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SENATOR PLATT WILLING WITNESS AT HEARING OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE

New York Politician Talks Freely About Campaign Contributions.

ADMITS COMPANIES GET HOLD ON LEGISLATORS

Identity of "Man up the Country" is Disclosed by Another Witness.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The identity of Senator Depew's "Rambunctious friend up the river" was disclosed at today's session of the state legislative committee investigating the insurance companies, by the testimony of John N. Nichols, a lawyer, under retainer by the Equitable Life Assurance society. Mr. Nichols had written Senator Depew a letter referring to an individual in the above terms, and this letter was read at the session of the committee Friday, when Senator Depew was on the stand. The senator was unable to recall who was meant by the "Rambunctious friend," but today Mr. Nichols disclosed a series of payments to W. S. Manning of Albany, a former actuary, put in connection with the insurance companies in 1907.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to a report that Manning had been in possession of information that was suppressed during this investigation and that would have been detrimental to the Equitable.

Mr. Nichols could not recall the suppression of the information, but he detailed the payment of sums of money over a considerable period to Manning as an inducement to give up his business as actuary in which capacity he believed Manning was a menace to the Equitable Life. Mr. Nichols said he was paid a retainer for the Mutual and the New York Life for the same duties, that of "taking care of Manning," as Mr. Hughes characterized it. He added that the payments by the Equitable for Manning were made to Mr. Nichols on vouchers bearing false

names which Mr. Nichols said was done to protect Manning.

Aside from the disclosures made by Nichols on the witness stand, the feature of the day was the appearance of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, who did not hesitate to tell of the contributions of the insurance companies to state campaigns, which he said had been made for fifteen years. The Equitable, the senator said, contributed regularly \$10,000, the Mutual Life, the same sum frequently and the New York Life a sum not as large, and occasionally. These moneys were always delivered in cash to Senator Platt's office by messenger and he turned them over to the state committee. The senator said he was expected to influence the legislature when any legislation appeared that was hostile to the insurance companies.

Senator Platt said he had believed he had asked President Richard McDurdy of the Mutual Life for a contribution when the needs were very great. He had, however, never been asked to use his influence on any measure before the legislature, nor had he ever done so. He knew nothing about contributions to the national campaign. Senator Platt said he did not know of receiving contributions from any other insurance companies doing business in this state. In reply to another question he said he did not know of other contributions to favor the candidacy of any man for judicial office. Senator Platt said that he did not know anything about Andrew Hamilton, to whom the New York Life Insurance company had paid large sums for legal expenses, nor did he know anything about his work at Albany. He knew A. C. Fields, who had charge of the house maintained by the Mutual Life Insurance company at Albany, but he did not know anything about his services at Albany, nor about any money paid by insurance companies to Fields.

The senator expressed the opinion that life insurance companies were justified in making campaign contributions while the gold issue was at stake. He did not care to pass upon the justification of the companies in giving money for state campaigns.

Gage E. Tarbell, the second vice-president of the Equitable Life, was also a witness again today. He continued his explanation of the agency system of which he had charge, and the manner of arriving at the commissions. He detailed a history of the agencies of insurance companies, and his own efforts to reduce the cost of getting business.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE IS ON CARPET

Republican Members Of Senate Committee Held a Conference on Subject.

CULLOM AND DOLLIVER WANT PERFECT HARMONY

Republicans, They Say, Must Stand Together and Support President

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Divergent views developed at a conference of Republican members of the senate committee on interstate commerce today. The conference followed a regular meeting of the committee in the afternoon and was attended by six of the eight Republican members. Of the six members attending the conference, it developed that Senators Elkins, Aldridge, Keam and Foraker, were nearly in accord on one side, and Senators Cullom and Dolliver were on the other.

No propositions were advanced, but the four senators in the first group mentioned indicated their desire for harmonious action and not too radical legislation. Senators Cullom and Dolliver insisted that the only way to have harmonious Republican action was for all the Republicans to get in line with the president and support his recommendations. The other senators suggested that the proposition of the president had not been crystallized sufficiently to determine just what he wanted.

Previous to the conference the committee held a meeting attended by Senators Elkins, Cullom, Aldridge, Keam, Dolliver, Foraker and Millard, Republicans; and Senators Tillman, Foster and Newlands, Democrats. Besides Clapp, Republican, the other absentees were McLaurin and Carmack, Democrats.

The committee was devoted to informal discussion and routine work. Testimony and papers received since the last meeting of the committee were ordered printed and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

DECEMBER 22 TO BE CAROLINA DAY

Governor Glenn Sets That Date for Study of North Carolina History in Schools.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—December 22 is set aside as "North Carolina Day" to be observed in the public schools throughout the state and State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Joyner, issues a program to be observed on that date. The subject for the day is, "The Upper Cape Fear Region." There are several readings on the Highlander of that section. Also the battle of Moore's Creek; "Lafayette's Visit to Fayetteville," "Distinguished Men of the Upper Cape Fear," and "Resources of the Upper Cape Fear." Another effort is to be made to procure penny donations from the children of the public schools for the memorial to Calvin H. Wiley, founder of the public school system in North Carolina. There is now on hand for this purpose \$250. There are 533,387 public school children in the state and if all contributed they would be \$5,323.87.

The Carthage (Moore county) Telephone company is chartered with \$5,000 capital, W. C. Petty, principal incorporator. The Tuckasee Lumber company, of Hazelwood, Haywood county, \$50,000 capital, by E. E. Quinlan and others. The Tryon Paper Box company, Polk county; W. H. Meller, principal incorporator, \$10,000.

Joe Altice, a bridge builder from Roanoke, Va., fell from one of the immense spans of the iron bridge being completed across the Cape Fear at Lillington this morning and was instantly killed. His head struck an iron beam as he fell to the floor of the bridge.

The answer to the petition of G. G. McKerral and T. C. McNelly against the confirmation of the sale of the Carolina Northern railroad from Lumberton to Marion, S. C., was filed with Judge Purnell in the Federal court here today, the trustee company contending that the sale should be confirmed. The sale was made by Referee R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, at Lumberton, two weeks ago for \$250,000.

The funeral of James O. Litchford, cashier of the Raleigh Savings bank, who was fatally injured by being run over by a runaway horse and buggy Saturday evening, was conducted from the residence this afternoon. The deceased was 23 years old and leaves a widow and one brother, the latter, Henry E. Litchford, being cashier of the Citizens' National bank here.

Murphy of Tammany Subpoenaed



NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The grand jury which is investigating election frauds, today subpoenaed John J. Murphy, brother of Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, and James E. Gaffney, alderman from the Eighteenth assembly district, in which Charles F. Murphy lives, John J. Murphy is a partner in the New York Contracting company, and the wife of James E. Gaffney is said to be a partner in the same company. Both men were excused for the day and will be heard tomorrow.

YATES ON STAND AT GREENSBORO

Kennedy's Former Book-keeper Gives Testimony in the Famous Whiskey Case.

(By Associated Press.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 21.—F. A. Yates, for a long time bookkeeper for D. E. Kennedy, went on the stand in the trial of the Old Nick Williams case in Federal district court this afternoon, and on cross-examination gave some interesting facts in regard to the conduct of the affairs of the defendants. He stated that Kennedy bought the distillery of the Old Nick Williams company for \$10,000, but the Old Nick Williams company paid all of the running expenses.

Several other witnesses were examined. Today several prominent Greensboro men, including a bank president, capitalist, and an ex-member of the board of aldermen were called to the stand and they will be examined tomorrow.

PLAN FOR HOLDING COTTON UNDERWAY

President Jordan Says Pledging of Farmers to Reduce Acreage Will Soon Begin.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 21.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, in an interview today said that the preparation to tie up 2,000,000 bales of cotton and hold for higher prices, in face of an already established crop, and unprecedented consumption, is well under way and promises successful results. He said: "The entire machinery of the association will be put in motion within a few days pledging the cotton growers of the South to a reduced acreage for next year. We will begin early to hold down the acreage to give the planters full opportunity to make arrangements for another year."

TO ABOLISH SOUVENIRS (By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, Nov. 21.—The principal feature of today's sessions of the American Federation of Labor came in the afternoon when the section of the grievance committee's report was presented, asking for the abolition of the souvenir program in connection with union labor events. Smaller labor unions throughout the country were charged with crafting, forging and threatening employers with strikes and boycotts in getting out souvenir books for labor day and other occasions.

MAN WHO WENT BOND DISCOVERED

Investigation of the Election Frauds—Grows More Interesting as Facts Come to Light

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—It became known today that the man who furnished \$5,000 bail for John Krup, who disappeared last week on the day set for his trial on the charge of illegal voting in the Eighteenth assembly district, was John F. Pickett, a saloon-keeper, on Third avenue, near 22nd street. This disclosure followed the appearance today before the grand jury of Krup's counsel, Charles F. Dillon, who last week refused to answer questions put to him before the jury.

Dillon today was directed by Recorder Goff to answer these questions. Pickett was subpoenaed by Attorney General Mayer to appear before the grand jury tomorrow when Dillon also will be further examined.

TRIED TO KILL FATHER-IN-LAW

Son-in Law Then Turns Pistol on Himself With the Desired Result.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—Lying on a couch at his home in West Philadelphia, helpless from paralysis, David A. Rowe, an elderly man was shot four times today by Casper Cooper, his son-in-law, who then fled from the house and killed himself by sending a bullet through his head. The father-in-law's wounds are so serious that he had to be removed to a hospital.

It is believed he will recover. Cooper had been married to Rowe's daughter about three years, but the wife left him about eight months ago because of ill-treatment. Today the husband returned to his father-in-law's house and asked where his wife was. Rowe said she was out earning her living. The father-in-law reproached the son-in-law for ill-treating his daughter and a quarrel followed which ended by Cooper shooting his wife's father while he lay on the couch.

SAFE AT LAST

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21.—The three-masted schooner William Converse, Captain Nickerson, lumber-laden from Port Royal to New York, was towed into Norfolk harbor late tonight by the steamer Echo, with all her sails gone; her crew exhausted and water pouring through strained seams at the rate of one foot an hour.

COTTON PRICES WENT UP FAST AFTER REPORT

Wild Bull Movement Was Witnessed on the Cotton Exchange Yesterday.

MAY OPTION GIVES UP ONE CENT IN A MINUTE

Speculators Were Looking For 8,000,000 Bales But Alas an Adlack!

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—There was a wild bull movement in cotton following the giving out of the ginners' report. The May option advanced 97 points or almost a cent a pound in a few minutes. There was a jump of 40 points between two sales. There was an excited scene on the floor of the exchange as the brokers fought one another to buy.

Estimates as to the showing of the report had averaged close to 8,000,000 bales and when the actual figures were published the rush to buy followed. New high records for the season were soon made. The confusion was so great that different prices were being quoted at the same time at different points around the ring, and in some instances there were gains of 10 to 20 points between sales. Before the advance was checked March sold at 11.67 and May 11.89, about 10 to 20 points above the previous high level of the season on November 10. Around these figures there was heavy realizing and prices eased off about 20 points from top, but showed continued excitement and nervousness.

The market continued very active and the close was officially described as excited and irregular at a net advance of 79 3/8 points. Total sales were estimated at 800,000 bales, of which fully 700,000 bales were traded in during the last hour.

SAME AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—The announcement of the ginner's report on the cotton exchange was followed by considerable excitement, prices quickly advancing 35 to 54 points. The future market was steady during the morning, but when the government report was read at 1 o'clock prices jumped up quickly. January went from 10.71 to 11.95; March gained 54 points, going from 10.96 to 11.50. The reading of the report created intense excitement and prices continued to advance.

December gained 87 points at 11.50; January 87 points at 11.55; March 84 points at 11.80 and May 87 points at 11.94. The general expectation was that the ginners report would show about 8,000,000 bales ginned up to November 14.

THE GINNERS' REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The census bureau today issued a bulletin placing the amount of cotton ginned to November 14, at 7,498,167 bales. In 1904 the product of the ginneries up to November 14, was 9,756,644, and in 1903, 8,815,162 bales.

The total crop of 1904 was 13,451,337 bales and of 1903, 9,819,969 bales. In 1904 about 73 per cent of the cotton had been ginned to November 14, and in 1903 about 69 1/2 per cent. The production by bales for the present year by States is as follows:

Alabama 942,918; Arkansas 313,164; Florida 56,612; Georgia 1,437,099; Indian Territory 183,550; Kentucky 471; Louisiana 283,047; Mississippi 664,170; Missouri 22,143; North Carolina 510,124; Oklahoma 179,839; South Carolina 914,772; Tennessee 156,393; Texas 1,822,942; Virginia 10,896.

GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGE TO RECOVER

Failure of Strike Being Taken Advantage of by the Russian Cabinet.

ELECTORAL LAW NOW BEING CONSIDERED

Universal Suffrage is Desired by Several Members of Ruling Body.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 21.—(4:55 p. m.)—The present lull is giving the government a slight breathing spell. The strike fiasco, and the passing of the Polish crisis have certainly temporarily strengthened the hands of the government. Practically all danger of the necessity for dealing with an armed uprising in Poland is regarded as over, and martial law will probably be abolished at the end of the week. The immediate question confronting the cabinet is the electoral law.

Premier Witte and his colleagues have almost reached the conclusion to base the elections on universal suffrage. A member of the cabinet who may be considered to reflect the views of the premier, said today:

"The main wing of the intelligent liberals still insists on fighting a windmill when they express fears of a return to the old regime. That has passed forever. The emperor's step is irrevocable. The reports that his resolution has been shaken are absolutely without foundation. Nevertheless the country must be saved from anarchy, and strong measures like those measures instituted at Chernigoff, Saratoff, Tamboff and Pensa must be taken where the occasion arises. Neither in Russia nor abroad need there be the slightest fears that the government desires to retrace its steps."

Speaking of the Jewish question the member of the cabinet said: "For the cabinet there exists no Jewish question. It is not what should be done, but how to do it. We are absolutely of one mind that all the restrictions on the Jews should be abolished, but for the government to decrease equality without action on the part of the duma would be full of danger. The prejudice against the Jews among the ignorant classes of Russia is not fabled but is reality."

ANNUAL BANQUET FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The Chamber of Commerce held its 17th annual banquet tonight in Delmonico's, Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber, presided, and with him sat Joseph H. H. Choate, Gen. Horace Porter, Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Gov. Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; William Ridgely, comptroller of the treasury; Alfred Mosely, and Lieut. Gen. Adna Chaffee.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 21.—At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Atlantic Coast Line today T. M. Emerson, of Wilmington, N. C., was elected president; vice R. T. Erwin, resigned. Mr. Emerson was formerly fourth vice president and traffic manager. He succeeded Mr. Erwin on the board of directors. All the other officers and directors were re-elected. Alexander Hamilton, former second vice president, was promoted to be first vice president. C. S. Gadsden was promoted from third to second vice president. J. R. Kenley was made third vice president.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON TELLS HOW SHE WAS DRIVEN TO THE ACT BY THREATS

(Special to The Citizen.)

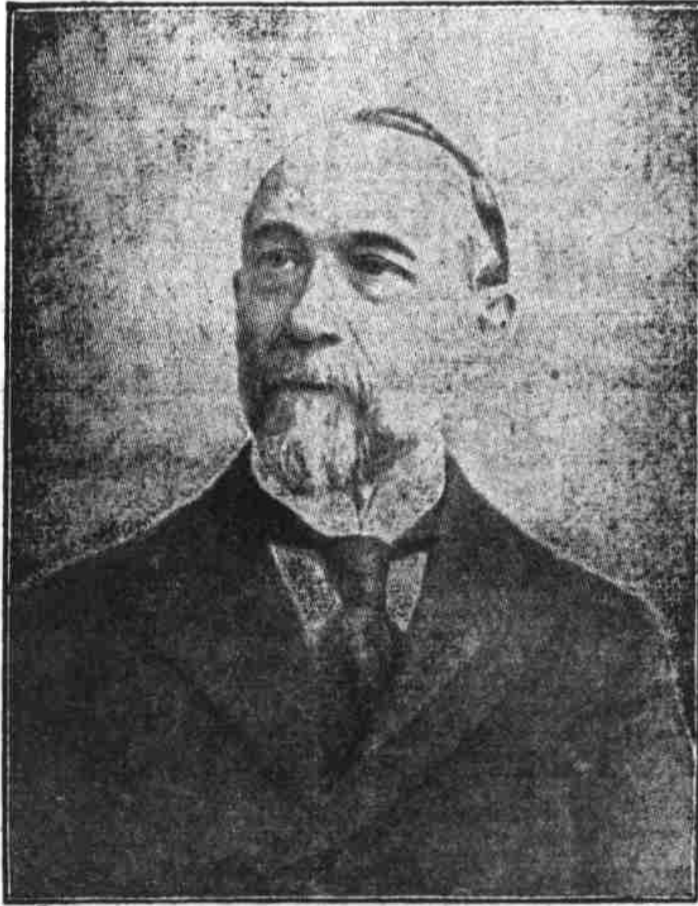
RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—Annie Moore, a colored woman of this city, is in jail here charged with arson and in explanation of the facts which seem to fasten the crime upon her tells a most unusual story in which the elements of hate, and revenge are uppermost. On the strength of the tale a warrant has been issued for the woman's husband, William Moore, but has not as yet been served.

The woman says that her husband wished to borrow a team from George L. Lane for his own use for a time and also wanted Lane to advance him some provisions but that the latter refused both requests, making Moore very angry. The man conceived the idea of burning down Lane's house in

revenge for his treatment at the latter's hands, according to the woman, and, supposedly to divert suspicion from himself, told Annie that she must do the work. To force the woman to do his bidding, Moore is alleged to have threatened his wife's life and so intimidated her that she applied a torch to the building.

By the light of the burning building, which was totally destroyed, the woman was seen making her way from the vicinity of the house, and her actions being regarded as suspicious, she was arrested, and lodged in jail, where she broke down and told the story recorded.

Armed with a warrant officers immediately went in search of Moore but he cannot be found and is thought to have left town.



SEN. THOMAS PLATT

VIRGINIA BREAKS SPEED RECORDS FOR AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS ON TRIAL TRIP

(By Associated Press.)

ROCKLAND, Me., Nov. 21.—The new battleship Virginia, a product of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company in her crew standardizing tests today made one dash over the measured mile of off Owl's Head at the speed of 19.74 knots an hour, a new American mile record for ships of her class, and 31 parts of a knot faster than that made by the Rhode Island three weeks ago.

The spurt was made on the third of the eleven runs during which it was ascertained that 128 revolutions of her screws are necessary for the Virginia to maintain her contract speed of nineteen knots an hour.

The Rhode Island required 125.3 revolutions to maintain the same speed.

The trial today was made under favorable conditions, there being a fairly strong off-shore breeze which made the course comparatively smooth. The battleship left the harbor shortly before 9 o'clock this morning and after a warning up-run up the bay came back and headed for the mile with her smoke stacks belching great clouds of smoke and the water tumbling in huge cataracts over her bow. The average for five best runs over the course was 19.57 knots an hour.

The crew will be given a rest tomorrow and on Thursday the Virginia will start down the coast on her four hour endurance run, during which she must show a speed of nineteen knots an hour.