

FRIAR-LAND FIGHT TAKES NEW TURN

Martin Renews Attack on War Department, Alleging Sales to the Sugar Trust.

PUBLICITY IS HIS DEMAND

Colorado Representative Accuses Government Officials of Duplicity and Asks Them to Produce Records.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Representative Martin (Dem.), of Colorado, who for weeks has been waging a fight in the House to show the friar lands of the Philippine Islands are being seized by the "sugar trust" with the acquiescence of Attorney-General Wickersham and the War Department, tonight gave to the press an interview in which he reviews his efforts, accuses the Government officials alleged to be involved, charges that information that would prove his contention is being withheld by the War Department and demands a full Congressional inquiry into the matter.

Mr. Martin characterizes the action of the Republican majority of the House yesterday in defeating his resolution calling upon the War Department for information on the sale of friar lands as a "blanketing movement." He points out a number of alleged discrepancies in the reports sent by the War Department to the House committee on insular affairs in friar land transactions and accuses the Government officials of duplicity.

Charges That Are Made.

He charges the Administration of having begun a "policy of exploitation in the Philippine Islands," and declares "if it has been falsely accused, let it take off the lid."

Mr. Martin announced he was preparing a new resolution of inquiry into the friar land deal, which he would introduce in the House as soon as drafted. Mr. Martin's statement follows:

"If there was ever any doubt about the necessity of an investigation of Philippine affairs, it is removed by the disclosures made by the War Department in response to my resolution of inquiry. I learned three days ago the War Department had furnished Chairman Olmstead of the insular committee what purported to be the information called for in my resolution, and I requested Mr. Olmstead to let me see it. This he refused.

Asked to See Papers.

"I wanted to see this matter before it was reported to the House because I knew it would be accompanied by a motion to table my resolution as having served its purpose, thereby shutting off debate and preventing a further airing of the matter on the floor. This occurred yesterday as I anticipated. It was simply a blanketing move.

"The War Department report upon examination fully justifies such a move. It disclosed negotiations between the War Department and attorneys for the purchasers of the friar lands in the Philippines for several months prior to the sale; between the War Department and the Philippine government, whereas the War Department, in a communication published in the Congressional Record on March 23 stated its first information concerning the sale of this estate was received through the public press. This affirms my contention this deal has been under way for months and was practically consummated before Attorney-General Wickersham was asked for an opinion.

Cablegram Not Found.

"It was also stated that when the Secretary of War heard about this matter through the newspapers he called the Philippine Government and asked them to delay the sale until he could get an opinion from Attorney-General Wickersham. No such cablegram appears in the information now furnished. This, of course, is there appears one from the War Department to the Governor-General dated December 24, 1909, the very day Wickersham's opinion was asked, approving the sale of the San Jose estate, which had already been made.

"Another cablegram from the Governor-General, antedating the request for Wickersham's opinion, shows the sale was not to Poole as heretofore represented by the War Department, but to Poole or his nominee. Poole's nominee is or will be a subsidiary sugar trust corporation, probably the Mindoro Development Company, already organized by dummy incorporators under the laws of New Jersey.

Other Messages Exchanged.

"Then there is a cablegram dated October 22 from the Governor-General to the Secretary of War, stating Prentiss and Poole desired to purchase the San Jose estate. This, of course, refers to prior negotiations by one Hammond with the War Department about these friar lands. This Hammond, it develops, is a member of the firm of Strong & Cadwallader, of New York, of which Henry W. Taft is now the second member, to which rank he was promoted from fifth place when Mr. Wickersham left the firm to become Attorney-General.

"Mr. Hammond opened negotiations with the War Department and then obviously for appearance sake, turned their consummation over to another firm of attorneys, Hammond represented Havemeyer. If any exists, between the promoters of that industry and the so-called sugar trust with a view to determining whether such relations result in any violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, such as the fixing of prices or a combination in restraint of trade. Just now the Department of Justice is closing an inquiry into the best sugar side of the question at Pueblo, Colo.

Acting Grain Mills Searched.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The Aetna Grain Mills were partially destroyed by fire early tonight, the blaze causing a loss of \$50,000 to building and contents.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT IN EGYPT.



THE EX-PRESIDENT HIS SON AND GEN. SEATIN AT TEA AT THE GYMKHANA.



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HYDE JURY SEATED

Trial of Accused Physician Will Begin Today.

FAIR TRIAL IS EXPECTED

Prisoner Seans Each Face as Men Pile Into Seats and Appears to Be Satisfied—Material Witness Stricken Suddenly Ill.

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—Shortly after 8 o'clock tonight a jury was selected to try Dr. E. C. Hyde on a charge of murdering the late Colonel Thomas H. Swope. Just as the 12 men were taking seats in the jurybox a telephone message to the Prosecutor, Virgil Conkling, announced G. T. Twyman, one of the material witnesses for the state, had been stricken with appendicitis and was being taken to a hospital for an operation. So little is known about his condition that it cannot be said now whether the trial will be delayed by his illness.

Personnel of Jury. W. W. Castle, painter, 56; Kansas City. W. C. Crone, salesman, 60; Lees Summit. C. W. Whitehead, abstractor, 47; Kansas City. W. M. Beebe, watchmaker, 30; Kansas City. G. C. Feldt, salesman, 35; Kansas City. Byron D. Lillard, conductor, 30; Kansas City. W. W. Curran, clerk, 20; Kansas City. John A. Pilant, teamster, 60; Kansas City. Samuel R. Johnson, farmer, 41; Sibley. Frank Claypool, cattleman, 48; Kansas City. F. R. Hedges, clerk, 38; Kansas City. Ed. Rivers, bookkeeper, 22; Kansas City.

Fair Jury, Says Hyde.

When the jury walked into its place, Dr. Hyde watched the men carefully and noted the characteristics of each. He knew every face and called the men by name in speaking of them.

WIDOW YERKES SCORES

Attorney's Claim of \$125,000 Against Estate Is Denied.

CHICAGO, April 15.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of the late Charles T. Yerkes, traction magnate, scored a victory in the long-drawn-out and bitter and bitter legal struggle that has been waged over his estate today, when Judge Cutting, in the Probate Court, dismissed the \$125,000 claim of Charles S. Leeds.

Leeds, who was not in court, put in his claim for services rendered and for interest on their value since they were rendered in 1897. These services consisted, he alleged, in securing for Yerkes stock of the Suburban Railway and stock of the Suburban Construction Company.

Attorneys W. W. Ross and W. Orison Underwood, of Boston, representing the estate, scored a point which probably had to do with influencing Judge Cutting's decision, when they introduced a letter written by Leeds to Yerkes in 1900, asking the latter for a position, but making no mention of the money alleged to be due him from Yerkes for services.

Rev. James Campbell Dies. Rev. James Campbell, aged 63 years, of 480 East Davis street, died at his home yesterday. The funeral will be held Sunday, after which he will be buried at Farmington. Mr. Adams was born November 3, 1847, in Adams County, Illinois. He was twice married, the first time to Martha Stinson, who died in 1890, and the last time to Lydia Johnson, who, with four sons, survive him.

Fall Shatters Two Ribs.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 15.—(Special)—Fred Fritzlar, of Gales Creek, fell here this afternoon fracturing two ribs and severely bruising his left side, while loading a sack of feed on a load of baled hay. The man fell backward, striking the streetcar rail with his shoulder.

KING'S HONOR PAID

Emperor Receives Roosevelt as if Sovereign.

GUEST AT FOREIGN OFFICE

During Afternoon American Pays Visit to Capuchin Church. Roosevelt Angered by Fake Report He Will Be Candidate.

(Continued From First Page.) From the church, Mr. Roosevelt set out on a round of official calls, leaving his cards for Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne; Prince Montenuovo, the court chamberlain, and Count Pass, the personal adjutant of the Emperor. Later in the afternoon Mr. Roosevelt visited the military riding school and also witnessed a review of the regiment of Hussars commanded by Prince Brunn, at Breitenau.

At 8 o'clock tonight the officials of the Foreign Office gave a dinner at which Mr. Roosevelt was the guest of honor. Mr. Roosevelt was indignant to say when he learned that a report had been printed in Paris and cabled to America that one of the recent results of the conference with Gifford Pinchot was an agreement on the part of the ex-President to the use of his name as a candidate for the Presidency. Mr. Roosevelt again reiterated that he had not, and would not, make any declaration in regard to American politics while in Europe. He had received and talked with Mr. Pinchot, he said, as he would receive and talk with any other political friend. Mr. Roosevelt said he would hereafter decline to receive the newspaper correspondents who had given currency to this idea.

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HUSBAND REWEDS WIFE

PARENTS OF TWO SONS HAVE SECOND CEREMONY.

Marriage 18 Years Ago Repeated When Couple Is Informed of Recent Court Decisions.

GRESHAM, Or., April 15.—(Special)—Though they had been married 18 years, and not been separated during that period, and are the parents of two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Crane were married again Wednesday night. Mr. Crane is 49, Mrs. Crane is 34, according to the marriage license records. Mr. Crane was divorced from his first wife 18 years ago and soon after the signing of the decree married Miss Mary J. Fisher, his present wife, in the State of Washington. The Supreme Court of Oregon and Washington later held that marriages within six months after decrees had been granted were invalid, and this fact came only recently to the attention of Mr. Crane. He thereupon obtained a marriage license from the Clerk of Multnomah County. Another wedding had been planned at the Crane residence for Wednesday, that of Claude W. Clute and Miss Mary C. Kilmartin, and after they had been made husband and wife by Dr. A. Thompson, the second wedding was announced, to the surprise of the assembled guests. Mr. Clute and Miss Kilmartin were attended by Joseph Schantline and Miss Goldie Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Crane by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Thorpe.

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