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CURTIS MAKES FLAT DENIALS

Kansas Senator Declares He Never Was Interested in McMurray Contracts.

McCURTAIN TESTIFIES HE WAS OFFERED \$25,000

Congressional Committee Still Probing Charges Made by Senator Gore of Oklahoma—Senator Curtis Denies He Was Interested in Contracts—McCurain Says McMurray Offered Him \$25,000 to Withdraw Opposition to Bill.

Muskogee, Aug. 6.—Senator Curtis of Kansas, before the congressional committee today denied Senator Gore's charges that he was interested in the McMurray contracts. He said: "I have never been interested in the McMurray contracts. I am a member of the committee on Indian affairs and knew McMurray and Gore. As far as I can remember I never met Hamon."

"In April President Taft said he desired to see Sherman and myself," said Curtis. "We went together to the White House. Taft asked for information regarding the proposed granting of tribal rolls, and asked us what we thought about it, and I said I thought it would be a grave mistake for him to take any stand on the question." Curtis declared Gore told the committee on Indian affairs that a certain man interested in the land deals was to get two commissions and said Gore afterward named Richard Adams, the Washington attorney.

McCurain Testifies

D. D. McCurtain was called to the stand following Curtis. He testified McMurray offered him \$25,000 if he would withdraw his objections to the sale of Indian lands. McCurtain was then a delegate representing the Choctaw nation.

McCurtain said: "I thought if I displayed too much activity, McMurray might marshal his forces and secure the passage of the bill. The offer of twenty-five thousand for the withdrawal of my opposition was made in the lobby of the Raleigh Hotel in Washington."

McCurtain further testified that the bill he opposed would have resulted in the sale of 2,000,000 acres of Choctaw land. "I was to get \$25,000 only in event the secretary of the interior approved of the bill as drawn. McMurray told me that he was more powerful in Washington than ever before and I feared if I displayed too much activity he might pass the matter over. Later I told him I would accept his proposition."

Gore Not Surprised

"I am not surprised that one willing to debase would be willing to defame," was Gore's comment on Hamon's testimony yesterday, in which the witness intimated that Gore's charges might have been in the spirit of revenge. Gore sent numerous telegrams last night, and while the nature of the messages is unknown, it is believed he expects by them to show the nature of the telegraph correspondence between certain congressmen and those interested in the Indian contracts, and that he is asking some of those congressmen to appear before the committee. The committee expects to finish its hearing today and then goes to McAlester, to start its sessions Monday.

SEATTLE WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN LAKE

Glenbrook, Nev. Aug. 6.—The body of Mrs. J. Bowen, 61 years old, of Seattle, wife of a member of the firm of Tatum & Bowen, was found in Lake Tahoe today. It is believed she fell in the water while boating.

SUFFOCATES TRYING TO SMOKE WOLF OUT

Wellington, Wash., Aug. 6. J. O. Jamieson, a rancher, tried to smoke a wolf out last night. He crawled into the den and lighted a smelly mixture, the fumes of which he expected would drive the animal out. Before he could crawl out he was overcome himself and suffocated to death.

LAD HANGS HIMSELF WITH HIS NECKTIE

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 6.—Blaine Thayer, 11-year-old son of Deputy Sheriff Charles Thayer, hanged himself in his room yesterday. When he refused to take his music lesson yesterday morning it was said at the lad's home, he was sent to his room as punishment. He fastened his necktie around his throat and hanged himself to a bed post.

REAL BULLETS USED DURING SHAM BATTLE

Tacoma, Aug. 6.—Weekly inspection occupied the morning at American Lake. Everybody will rest this afternoon. It is rumored today that real bullets instead of soap were used by one company in the sham battle yesterday. A rigid inspection will hereafter prevent its recurrence.

MORE ABOUT ALICE AND HER CIGARETTE

Boston, Aug. 6.—The woman's campaign to urge Alice Longworth to see the desirability of abstaining from cigarettes because of the example it sets for boys and girls of the country gained an impetus today. Mrs. Ella Gleason, president of the Suffolk County Temperance union, said today: "True hearted womanly women have done their duty and it is for her to listen to their request or not to listen. I think a daughter of Roosevelt who said so much about bringing up children and about the moral atmosphere surrounding them, ought to gravely think of the influence she is exerting on young girls."

WHITE SALMON VALLEY WILL SHIP MANY APPLES

Bristol, Wash.—Deputy Fruit Inspector W. Olson estimates this year's apple shipments from White Salmon valley points will aggregate from 20,000 to 30,000 boxes, as against practically none to outside points last year. Of this year's shipments the McCracken place, north of Husum, will have from 8000 to 12,000 boxes, principally Spitzbergs and Yellow Newtowns. Of the other shippers in that section of the district, R. D. Cameron will probably send the largest amount. The Pyatt Hedley-Ziegler orchard just north of Bristol, which has been taken over by a syndicate headed by L. R. Glavis and Gifford Pinchot will send the largest shipment from this section.

FIRE IS THREATENING LA GRANDE WATER

SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR CITY IN GRAVE DANGER

City and Government Officials Hurry Fighters to Jordan Creek Where Fierce Flames are Pushing Toward Beaver Creek Which is Source of City's Water Supply.

La Grande, Ore., Aug. 6.—A forest fire threatening the Beaver Creek watershed and timber, if its progress is not stopped, will render the new water system useless. Fifty men were rushed to the scene of the fire at noon today, which is 20 miles away. The blaze is on Jordan Creek and is rapidly making its way over the divide to the water shed from which La Grande gets its water. The situation is critical and government and city officials are sending men as fast as they can be secured.

WALNUT GROWERS WANT TO FORM A COMBINE

Washington.—Prices of English walnuts produced in this country are not satisfactory to growers and they are figuring on forming an organization to boost returns. In a letter to Senator Smith of South Carolina, a rancher, living near San Juan Capistrano, California, says there is not enough money in the business and asks the opinion of the senator on the question of forming a combine. They do not want to form a trust, he says, but to get some safe form of co-operation that will uplift profits. It was because he had heard of the progress of the southern statesman as one of those who had led the cotton growers out of a state of disaster that the California man appealed to the senator for advice. Several years ago cotton sold for five cents a pound, which was only another name for starvation. Prominent men, among them Smith, considered the problem and reached the conclusion that the solution lay in organizing the cotton farmers.

The theory was that with co-operation the farmers would be able to contest with the cotton gamblers who manipulated prices. Smith visited every part of the south, rousing the farmers to unite, in defense of their interests. They responded, a great organization was formed, the acreage of cotton was reduced and prices began to improve.

Injured in Explosion

London, Aug. 6.—Advices received by the admiralty report serious injury to two officers and five men in an explosion of oil aboard the submarine "A 1."

MYSTERIOUS OHIO MURDER

William Rice Wealthy Attorney Shot and Killed by Unknown Man.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW

Cleveland Law Club offers \$5000 Reward for Apprehension of Murderer—Rice Found With Two Bullet Wounds Over Right Eye—Money and Jewelry Not Touched—Examination of Chauffeur Gives Police a Clue—Developments Momentarily Expected.

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—The Cleveland Law club today offered \$5,000 reward for the apprehension of the murderer of William Rice, a wealthy attorney, who was shot and killed last night. Rice was found lying with two bullet wounds over his right eye. He was removed to his home nearby, where he died. He is not known to have had an enemy and his money and jewelry was not touched. It is thought that the highwayman was frightened away before he could rob him. Rice was attacked in front of former Governor Herrick's residence.

After examination of John Grimes, Rice's chauffeur, the police abandoned the theory that the wealthy attorney was killed by highwaymen. Grimes, the police say, named a man, whose capture will give rise to sensational developments.

DECLARES MAYOR KILLED HIMSELF WITH DYNAMITE

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 6.—Asserting that he killed himself by holding a stick of dynamite in his hands and then lighting it, detectives refuse to credit the story that former Mayor A. H. Boushman, of Ridgeway was assassinated. They say he was involuntarily and had a big insurance. Recently he had been experimenting with high explosives.

PILOT OF PRINCESS MAY RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK

Juneau, Aug. 6.—The steamer Georgia reached port at midnight with the remaining passengers and crew of the Princess May. Pilot Richardson is declared to be responsible for the wreck, but refused to offer any explanation. The steamer was far out of her course when she struck and was traveling at 12 knots an hour. Shipping men believe she can be saved.

RAILROAD CONDUCTORS ARE DENIED BAIL IN MEXICO

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 6.—The order of railroad conductors today asked the Washington government to investigate the incarceration of four members of their order at Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, who are denied bail. They are held on the ground of violation of railroad regulations.

ELEANOR SEARS DENIES SHE SMOKES CIGARETTES

New York, Aug. 6.—Replying to a letter from Miss Eleanor Sears in which she denied she is a cigarette smoker, Miss Lucy Gaston, who has devoted her life to the eradication of smoking said: "It is exceedingly gratifying to hear that Miss Sears, the Boston society girl, does not smoke, and I will write her making amends, and at the same time telling her I will give as wide publicity to her denial as was given to the report that she was a cigarette smoker."

Jap Confesses Crime

Denver, Colo., Aug. 6.—Genkyo Misanaga, the Japanese accused of having murdered Mrs. Catherine Wilson and stuffing her body in a coal bin in the cellar, partially confessed today to participation in the crime.

MAJOR MOORHOUSE SECURES ANOTHER VALUABLE SOUVENIR

Major Lee Moorhouse has added another valuable souvenir to his already large collection. It is a large silver medal presented by President Zachary Taylor of the United States to the chief of the Crowe Indians in 1849 as a token of the treaty of peace which was made with the Indians in that year. The silver disk is about two inches in diameter and though it has been worn suspended by a cord about the necks of different Indians for more than half a century, the inscription is

DEMONSTRATION IS ABANDONED

Senor Canalejas Rushes Troops to San Sebastian and Plans are Changed.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS WILL EXPLAIN DECISION

Spanish Premier Takes Decisive Action and Big Manifestation is Called Off—Canalejas Declares He Would Have Permitted It In Any Place But San Sebastian or Bilbao—Adversaries Will Be Responsible for Whatever Happens.

Alfonso Has Close Call. Coves, Aug. 6.—While Alfonso and a party of Spanish and English officers and Sir Thomas Lipton were standing amidships on Lipton's yacht Shamrock, one of the top masts broke and fell to the deck. Alfonso was excited and uttered an exclamation which caused hearers to believe he thought the fall of the mast was not accidental. It was miraculous that none were injured.

Madrid, Aug. 6.—It is officially announced that the manifestation scheduled to be held at San Sebastian on Sunday has been abandoned.

The Catholic newspapers will publish manifestos explaining the decision. Simultaneous with the rushing of troops to San Sebastian to cope with the uprising which the government feared might grow out of the proposed demonstration of the clerical forces in protest against the government's stand in its dispute with the vatican, Premier Canalejas issued a statement outlining his policy.

Senor Canalejas declared that the demonstration would have been permitted elsewhere than at San Sebastian or Bilbao, in fact that he desires it to be held in order that its strength may be shown. The demonstration, however, has been abandoned since the premier's statement came out. The statement of the premier follows:

"I would have allowed the manifestation if it had been announced to have been held elsewhere than Bilbao, where a strike of coal miners is in progress, or at San Sebastian, which is crowded with visitors on Sundays. I know that the priests are distributing arms, and also that the manifestants intend to bring women and children with them in order to prevent military intervention. But I am determined to enforce respect for the law. Troops will be distributed at strategic points and the railroad will be held for reinforcements. If my adversaries want a lesson they shall have it. They will be responsible for whatever happens."

The government openly charges that the scheduled manifestation at San Sebastian was secretly arranged in Rome at a meeting of five cardinals, among whom were Cardinals Merry del Val and Rampolla. The object of the manifestation, it is charged, was to bring pressure upon King Alfonso to get rid of Premier Canalejas and appoint a more friendly minister with which negotiations between the government and the vatican could be resumed.

ENGINEERS TO DEMAND INCREASE IN WAGES

Chicago, Aug. 6.—After deciding to demand from several companies a wage increase of fifteen to eighteen per cent, delegates representing the locomotive engineers of 62 roads of the west adjourned today. Thirty thousand engineers are affected. It is believed that railroads will seek arbitration under the Erdman act.

BANDITS KILL STAGE DRIVER AND ESCAPE WITH \$18,000

Silver City, N. M., Aug. 6.—Two bandits, after shooting and killing Driver Jose Dominguez and looting the Mogolon mountain stage today near here, escaped with eighteen thousand dollars in gold and silver bullion. The silver bars were recovered by a sheriff's posse, but it was only the cheaper metal which was abandoned. The bandits escaped to the mountains. No passengers were on the stage.

JOE GANS WINS RACE WITH GRIM REAPER

Baltimore, Aug. 6.—Joe Gans was victorious in his race across the continent with death. Physicians say he will die within three days. He was taken to the home of his mother and he is surrounded by friends and relatives. He is heavily conscious and oxygen is administered every half hour.

DECLARES BODY FOUND IS THAT OF WOMAN

London, Aug. 6.—The body found in the cellar of Dr. Crippen's home is that of a woman, according to Dr. Pepper, the London chemist. He says the remains are those of a middle aged woman of a large, robust type. The description corresponds with that of Mrs. Crippen.

BELIEVE JAP CAN CLEAR UP KENDALL MURDER

Santa Rosa, Aug. 6.—Believing Yoshida, the Japanese storekeeper and secretary of the Japanese association in Sonoma county knows of the details of the murder in which at least two members of the Kendall family were killed, he was subjected to a sharp examination and admitted he conferred with Henry Yamaguchi, the Japanese suspect, for several hours Monday. Aside from this the Japanese refused to reveal any details of his talk with Yamaguchi.

Read August Sunset

Read "The Philippines As I Saw Them," by General James F. Smith, ex-governor of the Philippines, and "California's Black Gold, the Romance of the Oil Wells," by Walter V. Woehike, in Sunset for August, now on sale at all news stands, fifteen cents.

FRENCH AERONAUT DEFEATS AMERICAN

HUBERT LATHAM WINS FROM WEYMAN EASILY

Despite Fact He Was Lost for Four Hours in Fog, Frenchman Outdistances His Rival—Wins Prize of Two Thousand Dollars.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Hubert Latham, driving an Antoinette monoplane in an 87 mile race from Chalons to Issy, a suburb of Paris, against Weyman, the American, in a Farman biplane, was easily the victor. Weyman was outdistanced with ease.

Latham spent four hours flying in a circle before he succeeded in setting a course for Paris. A heavy fog bewildered the aviator and although he flew low he was unable to find his way. Latham left Chalons half an hour ahead of Weyman, but it was not until 11:30 near Nogent the aviator got his bearings. Immediately he set out toward Paris at a forty mile speed. The prize was a two thousand dollar purse.

BEND'S NEW SAWMILL IS IN OPERATION AT LAST

Bend, Or.—The sawmill of the Pilot Butte Development company, located here is now cutting lumber, the old mill having been destroyed by fire on April 23. The new plant erected since then is much better and has a capacity of 30,000 feet daily. The company recently built a dry kiln, which is operated in connection with the sawmill. The destruction of the old plant came at a time when there was a brisk demand for lumber, as a building boom of no mean proportions was in progress at that time. While the loss of the mill temporarily halted some of this activity, it did not stop it entirely, and the buildings under construction at the time of the fire and a few others have been completed since the mill burned. It is understood that a number of buildings both in the town and in the surrounding country have been waiting for the plant to resume operations, and construction on these will be started at once.

New Tariffs Effective

Seattle, Aug. 6.—In order to divert to Seattle from San Francisco freight destined for the Hawaiian Islands, the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroads has just put into effect new tariffs, under which such freight will be delivered at shipside on Puget Sound at the same rate as at San Francisco. Heretofore the southern lines have assumed the cost of shipside delivery, while northern roads have not done so. Hereafter the Milwaukee will assume the cost of shipside delivery, thus placing Puget Sound ports on an equality with California competitors.

PREMIER OF CANADA HURT

Sir Wiltfred Laurier Injured When His Train Collides With a Freight.

FIREMAN OF PASSENGER KILLED IN THE WRECK

Premier of Canada's Tour of Province Suddenly Stopped When His Train at High Speed Collides Head on With Freight Train—Fireman Instantly Killed—Engines, Telescope and Several Cars Derailed—Reporter Injured Internally.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—In a head-on collision near here last night, Sir Wiltfred Laurier, premier of Canada, who is touring Canada was slightly injured about the legs, and his hands and face were cut by broken glass. The train was enroute to Battleford and was taken back to Moose Jaw with the dead fireman and injured premier. It is not thought the premier's injuries are such as to interfere with his tour. Laurier's train was going fifty miles an hour when it collided with a freight. The engines were telescoped and the baggage cars and five freight cars were derailed. The premier was thrown to the floor. O. Temple, a reporter was internally injured.

Prisoner Released

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 6.—Peter Maris, a Greek, was arrested here three weeks ago on the charge of holding up and robbing two fellow countrymen in a fashionable New York hotel, was released yesterday when a letter was received from the New York authorities saying that the witnesses against Maris had left the city and no case could be made out against him.

Reward Offered

Chicago, Aug. 5.—In an effort to prove that Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon railroad, was murdered and did not commit suicide, as hinted in a coroner's jury verdict, a reward of \$5000 has been offered by the Rawn estate for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his murderer or murderers. Mr. Rawn was found dead in his home at Winnetka on the morning of July 20.

Steamer Abandons Run

Seattle, Aug. 6.—The steamer Corwin, which has been operating out of Norton Sound, for years, staying in the north until the close of navigation in the fall, has abandoned the run for this summer, the reason being given that the gasoline schooners have become so numerous in the Arctic waters that the freighting is not as profitable as it used to be. The Corwin left Nome Wednesday afternoon for Seattle with passengers and will come by way of the Inside Passage. The Corwin has been one of the best known boats running to Nome for years, and for ten years has been the first steamer to reach that port from the outside each spring.

WAR ON SEATTLE'S RESTRICTED DISTRICT

Seattle, Wash.—The fight being waged by the Public Welfare league to compel the city administration to close the resorts in the King street district was taken into court Thursday when Robert C. Saunders, in behalf of James B. Murphy, a property owner, procured from Judge W. R. Gay, of the superior court, an order citing the mayor, council and other city officials to appear in court August 15 and show cause why they should not be restrained from maintaining a restricted district in the city. In addition to the abolition of the nuisance the court is asked to award \$10,000 damages against the city on the ground that the plaintiff's property adjoining the district has been damaged to that amount because of its existence.

The court is asked to enjoin Mayor Hiram C. Gill from ordering his chief of police not to interfere with the lawbreakers; to restrain Chief of Police C. W. Wapenstein from extending his official protection to the habitues of the district, and to restrain the city council from establishing such a district by ordinance.

RAILROAD VICTIMS ON THE INCREASE

Washington, Aug. 6.—According to a statement of the interstate commerce commission, 1100 were killed in railroad accidents and over 21,000 injured during the first three months of this year. This is an increase of 468 killed and 6100 injured during the same period in 1909.