

ROOT DENIES HE TOOK ANY MONEY

Points to His Humble Home as Evidence.

HEALTH AND SPIRIT BROKEN

Blames Gordon for Downfall, Betrayed, He Says.

INQUIRY NO WHITENASH

Members of Washington Bar Association Determined to Sift Scandal to Bottom—Investigation Will Continue in Secret.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Breaking his silence for the first time since his resignation from the Supreme Court bench of the State of Washington, former Justice Milo A. Root today stated that the troubles with which he has become involved and which led to his resignation, were brought about through trusting a friend whom he had known for 20 years or more.

"But let me say first," said Mr. Root, "I am not corrupt. I did not receive a single penny. I did not ask for a cent and what has been done has been done honestly and above-board. I do not care to say that Judge Gordon took my letters to the Great Northern Railway and capitalized them for any amount. All I know about that is what friends of mine have told me."

Broken in Spirit and Fortune. Judge Root is a broken-hearted man. Not only that, but he is sick and almost penniless.

"I don't want to talk about this case," he said. "The Bar Association is now investigating and it is not a matter that I should talk about. I will be vindicated, I have no doubt. I have done nothing dishonest and if I had received the thousands of dollars which it is claimed I have received, there certainly should be some evidence of it here."

Judge Root called attention to his surroundings, pointed to the furniture in his house, and said:

Used Salary to Pay Debts. "This furniture you see about the house is not fully paid for. I am paying for it now on the installment plan and even as I am for my home. I have lived economically and have attempted to pay off debts that I incurred during the crash in 1892. Every month I have laid aside at least \$5 for this purpose and sometimes I have laid aside \$100. Last week when I received my last salary warrant from the state, I took part of that to pay off old debts, knowing that it was the last cent I could reasonably hope to secure for some time. Not only that, but I have been forced to sell part of my law library to meet expenses."

Lives in Humble Quarter of City. Judge Root's friends say he feels more keenly than anyone imagines the fate that has befallen him. One of the youngest members of the Washington State Supreme Court, he is now prematurely aged and his voice chokes with emotion as he unfolds the reasons for resigning from the bench.

Judge Root lives in a neighborhood where there are more workmen's homes than there are fashionable residences. Even the street in front of his house is not graded. From the car-lift occupying almost an hour from the center of Seattle to his home, his residence is reached over a muddy trail and broken planks. There is no evidence of luxury at his home. His house is furnished more like a provident laboring man's home than that of a man who is accused of having received thousands of dollars from corporations for favorable decisions.

Denies Gordon Wrote Decision. "It is untrue that Judge Gordon wrote the decision in the Harris vs. Great Northern decision, which has been attributed to him," declared Judge Root.

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HURRY RAILROAD ON FLORIDA COAST

FLAGLER TO BRIDGE OCEAN BETWEEN LINE OF KEYS.

Work Suspended by Peonage Charge Will Be Rushed—Unique and Costly Project.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Official announcement has been made that the Florida East Coast Railway will now be rushed to completion within a year. More than 2000 workmen have been hurried to the work and more are rapidly being employed for this, the most novel railroad construction ever undertaken. Not a stroke of work has been done on the road since the Government, more than one year ago, brought charges that the men employed were held in bondage by a system of peonage.

The Government's suit has just been thrown out of court by Judge Hough of the United States Circuit Court, and as a result Mr. Flagler has decided that the line, which will connect Key West with Miami, shall be completed. Before work was stopped 84 miles of the road between Miami and Knight's Key were completed and in operation. Vice-President Parrott, who now is in New York on business connected with the extension, which is jumping over a stretch of 30 miles of open ocean and over 30 miles more of submerged keys and lagoons, is authority for the statement that trains will be running its full length within a year.

This project, which is being financed by Mr. Flagler personally, will cost an average of \$100,000 a mile, while the additional money required for docks, channelling, car floats and equipment will bring the total cost approximately to \$30,000,000, half of which has already been expended.

DISAPPEARS WITH JEWELS

Fresno Woman Accused of Abusing Hostess's Kindness.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—A bold robbery was brought to light today, when Mrs. Hattie Jones was placed under arrest at Santa Barbara for the alleged theft of diamonds and jewelry valued at \$1100.

It is stated that Mrs. Jones, representing herself to be in trouble, gained the confidence of Mrs. F. C. Haslam, a wealthy woman of the city, and was allowed to stop at the Haslam house, Mrs. Haslam having known her in Santa Barbara.

During a conversation, Mrs. Jones brought up the subject of Mrs. Haslam's having just purchased some valuable jewelry left by the late Mrs. Mrs. Jones left the next evening. The jewels disappeared also.

BATTLE FOR WHITE GIRL

Two Japanese Indulge in Fight for Love of Maiden.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Two Japanese fought for the love of a white girl in the Nippon Restaurant, 123 East Second street, today, and one of them shot the other four times, inflicting serious wounds. Rinzo Kashara, employed as a domestic at Redlands, fired the shots at Haku Takahashi, a waiter in the Nippon. The girl lives in San Bernardino, where Takahashi was formerly proprietor of a restaurant, and Kashara was employed by him as a waiter. Kashara is said to have come here purposely to slay his rival. Entering the restaurant this morning he cried out, "I am Kashara! I am Kashara!" and opened fire. He is now in jail.

LONG TUNNEL COMPLETED

Final Bore Is Made in Hole Through Sierra Mountains.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 5.—The final bore in the Spring Garden tunnel of the Western Pacific Railroad, the Gould extension to the Pacific Coast, was made yesterday when fresh air passed through the entire length of 7295 feet. This is the famous Beckwith Pass tunnel, and 27 months have been spent in boring it and constructing the difficult loop approach on the western side of the Sierras. The completion of the tunnel makes possible the crossing of the Sierras by the Western Pacific at a maximum height of 5019 feet and the completion of the entire road with a maximum grade of less than one per cent.

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EVEN UP SCORES WITH ROOSEVELT

Congress May Have Lively Session.

FORAKER WILL PAY RESPECTS

Unburden Opinions on Hearst and President.

FIGHT ON CANNON DROPPED

Taft Will Withhold Programme Till Inauguration—House Rules May Be Changed—Senate to Vote on Postal Savings Banks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Indications are that the 60th Congress, which assembles in its second session on Monday, will be disposed to pass little legislation before the inauguration of William H. Taft on March 4 and that Mr. Taft, himself pledged to the Roosevelt policies, will be practically compelled, for fear of embarrassing President Roosevelt, to withhold his own programme until he becomes President himself. In the meantime Mr. Roosevelt is expected to thunder against Congress in the hope that he may be able to force through some of the legislation which he has repeatedly recommended.

May Even Up Old Scores.

Upon the eve of the last Roosevelt session the atmosphere is surcharged with possibilities which may change the situation, involving Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Congress itself, including Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, of the House of Representatives. There is a bare possibility that there may be an attempt on the part of certain legislators to even up old scores with Mr. Roosevelt before his retirement on March 4.

In the meantime Mr. Taft will be busy Cabinet-making. Mr. Taft has declared that he will not take up this matter seriously before February.

Foraker Will Unburden Soul.

The postal savings bank legislation, in which the Administration is deeply interested and to which the Republican party is pledged, comes up in the Senate for a vote on December 14.

Two days later the Senate must vote on the Brownsville question, a controversy which has developed considerable acrimony between the White House and Capitol Hill. Incidentally, it is Senator Foraker of Ohio who is the main opponent of the President on this question. He proposes before adjournment to deliver himself of a speech on the subject of the Hearst charges in the campaign and pay his respects to the President at the same time. If both of these matters precipitate a controversy, legislation is apt to be lost sight of, in the opinion of legislators.

Not Fight Cannon but Change Rules

There is no question that the so-called Taft fight against the re-election of Speaker Cannon has been indefinitely postponed, if not abandoned altogether. The only way Mr. Taft can oust Mr. Cannon is to make an open attack on the leader of the House, which is a co-ordinate branch of the Government—a procedure of doubtful policy. It is admitted that the defeat of Mr. Cannon might make a nasty situation in the House through the first two years of the Taft administration and might defeat its legislative purposes.

Already a large majority of Representatives are pledged to support Mr. Cannon for re-election, many of whom are, at the same time, ready to join with their colleagues to revise the obnoxious rules under which the Speaker now dominates that body. This, it is believed generally, will be the ultimate solution of the difficulty which led to unofficial talk of Taft opposition to the re-election of the Speaker. House leaders are trying to make up

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GOTHAM LAWYER SPORT OF FATES

GIVES UP REMNANT OF FORTUNE AND HAS \$3 LEFT.

Bankrupted by Friend's Crime and Suicide, After Losing Family by Fire and Health by Shock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—After signing a draft for \$25,000 at the Great Northern Hotel today and sending it to New York to account for the loss brought upon him by the defalcation of a friend, C. Smith Williams, formerly one of New York's most prominent criminal lawyers, was left with only \$3 as the remnant of a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000 he had a year ago.

The news of his friend's misapplication of the funds and the subsequent suicide came as a finale of a most remarkable series of misfortunes. Williams accepts his reverses philosophically and admits all essential details. With his wife and two children burned to death in their home, his own health shattered by the shock, his law practice reduced almost to nothing as the result of disasters, and his fortune squandered heedlessly in traveling and diversion from his grief, Williams had nothing left him but his share of his late firm's profits the last year he was in New York.

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FURIOUS FIGHTING BY SUFFRAGETTES

Women Cause Uproar in London Meeting.

RESIST EXPULSION AND YELL

Chain Themselves to Seats, Groan and Cheer.

DISPLAY PRISON CLOTHES

Sight of Broad Arrow Provokes Din of Megaphones and Bells—Lloyd-George Promises Woman Suffrage Before Great White.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The gulf between the suffragists and suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to describe the militant section of women agitators who believe in street riots and attacks on Cabinet ministers as the quickest means of attaining the ballot for their sex, was further widened this afternoon through a fierce demonstration by the suffragettes at Albert Hall against David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association. He had hardly got beyond announcing that he was present to make known the government's intention regarding the problem of woman suffrage, when a great uproar broke out. Strident voices from all parts of the hall shrieked, "We want deeds, not words."

Chained to Seats, Women Fight. The stewards of the hall—and there were 350 on hand to deal with the anticipated disturbances—at once moved down the aisles to eject the women. They found the latter chained to their seats. There was a confused struggle, but finally the chains were cut and the suffragettes expelled.

But the numbers of the disorderly seemed to increase rather than diminish. Some of the women were armed with whips and they repelled vigorously every attempt to eject them. There were fierce tussles every few moments in different parts of the hall and every time Mr. Lloyd-George made an attempt to speak his voice was drowned by mingled groans and cheers. Finally the Chancellor, who for a quarter of an hour had been trying to get in a word, sat down, and the organizers tried to soothe the hysterical sisterhood by playing "What Can the Mother Do," but it was of no use, and pandemonium continued.

Prison Garb Causes Uproar.

The uproar was at its height when a dozen suffragettes who had been released recently from prison, divested themselves of their outer wraps and appeared in their jail garments. These clothes were liberally stamped with broad arrows. This exhibition acted on the staidhood like a red rag on a bull. Megaphones and bells were brought into use and the noise became deafening. The stewards at length lost their tempers and, as they continued their work of throwing out the demonstrators, the clothing of many of the women was torn off their backs.

Promises Suffrage to Women.

At the end of half an hour or more the opposition became worn out and Mr. Lloyd-George was able to continue his speech with only occasional interruption. He assured his audience, which numbered 800, that there was a majority in the Cabinet and in the Liberal party in favor of woman's suffrage and that a suffrage clause would be included in the government's franchise bill, which, however, could not be introduced until the eve of the dissolution of Parliament. The Chancellor added that the time of dissolution had not yet arrived, though the end of this Parliament was not so distant as some people thought.

Coloradans Take Up Fight.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 5.—Women promote

HUGE CONTRACT WON BY TAMMANY

MURPHY'S FRIENDS TO BUILD BIG TERMINALS.

Will Electrify New Haven Road, Build Station, Dig Subway, With \$5,000,000 Profit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Consternation among politicians and contractors greeted the news today that the Dratley-Giffney-Stores Company of Tammany contractors had landed the contract for the \$50,000,000 improvement of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. That corporation is to electrify its six-track line from New Rochelle to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

A tunnel will be built under the East River to Astoria, thence to Long Island City, with another East River tunnel and subway to the huge passenger station by Fourth and Lexington avenues, Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets. The job will take at least ten years to complete and Tammany men say that some one is going to make more than \$5,000,000 out of it. The men composing the new firm are all close friends of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany.

PROLIFIC MOTHER ADRIFT

Gives Birth to Litters of Babies and Husband Deserts Her.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. Julia Ormsby, mother of quadruplets, triplets, twins and one other child, has been again evicted from her home for non-payment of rent. The owner of the premises at 37 Root street has forced her to vacate.

Four times within the past 18 months has she and her family been the victims of the evicting process, and her inability to pay because so well known to landlords that she was forced to resort to the use of her maiden name in order to obtain accommodations of any sort. Turned into the street, she has wandered from house to house, living there until her money was exhausted. Her neighbors have done all they could to assist her, and she now is being sheltered at the home of a friend at 131 Forty-third street.

The father of the marvelous quartet, triplet, twin and solo-disappeared soon after he was ordered by a municipal judge to pay at least \$5 a week for the support of his family.

HE GREETED CHAMBERLAIN

Roosevelt Declares for Acceptance of Result of Primary.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 5.—"I am glad to see you, Governor Chamberlain, and Senator Tamm," said President Roosevelt this morning in greeting Oregon's chief executive at the White House.

Mr. Chamberlain had called to pay his respects, and with a number of other public men was waiting in the Cabinet room for an opportunity to see the President, when Mr. Roosevelt entered. He walked deliberately up to Mr. Chamberlain, extended his hand and greeted him as above quoted, adding:

"The people of Oregon have expressed their choice for Senator. I stand by the will of the people, and I am for you for Senator."

LETTER WRITTEN AS RUSE

Mrs. Lepp Admits Wanting to Trap Millionaire Brewer.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Lillian H. Lepp, who is suing her husband, a millionaire brewer, for divorce, filed a reply to his cross-bill here today. The document recites, among other things, that a letter which Mr. Lepp cited was written by her "as a ruse to trap her husband." It was written to no one and intended for no one. Mrs. Lepp's failure to comment on the letter, which was left in a drawer, gave her "his chance to carry out her intention to 'upbraid him,'" the bill recites.

ITALIAN SCORNS AMERICAN "SNOBS"

Froths Over Elkins-Abruzzi Affair.

DICTATES TERMS TO BRIDE

Must Abandon Idea of Revisiting America.

FAMILY MUST STAY AWAY

Writer in Italian Paper Says Pretensions of American Millionaires Make Europe Laugh. Trouble in the Air.

ROME, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—"That these millionaire Americans, who are called kings of cotton, of lead, of railways, of oil and heaven knows what besides, take themselves seriously and decide their government with their moblism into departments, with their Minister of Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, and so on, is simply a matter of laughter to Europeans who visit the United States," declared Vico Mantegazza in an article on the Abruzzi-Elkins courtship, which has been copied and applauded by the whole Italian press.

"But for heaven's sake, do not let them come over to see the American in Europe. That is too much. All the more so because they believe their money enables them to do as they like, and that their millions give them the right to treat as an equal each and every person."

Must Cease to Be American.

"It is not known positively yet whether the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Elkins will marry or not. But if they do and if Miss Elkins should take the rank of Princess, she must certainly abandon forever any idea of returning to America, even for a short visit."

"And the Elkins family must renounce the right of coming to Italy, or, at any rate, to that part of it where the court resides. Otherwise, they place not only themselves but others in an embarrassing position. For it certainly would not be pleasing to Italians to have a royal Princess discussed in the journals nor to read telegraphic messages of the kind that were flying about some months ago, in which it was said that three officers of the American Navy are returning from China to dispute the hand of Miss Elkins with the Duke of Abruzzi."

Elkins Anti-European.

"The Elkins family (which does not even belong to that group of families which have the qualifications of being, according to American snobism, the highest aristocracy) has been always excessively anti-European. This word may seem exaggerated to those who do not know the habitual contempt with which certain American circles speak of the Old World."

Would Not Bow Before American.

"It would be amusing to officers to have to present arms to the daughter of Mr. Elkins, and the ladies who bear historic names would be humiliated to bow before an American become princess, so much so that it would be a matter of extreme difficulty to find a lady of good blood willing to become maid of honor to the new duchess."

"Supposing the marriage takes place, it is clear that a princess of American birth at our court would have a difficult position and, taking into account her family and education, it would be necessary for her relatives to keep themselves far distant from the royal circle."

To Erect Schools in China.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The colonial budget includes an original appropriation of \$25,000 to be followed by \$2,500 annually, for the erection and maintenance at Tsing Tao, in the German territory of Kiao Chau, China, of schools for the Chinese natives, whose instruction in technical matters will be given.

HARRY MURPHY'S FACILE PEN FINDS SUBJECTS FOR AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK



"That'll Hold Him for Awhile." "Guess I'll Go South." Judge Senbrook Hands Down a Decision. Can He Keep the Revisionist Out? Not on Your Life. All Swelled Up. "Oh, Dear!"