

SCOTT-BOURNE CONTRACT GHOST REFUSES TO DOWN

LINCOLN STEFFENS STIRS POLITICAL SENSATION

W. M. Ladd Denies Direct Knowledge of Contract but Admits That He Acted as Go-Between in Exchange of Telegrams Between Aspirant and Others

Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, denies that he entered into any written agreement with Jonathan Bourne during the last day of the legislative session of 1903 by which he agreed to pay Bourne \$25,000 in return for the support of Bourne in Scott's endeavor to be elected United States senator. He said that he never heard of the contract said to have been signed by him and maintained that he never saw it until it came to him in the advance sheets of the American magazine a few days ago. Lincoln Steffens, associate editor of that magazine, in the March number tells of the contract and prints what he alleges is a copy of same.

Out of this article by Mr. Steffens, part of which was printed in The Journal Friday afternoon and the editorial denial by Mr. Scott printed in the Oregonian yesterday morning great public interest has sprung. From this interest is coming added substantiation of Mr. Steffens' story.

Men of Oregon whose records for truthfulness have not been called in question have told since the closing night of the session of the legislature in 1903 of the existence of the Bourne-Scott contract and several have claimed to have seen the document which is now in the possession of Senator Bourne.

Briefly recapitulating the story of the agreement and the circumstances leading up to it in the following order: Mr. Scott was elected senator for a long term of years. This ambition took active form prior to the legislative session of 1903. Out of this failure grew the agreement between Scott and Bourne.

Effort to Beat Fulton. A strong effort was all the time being made to beat Fulton and on the afternoon of the last day of the session Mr. Scott's agents got together with Bourne and the agreement signed by Mr. Scott and Bourne. In spite of the agreement, however, Bourne could not swing sufficient strength into line and Fulton was elected.

Training Forces. All during this time, however, Mr. Scott was training his forces in readiness to swing to his support when his name should be sprung as a dark horse during the closing hours of the session. During all of this time Jonathan Bourne was maintaining suspicious headquarters in Salem and was also in the field for the senatorship.

George C. Brownell, president of the senate, had been put in office by the joint efforts of Bourne and Fulton and was therefore under obligations to both of these candidates. He had agreed under a written pledge to vote for Bourne for the office prior to the election which made him a member of the legislature. When Brownell, however, a senator from Clackamas county he had sought first the support of Scott in his bid for election to the presidency, and failing there had turned to Bourne and then to Fulton.

Fulton was also a candidate for the presidency and he was switched out of the race for presiding officer by Brownell, who told him he would hold the reins in the event of an agreement against him in the senatorial battle if he did not get out of the other fight. When Brownell was elected, therefore, he was between two fires. He was pledged practically both to Bourne and to Fulton.

To get out of this tangle Brownell engineered a secret meeting at the Portland hotel where it was agreed by Senator John H. Mitchell, who directed the proceedings at the meeting, N. Williamson, Fulton, Bourne and Brownell that Brownell should support Fulton as long as he had a chance, after which he would turn to Scott and then to Bourne if Scott was not strong enough to land the prize.

Bourne Considered. Bourne in return for taking a back seat in the race for the presidency was to have the naming of the senate committee, which was carried out by Brownell.

Soon after the meeting, however, Bourne began to hammer Brownell to make him turn from Fulton to him. Brownell resisted and at last a second meeting was arranged by Brownell in the headquarters of Senator Booth of Lane. This conference was attended by Bourne, Williamson, Brownell and Booth and it was agreed that Fulton was to try hard to secure the election up to 10 o'clock on the last night of the session. If, however, he had not landed the plum when the clock struck, Scott was to be put in the race and if he fell short in the attempt to win, then Brownell was then to place Bourne in nomination and Fulton was to swing all of his forces to the aid of the veteran editor. In spite of the agreement, however, Bourne could not swing sufficient strength into line and Fulton was elected.

NICK PATS PAPA T. R. ON BACK

Congressman Longworth Borrows Roosevelt's Vocabulary to Tell Peoria Club That President Is Greatest Man in World.

Democrats Throughout the Country Lining Up for Bryan—Voters Change Name of Organizations and Prepare to Fight.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Peoria, Ill., Feb. 22.—Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, in a sensational speech tonight at the Washington's birthday dinner of the "Cresto Coeur club," defended his father-in-law, President Roosevelt, and denounced the vituperation and venomous "outpourings" of those who were attempting to fasten the responsibility for the recent panic upon Roosevelt.

"These men are the real enemies of honest business men," Longworth declared. "They are the real enemies of American free institutions, but their malign attacks upon the administration of President Roosevelt will not serve to diminish the lustre of his fame. They but add glory to it. They will not accomplish their purpose any more than the maligners of him whose memory we honor here tonight."

"Foolish and Criminal." Longworth contended that "to attribute our present financial condition to acts or words of any one man is utterly foolish and criminal." He said he was not present as an apologist for Roosevelt, or whatever he was not there to speak for anyone but himself. He said the president had no more to do with the recent New York money panic, or whatever you please to call it, than he had with the last eruption of Vesuvius, or the Indian plague, but he would not deny that some utterances about the maligners of him whose memory we honor here tonight.

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FULTON DID NOT RELEASE MESSAGE

Noticing that an evening newspaper of this city published the text of Senator Fulton's reply to Francis J. Heney in its edition yesterday, same having been sent to the Oregonian, and not to the evening newspaper mentioned, the United Press headquarters at New York was requested to make inquiry as to cause of the apparent breach of faith. The entire Fulton statement was in type in The Journal office in ample time for publication in its Saturday evening first edition, but The Journal had pledged itself to publish only a summary of same. The following was the reply to The Journal's query to United Press, main office, New York:

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The Oregon Sunday Journal, Portland, Or.—Fulton's reply to Heney's statements was given by Fulton to the Oregonian correspondent with the express pledge that it should not be published until Sunday morning. That is why the United Press was permitted the use of a brief forecast for its afternoon service.

(Signed) E. L. K., New York, Feb. 22.

Senator Fulton in reply to a query sent to Washington said: "I gave The Journal a copy marked for release Sunday morning. I gave Harry Brown, the Oregonian correspondent, a copy, marked the same. Those copies were delivered by me at my apartment at the Portland apartment house last Sunday afternoon to be mailed for publication Sunday morning, February 23. No other copies were given out. There was absolutely no justification for the use of the matter in advance of the time stipulated, which was perfectly understood by everyone concerned."

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY COUNCIL



When They Get Through Wrangling Maybe Something Will Be Done for the Taxpayers

"THREE WEEKS" BY H. H. ROGERS

Mark Twain Makes Jokes at Expense of the Standard Oil Financier.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 22.—Mary Twain and H. H. Rogers were in great humor when a party of interviewers discovered them on the deck of the steamer Bermudian just before sailing today. Mark had on a new suit of gray, a masterpiece of tailoring, and looked very much of a dandy. The captain of the Rockefeller industries was somberly clad in black and made a rather dismal figure beside the radiant humorist. Both were chuckling over some joke when the reporters came up. Mr. Clemens turned to them and said: "We are discovered. That's what I get for getting in bad company."

"Not at all," responded the author of "Huckleberry Finn." "I keep my jokes to sell, just as he keeps his knowledge on finance to sell. As a matter of fact, I am really going along to keep Rogers straight."

"The financier chuckled again and said: "And I'm going because Mark's paying my fare. I'm broke."

"That's true," said Mark Twain. "I'm paying my fare, but I'm still \$2 a day. I'm going to shake him down for that \$2 when we get out to sea."

HILL LINES SELECT OFFICES

Entire Third Floor of 30 Rooms in Commercial Club's New Building Leased by Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad—Vast Importance to the City.

Final decision has been made in the location of the headquarters of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. The company has closed a long time lease on the entire third floor of the Portland Commercial club's new building at the corner of Fifth and Oak streets. The importance of this company's business to Portland is indicated by the fact that 30 rooms are required for its general offices.

It is a generally known fact that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad is a focusing of the rails of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington railroads. That its general offices are to be established on so large a scale in Portland means that this city is to become the point of concentration of the Pacific coast traffic of these lines. The bulk of their tonnage will move east and west over the north bank line.

The company will take possession of its new quarters April 1, at which time the Commercial club building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the club and its tenants. The railroad company's lease of the third floor was closed at a late hour in the completion of the building, and a number of changes had to be made to suit its purposes. These alterations are now being rushed.

Partitions and doors are being changed and two large fireproof vaults are being built in for housing the company's records and documents. The negotiations leading up to the lease were carried on by Francis B. Clark, president of the S. P. & S. R. Co., and T. B. Wilcox, chairman of the building committee.

The company's action means that all the Hill lines will be represented in this city by a full and complete organization of the traffic and operating departments. There will be quarters for the general freight department, the general passenger department and the department of the general manager and operating officials, as well as the president of the S. P. & S. Co.

Finishing touches are now being put throughout the entire building. There are distinctive features on every one of the nine floors. The building has the economical course worked to manufacture ice for the whole building and supply refrigeration for the Commercial club's purposes.

FULTON MAKES REPLY TO HENEY

Releases His Answer for Publication in Sunday Morning Newspapers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Senator Fulton released his reply to the charges of Francis J. Heney tonight. The senator sent out a summary of his answer to Heney in a brief dispatch to the press association agencies, but withheld the release of the full text of same until Sunday morning. From some sections of the country it was learned that a few, very few, and comparatively obscure newspapers had violated the pledge that all newspapers regard as sacred and had published the document ahead of time.

Senator Fulton's reply to Heney was given to the eastern newspapers here tonight and was generally commented upon about this city. Fulton went direct to the mark in his answer and practically challenges Heney to meet him in "the open."

The full text of Senator Fulton's reply to F. J. Heney will be found on pages 10 and 11 of this section of the Sunday Journal.

SALEM COUNCIL LANDS ON LADD

City Fathers Declare Water Power Nuisance—Order Franchise Cancelled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—The city council held a sensational session last night, ordering the Southern Pacific to make about \$5,000 worth of improvements, declared the water power held by the Ladd estate of Portland a nuisance and ordered the franchise cancelled, ordered Commercial street paved for 15 blocks with bituminous asphalt, and the annual liquor license reduced from \$250 to \$100 and imposed a license of \$500 on drug stores and liquor. Saloons selling nothing but beer will have to pay a license of \$100 yearly.

SOLD SECRETS TO GERMANY

French Lieutenant Is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Betrayal.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Toulon, Feb. 22.—Sub-Lieutenant Charles Benjamin Ulmo of the navy was found guilty by a court martial today of attempting to sell naval secrets to Germany and sentenced to degradation and imprisonment for life.

After his arrest Ulmo made a full confession. Among the documents he had for sale were a secret signal book and the naval cipher. His downfall caused great surprise among his fellow officers, as he stood well in the service, was a member of a wealthy family and had a liberal allowance. But it is understood he squandered large sums of money upon a woman. Thirty thousand dollars was the price he wanted for the secrets he had for sale. Before he was arrested he had already sold for \$6,000 confidential pamphlet containing the principles of the new French naval tactics.

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HUNDRED DEAD IN STORM'S PATH

Heavy Loss of Life and Enormous Damage to Property in England.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 22.—Heavy loss of life and enormous damage to property were wrought by the hurricane which swept the northwest portion of England this afternoon. The lives lost may total 100. Scores have been injured. The storm wrought havoc with coastwise shipping. The entire coast over which the hurricane raged is reported to be dotted with wrecks. Even in the protected harbors considerable loss to shipping is reported, owing to the fierceness of the gale.

Blinding storms of hail and rain accompanied the terrific wind. In the Mersey river a schooner was capsized and her crew of eight men drowned. Near Donegal a train was partly blown from the rails while crossing a viaduct. Several grandstands were blown down while they were packed with spectators watching the local football contests.

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BURGLARS, WITH VAN, STEAL HOT STOVES; LEAVE CANARY BIRD

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Four burglars drove an unlettered moving van up to the home of Mrs. Jennie Griffs at 3206 Cherokee street, when she was alone town shopping today, and looted the house of everything except the canary bird. Even two stoves with fire in them were taken.

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