# SCANDAL BY GORE

Oklahoma Senator Declares \$50,000 Bribe Was Offered for Influence.

### SHERMAN'S NAME IS USED

Lobbyist Is Said to Have Mentioned Vice-President, Senator Curtis and Representative McGuire Among "Higher Ups."

(Continued from Pirst Page.) higher up. Hamon had replied the Vice-

That Hamon told him that Senator Curtis of Kansas was "interested" in

the deal.

That Hamon told him that Representative McGuire of Oklahoma was "interested" in the deal.

That Hamon told him that an employe of the Department of Justice at Washington was "interested" in the deal.

Washington was 'interested in the deal.

That he (Senator Gore) knew the name of the employe but would not divulge his name or the name of his informant, especially, because the latter would lose his position.

That ex-Senator Long of Kansas, acting as counsel for McMurray, had gone to President Taft on April 28 to urge the approval of the contracts, but that the President had said that "it would take a good deal of argument to convince him that the amount of the fee asked by McMurray was justified."

### Curtis Denies by Wire.

Senator Curtis today sent a telegram the committee denying that he was to the committee denying that he was in any way interested in the contracts and offering to appear before the committee. Chairman Burke said that Mr. Curtis would be subpoensed to testify. An account of that part of Senator Gore's testimony referring to Vice-

President Sherman follows:

Mr. Burke: "In your conversation with Hamon, you stated he named a very high official that he said was interested in these contracts. You nitted his name."

Mr. Gore: "I say again that I should ery much prefer not to name him, am, however, subject to the will of "I say again that I should the committee."
Mr. Burke: "The committee is here to get the facts and we must have all of this conversation."

of this conversation."
Mr. Gore: "He suggested that Vice-President Sherman was interested in the contracts."
Thomas H. Owen, counsel for Mr.

Gore: "In that connection, you spoke of an article appearing in a Kansas City newspaper that two gentlemen had called on the President. I wish you would say who was mentioned in

### Question Discussed With President.

Mr. Gore: "In the newspaper of April 14, Vice-President Sherman and Senator Curtis were named as having called to discuss the segregating of coal and asphalt lands. I think before

the Senate met the next day the in-formation came to me."

Senator Gore explained that he be-lieved Vice-President Sherman was fa-vorable to the contracts and a short time later he introduced a resolution

the stand until late in the day. Asked if he had ever met Hamon, he replied: saying he wanted to talk over a little matter. At that time efforts were being made to have the President approve the McMurray contracts. I already had gone on record as being opposed to their approval. Well, when I got to the hotel and was sitting in a room with Hamon, he began to urge me to withdraw my opposition. He suggested I might have an interest in the contracts."

## Bribe Offer Checked.

Representative Miller: "Were any figures mentioned? Did he say how much interest you might have?" Mr. Creager: "No. I did not let it go as far as that. I made my language Representative Stephens: "You mean

to say that you regarded the offer of such a character as to arouse your in-

Mr. Creager: "Yes; that's it."
Mr. Creager: "Yes, that's it. I regarded it as an offer to influence my attitude towards the contracts. It was even suggested that I call together all the officials I could and defeat the measure opposing the approval of the

Representative Miller: "What kind of oms did Mr. Hamon and Mr. McMur-y have at the hotel?" Mr. Creager: "Oh, three or four front

Mr. Creager: Oh, three or four front rooms. Representative McGuire, of Oklahoma, occupied part of the Hamon and McMurray suite. I met Hamon later at different times. When he heard I was coming to testify before this committee he urged me not to. He expressed the hope that I would make no statement before this committee."

### Employe's Name Withheld.

Recalled to the stand, Senator Gore was asked to mention the name of the was asked to mention the name of the employe of the Department of Justice who had told him that another employe or an official in that department was interested in the contracts.

That I could not do," replied Sentor Gore. The matter was imparted to me in confidence, and I regret that it was mentioned here at all."

"Now Sentates" interested Department

"Now, Sonator," Interposed Representative Campbell, "don't you think it unfair to go so far before this committee and yet not tell all you know? You know we are here to learn the truth and we would like to have all

of II made known."
"No, I would rather not. It is well known that heretofore employes of that department have lost their positions for giving information and I would rather that this feature of the investigation be dropped."

## Taft Opposed Contracts.

E. P. Hill, an attorney for the Choctribe of Indians, then questioned Senator as to what he knew of sident Taft's attitude toward the

McMurray contracts.
"I think some people interested in
the contracts went to see the President
on April 25," said the witness. "The
President stated that ex-Senator Long
already had submitted the matter to
him and that Mr. Long's clients (meandent stated that ex-Senator Long dy had submitted the matter to and that Mr. Long's clients (meanth of the McMurray interests) might their day in court. I think the dent said everybody might have lay in court, but that it would tell all he was not disposed to consider the amount of fee asked the military reservation where his battery may serve.

Chico, Cal., Feels Earthquake.

While submitting to the questioning.

Mr. Hamon declined to answer other the limits of the military reservation where his battery may serve.

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CHICO, Cal., Aug. 4.—A slight earthquake was felt in this city this afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. There was no shout the limits of the military reservation and the limits of the military reservation where his battery may serve. the McMurray interests) might be their day in court. I think the sident said everybody might have day in court, but that it would be a good deal of argument to con-

VICE-PRESIDENT, SENATOR WHO ACCUSES HIM, AND OTHERS PROMINENT IN OKLAHOMA SCANDAL.



ABOVE—SENATOR CURTIS, OF KANSAS, IMPLICATED IN CHARGES, AND SENATOR GORE, OF OKLAHOMA, THE ACCUSER. CENTER—VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN. BELOW—S NAPSHOT OF MR. SHERMAN, WITH HIS FRIEND, SENATOR ELKINS, AND CONGRESSMAN M'GUIRE, OF OKLAHOMA, WHO IS ALSO ACCUSED.

The Senator testified that he and Hamon had been friends and had been interested together in business transactions at Lawton, Okla., in which money loans were involved. Hamon is an attorney of Lawton, which is Senator Gore's home town. Hamon is Senator Gore's home town. Hamon is 37 years old and married. Aside from Republican chairmanships, he has been City Attorney of Lawton and has prac-ticed law in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

### Gore's Brother Testifies.

References to invitations to "frogleg" banquets and to assertions by
Hamon that Senator Gore was "going
back on his friends," were made in
the testimony of D. F. Gore, private
secretary and brother to Senator Gore.
D. F. Gore said that he was in his
brother's private office at noon on May
8 when Hamon appeared.
"I stepped into an adjoining office
and left the Senator and Hamon alone,"
he said, "except that once in a while I

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Representative Creager did not take he stand until late in the day. Asked the had ever met Hamon, he replied:

"Yes, I met him by appointment in is rooms at the Occidental Hotel, in Vashington. He invited me there, aging he wanted to talk over a little way of making him uneststand. He had the later of the contacts and wished he knew of some waying he wanted to talk over a little way of making him uneststand. He

way of making him unogratand. He invited me to the hotel to talk it over so I could tell the Senator. He also wanted to know if I would attend a frog-leg banquet which he was arranging. I declined all of these invi-

## "Frog-Leg" Banquet Declined.

J. Leroy Thompson, stenographer to Senator Gore, testified that he also was in and out of the Senator's room when Hamon was present. He, too, was invited to the "frog-leg" banquet, he said, but declined.

Representative Campbell: "Did you hear anything that was said at the conference."

conference?"
"No, I did not. Usually when Hamon called I heard everything that was said. There never before had been an effort to conceal it. But this time it was different."
"The what way was it different? Did

"In what way was it different? Did Hamon act differently?"
"Yes, he appeared not to want to say anything when I was in the room, which was quite opposite from his usual manner."
That the Choctaw Indians who had protested against siving 10

That the Choctaw Indians who had protested against giving 10 per cent attorney's fees to McMurray had been asked to reached their action formed the substance of testimony of W. A. Durant, a Chectaw Indian and a member of the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Durant said at a Choctaw council meeting resolution had been passed against the McMurray contracts. Later, he said, a number of persons had gone out into the Choctaw nation urging the Indians to sign a document declaring themselves in favor of the contract, but most of them, he asserted, maintained their opposition.

## Hamon Denies Categorically.

Mr. Hamon tonight declined to dis-Mr. Hamon tonight declined to dis-cuss Senator Gore's charges and said he would not make any statement ex-cept in response to categorical ques-tions. The following questions in an interview were then put to him: "Did you offer a bribe to Senator Gore?"

"I did not."
"Did you offer to give him an in-erest in the McMurray contracts?"
"I did not." Gorer "Did you offer to bribe Congress-

man Creager?"
"I did not."
"Did you offer him an interest in the McMurray contracts?"

"I did not."
"Did you mention to Senator Gore, or to anyone else that Vice-President Sherman was interested in the approval of the McMurray centracts?" "I never mentioned such a thing to anyone."
"Did you say Senator Curtis was in-terested in the McMurray contracts?"

"I did not."
"Are you yourself interested in the approval of the McMurray contracts?" "I am not." Mr. Hamon declined to answer other

for in the contracts (\$2,000,000) was just. In fact, I think the President made it plain he was opposed to the contracts."

The Senator testified that he and Hamon had been friends and had been interested together in business trans.

"SLANDER," RETORTS M'GUIRE Forest Rangers Are Fighting

Oklahoma Representative Denies In-

terest in Indian Contracts. GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 4.—Representa-tive Bird S. McGuire, of the First Okla-homa district, in a statement here this afternoon, denied emphatically that he had now or ever had any interest in Indian contracts with McMurray or any-

Indian contracts with McMurray or anyone else. He said that he would go to
Muskogee at once and appear before the
Congressional investigation committee
new in session there.
"I don't know what was said to Senator Gore," said Mr. McGuire here today,
"or whether anything was said to him
by any persons, but this much is true:
"No living man who is honest and responsible will say that I have now, or

Not Slightest Shadow of Founda

tion," Says Vice-President. BIG MOOSE, N. Y., Aug. 4.-Vice-Presi-

dent James S. Sherman issued the fol-lowing statement tonight concerning the charges made by Senator Gore at Muskogee today:

"The story that comes to me about the charges made by Senator Gore at Muskogee today is absolutely without the slightest shadow of foundation."

PAPERS FOR EXTRADITION OF PORTER CHARLTON ARRIVE.

State Department Refuses Action and Refers Case to New Jersey Magistrate.

WASHINGTON. Aug. 4.—What is assumed to be Italy's formal demand for the extradition of Porter Charlton, the young American charged with having killed his wife. Mary Scott Charlton, at Lake Como. Italy, reached the State Department today. As that case has not reached the jurisdiction of the department, the papers were returned to the Italian Embassy whence they came.

Accompanying the packet upon its return and explanatory of the course taken by the department was a note from Acting Secretary Wilson suggesting that as the case lay with the New Jersey court, the papers should be presented to the magistrate before whom the case was pending. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.-What is as-

was pending.

Not until action has been taken by the court will the case of Chariton reach the State Department, when Secretary Knox may be called to decide upon the question of extradition.

## SENTENCE IS COMMUTED

Because of Good War Record, Cap-"tain Hand Is Retained.

WASHINGTON. Aug. 4.—President Taft has commuted the sentence of a court-martial that Captain Daniel W. Hand, First Artilley, at San Francisco, be dismissed from the Army without benor for drunkenness, violating a pledge of temperance, and absence without leave. Because of his previous excellent record and galiant conduct with the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteers in the war with Spain, the President commuted the sentence to reduce Captain Hand to the bottom of the list of field artillery captains, where his name must remain five years and that he be confident for one year to the limits of the military reservation where his battery may serve.

Flames in All Directions.

CAMPERS START BLAZES

Every Few Hours, Fresh Dangers Are Reported to Forestry Office at Wallowa-Government Men Bend All Efforts to Check.

"No living man who is honest and responsible will say that I have now, or have had, any interest in any Indian contracts with McMurray or anybody else.

"A man who would base a statement in the United States Serate on what some person may have told him in a matter like that is nothing more nor less than a common slanderer."

After stating that he would attend the investigation tomorrow, Mr. McGuire said:

"A man who would base a statement into the local forestry office. Last night there were reported 10 very serious fires and many smaller ones either within the boundaries of the forest or dangerously near to its boundaries. Practically all other National forest After stating that he would attend the investigation tomorrow, Mr. McGulre said;
"I expect they will want me to make a statement, and to a dead certainty I'll be ready to make one."

SHERMAN'S REPLY IS DENIAL

"Not Slightest Shadow of Founda-"
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N. V. Downs and crew holding their own with fire.

Big fire or Marr Flat, 10 miles east of Joseph. Ranger Fred McClain with large crew making gain.

Terrific fire on west fork of Eagle Creek (near Eagle Cap Mountain), burning in crowns of trees, beyond all control. Rangers John McClain and Roy Hunt with 15 men unable to check its progress.

s progress. Big fire 10 miles east of Union. Not yet on National forest but burning toward it rapidly. Ranger Leo Blevans and crews of two sawmills fighting

Twenty-five hundred acres burned on Minam River near Edward Millard's place. Fire set by campers in best pine timber in forest; apparently ma-liciously. Fire how under control. Same campers set another fire, which was discovered before headway was

Fire on Mud Creek; controlled after Fire on Mud Creek; controlled atter-burning five acres of good timber. Fire at head of Imnaha River. Bad fire. No particulars of control. Fire on head of North Pine Creek destroying timber. Rangers have no

reported success.

Brush fire near this city heading toward National forest. Crews of big sawmill fighting it.

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In addition to these fires, there are many smaller fires that will do immense damage if not controlled soon, and new ones are being reported every few hours. The work of fighting the fires is pursued under difficulties owing to the extreme dryness of the foliage and underbrush. The only successful method is shoveling a trench and making a backfire. This method is employed where sufficient men are available and is the only resort in thickets. In open timber, where water is available, wet sacks are used to good advantage, as the fire is easily whipped out of the leaves and grass with them.

## RESIGNATION NOT ASKED

Judge Ballinger Says Topic Was Not Discussed With Crane.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, while en route to Seattle, wrote the following note to the Associated Press:

"Please say for me that reports to the effect that Senator Crane's conference with me had to do with the suggestion that I resign is without foundation.

"Our conference did not in the slight-est degree relate to myself or any mat-ter affecting me. Very respectfully. "R. A. BALLINGER."

Wickersham and Nagel Initiated.

BKAGWAY, Alaska, Aug. 4.—Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel were initiated into the mother camp of the Arctic Brotherhood at a big meeting last night, A social session followed the initiation, and many speeches concerning the welfare of Alaska were made. President Taft is an honorary past grand master of the order, into which he was initiated in Scattle last year.

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## Hornet. Although the Hornet is said with President Taft's Army policy in his to carry supplies to the Estrada forces, she is an American owned ship, flying the American flag. Wood went over all the War Department estimates for the coming year and de-

Ex-Ruler of Nicaragua Held General Wood and President Agree Ally of Revolutionists.

MADRIZ AGENTS ARRIVE

Pair Is Very Anxious to Establish Friendly Relations With United States-Former President Delcared Unpopular.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Again charging that the Zelaya fortune, through the manipulations of a son-in-law of the ex-Nicaraguan President, was being poured into the Estrada coffers to defray the expenses of the warfare against the Madriz government in Nicaragua, and reiterating his stories of the unpopularity of the ex-President, a statement was made here today by Dr. Sebastian Salinas, who, with Modesto Barrios, came to this country to try and establish friendly relations between Madriz and the United States.

relations between Madriz and the United States.

Barrios is still in New York and the mission of Salinas to this city is non-political. He came here to place his young daughter in school and expects to return to New York tomorrow. He made no effort to see officials of the State Department.

"Zelaya has not contributed any money or material ald to Dr. Madriz." said Dr. Salinas, "but, on the other hand, I know personally that his son-in-law, Joaquin Pasos, holding his power of attorney, sent money to help the revolutionists at Bluefields. This money was turned over to the revolutionists through a cousin of Zelaya's son-in-law, who is now in Bluefields. The name of this cousin is Carlos Cuadra Pasos.

"Zalaya you only contributed nothing

Zelaya's son-in-law, who is now it is carleds. The name of this cousin is Carlos Cuadra Pasos.

"Zelaya not only contributed nothing toward the purchase of the Venus, but he knew nothing about that transaction until after she had sailed."

Dr. Salinas ascribed to agents of the insurgents the reports that Madrix was the representative or the tool of Zelaya and therefore unfriendly to American interests. "Neither is true," said Dr. Salinas.
"Dr. Madriz was the most powerful enemy of Zelaya's administration."

## RISK RETARDS COMMERCE

State Department Renews Assurance of Protection in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Several New Orleans trading companies complained to the State Department today that, because of the apparently indefinite policy of this Government in Nicaraguan affairs, steamship companies were adding 2 per cent to all charters as a war risk. The trading companies complained that the extra charge interfered seriously with their commerce with eastern Nicaragua.

The State Department has replied that it can do nothing and reiterates its previous assurances that the United States will protect American ships and American cargoes against depredations in Nicaraguan waters.

The Department has been sounded without avail as to what its attitude would be if the Venus and the San Jacinto should hold up the Hornet. The two Madrix ships have returned to Bluefields, the probable port of the

styles at Summer Prices

ARMY- POLICY IS DECIDED

on Increase of Officers.

able increase of officers contemplated in connection with the plan to bring the Na-tional Guard of the states into closer re-lation with the regular forces.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Major-General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the Army, came back from Beverly today of Texas and Ohie combined.

estimates for the coming year and de-cided on general expenditures for the maintenance of the Army. The President and General Wood, it is understood, are in accord as to the prob-

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