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## TRIED TO SECURE PLATT'S LETTERS

### Miller's Charge Against Loeb and Wynne.

## MADE AT MAE WOOD'S REQUEST

### Tells of Conspiracy to Force Her to Surrender.

## PLATT FULLY INFORMED

### Ex-Consul's Attack on Consul-General and President's Secretary Brought Out—Letters to Hold Over Platt's Head.

NEW YORK, May 19.—That high Government officials at Washington tried to obtain possession of love letters written by Senator Thomas C. Platt to Miss Mae C. Wood was stated in the testimony in today's trial of Miss Wood's suit for divorce from the aged Senator. The court denied a motion of counsel for Mr. Platt to dismiss the complaint. The statement bears the authority of J. Martin Miller, a former newspaper man, who said she did not see the signature affixed, but was assured by Mr. Miller that it was genuine.

The statement was prepared at her request, she testified. It declared that Miller was asked by "high Government officials" in Washington and New York to get possession of Mr. Platt's love letters, that the papers were not to be given to Mr. Platt, but were to be turned over to "Mr. Loeb at Washington," and that, when the plan to get possession of the original papers failed, a scandal was begun in the newspapers to force Miss Wood to come to terms.

### Wynne "Started Ball Rolling."

Wynne, First Assistant Postmaster General, started the ball rolling by getting a New York newspaper to print the article as it first appeared," says the statement, which concludes:

"I was gotten into the conspiracy by powerful officials whom I dared not displease from a newspaper or political standpoint. I consulted Mr. Howe, Senator Platt's secretary, frequently, and acted at all times under the direction of Loeb and Platt."

### Ex-Postmaster-General Robert Wynne is the present American Consul-General to London.

J. Martin Miller, a former newspaper man, recently was American Consul at Rheims, France.

"Did Miller ever say anything to you about the letters?" asked the examining attorney of Miss Wood, who had been on the witness stand in her own behalf since early yesterday.

"Yes," she replied, "he said that if he got the letters the Platts would never get them."

"What was he going to do with them?"

"Hold them over Platt's head, I believe," she answered.

### Miller's Story of Conspiracy.

The statement purporting to have been signed by Miller bears date of October 15, 1906. It reads:

"I was asked by high Government officials in Washington and New York to get possession of Senator Platt's love letters to Mae C. Wood. In order to do this, I had to pretend I would get out a book for which she gave me the manuscript on October 3, 1906. It was agreed by all parties interested that I was to get her to New York and get the papers out of her room. Mr. Loeb called up Platt in New York and told him Miss Wood was suing him for breach of promise. Then Platt said he would be a party to the scheme. I failed to get possession of any original documents or letters. We then began the scandal in the newspapers to force her to come to terms."

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## WAITING TO DIE OF HYDROPHOBIA

### RICH MAN CALMLY PREPARES FOR ETERNITY.

### Knowing End Must Come Within Three Days, W. H. Marsh Arranges Earthly Affairs.

NEW YORK, May 19.—(Special.)—William H. Marsh, a wealthy manufacturer of water meters, whose residence at 74 Ocean avenue is one of the handsomest in the Flatbush section, has hydrophobia. He knows it, too.

Mr. Marsh believes he is going to die within the next three days, and he is now in his home quietly arranging his business affairs so that, when the end comes, everything will be in shape.

Admitting that he would rather die in some other way, having studied medicine sufficiently to know the horrors of death from such a disease, Mr. Marsh says, however, that, as he must end his early career in this way, he can face it and do so calmly.

Mr. Marsh waited too long before he applied to the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

## WOULD WHIP ALL INTO LINE

### Word From Roosevelt Means Passage of Anti-Betting Bills.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 19.—Much interest was shown here in a statement of Senator Agnew, of New York, that one of his constituents had talked recently with President Roosevelt and represented the latter as expressing himself in favor of the passage of the much-discussed bills for the abolition of legal protection of public gambling at race tracks in this city.

None of the Republican leaders would talk about the matter, but the general feeling was that any authenticated expression of the President in favor of the bills would insure for the anti-gambling bills practically a party vote.

## PRESIDENT NOT TO INTERFERE

### Says He Keeps Out of All State Legislation as Policy.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—That President Roosevelt has authorized no one to speak for him regarding the anti-gambling legislation pending at Albany was the only comment obtainable at the White House regarding the report from Albany that the President has privately expressed himself on that subject. President Roosevelt's policy, it was stated, has universally been to interfere in no way whatever in state legislation, and it was added that he has made no exception to that policy in the present instance.

## ALL CHILDREN SERGEANTS

### Police Inspector Appoints Pupils to Report Misconduct of Force.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Inspector Miles O'Reilly has appointed all the pupils of public school No. 52 in East New York police sergeants. He has asked them to watch the patrolmen and report any misconduct. The other day Mr. O'Reilly dropped into the school and explained his plan.

"I want the co-operation of you children to increase the discipline of my men," he said.

## EXPEDITE THE DECISION

### Mrs. George Gould Arrives in Paris for Conference.

PARIS, May 19.—Mrs. George J. Gould and her children arrived here today from New York. Her presence in Paris is expected to expedite a decision on the question as to whether any opposition on the part of the executors, to the marriage of Madame Anna Gould to Prince Hele de Sagan, will be withdrawn.

## DOUBLE TRAGEDY SAVES DISGRACE

### Son Shoots Father and Then Himself.

## DISLIKES SECOND MARRIAGE

### George E. Sterry About to Wed Young Lady.

## LEAVES AN OPEN LETTER

### George E. Sterry, Jr., Says He Is Sure God Has Told Him to Do This Act in Rambling Epistle. Both Prominent in Business.

NEW YORK, May 19.—A family estrangement which had driven one of the members to insanity, culminated today in the murder of George E. Sterry, a millionaire drug exporter, by his son, George E. Sterry, Jr., and the suicide of the latter. The elder Sterry was shot down at the Pine-street office of Weaver & Sterry, Limited, where he had been closeted for a few moments with the murderer. The son immediately afterward shot himself and both men were dead when others of the firm hurried into the room.

The determination of the father to remarry led to the tragedy. A letter left by the son made plain that his acts were deliberate and the result of a deranged mind.

The senior Sterry was 72 years old and in addition to his drug interests was president of the Bloomfield Mills Company and a director in the Spring Coat Company. He was socially prominent and active in religious affairs.

### Was About to Remarry.

George E. Sterry, Jr., was 49 years old and with his wife lived at the Manhattan Square Hotel. His wife had known of the unchastity in the Sterry family but had received no intimation that her husband's mind had become unbalanced as a consequence.

The murdered man was president of the firm of Weaver & Sterry, the murderer his secretary, while William DeWitt Sterry, a second son, is the treasurer. John W. and James W., also sons of the elder man, are directors. Mr. Sterry's wife died four years ago, and last January he announced his intention of marrying Miss Rachel Blatkie, a public-school teacher of East Orange, N. J. The sons disapproved of the proposed alliance but were unable to influence their father against it.

George Sterry, Jr., today went to his place of business as usual, and passing through the office of his brother, addressed him casually and then entered his father's private room. Perhaps five minutes later the reports of a revolver twice discharged attracted others to the private office.

## Both Dead When Found.

The body of the elder Sterry sat upright in the chair before his desk, with blood trickling down the face from a bullet hole in the right temple. Stretched out in a chair near his father's desk was the lifeless form of the son. He had been killed by a bullet over the right ear. His right hand clasped a revolver. A letter in the pocket of the son read as follows:

To Whom It May Concern: The Coroner first, I presume, I took a solemn oath to myself that my father would never disgrace the memory of my sainted mother. There is not a bit of selfishness in me. Had my father engaged himself to a lady of mature age I would most certainly bid him good luck, and trust he would live forever. I certainly always desired a long and happy life.

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## AGREES TO SOUND RIGHT KEYNOTE

### BURROWS SEES TAFT AND REMOVES OBJECTIONS.

### Opening Speech of Republican Convention to Be Satisfactory to Conceded Nominee.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special.)—Gradually the excitement caused by the unexpected selection of Senator Burrows of Michigan, to be temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention, is subsiding.

Mr. Burrows has had a conference with Secretary Taft, conceded to be the nominee of the convention for President, and it is understood the National committee's designated choice for temporary presiding officer will deliver a "keynote" in



Senator C. A. Culberson, of Texas, Whom Bryan Will Support for Democratic Nomination if He Cannot Get It.

full sympathy with his environment and of a character satisfactory to the prospective nominee and the Roosevelt administration as a whole.

## MEET AFTER MANY YEARS

### Portland Woman, Kidnaped by Father, Reunited to Mother.

HELENA, Mont., May 19.—A special to the Record from Dillon says that after 15 years mother and daughter in the persons of Mrs. Jacob Hartwig and Mrs. Charles Jellison, the latter a resident of Portland, Or., have been reunited in that city. The daughter had been placed in a convent at Deer Lodge, and was kidnaped by the father, who spent years in traveling, visiting nearly every state in the Union, but the mother could never catch them.

Finally the child was placed in a hospital at Beloit, Wis., where she became a sister. Later she removed to Portland, where she met and married Mr. Jellison last year. Mother and daughter finally located each other's whereabouts and their reunion occurred yesterday. Further details they decline to disclose.

## CURRENCY BILLS ARE DEAD

### Deadlock in Conference Delays Action for This Session.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—That there will be no currency legislation at this session of Congress is now believed by many members to be almost a certainty. The conferees on the Senate and House bills have held several sessions in an effort to work out something under the head of the "Aldrich-Vreeland bill," but they are said almost to have abandoned hope.

The Senate committee on finance has submitted an argument for bankers and commercial interests against the Vreeland bill. The opposition has been based chiefly on the charge that it proposes an asset currency through clearing houses being permitted to issue notes.

## REPRESENTATIVE OF ENTIRE WORLD

### Methodist Conference Cosmopolitan.

## GREAT ENTHUSIASM SPREAD

### Question of Temperance Thoroughly Arouses Body.

## RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS

### Committee of 24 Bishops Visits Speaker Cannon With Memorial Favoring Passage of Littlefield Bill—Conference Sidelights.

By Daniel L. Rader, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 12.—(Special Correspondence.)—Any great representative legislative body is of especial interest to those who belong to the organization which it represents. When such a body has to do with matters which are of general interest, it becomes interesting and important to all those who are interested in the public good.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is such a body as this. Its representatives are from every land and clime, and belong to almost every nationality in the world. Here are men and women from Corea, China, the Philippines, India, Africa, from all parts of Europe, from South America and from all parts of the United States. These people are of all conditions of intelligence and social refinement; they are Coreans, Chinese, Hindoos, Africans, of all grades of color. Among the representatives are three Governors, H. A. Buechel, of Colorado; J. Frank Hanley, of Indiana; and Edward W. Hoch, of Kansas. With them may be classed United States Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver. These are among the most conspicuous members of the body, representing the laymen. They secure recognition from the chairman readily, and are frequently upon the platform. There are 674 members, half of whom are ministers, and the other half laymen, representing 123 conferences.

The bishops sit upon the platform, which seems exceedingly vacant, since the greatest men among their number have died since the last session of the general conference. The absence of Bishops Andrews, Merrill, Fowler, Fitzgerald, Joyce and McCabe very greatly weakens the body. The others look very old, as the death of their colleagues has given them extra work and brought upon them very greatly increased burdens. Some charges of mal-administration not of a serious character have been brought against these men by the chronic accuser of the brethren, Rev. A. C. Cook, of the Troy conference. This is the man who has been rattling at such men as Dr. J. M. Buckley and James R. Day, and who is now invading the tallest timber.

He seems to have a grievance against Bishops McDowell and Moore, charging not that they have been guilty of any immorality, but of unwholesome and illegal decisions.

The case of the Rev. Bishop M. C. Harris, who was elected at the last general conference bishop of Japan and Corea, presents some very grievous problems which will tax the ingenuity and the most extensive resources of the most astute legal minds in the church.

About a year ago all the members

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## PRAYER AND ARSON STRANGELY MIXED

### NIGHTRIDERS BURN TOBACCO BARN RELIGIOUSLY.

### Force Young Couple to Attend Service, Singing Hymn as Flames Leap High.

LACENTER, Ky., May 19.—Kneeling on the ground in the moonlight, with their heads bowed, while the leader, his marked face turned toward heaven, offered prayer, a band of night riders last night destroyed the big tobacco barn of H. D. Maddox, not far from this place.

The spectacle was witnessed by a young couple who were returning from a party and who were captured by the riders and forced to accompany them to the prayer meeting and barn-burning. After the flames were under headway the young people were instructed to go home, and, as they left, the raiders were singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

## BOYCOTT CROSSES OCEAN

### Chinese Refuse to Sail From San Francisco on Japanese Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The Chinese boycott of Japanese, growing out of the seizure of the Tatsu Maru, has extended to this city. Twenty Chinese cigar merchants, who had planned to return to their homes in China today, refused to take passage on the Japanese liner America Maru, but said they would wait a week until the Siberia leaves.

## Lieutenant Accused of Fraud

CHICAGO, May 19.—John Hamilton, who claimed to have been a Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army, was arrested here today on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He is wanted by the police of Cincinnati, where he is said to have obtained money from various people by means of advertisements inserted in the newspapers.

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## RAMPANT MOBS RULE CLEVELAND

### Shoot Down Carmen and Burn Cars.

## GIRL KILLED; MOB WOULD LYNCH

### Spectators Eager for Vengeance on Conductor.

## FIGHT BATTLE WITH POLICE

### Head Severed From Body by Non-union Motorman, Who Flees. Strikers Move for Referendum to Forfeit Franchise.

CLEVELAND, O., May 19.—The most serious violence of the streetcar strike, which has been here since Sunday, occurred in Lakewood, a suburb, tonight when four men were wounded with bullets, one car burned and another partially wrecked.

Trouble had been anticipated, and the first car to Clinton carried no passengers. When it stopped before a railway bridge, a crowd which had been lying in wait, leaped from hiding places and opened fire on the crew and guards. Guards W. G. Barnes and John Swanto returned the fire, more than 30 shots being exchanged.

## Gasoline Poured on Car.

While the shooting was in progress the crowd grew to nearly a thousand. Another car arrived and its crew joined in the fight. Gasoline was poured on the second car and it was burned to the trucks. The Cleveland police were notified and 60 officers were sent to the rescue. The first car, riddled with bullets and windows broken, proceeded to the barn.

P. C. Esholz, motorman, was shot in the leg. John Gray and J. Alexander, guards on the second car, were shot in the chest and Mace Burlingame, who was in the crowd which made the attack, was shot in the hand. All were taken to a hospital, where they were reported to be seriously wounded.

## Girl Killed, Mob Furious.

An earlier disturbance occurred in the downtown district, when Yaita Workinson, a little girl, was killed by a car while attempting to cross the street. As soon as he realized what had occurred the motorman sped the car several blocks ahead, where the police were notified. The conductor soon left the car and sought refuge in a nearby drug store. A crowd attempted to reach him, while others attempted to catch the fleeing car. The police arrived just in time to save the conductor, at whom the mob was yelling "Lynch him, lynch him." The girl's head had been severed from her body. By mistake two morgue keepers had been called and when their dead wagons arrived one took the girl's head and the other her body. The frantic parents of the girl, excitedly trying to obtain possession of the severed parts of the body, inflamed the mob spirit and more serious trouble was narrowly averted by the police.

## Still Trying to Arbitrate.

The state arbitrators took up the task of endeavoring to effect a reconciliation between the strikers and the Municipal Traction Company early tonight and remained in session several hours.

While the car service was slightly improved today the general situation appeared so serious tonight that possibility

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PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS, MOST NOTABLE GROUP OF UNITED STATES PUBLIC MEN EVER PHOTOGRAPHED. This photograph was taken at the front door of the White House. It shows the President, Vice-President, Island Waterways Commission, Cabinet officers, members of Supreme Court, and was taken on the opening day of the convention called to discuss the conservation of the National resources of the country. In the front row reading from left to right are Governor Harris, of Ohio; Governor Hughes, of New York; Governor Davidson, of Wisconsin; Andrew Carnegie, W. J. Bryan, James J. Hill, John Mitchell, President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Justices Harlan, Brewer, White, McKenna, Holmes, Day, Moody, Secretary of Treasury Cortelyou, and Attorney-General Bonaparte.