

CURTIS DENIES THE GORE STORY

Kansas Senator Says He and Sherman Were Opposed to the McMurray Contracts.

DETAILS ARE GIVEN OF THE WHITE HOUSE TALK

President Taft Had Given Personal Attention to Matter of the Contract With the Indians.

Muskogee, Aug. 6.—More charges of attempted bribery in the Oklahoma Indian land deals were made before the congressional investigating committee today.

Vice President Sherman disapproved of the contracts whereby an "attorney's fee" of \$2,000,000 was to be allowed in the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of Indian lands in Oklahoma.

Curtis came here to testify following the testimony given by Senator Gore, who declared that he was informed that Sherman and Curtis each were "interested" in the contracts.

124 VESSELS WERE BUILT AND NUMBERED IN JULY

The Aggregate Tonnage Is 38,372 Tons—The Largest Were of 6008 Tons and 3102 Tons.

Washington, Aug. 6.—During July 124 steam vessels, aggregating 38,372 tons, were built in the United States and officially numbered.

ENGLISH SUBMARINE A 1 IS AN ILL-FATED BOAT

Two Officers and Five Men Aboard Her Dangerously Wounded by Petrol Explosion.

Portsmouth, England, Aug. 5.—Two officers and five men were dangerously wounded by the explosion of petrol today on navy submarine A-1.

This submarine seems ill-fated. It also sank in collision off Portsmouth in 1904, early in its career, all on board were drowned.

Lipton's Boat Dismasted With Italy's King Aboard

Coves of Wight, Aug. 5.—Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, Shamrock, which King Alfonso of Spain is aboard as the guest of the owner, was dismasted today.

RUSSIA'S SCOURGE SPREADS RAPIDLY

In the Week Ending July 13, There Were 15,244 Cases of Cholera and 2233 Deaths in Southern Russia—Conditions Fast Approaching Great Epidemic of 1908.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—Russia's scourge, of cholera continues spreading with alarming rapidity, particularly in the southern mining districts and in St. Petersburg, where conditions are fast approaching the great epidemic of 1908.

Political Prisoners Suffocating in Jail

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 6.—small cells contain over 100 prisoners, almost suffocating. Some of the most influential natives are among the prisoners. It is said that three

DID RIDGEWAY'S MAYOR SUICIDE?

Detective Reports That Bousman Killed Himself—Deeply in Debt.

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 6.—A special last night from Ridgeway says that Detective Joseph Funk of the Baldwin Detective Agency of Roanoke, who has been investigating the dynamite explosion which caused the death of Mayor A. H. Bousman of Ridgeway on the night of Sunday, July 24, is satisfied that he has solved the mystery.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY NEAR MACON, GA.

Morton Kills Two Etheridges—Troops Sent to Scene to Prevent Lynching.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 5.—The two companies of militia sent to Gray's Station last night following reports of rioting in connection with the killing of E. S. and Morris Etheridge, in an outbreak of the Etheridge-Morton feud, returned to Macon this morning.

HOME FOR AGED MASONS IS TO BE ESTABLISHED

Places in the State Will Be Asked to Make Offers to Secure Location of the Home.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 6.

The special committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Grand Master Richard N. Hackett, chairman, decides to establish a home for aged Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

THE INEVITABLE Miss Le Neve Is Offered \$1000 a Week by Vaudeville Manager, If She Goes Free.

New York, Aug. 6.—The Belle Elmore murder horror reached the inevitable commercial stage today when Miss Le Neve received a telegram from a New York theatrical manager offering her \$1000 a week for an indefinite engagement in vaudeville.

ROLAND DECLINES GUDGER CHALLENGE

He Says Mr. Grant, by Reason of His Record, Would Have a Big Advantage, but Nevertheless—

MR. GUDGER SAYS THIS BOAST IS WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION

As a Matter of Fact, Mr. Grant Has Not Obtained the Appropriations of Which He Speaks.

There will be no joint canvass in the Tenth district this year between the congressional candidates. This matter was definitely determined today when Representative Grant, the candidate of the republican party for reelection, through his chairman, T. F. Roland, sent Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., the democratic nominee, a note formally declining the challenge for a joint debate recently sent Mr. Grant by Mr. Gudger.

Mr. Grant to engage in a debate for a joint discussion of the issues of the day with his political opponent will come as no surprise to the voters of the district, since it has been semi-officially stated for several weeks that Mr. Grant would pursue the same campaign this year that he did two years ago and refrain from joint discussions.

Mr. Roland's letter to Mr. Gudger, declining the challenge on behalf of Mr. Grant, follows:

"Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., Asheville, N. C.: My Dear Sir: Your letter of July 19, 1910, to Hon. John G. Grant, has been referred to me as chairman of the Tenth Congressional district. 'Replying to same, I beg to say that after consulting with the republican executive committee of this district, we have fully decided that we will not agree to have a joint canvass. While there is no doubt in our minds that Mr. Grant can successfully meet you, or any other democrat in this district in a joint debate, we are sure that he would have a decided advantage in such joint debate as his record in congress is first class. He has made good every promise made in the campaign two years ago. He has proved his ability as a congressman, and has succeeded in securing more for the district in one term than you did in the two terms you were there. We believe that an intelligent public demands a fair and impartial discussion of the political issues without prejudice or malice, and this end can best be served by having this discussion alone. Therefore we respectfully decline your challenge for a joint campaign. Very respectfully, T. F. ROLAND, Chairman Tenth Cong. Dist.'"

Grant's Record Attacked. Mr. Gudger has returned from a week's campaign in Rutherford county and seems highly pleased with results. At all of the places where he spoke—at Rutherford, Cliffside, Caroleen and Forest City he had good crowds. Mr. Gudger is hot on the trail of Mr. Grant, the republican nominee, who is seeking re-election and is attacking his record in congress. Mr. Gudger is charging in plain language that Mr. Grant has not obtained a single cent of appropriation for a post-office building in Hendersonville, nor to purchase a lot in Waynesville. Mr. Gudger says that he is not making a charge without foundation, but it is a statement in which he is backed up by documents from the treasury department at Washington as well as the provisions in the bill itself.

Paragraph 34 of the public buildings bill, he points out, reads as follows: "The congress reserves the right to amend or repeal this act." There is not a clause in the entire bill which makes a cent of appropriations for the buildings. Upon accepting the nomination for congress Mr. Gudger began at once to look into Mr. Grant's record and wrote the secretary of the treasury asking about the Hendersonville appropriation. Replying under date of July 27, 1910, the secretary of the treasury says: "No appropriation has been made by congress for this purpose, but by the time the necessary preliminaries are completed, it is believed that congress will have had an opportunity to appropriate the necessary money for the acquisition of the land."

In a letter to Senator Lee S. Overman, under date of July 16, the secretary of the treasury writes: "The public building act carries no appropriation but the department has an appropriation for advertising and for the expense of site agents and has advertised for property for sale to the United States in each city in North Carolina where sites are authorized to be acquired. As several months are usually required for the examination of titles, it is believed that congress will have had an opportunity to make the necessary appropriations by the time the money will be required."

Mr. Gudger therefore takes the position that the money for these buildings will have to come from congresses of the future and that all that has been held out to the people of this district by congress is a "hope."

Mr. Gudger will be in Henderson county next week. Mr. Gudger has opened his headquarters in the Brown building adjoining his law office and is getting the details of his campaign well under way. Owen Gudger, who was recently selected as chairman of the executive committee, has taken charge.

THE WEATHER Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday. For North Carolina: Fair tonight slightly cooler in east and central districts; Sunday fair.

DEMONSTRATION WILL NOT BE HELD

Catholic Committee Decides to Abandon It—Rioting Was Feared—Camlepas Says Catholics Who Signed Manifesto Do Not Know Meaning of Liberty.

MADRID, Aug. 6.—The Catholic committee has decided to abandon the anti-government demonstration at San Sebastian tomorrow. Rioting was feared. Premier Canalejas stated that Catholics signing the manifesto do not comprehend the meaning of modern liberty.

Simultaneous with the rushing of troops to San Sebastian to cope with an uprising which the government fears might grow out of the holding there on Sunday of the interdicted 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 in the premises.

In a statement Canalejas declares 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. He says, however, that the law will be enforced and that his adversaries will be held responsible for whatever happens. The statement of the premier follows: "I would have allowed the manifestation if it had been announced to be held elsewhere than at Bilbao, where a strike of coal miners is in progress or at San Sebastian, which is crowded with visitors on Sundays. 'I know that 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 manifestation has only been adjourned. I desire that it shall occur in order that its strength may be shown; but it must occur elsewhere and without constraint or threats.'"

Upheaval Is Imminent In Southwestern China

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 6.—A great upheaval in southwestern China, similar to the Boxer movement ten years ago, is imminent, according to news brought by the steamer Ningchow from China.

There is an underlying feeling against foreigners. The republicans of the Fifteenth Judicial district, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Superior court judge from this district and a solicitor, was called to order at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon by Joseph F. Ford of Asheville, temporary chairman. The call of the court, including Buncombe, Madison and Transylvania was read by Vonno L. Gudger, the temporary secretary.

M'CREA SEES NO CLOUD ON FINANCIAL HORIZON

President of Pennsylvania Railroad, Sailing for Europe, Says Conditions Here Are Good.

New York, Aug. 6.—President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad sees no clouds on the financial horizon and sailed today for vacation in Europe. Mr. McCrea said: "Affairs in this country are in very satisfactory condition. I consider the prospects for fall business good. I think pessimistic reports regarding crop failures and depressions in various lines of business are somewhat overdone."

PRESIDENTS EXCHANGE GREETINGS AT BEVERLY

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Entertain President and Mrs. Morit of Chili at Luncheon.

Beverly, Aug. 6.—President Taft and President Pedro Montt of Chile met today with an exchange of formalities that were cordially informal. The only suggestion of military ceremony came from the saluting guns of the presidential yacht, Mayflower, which conveyed the President and Mrs. Montt from Boston to Beverly, and paid them due honors.

ARMORED CRUISER LION LAUNCHED AT DEVONPORT

She Is the Largest, and Most Powerful and Will Be Fastest Cruiser on the Four Seas.

London, Aug. 5.—The armored cruiser Lion, the largest, fastest and most powerful cruiser in the world, was launched at Devonport dockyard this evening. The keel of the giant cruiser was laid November 29.

BRIDE OF MONTH IS DEAD; OVERDOSE BROMIDIA CAUSE

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 5.—Death from an overdose of bromidum administered by her own hands was the verdict yesterday of a coroner's jury that investigated the finding of the lifeless body of Mrs. Charles Harbinger, formerly Miss May Knid of Danville, Va., in her home here. The husband, who testified that he first met the girl in Norfolk July 4, and married her in Baltimore July 14, thinks his wife took the drug to relieve pain. The body was taken to Danville last night for burial. It was accompanied by the husband and W. M. Shead of Danville, a relative of the dead girl.

FRED W. THOMAS, CHAS. MASHBURN

They Are Chosen by Fifteenth District Republicans for Judge and Solicitor, Respectively.

D. L. ENGLISH OF BREVARD ALSO BEFORE CONVENTION

His Name Presented for Solicitor, but Both Nominations Were by Acclamation.

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There were no contests and the credential committee was dispensed with. On motion of Hon. James J. Britt Mr. Ford was made permanent chairman; on motion Vonno L. Gudger was made permanent secretary with the representatives of the press as assistant secretaries. On motion a resolution committee was dispensed with.

Mr. White of Madison county moved that the convention first proceed with the nomination of a solicitor. The motion prevailed and Mr. Ramsey of Madison arose to nominate C. B. Mashburn. In a short and timely talk Mr. Ramsey urged the claims of Mr. Mashburn for the nomination. Mr. Ramsey said that Madison county was there solidly behind Mr. Mashburn; that Mr. Mashburn was a man for the republicans to tie to and that if nominated he would be elected. He said that Madison was a decided factor in the district and that Madison would roll up her usual 900 to 1200 majority for the republican party and elect the candidate of the party for solicitor.

Col. Everett Nominates English. Col. Everett of Transylvania county, known as the late Mark Hanna's business partner, arose to nominate D. L. English of Transylvania. In a calm, deliberate and pleasing talk Col. Everett urged the claims of Mr. English for the nomination, saying that Mr. English was offering himself as the first candidate for a judicial position from Transylvania.

Col. V. S. Luak in spirited manner seconded the nomination of Mr. Mashburn of Madison.

Following the second to the nomination of Mr. Mashburn the secretary was authorized to call the roll of counties.

Divergent Opinions. Immediately the question arose as to how Buncombe county should vote. Some of those present from Buncombe thought each township in the county should be called; others took the position that the townships had nothing to do with the convention; that the county delegates should cast the vote. The chair ruled that the counties should vote for the candidate they desired; for the precinct convention had nothing to do with the judicial convention.

A motion prevailed that the secretary proceed to call the roll. Buncombe was first called and announced that it was not ready to vote. It was then suggested that the delegates from Buncombe get together and cast the vote of the county for solicitor. The list of delegates from Buncombe was called. Following the call of delegates the Buncombe delegation, on motion, retired to the grand jury room to make up its vote.

Mashburn by Acclamation. The Buncombe county delegation returned to the convention floor from the grand jury room after a caucus of 30 minutes and immediately the convention was called to order by Chairman Ford and a call of the counties ordered. Buncombe was called and Guy Weaver delegated to cast the vote of the county. Before Mr. Weaver could cast the vote, however, T. F. Roland arose and moved that the rules be suspended and that Mr. Mashburn be nominated by acclamation. This motion prevailed and Mr. Mashburn was declared the nominee of the party amid applause. It was learned that the Buncombe delegation stood approximately: Mashburn, 14; English, 21. With Madison's 21 votes for Mashburn it was realized by the friends of Mr. English that the Madison man had the nomination and in the interest of harmony the nomination was made by acclamation without a roll call.

Fred W. Thomas For Judge. Following the nomination of Mr. Mashburn for solicitor Hon. James J. Britt arose and nominated in a short but timely speech Fred W. Thomas of Asheville for judge of the Superior court from the Fifteenth Judicial district. There were no other nominations and on motion Mr. Thomas was unanimously declared the nominee of the party for judge of the Superior court from this district.