

MR. RAMSEY DENIES CHARGES. STAND

Marshal Says He Never Made Statements Attributed to Him by Jurors Garren and Norton.

DID MR. GAREN WINK AT DEFENDANT BREESE?

Government Would Like to Get Testimony to This Effect Into Hearing, Court Rules It Out.

The investigation into the charges against Deputy Marshal Ramsey of improper communication with the jury in the recent cases in the federal court in which Maj. W. E. Brees and Joseph E. Dickerson were defendants, and which were sprung by Judge Charles A. Moore for the defense before Judge Newman yesterday morning, was begun this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The charge against the deputy marshal was contained in affidavits read by the district attorney yesterday in which it was alleged that Mr. Ramsey had stated to Juror Norton and Juror Garren that R. R. Rawls was as guilty as Brees and Dickerson and that "they were as guilty as hell."

Deputy Ramsey Makes Denial. Deputy Marshal Ramsey, the accused officer of the court, was the first called to the stand at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when the investigation was gone into.

"I made no such statement," replied Mr. Ramsey, "and no such statement was ever made in my presence."

Did Garren Wink at Brees? District Attorney Holton asked the witness if, as a court officer in charge of the jury, he had observed anything between any of the defendants and any of the jurors in the court room during the progress of the trial.

Cross-Examined. Mr. Craig for the defense asked the witness several questions on cross-examination. He asked Mr. Ramsey who it was that had asked why Rawls was not indicted.

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JOHN A JOHNSON'S CONDITION GRAVE

The Governor Underwent a Terrible Operation Yesterday—There is Hope for His Recovery.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 16.—The following bulletin, bearing the hour 9 a. m., has just been issued: "Governor Johnson was in precarious condition at 3 o'clock this morning, but has rallied. Temperature 99, pulse 105."

"WILLIAM MAYO, M. D." Intestinal Abscess. Governor John A. Johnson was operated on in St. Mary's hospital yesterday by Dr. William J. Mayo, assisted by Dr. Charles Mayo, for a deep-seated intestinal abscess.

It was a serious operation and Governor Johnson's condition is regarded as grave, although the surgeons hope for the patient's recovery.

Governor Johnson was upon the operating table for two hours and 53 minutes. As soon as he had recovered from the effects of the anaesthetics his first words were for Mrs. Johnson, who came at once to his bedside.

Later yesterday a bulletin was issued which said: "The doctors found a small, deep-seated abscess connected with the intestines. It was a difficult, serious and prolonged operation. Governor Johnson stood it well and rallied. The chances are for his recovery, although he will not be out of danger for five days. He is suffering great pain."

A number of physicians witnessed the operation. Dr. H. H. Witherpoon of this city, also a state senator, is known to have given the governor's private secretary, Frank A. Day, a gloomy view of the case, saying that "it was one of the most terrible operations of the kind he ever witnessed."

Dr. William Mayo, who performed the operation on Governor Johnson today said in a long distance telephone conversation at 10:45 last night with Frank A. Day, Governor Johnson's private secretary:

"The governor had a bad spell at 8:30 p. m. From this he rallied and I expect him to get through tonight all right. If he survives tomorrow the chances for his recovery are good though the danger will not be over for several days. His pulse is 140 and his temperature 96."

HIS PLAYERS POISONED, BALL MANAGER DECLARES

Chattanooga Accuses Augusta, and Augusta Promptly Denies It.

Chattanooga, Sept. 16.—A telephone message received by the Times last night from Johnny Dobbs, manager of the Chattanooga baseball team, says that the members of his team were poisoned yesterday while playing in Augusta. All the men who drank from a bucket of water are ill.

Augusta Denies It. Augusta, Sept. 16.—The statement made by members of the Chattanooga team that they had been drugged or poisoned at the ball park yesterday afternoon, is branded by both Manager Castro and Secretary Farr, of the local club, as false.

The safety of the estate, he declared, was the first consideration and for that reason argued that the integrity and business ability of an executor, whether personal or a trust company, was of the greatest importance.

As to Central Bank Idea. During the day it was whispered among the delegates that the central bank idea suggested in the annual address of the president, George M. Reynolds, was disapproved by many in the convention.

Failed to Return Books and is Given Three Months. Atlanta, Sept. 16.—According to the decision of the general court martial recently had at Fort McPherson, Lieutenant Basil G. Moon of the coast artillery corps is to be reprimanded and confined within the limits of his post for three months.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

THEY WON'T BE HAPPY TILL THEY GET IT

DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF SAVINGS BANKS; PREACHER JAILED; GERMAN DISCOUNT RATE IS ADVANCING

Many of the Bankers Assembled in Chicago Said to Disapprove Central Bank Scheme. Case Similar to the Cook—Whaley Greatest Volume of Speculation on the German Exchanges Since the Fall of 1905.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Problems which confront savings banks of the country over were considered today by delegates to the American Bankers Association convention, in business session of the savings bank section of association. This section is considered to be one of the most important of the divisions of the Bankers Association, and its members in addition to listening to welcoming addresses and the annual address of Section President Johnson, took up the report of standing committees on savings bank laws and postal savings banks.

Waukegan, Ill., Sept. 16.—Rev. Wallace M. Stuckey, pastor of the Christian church of Williamsburg, Kans., and editor of the Williamsburg Star, is confined in the county jail on the charge of having abducted Lorena Sutherland, 16 years of age, daughter of a wealthy farmer of Williamsburg, from her home.

White Woman Shot by Negroes. Trouble Occurred at Lumber Camp in Alabama—Both Negroes Killed, One by Woman's Husband.

Demopolis, Ala., Sept. 16.—News of the killing of two negroes, following the slaying of a white woman, was received from a lumber camp near here today. The negroes entered the home of a man named Gray, awakened Mrs. Gray, and when she failed to heed their order to stop screaming, was shot and killed.

Strike Situation is Again Critical. Pittsburgh, Sept. 16.—On account of prevailing conditions, street cars in the vicinity of the Pressed Steel Car works were not running today. At 5 o'clock over 1000 strikers were congregated at O'Donovan bridge, the scene of the fatal riot during the last strike, and employees of the Schoen-ville plant were not permitted to enter the works.

North German Press Leans Toward Cook. Hamburg Paper Comments Adversely upon Last Interview Given Out by Peary.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—It is probable that the rate of discount of the Imperial bank of Germany will be advanced to four per cent. tomorrow. The private rate of discount has been rising steadily during this month, and is now full one per cent. higher than on August 31. It is also now within one-fourth of one per cent. of the rate of the Imperial bank.

HE WILL DISPROVE DR. COOK'S CLAIMS

Peary Gives Out Another Interview—Says the Matter Can Be Settled in a Few Weeks.

SENSATIONAL STATEMENTS ARE EXPECTED FROM PEARY

The Pole Is a Theoretical Point, Exact Location Depending Upon Conditions, etc.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, via Marconi Wireless, to Cape, N. F., Sept. 16.—Commander Peary today consented to talk further concerning his successful dash to the north pole. He dwelt particularly upon the observations taken at the apex of the world and the movements of Harry Whitney, the sportsman of New Haven, Conn., who has been described as a bearer of records substantiating Cook's claim to have reached the pole April 21, 1908.

Peary said Cook was expected by the world to submit to an impartial tribunal or board of arbitration, to the public and to scientific bodies a revised and authentic signed statement of his alleged discovery of the pole. Dr. Cook soon would reach the United States, Commander Peary said, and he was glad at the prospect of the matter being submitted for consideration at an early date.

"When at a distance of 125 miles from the pole a third observation was made by Capt. Bartlett, who also signed records and certificates in duplicate; he retained one set and I the other. The fourth and fifth observations were made by myself, the last being taken five miles from the pole proper."

"There were several observations," he replied, "and I took them all myself. They are all agreed, you must understand, that the pole is a theoretical point, without length, breadth, or thickness. Its actual location depends on the accuracy of instruments employed and conditions under which observations are taken."

It is rumored here that Commander Peary's document will contain sensational statements, and that a portion of his document was prepared as long ago as the early months of 1908 when letters were received from Cook in Greenland, giving notice that he intended to make a dash for the pole.

TIGRESS PURSUED, JUMPS INTO SEA

The Hunt for the Escaped Royal Bengal Tigress, at Marseille, Ended Today.

Marseilles, Sept. 16.—The hunt along the water front of Marseilles for the royal Bengal tigress that escaped from a steamer in the harbor on Tuesday, came to a dramatic end when the animal, mortally wounded, and with blood streaming from its head and flanks, fled from her mob of pursuers and, with enormous bounds, gained the water front. Then she sprang into the sea and was drowned.

WOMAN KILLS ANOTHER IN A TRIVIAL DISPUTE

Threatened Death for Trespass, and Carried Out Her Threat With Shotgun.

Bretton, Ala., Sept. 16.—News has reached here of the killing of Mrs. William Nowling, one of the wealthiest women in southern Alabama, by Mrs. Henry Nowling, near Pollard, Ala., yesterday. The younger woman, Mrs. Henry Nowling, who is a niece by marriage of the woman killed, had forbidden the use of a small house on her place for storage of the effects of Mrs. William Nowling, threatening to kill her if she used it.

PRESIDENT GETS A BIG WELCOME

A Dense Crowd, Restrained by Perfect Police Arrangements, Meets Him in Chicago.

SEVERAL BRIEF SPEECHES TO CROWDS ALONG ROUTE

Automobile Tour of a Mile and Half, Reviewing 150,000 School Children.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—President Taft, smiling, his approval at the vociferous welcome arrived here this forenoon. A dense crowd, restrained by perfect police arrangements, was at the temporary depot at Fifty-fifth street, where the president alighted. The crowd stretched for 15 miles along the route his automobile was scheduled to travel. For an hour and a half an automobile will carry him slowly through a gauntlet of 150,000 public and parochial school pupils lining miles of boulevards and carrying small American flags.

The review of the pupils will terminate at the Congress hotel where the president will make an informal address to his hosts, the Commercial club.

During the afternoon the president will witness a baseball game between the New York and Chicago clubs of the National league, weather permitting.

He will be the guest of the Hamilton club at an informal dinner, after which he will address a mass meeting at Orchestra hall. At 11 p. m., he will attend the ball of the American Bankers' association and at midnight he will be escorted to his train which, three hours later, will leave for Milwaukee.

Wherever the train stopped yesterday on its run from Boston there were large crowds at the railway stations and the president was greeted with enthusiastic cheering. The day was typical of many that are to come, and the president was prevailed upon to make a number of five minute speeches from the rear platform of his car at points not included in the itinerary.

At Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield and entering New York state he was greeted at Albany by Governor Charles E. Hughes, and both made little talks to the depot throng, which cheered the state and federal executives with equal enthusiasm.

President Taft was in rare good humor. He seemed thoroughly happy that the journey toward which he has been looking for several months had at last begun. He thanked those who came to greet him with the diffidence, and said he believed that the long arduous trip would bring him into closer touch with the people than any other plan which could be devised. Mr. Taft said that the more he could see of the country and the people during his term of office, the better president he would make.

Taft and Hughes. Mr. Taft and Governor Hughes are pronounced admirers of each other, and their meetings always are characterized by many exchanges of graceful and earnest compliments.

Yesterday President Taft told of the splendid work Governor Hughes had done for him and the governor replied that the president could never call upon him in vain.

Starting from Boston a little after 10 o'clock, the president headed straight for the west. It was his fifty-second birthday and he received many congratulations and messages of good will. At Pittsfield some enthusiastic admirers fairly filled the president's car with flowers. The throng which lined the way from the hotel to the station in Boston was but a forerunner of those encountered along the way. Even at places where the president's trains did not stop, there were many to wave him a greeting.

A Slow Schedule. The president set a precedent for the entire trip by electing to run on a slow schedule. The New York Central lines surrounded the train with every precaution for its safety. There always were three men on the engine and prominent representatives of the traffic department were aboard from the start.

Death Follows Injuries in an Automobile Accident. Death of Mrs. Nelson Morris, Widow of a Chicago Packer, is Reported from Paris.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Nelson Morris, widow of a Chicago packer, died today at Saint-Louis, near Paris, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident, according to word received here by relatives.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 3 p. m., Friday, for Asheville and vicinity: Fair and colder tonight; Friday fair.