

DENIES OFFERING BRIBE TO SENATOR GORE

McMurray on the Stand in Indian Land Case.

VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN VINDICATED.

Man Whom Oklahoma Senator Charged With Offering Him a Bribe, Also States That Vice-President and Senator Curtis Were Not Interested.

Sulphur, Okla. (Special).—It has been charged that you, through Jake L. Hamon, offered Senator T. P. Gore \$25,000 or \$50,000 as a bribe to influence him in Congress to withdraw opposition to the approval of your contracts. Did you or did you not offer Senator Gore such a bribe?

"No," replied J. P. McMurray, to this question when asked at the hearing before the congressional committee investigating Indian land affairs.

Mr. McMurray, who holds contracts with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians for the sale of \$50,000,000 worth of land in this State on a 10 per cent. contingent fee basis, was on the stand all day. The questions were propounded to him by Cecil H. Smith, his counsel.

"Did you ever tell anyone that Vice-President Sherman had any interest in your contracts?" "I never did," answered McMurray. "Did you authorize Hamon to say Mr. Sherman was interested?" "I did not."

Mr. Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, ever had any interest in the contracts?" "He never did; and I never told anyone that he did."

"Did you ever tell anyone that Congressman B. S. McGuire had any interest in any of your contracts?" "I never did."

"Has any member of Congress or any employe of any department of the government any interest in your contracts?" "They have not."

Describing his contracts as a plain business proposition, Mr. McMurray told his relations with the Indians, begun in 1890. In the first contracts for the sale of the land Cecil Lyon, National Republican Committee man from Texas, was a partner, McMurray said. These contracts were disapproved by President Roosevelt in 1903, and Mr. Lyon ceased to be connected with them.

Mr. McMurray said he then employed as counsel former Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebraska; former Senator C. I. Long, of Kansas; and Richard C. Adams, of Washington. He denied that he ever offered \$25,000 as a bribe to D. C. McMurray, a Choctaw lawyer. McMurray had testified that the offer had been made to him in connection with the old tribal contracts.

Mr. McMurray testified that he had called Cecil S. Gore after Mr. Hamon (the date on which the Senator said Hamon tried to bribe him), and the Senator had made no reference to the alleged offer of bribery to him. He had not heard of it until Gore's speech in the Senate which was made on June 24.

Jacob L. Hamon, mentioned by Senator Gore as the man who offered the bribe in McMurray's behalf, took the stand and denied he had ever made such an offer.

VIRGINIA'S GIFT ACCEPTED.

Statue of Washington Dedicated at Versailles.

Versailles (Special).—In the Napoleon Hall of the Chateau of Versailles, in the presence of the French Minister of War, General Brun; the French Ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American Ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of Washington in the State House at Richmond, Va., presented by the State of Virginia to the French Republic, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

Among other present were the Marquis de Lafayette, the members of the French mission, which presented to America the statue of Roebaneau, now at Washington, and United States Senator Nathan D. Scott, of West Virginia. General Brun, who presided, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the greatest French sculptor of the eighteenth century. Col. James Mann, chairman of the Virginia Commission, delivered the speech of presentation.

State Senators Don P. Haley and E. W. King, of Virginia, also made addresses on behalf of the State of Virginia.

Ambassador Jusserand, in the absence of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon, accepted the statue on behalf of the French Government. He declared that with appropriate recognition Washington and of the American people constituted one of the glories of France.

GOVERNOR VS. EDITOR.

Nevada Executive Resents Article With Fists.

Reno (Special).—Governor Dickerson, enraged by a story which appeared in a Reno paper on the selection of a new prison site, went into the office of the Carson News, which is edited by George A. Montrose, and demanded to know if Montrose wrote the article.

Montrose said he did not, but that if he had he would not be afraid to acknowledge it. Dickerson is said to have made a jump at Montrose, his fist grasping the editor's chest. Montrose, catching the Governor by the throat, bore him backward, also delivering a stiff body blow. A friend separated them. Dickerson refused to leave and Montrose started to call an officer by telephone. Dickerson then departed.

DEMANDED BABY BOY.

Refused, Automobileists Throw Carbolic Acid on Mother.

Stanford, Ky. (Special).—Stopping their automobile in front of the home of W. F. Kade, a young farmer, a man and woman demanded that Mrs. Kade give them her baby boy. When Mrs. Kade refused the woman threw a bottle of carbolic acid on the young mother. Then the two strangers left in their car. No explanation for the act was obtained from Mrs. Kade.

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Duquoin, Ill. (Special).—A baby girl weighing one and one-half pounds and less than 12 inches in length was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace, who live on a farm east of here. The infant is so tiny that a match will hide one of her fingers, while her head is about the size of a hen's egg. The doctors say she will live.

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THE TALE OF THE TUB



BIG FIRE IN JERSEY CITY

Engines Are Sent Over From New York City.

Big Buildings Are Reduced to Ashes With Great Rapidity on Account of the Inflammable Nature of Their Contents—Burning Cork Scatters the Fire—Tenement Dwellers Are Driven to the Streets.

New York (Special).—Fire in the warehouse division of Jersey City caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000. Chief Croker and five engines from New York hurried across the Hudson to aid the Jersey firemen and dynamite was used frequently.

The fire started in the plant of Truslow & Fuller, manufacturers of cork products, at Washington and Morgan streets. The flaming light cork was carried by the wind and ignited the plant of the Riegel Stank Company across the street.

A few minutes later the Independent Baking Powder Works were burning. Then working up Washington street, the fire attacked the W. Amos & Co. spike works and the Butler Bros. notion warehouse.

The entire Jersey City fire department was on the scene at this stage, and the baking powder plant was demolished with dynamite. But as the flames continued to spread aid was summoned from New York, and the two departments worked together.

The vicinity is fringed with old wood tenement houses, occupied mainly by Polish dock laborers and their families, and thousands poured into the streets, wailing and dragging their belongings. The streets were soon congested with furniture and other household articles, seriously hampering the firemen and affording loots for hoodlums.

Only on serious accident was reported. The victim was Spencer Babcock, a fireman, who was knocked unconscious by a live wire.

NEARLY OVERTHROW MADRIZ.

Zelaya's Wife Plotted to Make Dr. Irias President.

San Jose, Costa Rica (Special).—Quick work on the part of President Madriz, of Nicaragua, prevented the overthrow of his government.

According to information which has reached here from Managua, from an unquestionably reliable source, Mme. Zelaya, the wife of the deposed president of Nicaragua, organized a conspiracy to overthrow Madriz and install Dr. Irias. The conspirators had progressed to a point where they were almost ready to spring the trap, when one of the trusted followers of Mme. Zelaya got drunk and gave the plot away.

President Madriz took summary steps to prevent the conspiracy from being carried out, and the plotters were frustrated. Mme. Zelaya was ordered to leave the country forthwith, and Madriz took pains to see that she was placed on board the steamer San Jose bound from Corinto to Panama, with a through ticket to Europe.

Dr. Irias, who held a place in the Madriz cabinet was invited to resign, and the lesser figures in the conspiracy were thrown into prison.

LAY DISEASE ON GNAT.

Western Physicians Investigate Infantile Paralysis.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (Special).—Physicians here are convinced that they have discovered the cause of infantile paralysis that has reached the epidemic state in many localities. Now they will search for a remedy for the disease.

After laboring for weeks they unite in announcing that in their opinion the disease is produced by a small flying insect known throughout the West as the buffalo gnat, which makes its appearance during June and disappears with the coming of the first frost in autumn.

HEROES REWARDED.

Five Men Showed Nerve and Courage at Big Gun Explosion.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—For nerve and courage displayed at the time of the explosion of a big gun at the recent target practice at Fort Monroe, Va., resulting in the death of 11 men, five soldiers were awarded certificates of merit by the War Department. They are Private Charles C. Parks, Cook William H. Hawk, Private Fred Faulkner, Corporal William Bryan and Private D. C. Wigley, all of the Sixty-ninth Company, Coast Artillery.

Faulkner's certificate was awarded for "picking up and carrying away a smoldering sack of powder." The others "entered a close place to remove sacks of powder that were in close proximity to burning powder and smoldering debris," although most of them were painfully injured.

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A FIGHTER AS WELL AS A FLYER

John Moissant a Reckless and Romantic Character.

HE FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO FLY TO LONDON

Determined, However, to Complete His Remarkable Journey From the French to the English Capital—The Young American Aviator Now Recognized as an Agent of General Zelaya.

Chatham, England (Special).—Two accidents to his monoplane brought down to earth the American aviator, John B. Moissant, who the day before made a remarkable flight across the English Channel, with a passenger, in a daring attempt to fly from Paris to London. Moissant's monoplane lies partially wrecked in a brick field near Rainham, Kent, some 30 miles from London.

By a remarkable stroke of fortune, which seemed to have followed the almost unknown and inexperienced aviator on the first two days of his flight, Moissant and his mechanic, Albert Bieux, escaped unhurt. But the machine came heavily to the ground, alighting in a narrow space banked high around with earth and piles of broken brick. There it is piecemeal and refitted with parts now on their way from Paris to replace those that were broken by the fall.

Moissant resumed his flight from Tillingham at 4:55 o'clock A. M. The weather was clear and hardly a breeze stirred the air. Everything seemed most favorable to the accomplishment of his hopes, but at 7 o'clock he was obliged to descend near Sittingbourne. A small pin had become displaced, and almost from the start it gave the aviator trouble.

After this defect was repaired Moissant reascended, but before he had gone many miles a connecting rod was broken, which forced him to use the planes to reach the ground.

FLORIDA LIMITED DERAILED.

Twenty-Seven Passengers Injured On Southern.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The general offices of the Southern Railway issued the following statement regarding the wreck of the Florida Limited, northbound, near Rockton, Md., on August 21: "The engine remained on the track, but the combination express and baggage car and two coaches were derailed. Three sleeping cars left the track, but remained on the rails. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock P. M. The cause has not yet been ascertained, as the track is in good condition at the point where the train was first derailed. A further investigation will be made.

No persons were killed. Twenty-seven passengers and 10 colored people received slight injuries, but were all able to proceed on their journey, with the exception of J. D. Ruten, of Atlanta, Ga., who was injured about the head, and who is under the care of a physician at Columbia, S. C.

Conductor Blanton and Mail Clerk Thompson were the most severely injured. It was learned. Over 300 yards of track were torn up and traffic badly delayed.

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THE PEST CAUSES PANIC IN ITALY

Thousands of People Fleeing From the Cholera.

CARRYING THE DREADED GERMS

The Pope Orders That the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, Built Inside the Vatican By Pope Leo, Be Prepared for Emergency—Priests Instructed to Aid Civil Authorities.

Rome, Italy (Special).—The epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Southern Italy, is steadily showing an increase in the districts affected, particularly in the town of Trani, where the number of deaths already is more than 30. The latest official report gave 20 deaths at Trani, showing the rapidity with which the disease is increasing there. The epidemic is of a virulent type and the death rate is high.

Even graver danger is anticipated from the flying population of the infected districts, who may bear the germs of the disease to regions not yet involved. Trani seems almost deserted as a result of the panic, 20,000 of the residents, fully one-half of the population, having fled the town. Fully as many have escaped from the island town of Barietta.

Rome (Special).—Rumors that the epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Apulia, had spread to Rome are emphatically denied. There have been no cases here and the general health conditions in Rome are excellent, better than at any time during the past 10 years.

Although the danger of infection is not felt here, the Pope ordered the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, built inside the Vatican by Pope Leo in 1855, during the great cholera epidemic at Naples, but never used because of the absence of cholera patients, made ready for any emergency. The hospital, instead, has been employed to shelter pilgrims from all countries, including parties of American sailors who have visited Rome from American warships lying in Italian ports.

The influence of the church is to be used to assist the civil authorities in fighting the epidemic, the clergy having been instructed to use all means to enforce compliance with the sanitary regulations on the part of their parishioners. No final decision has been taken regarding the proposed departure of King Victor for the cholera region. The King, it is said, has determined to proceed personally to the scene, if conditions become serious, in which case Queen Helene, it is said, will insist upon accompanying him.

BACK FROM MT. MCKINLEY.

Prof. Parker Says Cook Was Ten Miles From Summit.

Seward, Alaska (Special).—The Parker-Browne Mount McKinley expedition passed through here and sailed for Seattle. The party failed to climb Mount McKinley, and members declare that they have conclusive proof that Dr. Cook never reached the summit and that the peak is 10 miles from the real summit.

Prof. Hirschell Parker took photos of this peak, which he says can easily be identified as pictures of the peak that Cook gives in his book.

Among the party were Professor Parker of Columbia; Professor Curtis, of Stevens Institute, Hoboken; Herman S. Stuckens, of Newton, Mass., and Waldemar Gramsco, of Columbia University.

Professor Parker doubts the claims made by Tom Lloyd, of Fairbanks, that he and his companions climbed McKinley from the Fairbanks side.

\$7.50 TO DINE WITH ROOSEVELT.

Chicago (Special).—It will cost \$7.50 to dine with Colonel Roosevelt at the Congress Hotel on the night of September 8. Besides, one must first have an invitation from the Hamilton Club, whose guest he will be, and then draw for a chance to be a favored one. Engraved invitations and cards setting forth that the drawing for tickets will take place at 2 o'clock, August 29, have been issued.

15-PASSENGER DIRIGIBLE.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—On funds supplied by leading business and professional men, a 15-passenger dirigible is being secretly constructed here and will soon be completed. It is said to be of a new type which, it is hoped, will introduce radical changes into air craft generally.

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