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GORE SAYS HER STORY IS UNTRUE

Blind Senator Denies That He Had Ever Made Advances to Mrs. Bond.

NEVER OFFERED TO SETTLE WITH WOMAN

Says Men Behind Charges Tried to Get Endorsement for Federal Jobs.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 16.—Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, took the stand here today in his own defense in the trial of the \$50,000 damage suit against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond.

Senator Gore flatly denied that he ever made any advances or had taken any liberties with Mrs. Bond.

"I met Mrs. Bond in Oklahoma City," he said, "in January, 1913. She asked me to use my influence in having her husband appointed collector of internal revenue, but I told her I had already promised the position to another man. She renewed her efforts in Washington last March and arranged to confer with me at the Winston hotel.

"As I entered the lobby Mrs. Bond met me. She had been waiting for me there, and as I came in I heard her say: 'I'll take charge of the senator now, gentlemen.'"

Gore said Mrs. Bond took him to her room, adding: "I sat on a chair near the bed. Mrs. Bond sat on the bed. When I started to go I extended my hand. She took hold of my hand and then seemed to go down on the bed.

"What does this mean?" I asked. She gave some answer that I did not understand. Then I heard some one enter the room. He said he was Thaddeus Robertson. We exchanged salutations. Then Mrs. Bond began to cry and carry on. Robertson told her to stop squalling. He then talked to Mrs. Bond in an undertone.

Did Not Want Bond to Know. "I asked Robertson to get my hat, and he did so. 'What have you got to say about this, Mrs. Bond?' I asked. 'I don't want Bond to know you were in my room,' she answered. I put the same question to Robertson, and he said he had nothing to say. Neither suggested at the time that anything improper had occurred. I intended to summon the proprietor, if such a thing had been intimated.

"Dr. Earp called on me the next day and said he had heard charges of improper conduct. I answered: 'If they make such charges it is an infamous lie.' Earp said he thought so too. I declared I would see those people in hell before I would them any terms."

Never Offered to Settle. Senator Gore also denied that he had offered to settle with Mrs. Bond, or had told Dr. Earp "to get Mrs. Bond out of town, for God's sake." He said the men behind the charges had tried to get his endorsement for federal positions.

Attorney E. J. Giddings cross-examined Gore. Gore said that in December, 1913, he had discussed with District Attorney Wilson, of the District of Columbia, the advisability of instituting blackmail charges. The charges, however, were not pressed.

Senator Gore also denied that Senator Kern had summoned him to appear before a senate committee to discuss the charges, and that he would not go. Senator Gore completed his testimony at 3:30 o'clock, and the defense rested its case ten minutes later.

SHARKEY GETS 30 DAYS. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 16.—Tom Sharkey, the ex-pugilist, was fined \$500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail today for keeping a disreputable Fourteenth street resort. The establishment's manager got the jail sentence without the fine. Both were convicted several days ago and were in the Tombs awaiting sentence.

Sheriff Breaks Into an Office

Crook County Official Takes Away Tax Rolls Following an Investigation of Shortage.

Governor West this morning received a wire from County Judge Springer, of Crook county, saying that the sheriff, assisted by the janitor, had broken into the office of the circuit judge and had removed the tax rolls therefrom, and refused to give them up. He says an expert accountant is there at the request of the county judge examining the books, and that, while this examination is not completed, it shows a large amount of delinquent taxes have been collected, and, apparently, not accounted for. The judge says he has asked the circuit judge for an order for the restoration of the books, and asks the governor, if this is not granted, if he will assist in enforcing the law, in having the books returned. He also says that one of the county commissioners, Bailey, is backing him in taking possession of the books.

CHRISTOFFERSON GETS OVER BAD PASS AFTER SEVERAL EFFORTS

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—Aviator Christofferson alighted at Ascot Park here at 12:25 o'clock today, covering approximately 125 miles from Bakersfield in 3 hours, 40 minutes, elapsed time.

Christofferson made the flight from Bakersfield without descending. He said that the last leg of the trip was the most difficult, and that he was compelled to buck a heavy head wind almost all the way. The wind in the Tehachapi Pass, he said, was almost as severe as that which defeated him at Tejon.

The aviator expected to rest here for an hour or more before continuing his trip to San Diego. His engine had been behaving excellently, and he expected no further trouble. He would leave Ascot Park for San Diego, he said, between 1 and 2 o'clock today.

Military Record Broken. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 16.—The American military altitude record was broken here today when Lieutenant Carberry, aviation corps, U. S. A., ascended 8700 feet in a Curtiss aeroplane.

New Distance Record. Berlin, Feb. 16.—Hans Berliner, a balloonist, telegraphed today from Kirgishchan, Russia, in the Ural mountains, that he had landed there with two passengers after a 47-hour flight from Bitterfeld, Germany, a distance record.

Again Attacks Mountains. Bakersfield, Cal., Feb. 16.—Ascending at 8:45 o'clock, Aviator Silas Christofferson made another attempt today to fly to Los Angeles. At a height of about 4000 feet he followed the line of the Southern Pacific railway, evidently planning an attack on the mountains above the pass through which the railway runs.

Passes Tehachapi. Tehachapi, Cal., Feb. 16.—Aviator Christofferson passed over Tehachapi at 10:34 o'clock, flying in a southerly direction at an elevation of approximately 800 feet.

JAPANESE MINORITY IS HOLDING UP ACTION ON APPROPRIATION

Tokyo, Feb. 16.—In the lower house of parliament today the anti-administration party, though in a minority, continued, by filibustering tactics, to delay the government's increased taxation program. Again and again free fighting among the lawmakers has been imminent. As a result of the legislative investigation of charges of graft in the navy, Admiral Koichi Fujii and Captain Sawasaki have been ordered court-martialed, and it was reported that similar action against several other officers will follow.

PRESIDENT DOES NOT THINK TROOPS WILL BE NEEDED IN MEXICO

Believes Situation There Will Be Straightened Out Satisfactorily.

WILL PASS CANAL BILL

Not Impressed With Opposition to Measures, as Indicated in Some Quarters of Country.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson indicated yesterday that he intended to stand by his original declaration that the sending of troops to Mexico is not necessary now. He said England had landed marines in Mexico with America's approval. He does not believe that America will need to land troops and thinks the situation eventually will be straightened out satisfactorily. The president denied that South America was alarmed over this nation's policy.

The president was still considering the personnel of the reserve board and hoped to make a definite announcement the first of the month. He said he did not intend to name Secretary of Agriculture Houston as a member. The president also indicated that he believes the opposition to the trust bill will be centered on the trade commission. He also declared he was not impressed with the opposition in certain quarters to the repeal of the canal tolls provision and expects such a bill to pass.

Ten Warships There.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Feb. 16.—The American battleships Utah, Florida and Delaware arrived here today, bringing the United States naval strength on the Mexican east coast up to ten battleships.

Would Bribe Huerta to Quit.

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Desperate over the losses they are sustaining through the continued disorders in Mexico, it was rumored here today that a syndicate of American business men, with extensive Mexican interests had offered President Huerta \$1,500,000 to resign. Huerta today paid 1,000,000 pesos to Japanese ammunition makers in drafts on London and Paris.

FEW INDEPENDENTS NOW

NEARLY ALL PERSONS REGISTERED IN MARION COUNTY BELONG TO OLD PARTIES.

According to the records in the county clerk's office at the present date, there will be 133 voters in Marion county who will not be allowed to take part in the county primary election for the reason they have registered independents and miscellaneous. However, there may be an independent candidate for some county office but, according to those keeping in close touch with the candidate ring, so hat bearing such name has appeared as yet. There have been 95 independent registrations while 34 voters have registered who refuse to announce their politics of even claim heritage to a political faith of any kind. These votes cannot be counted at the primary nominating election unless there is a candidate in the field who is seeking nomination on an independent ticket or who runs "miscellaneous." Today the records show that 2314 republicans, 251 democrats, 229 prohibs, 81 socialists, 68 progressives, 95 independents and 38 "miscellaneous" voters have registered in Marion county, or a total of 3756.

TWO PERSONS MAY DIE AND FOUR OTHERS INJURED

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 16.—Two persons were possibly fatally injured and four others severely hurt today when Dave Lewis giant Fiat car skidded and overturned while practicing for the Vanderbilt cup race here Saturday. The most seriously hurt were George Smith, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Sawtelle, whose skull was fractured, and Mrs. A. H. Pike, of Polson, Mont., who was injured internally. At the hospital it was not possible to determine readily the extent of Lewis' and Mechanician Arnett's injuries.

DETECTIVES SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR MURDER OF CALUMET STRIKERS

Seven Years Each Is Sentence Imposed on Three Men Who Slew Putrich.

MERCY FOR ONE ACCUSED

Deputy Sheriff Polkinghorne Will Be Later Sentenced and Deputy James Is Acquitted.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Houghton, Mich., Feb. 16.—For killing Steve Putrich, a striking copper miner, at Zeberville last August, Judge Flaigan today sentenced James Cooper, Arthur Davis and William Groff, Waddell-Mahon detectives, to seven years each in Marquette penitentiary. The three detectives, with Deputy Sheriff Edwin Polkinghorne, were found guilty of manslaughter, but in Polkinghorne's case the jury made a recommendation of mercy. He was not sentenced with the other prisoners. Deputy Sheriff Harry James, also accused in connection with the same killing, was acquitted.

Many Came to Hearing.

Fully a thousand miners have been coming into Hancock daily, since the congressional strike investigation began there, to attend the hearings. Some of them have walked for miles through the snow. They hope the committee will settle the strike, failing to understand that its mission is not to effect a settlement but to investigate conditions.

TIMBERMAN OWES NEAR HALF MILLION AND EASTERNERS LOSE

Portland, Or., Feb. 16.—John M. Blaxier, a Portland timber man, in a petition in bankruptcy, just filed with the federal court, acknowledges his inability to pay liabilities of \$499,412, due, it was said by his attorneys today, to the fact that the actual value of logs cut from his holdings in the yellow fir belt of Skamania county, near Vancouver, Wash., was much less than the estimates made by cruisers, and upon which he floated several huge bond issues for development purposes on the property.

Blaxier is president of the Washington North Timber company, the Oregon-Washington Timber company and the Blaxier Timber company. The first two corporations have been in the hands of H. E. Collins, as receiver, for several months, according to A. L. Vesie, who is representing Blaxier.

The largest debt of the liability is \$395,000, made up of 395 promissory notes of \$1000 each. These notes are personally signed by Blaxier, and through them money was raised for development purposes. The notes were last held by the Assets Realization company, a bonding house of Chicago, and the present owner is unknown, the petition states.

The Bank of California is Blaxier's creditor for another note of \$13,400 executed last spring. The timber holdings of Blaxier's companies and himself aggregate nearly a half billion feet, all located in the Skamania district.

DOCTOR IS ACCUSED.

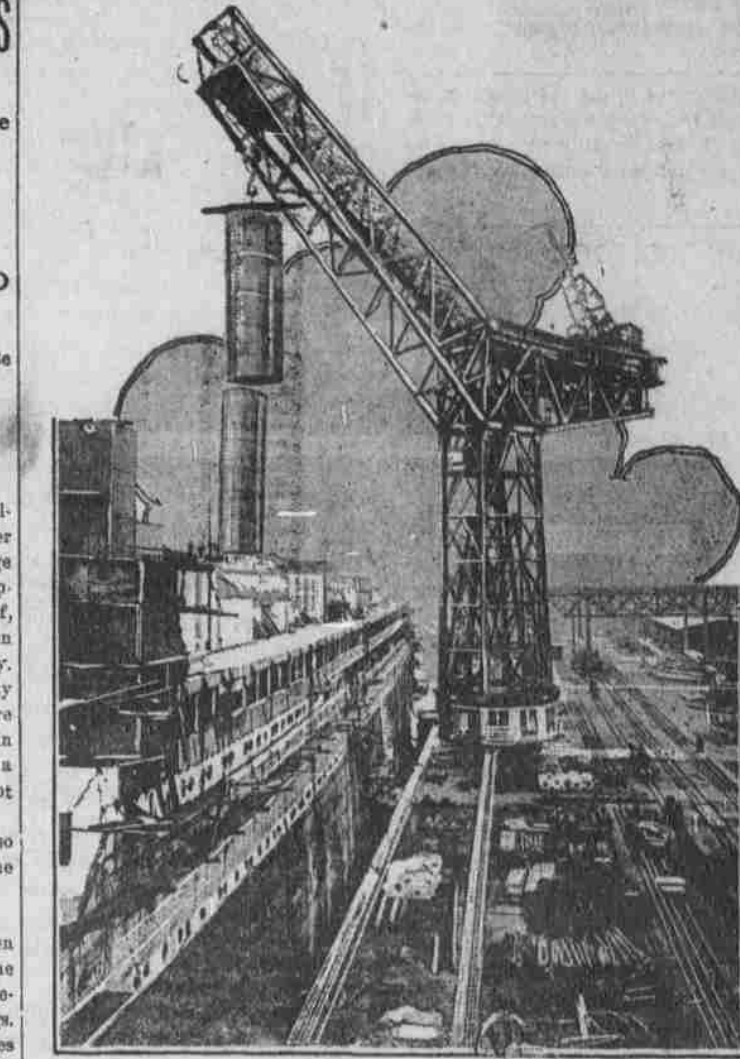
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Dr. Charles R. Baker was arrested here yesterday charged with performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Lillian Dunlap, also known as Mrs. Lillian Walsh, who died at Mount Zion hospital.

The Weather

The Dickey bird says: Oregon, rain west, fair east portion tonight; Tuesday rain west, pin or snow east portion, southeasterly winds, increasing along the coast.



Greatest Ocean Liner is Rapidly Nearing Completion



New Atlantic Liner Vaterland.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The Atlantic liner Vaterland, which is now the largest ship in the world, surpassing her sister ship Imperator in every dimension, is rapidly nearing completion. Some idea of her enormous size may be gained from her three great funnels recently placed in position, which rise to a height of 146 feet above water. The stacks, which are sixty-two feet in height, are oval in shape, measuring 20 by 30 feet. Each funnel consists

TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

PAROLED PATIENT JUMPS FROM TELEPHONE POLE AND BREAKS LEG AND JAW.

Robert Barrie, a paroled patient from the asylum, developed suicidal mania Sunday, and, climbing a telephone pole on Twenty-fourth street, leaped off. Striking on the sidewalk, his jaw was fractured and one leg broken between the knee and hip. He was taken to the hospital, and it is said has a fair show of recovery.

SLAYS MAN WHO TRIES TO KILL WIFE AND TOTS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Glendive, Mont., Feb. 16.—Alleged to have been endeavoring to push a buggy in which his wife, two children and a young farmer named Ray Johnson were seated, off the bridge which spans the Yellowstone river at Glendive, A. J. Steele, a Northern Pacific brakeman, was shot and killed by Johnson early today. According to Johnson the weapon used in slaying Steele was handed him by Mrs. Steele. Following the killing Johnson returned to Glendive and gave himself up to the authorities.

According to the story related by Johnson, Mrs. Steele had left her husband on account of his lack of support and he shot when Steele grasped the bridle of his horse and declared he would dump the occupants into the river.

WOULD BE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Feb. 16.—W. M. Peterson, a prominent lawyer of Pendleton, is the first Democrat to come out for the office of attorney-general. He admitted today that while he had made no formal announcement, he had practically made up his mind to enter the race.

ONLY BURNING OIL WELL.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—Thousands of citizens gazed in amazement last night at what they firmly believed to be a comet in the eastern sky. Investigation by excited newspapers proved it to be the reflection of a burning oil well.

FAMINE IS RESULT OF BAD STORM

New York Railroads Crippled and Cannot Convey Supplies Into City.

FUEL SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS FEATURE

Deaths From Cold Reported and Snowfall Paralyzes Delivery Service.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 16.—New York faced a famine today. What food was on hand when last week's blizzard began was nearly consumed and so badly were the railroads crippled by the storm that it was impossible to get fresh supplies in anything like adequate quantities. Fuel also was running alarmingly short.

To make matters worse, a fresh snow fall began today. It was not a blizzard but a steady smother. The air was so thick with flakes that it was impossible to see many feet away. Three more deaths from cold were reported. Thermometers stood at 17 above zero at 8 a. m.

Transportation Hampered.

Except for the subway urban transportation was nearly paralyzed and in the subway the jam was terrific. No automobile could force its way through the drifts. Heavy hauling of any kind was out of the question. Indeed, there was little wheel traffic of any kind. Sleighs did somewhat better but even with them the horses made slow work of it as they floundered through the streets.

There was a pretense of milk deliveries yesterday but today the supply was exhausted, and no more was arriving. Apartment houses could obtain no coal. There were houses where there was but a little on hand and it was clear that the situation would be critical within a few hours unless the blockade was broken.

Cannot Deliver Groceries.

Grocers, too, found their supplies cut off. They did not even try to make deliveries. Customers had to carry their own purchases home. Conditions in all towns in the vicinity were as bad as in New York or worse. At Boston, N. J. Jacob Vreeland, exhausted by struggling through the drifts, fell fainting and was suffocated in the snow.

Trans-Atlantic steamships which arrived Saturday off Sandy Hook and lay to awaiting a lull in the storm were still unable to enter owing to the dangers of navigation while the snow fell so heavily. Wireless messages were received from more than twenty over-sea ships, reporting their positions. All said the gale had been something unprecedented.

Shipping on the bay and in the North and East rivers was not only slow and difficult, but extremely dangerous. Dozens of collisions were narrowly averted.

ZAMOR WINS VICTORIES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Port au Prince, Haiti, Feb. 16.—After heavily defeating General Favi-mar Theodore's rebel troops in two battles yesterday, President Oreste Zamor's forces today were pushing on Cape Haitien, where Theodore recently proclaimed himself president, as a rival of Zamor. The first of yesterday's fights was at Plainance, between Gouviève and Cape Haitien; the second at Port De Paix. The losses on both sides were heavy.

MOSTLY SELLING ORDERS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 16.—The stock market opened active, but most of the business was selling orders. A few shares, however, were slightly higher. Canadian lost 2, Mexican Petroleum 13-4, New Haven 14 and Union Pacific, Reading, Erie, St. Paul and Steel J. Later losses of 1 to 1 1/2 were scored in a large number of the more important issues.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HEAVILY FINED FOR BREAKING LAW

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Feb. 16.—Because he voted, as a member of the house of commons, despite the fact that a firm in which he is interested had a government contract, Justice Sir Sidney Rowlett today imposed on Sir Montague Samuel a penalty of \$65,000 fine and costs. Sir Montagu, a prominent liberal politician and millionaire financier, announced that he would appeal.

KEEPS WILSON INDOORS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson was slightly better today but Dr. Grayson refused to permit him to leave the White House.