you say he

must be a good fellow.

Mr. Nichols: Here's the way he

I don't know anybody that could have

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Mr. Porter: I think I know how to present the matter to them. Mr. Nichols: Here's another thing: When you came into my office, how did you happen to ask for me; why didn't you talk to father; he didn't know a thing in the world about it?"

know a thing in the world about it?"
Mr. Porter: I wanted the young man; called for the young man.

Lawyer C. P. Sima.

Mr. Nichols: I'll tell you what Sims can do; if I can't get off he will get off and go up there, and anything he did I would be bound by, becouse I know he wouldn't do you or me either; he ign't as busy as I am, and it might be that he could get off and go. Til tell you, Mr. Porter, anybody's time is limited who is worth a damn.

Mr. Porter: Exactly.
Mr. Nichols: I'm only associated with you as attorney, and our agreement as between attorneys. Now the question is, if it's to your interest to get a good fee, it's to mine. I can tell them this, if they'll pay you what fee you demand, we can absolutely guar-antee it. Do you know what I could do I could make Cole Blease write him a letter stating that if Mr. Porter and Mr. Nichols represent them they'll represent them properly, and that's just what he would do; I can get him

Mr. Porter: That's fine, fine.
Mr. Nichols: There's just one thing about it; it's whether you want to accomplish the thing or whether you don't. I know what I'm talking about. Of course, you've got no personal in-terest in this matter; you're working for dollars and cents. If any other man for dollars and cents. If any other man in the United States asked that man for a pardon he couldn't no more get it than if he wasn't in the United States, and if these people don't believe it, they can wire him or write him or anything else.

Mr. Porter: I'm not going to be stingy, and when it comes to the showdown, I might take advantage of the situation and so I want to show you.

my faith. Of course, I believe with your influence, the thing will go through all right, but it would be better if it could be done before the election. Of course, I want to be liberal about the thing, and if you can do it before the election, I'd be willing for you to have a bonus, and we would then have the thing off our hands.

Mr. Nichols: I just want to show you your position—of course, your position—of course, your position—of course, your position—of course. Mr. Nichols: I just want to show you your position—of course, your position is my position, and as far as I'm concerned, if anybody else takes a hand in this thing, they can count me out, and you can assure them of that, and that man certainly won't get out in ten years. If I hadn't liked you, I would have told you to go to hell, because I don't need the money. Now. cause I don't need the money. Now, you are in position to turn the trick for those people or you are in position Mr. Porter: Yes, I think that's en-

tirely correct.
Mr. Nichols: You can tell the

us is a question of fee.

Mr. Nichols: You can say to ther
"I can get a lawyer down in Sout Down to Business.

Mr. Porter: I don't want to lose any time or money on this thing; let's get through as quick as we can and get it off our hands. As it is a matter that probably can be adjusted very quickly and without very much trouble, I probably won't think of the matter again until I see you.

"I can get a lawyer down in South Carolina that can get that thing through, and it's up to you; if you don't want to put up that, why, he can't get out." I want you to put it up to them so that you can get your services paid for and I can get mine; I'll get the pardon all right.

Mr. Porter: You can gamble that you and I will never have any trouble about it.

Mr. Nichols: Whenever they

room and he told me. He said he was from New York; said, "I'm down here down and out, and I always made about \$20 a week in the vaude-ville show, but I am broke and can't get out of town; I owe a few little debts around here; it'll take about \$20 to get me straight, and I just came down here to ask you if you won't loan me this money?" I says, "You mean to give it to you don't to me about them up. If we start-like that that I haven't got a nickel out of it; but where a man's liberty demy business and go around and get them signed. I'd tell you I couldn't do it, but he'll quit his business and go around and get them signed. Mr. Porter: I met him on the street accidentally. I never take anybody's time up unless I intend to do business.

Mr. Nichols: Father has often talked this is confidential, you know—I'll tell you another thing—Cole Blease is go. elected, too—and I'll tell you another thing too—of course, I wouldn't have you say anything about this for any-thing—you know who's going to be governor? I am; I'm going to be candidate for it, and I'm going to be elected, too. That's the situation—he' and I'm going to run for governor two years from now, and we're going to get elected, too—no doubt about that. up here if I can't beat him! I can beat him and he knows it, too. (At this Mr. Nichols: You can say, "I have point Mr. Sims arrived, having been the key to the situation, we can telephoned for by Mr. Nichols.)

get this man out," and I want you to say to them that I swear to you no one else can do it; if they are willing to pay what it's worth to get him out, we can get him out. In other words, you have got the key to the situation, that's the recently available. You control there's no doubt that he's the recently available to by mr. Nichols: Sims, he wants me to washington—I mean Chicago—and I told him that I didn't know whether I could go or not. I told Mr. Porter this—there's no doubt that he's the man—and I told Mr. Porter that Mr. Sims: 'No, there's no doubt

ognized me I was drunk the first time he saw me and I was drunk the last won't get him out." Here's the propout, they'll have to talk to us; if they Mr. Sims: These people—them how it is, and that'll same as either one of us being there.
Mr. Nichols: I can tell them this. that Cole Blease is going to refer it it, he can't get out, that's all there is about it, that's exactly the way it stands. Ain't that right Sims? Mr. Sims: That certainly is; here-fers everything to you, and he won't do anything without your advice. Oh

can get it all right-no doub you can get it all right—no doubt about that. Mr. Nichols: Cole isn't receiving petitions down there until after the election. Of course, if we go down there with a petition and he it, it might make them sore, if he grants our petition, because he isn't receiving any petitions until after the election. Mr. Porter says this, he says there'll be a bonus if we get this thing right away: now, if there's enough to it, we can get it right away He's going to the old country, and

Mr. Sims: I could get out twenty petitions and have a thousand names before you could turn around hardly, office with me and I'll show you two and then you could get Landrum and or three letters from him to show you Mr. Law (?) to recommend that he

Mr Nichols: How much would he pay? I can tell you how much I ould almost guarantee it for-if they are willing to pay as mu could absolutely guarantee his par-