

# STOKES IS UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE

## "Don't Make Me Laugh," Says Witness to Prosecutor as Girl Tells Story.

### GIRL UPHOLDS HER CHUM

#### Millionaire Hotel Man, Who Undergoes Operation While Assault Testifies in Court, Has Taken Serious Turn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—While W. E. D. Stokes was under a surgeon's knife, 18-year-old Ethel Conrad, charged with Lillian Graham with an attempt to murder him last June, was on the witness stand this afternoon, corroborating every feature of the testimony of her chum that she had shot the millionaire in self-defense.

Mr. Stokes' operation was for an abscess on the kidney. It was announced late tonight that Mr. Stokes' condition since the operation had become serious.

#### Spectators Are Convinced.

Miss Conrad, well poised in manner, and clear of voice, made a striking contrast to the older, but weak-voiced and less self-contained Miss Graham.

Miss Conrad told of Miss Graham's attempt at suicide.

"Miss Conrad is a dangerous woman," the witness testified Stokes said when he heard the news. "You are a beautiful girl and you must get away from her influence. Now, Miss Conrad, you go home and nurse her."

"I suggested that he send her to a sanitarium," the witness went on. "But he said, 'Oh no! I can't be mixed up in this thing.'"

#### Trip to Europe Urged.

"The Baltic," she said, "sails tomorrow. She must be sent away on that boat. I'll give you \$50 for her expenses. I'd give you more, only she might commit suicide on the way over and the money would be lost."

Then she said Stokes spoke of his boy and how proud he was of him.

"You know, Miss Conrad, I'd give \$100,000 to a young girl like you to have a son like that for me," Stokes said, the girl giving her more.

"I thought it pretty queer of him to talk like that," she remarked.

#### Story of Shooting Told.

The next day, Miss Conrad said, she called up Stokes.

"He asked if I had letters he had asked me to get from Miss Graham, and when I told him I had, he said he was coming for them next evening," she testified.

Miss Conrad then gave her story of the shooting. She corroborated Miss Graham's version of Stokes' alleged attack, the struggle for the weapon and the wounding of Stokes.

Cross-examination of Miss Graham by Assistant District Attorney Buckley ended with the witness, when Miss Conrad takes the stand.

### PENDLETON MEETING HOT

(Continued from First Page.)  
Journalist Oliver P. Morton, attorney for the Reclamation Service, and Engineer E. I. Davis, formerly of the Reclamation Service, were present from Portland.

Before any speeches were made, Secretary Keefe, of the local Commercial Club, read a communication from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, urging the adoption of the project.

A letter was also read from the State Engineer, John H. Lewis, in which figures were presented showing that only the flood water extension is now being used by the extension or that there was more than enough for this purpose going to waste every year and that the rights of the settlers along the upper river and its tributary streams would not be affected in the least.

He therefore strongly urged the adoption of a resolution favoring the project.

#### More Water Wanted.

State Senator J. N. Burghs, representing 390 users of water along Birch and McKay creeks, declared the building of the proposed extension would mean the retardation forever of a vast territory which is now being dry farmed, but which is subject to irrigation and which would be reclaimed by the settlers if permitted to do so by the Government. He insisted that whereas the Government's theoretical experts were contending that only two one-half acre feet was necessary to produce alfalfa, that the experience of 40 years demonstrated nine feet to be the necessary amount.

W. J. Marriner, of Blalock, urged the adoption of the John Day River as the source of water for the west extension, declaring more water was available, that it could be placed on the land at cheaper cost per acre and that in addition the present proposed extension, fully 10,000 acres in Gilliam County would be reclaimed.

#### Cost Held Too Great.

Engineer E. I. Davis, formerly of the Reclamation Service, who followed Marriner, declared the latter's proposition was entirely out of the question because of the great cost. He said the proposed canal from the John Day River would traverse a country which is simply a chaos of cliffs, making the cost of construction prohibitive. Davis corroborated the statements in the letter of the State Engineer to the effect that the 2,000,000 acre-feet of water going to waste annually in the Umatilla River was more than sufficient to reclaim the 60,000 acres under the project and that the using of this water would in no way interfere with the rights of the upper river settlers.

He carefully reviewed the other reservoir sites along the river and its tributary streams, pointing out why each of them had been condemned by engineers outside of the Reclamation Service as well as by those within. He called attention to the fact that the building of the proposed extension had nothing to do with the water-right adjudication suits which have been started and which are being used as the basis of the objection on the part of the Birch and McKay Creek water-users.

#### Future Hopes Held Out.

"Some day," declared Mr. Davis, "the John Day project will be constructed, but at present its great cost puts it out of the question. When that day arrives the West Umatilla extension will be known as the first unit of the John Day project, which will include more than 200,000 acres of land."

Referring to the damage which the town of Stanfield would suffer by rea-

### PRINCIPALS IN MISSISSIPPI ROW, AIBED IN SENATE, AND MAGAZINE PUBLISHER ACUSED OF STIRRING TROUBLE.



ABOVE, W. R. HEARST—BELOW, SENATOR PERCY AND SENATOR-ELECT VARDAMAN.

### PERCY IS DEFIANT

#### Mississippi Attacks, Vardaman and Hearst.

### EDITOR CALLED ASSASSIN

#### "Statesman Without Record, Muckraker Without Peer" Scored on Senate Floor—Investigation Is Welcomed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Percy, of Mississippi, rose to a question of personal privilege in the Senate and delivered a scathing denunciation of an article relating to his election, published in the November number of a magazine.

He also bitterly attacked William R. Hearst, who, he said, owned the magazine and inspired the article, and Ex-Governor Vardaman, nominated by the Mississippi Democratic primary to succeed Percy.

The Senator said he would not ask for an investigation of his election, but challenged his prospective successor to make such a demand, saying:

"If he will by letter advise me that any one of those who voted cast for me was improperly influenced in my behalf and he desires an investigation by the United States Senate, I, in his behalf, will introduce a resolution requesting such an investigation and urge its favorable consideration."

Senator Percy declared that Vardaman was defendant in a suit filed by the Attorney-General of Mississippi charging embezzlement of trust funds.

Hearst was characterized as a "statesman without a record, a mendacious muckraker without a peer," "a bitter, malignant and incendiary utterance caused him to be held by the country morally responsible for the attack made upon the body of William McKinley."

### VARDAMAN ASKS INJUNCTION

#### Vardaman Says Trial Would Interfere With Lecture Tour.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 12.—United States Senator-elect James K. Vardaman today filed a petition for an injunction to prevent the hearing of a suit filed against him and asking for an accounting of about \$10,000 of the state's funds alleged to have been used irregularly during his term as Governor. The case has been set for trial for January here.

Vardaman says he would have to cancel lecture engagements to be present at the trial.

### TURKISH ATTACK REPULSED

#### Attempt to Penetrate Italian Lines at Benghazi Falls.

BENGHAZI, Tripoli, Dec. 12.—Another attack was made by Turkish troops last night. They attempted to break through the advance lines of the Italians, but were unsuccessful, retreating with a loss of 63 dead.

The Italian authorities say that the Italians lost three dead and 12 wounded.

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 12.—The British steamer Baron Polwarth, which sailed from Manila on November 8 for this port, arrived today and reported that she had been fired upon by an Italian cruiser while passing through the Red Sea on November 26. Her bows were badly damaged when she came into port. The captain says the commander of the Italian cruiser apologized for the occurrence.

### Arizona Is Democratic.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—The territory will go Democratic, according to some leaders here, but statements from committee chairman could not be obtained. Reports to midnight indicate that Cameron, Republican, for Senator, has probably carried Coconino, Apache and Navajo Counties, with Howell Smith, for Senator, and Wells, for Governor, also possible victors.

### RIOTERS DISTURB PEACE MEETING

#### Floor and Gallery Engage in Noisy Demonstration Over Treaties.

### CARNEGIE IS SPEECHLESS

#### Effort to Substitute Senate Resolution for Demand for Ratification Results in Calling of Police Reserves.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A riotous outbreak interrupted a large mass meeting held at Carnegie Hall tonight in support of the arbitration treaties which President Taft has proposed with England and France.

Twenty-eight reserve police were hurried to the hall.

The outbreak occurred after Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, had read resolutions urging the Senate to ratify the treaties, and Alfonso G. Koebler, of the German-American Citizens League of the State of New York, moved that the majority resolution of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations be adopted as a substitute for the Butler resolution.

"This declaration is not a promoter of peace, but a breeder of war," he exclaimed.

#### Signal Given from Stage.

The words were scarcely out of his mouth when men jumped to each side of the stage and raised their hands in an apparent signal, whereupon pandemonium was let loose in the upper galleries.

Chairs fell, yells, groans and hisses made it impossible for Joseph H. Choate, the chairman, to proceed with the meeting. One man on the platform jumped up and shouted: "Look this as a signal for a counter demonstration, jumped to their feet, shouted approval and waved their handkerchiefs and hats."

#### Rabbi Wise Hooted.

Andrew Carnegie was down on the programme as the next speaker, but he sat in apparent amazement at the demonstration which broke out. Rabbi Wise asked for a hearing. He was met with such cries as "Shut up" and "Throw him out," from the galleries.

At this the shouts became louder and megaphones were brought into use. In the midst of the noise Chairman Choate announced that the Butler resolution had been unanimously adopted.

Persons on the main floor took this as a signal for a counter demonstration, jumped to their feet, shouted approval and waved their handkerchiefs and hats.

"I warn you that no people in the world will feel so badly at the result of this meeting tonight as the Irish leader in the British Parliament."

His reference brought forth an even greater combination of groans and howls.

Finally, whose resolution had precipitated the outbreak, called in vain to the people in the gallery to show a spirit of fair play. Finally police reserves reached the gallery and ejected the leaders, but no arrests were made.

#### Chief Speakers Not Heard.

Chairman Choate, in announcing adjournment of the meeting, said:

"The action here tonight has done more to reach the nation's attention of the peace treaty than all the peace speeches that could be made during the evening. As chairman I declare the meeting adjourned with the audience having listened to the speeches of the other two gentlemen."

These were Andrew Carnegie and Frederick R. Coudert. Among the men on the platform were Chauncey M. Depew, Elbert H. Gary, Major General Frederick D. Grant, Bishop H. Greer, Dr. John E. Hanft, Henry W. Taft and Jacob H. Schiff.

### MINERS SCRAWL MESSAGES

#### Hope of Finding More Men Alive at Cross Mountain Abandoned.

BRIDGEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12.—Messages scrawled on the walls of compartments of the Cross Mountain mine, where Saturday an explosion entombed more than 100 men, encouraged rescuers today to renewed efforts in the hope of finding more men alive.

The messages evidently were written by a party of men. When driven out of one place by gas, they would write indicating where they were going. After the trail was followed through several entries it was lost and hope of finding more men alive again was abandoned. Up to midnight 28 bodies had been found, but five of these still are in the mine.

The position of the seven bodies discovered today showed they died from black damp.

Fire broke out anew late tonight in cross entry No. 17, about 1500 feet from the main entry. It was in the coal this time and was extinguished.

### Baker Besis Patsy McKenna.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Dec. 12.—Howard Baker, of Boulder, Colo., was given the decision over Patsy McKenna, California, after 10 rounds of a scheduled 20-round contact had been fought here tonight. McKenna's seconds threw up the sponge when it was discovered the Californian had three ribs broken. The men are welterweights.

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### JUNK INQUIRY ON

#### Water Board Orders Strict Search for Graft.

#### ONE IS TO BE SUSPENDED

#### Major Declares City Property Has Been Sold to Junkmen by Employees—Detectives on Trail. Supplies to Be Checked.

An investigation of the affairs of the city Water Department which may result in graft charges being prepared against a number of employees and lead to wholesale discharges of men in the meter department, was ordered yesterday by the Water Board, when accusations of dishonesty in selling city junk were made to the board against Cornelius Murphy, head of the meter division.

The board voted to suspend Murphy from the service until a complete investigation is made. This investigation will be conducted by the Auditor and Superintendent Dodge, and will cover the workings of the meter department for the last year. While this work progresses detectives will visit a number of junk shops to get descriptions and names of men who have been selling old pipe and brass belonging to the city.

The graft, it is said, has been carried on by the sale of stopcocks and quantities of pig lead which have been purchased by the city and given the meter department for use in the installation of meters and in making repairs. The Auditor's reports on watercocks and supplies purchased in the last year for the meter department will be used in checking. In this way Mayor Ruslight, who has taken a hand in the investigation, says the Water Board may learn just how much property has disappeared.

Mayor Ruslight informed the Board that he has evidence showing that brass watercocks were sold at small

prices to plumbing establishments in the city and it is the belief that these sales have been made by employees of the water department. The amount of brass disposed of in this and other fraudulent ways cannot be ascertained, the Mayor declares, until the purchases of the city in the last year have been checked with the supplies used.

Superintendent Dodge made the direct charges against Murphy. He said Murphy had sold the junk, but that there was some question as to whether the property belonged to the city.

"I have known Mr. Murphy for a good many years," said Mr. Dodge, "and I have always known him to be honest. He first started to work for this department as trench man and has since advanced to the head of the meter department."

Murphy to Be Suspended. The Board in taking up the discussion of the situation was of the unanimous opinion that a clean-up is necessary.

"It is too rotten to investigate," declared F. W. Winn.

The number of sheep in European and Asiatic Russia is estimated at 60,000,000 head.



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