

REPORT AGREED TO WILL EXONERATE SENATOR LORIMER

Sub-Committee of Senate Finds he Had Nothing to do With Bribery

BEVERIDGE AGITATES TARIFF COMMISSION

Secures Promise From Aldrich That Bill Will be Reported This Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The subcommittee of the senate which has been investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois, decided unanimously today that the testimony does not prove any of the charges made.

The committee took up the evidence in its entirety at an executive session. It canvassed the testimony, weighed the evidence and the arguments, and took into consideration all of the facts that have been advanced in connection with the charges concerning Lorimer's election and decided there had been shown no foundation for the charges that bribery had entered into the case in connection with Mr. Lorimer's election.

The motion was finally offered to report to the full committee of the senate that the charges had not been proven. On this motion there was no dissenting vote in the subcommittee.

Following this action the subcommittee's report will be prepared for the full committee at once, and the report will be sent to the senate within a short time.

Beveridge Starts Tariff

The start of the fight for a permanent tariff commission began in the senate today when Senator Beveridge asked what action the finance committee proposed to take upon his tariff commission bill.

Whether the fight develops will depend upon the action of the finance committee, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman. The latter stated in reply to Senator Beveridge's questions, that the committee will report out a tariff commission bill satisfactory to Mr. Beveridge while the latter and Senator Aldrich are still members of the senate.

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CLUBMAN SHOT BY WIFE IN DISPUTE OVER VENTILATION

He Wanted and Needed Lots of Air, She Didn't, and They Got Down to Guns

SHE INSISTS SHOOTING WAS AN ACCIDENT

Wounded Man in Precarious Condition Refuses to See Her in Hospital

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—Herbert Mason Clapp, wealthy clubman of this city, is in a hospital with a bullet in his head and likely to die, and his beautiful young wife is locked up charged with having shot him.

According to the police, the couple quarreled in their bedroom at 2.30 this morning and Mrs. Clapp jumped out of bed, secured a pistol and shot twice at her husband. One of the shots went wild, but the other crashed through the man's mouth, emerging near the left ear. At first the family physician attempted to conceal the facts, saying that Clapp, who had been drinking and was suffering from nervousness, had accidentally inflicted the wound. Clapp is 38 and his wife is 22.

Clapp has had a career which has frequently brought him before the public. He is a grandson of "Mason, the Shoe Black King," and inherited much money from that source.

Will not See Wife. When the physicians at St. Joseph hospital notified the police that the man's condition was serious, Mrs. Clapp was taken to the institution by two policemen and a magistrate. As she appeared before Clapp he cried:

"Take her away; take her away." She said she would get me and she did," said Clapp. "She is the best one I know with her six shooter," he added. "She is not afraid of a gun, man or devil. Her name is Marie Leakwell, and she was a manicure in a Market street hotel."

Clapp then made a statement to the police which has not yet been made public.

Mrs. Clapp denies that she did the shooting, and says she cannot understand why her husband should say she shot him.

Tried to Kill Her. After being cross-examined, Mrs. Clapp said that the shots were fired

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SMUGGLING LADY PAYS HER WAY OUT OF LAW'S CLUTCHES

Her \$8,000 Necklace Cost Her \$25,000 in End, But She Escaped Jail

JUSTICE SHOWS FINE DISCRIMINATING SENSE

Inflicts Upon High Society Woman Penalty She Can Easily Afford to Pay

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A pearl necklace worth \$8,000 has cost Mrs. Ada F. G. Adriance, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., more than \$25,000 because she attempted to smuggle it into this country on her return from Europe last August. The terms of the settlement in the case were announced today by Wm. Loeb, jr., collector of the port.

Mrs. Adriance made no mention of the necklace in her declaration. The customs examiners were suspicious, and her clothing was searched. The necklace was found concealed in the lining of her hat. It is some articles of clothing not mentioned in the declaration were seized and Mrs. Adriance was indicted for smuggling. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$5,000.

Mrs. Shonts Ill. To regain her necklace Mrs. Adriance was compelled to pay the full foreign value of the jewels, about \$8,000, besides the duty which was about \$4,000 more. These amounts with the \$5,000 originally paid for the necklace, the \$5,000 fine and consular fees, make the total cost of the necklace more than \$25,000.

Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, from whom jewels worth \$30,000 were taken when she arrived from Europe last week, was too ill to appear for a hearing today. Mr. Shonts told Collector Loeb that his wife did not believe the gems were dutiable, because she obtained them in exchange for other articles of hers on which she had paid duty.

Collector Loeb told Mr. Shonts he would make his decision known tomorrow.

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CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE PROMPTLY CONFIRMED WITHOUT REFERENCE

No Objection Made to Elevation of Southern Democrat to Highest Judicial Position in Land.—Other Nominations Sent to Senate Referred to Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Edward Douglas White, of Louisiana, to be chief justice of the United States, the highest judicial position in the government. President Taft's promotion of associate Justice White was received by the senate shortly after it convened. It interrupted business to go into executive session to make the necessary confirmation as the rule requiring reference of nomination to committees does not apply in cases where the appointee has served as a member of the senate. Chief Justice White's commission will be issued before another session. Accompanying Justice White's name in the list of nominations were those of Judge Willie Vandevanter, of Wyoming, and Judge Jon Lamar, of Georgia, formerly of the Supreme court of his state, to be associate justices of the Supreme court of the United States. No action was taken in their cases, although there is no apparent opposition to either just now, nor was an attempt made to confirm the judges named for the new court of commerce.

Judges of Commerce Court. All were referred to the senate judiciary committee. The nominations for the commerce court were: Martin A. Knapp, now chairman of the interstate commerce commission, for a term of five years. Robert W. Archbald, now United States district judge for the middle district of Pennsylvania, term of four years. Wm. H. Hunt, now a judge of the Court of Customs Appeals, formerly United States district judge of the district of Montana, term of three years. John Emmett Carland, of South Dakota, for a term of two years. This is a change from the original state. Arthur C. Dahlstrom, United States judge for the western district of Michigan, having first been selected for this place. Julian W. Mack, now judge of the Appellate court of the first Illinois district, term of one year. New Commerce Commissioners. To be members of the interstate commerce commission: B. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, and C. C. McChord, of Kentucky. The appointments to the interstate commerce commission are to fill the vacancies caused by the elevation of Mr. Knapp and for the forthcoming retirement of former Senator Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri. The commission will select its new chairman.

The members of the commission who remain are Messrs. Clark, Harlan, Clements, Lane and Prouty. In the official nomination sent to the senate today the members of the new Commerce court are designated as additional circuit judges. In carrying this out Mr. Knapp is named as judge of the second judicial circuit. Mr. Archbald for the Third judicial circuit, Mr. Carland for the Eighth judicial circuit and Mr. Mack for the seventh judicial circuit. Justice Carland, of South Dakota, named is one of the new judges of the Court of Commerce, is a democrat having been appointed to the bench by President Cleveland. His appointment makes the complexion of the Commerce court, three republicans and two democrats. The senate committee on interstate commerce will meet tomorrow to consider the nomination of C. C. McChord of Kentucky and B. H. Meyer of Wisconsin, for membership on the interstate commerce commission. It is said there will be no serious opposition to the confirmation of either, but as the senate has no first hand knowledge that Chairman Knapp will select its new chairman.

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TRAFFIC IN OPIATES TO BE CHECKED BY ACTION OF NATIONS OF WORLD

State Department Has Succeeded in Having International Conference Called

MEETS AT THE HAGUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The state department today announced continued negotiations looking to the holding of an international conference with the object of suppressing the opium traffic. With the exception of Austro-Hungary, all of the nations addressed on this subject by the department have agreed to the conference and word came from the Hague that May 20, next had been unanimously accepted as the date and the Hague as the place for the conference. The American commissioners have not yet been appointed. Among the nations which have accepted the invitation besides the United States are China, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia.

Great Britain has injected into the program to be considered a proposition to include morphine and cocaine with opium in the prohibition to be enforced. America rigidly will support this proposition. It is declared, in view of the frightful ravages caused by these drugs in the United States. Secretary Bryan has reported to congress that the manufacture of morphia has come to be an American monopoly with an enormous growth of production. Cocaine also he said, has proved to be a creator of criminals and of unusual forms of violence. Last year 185,000 ounces of cocaine were imported while 5,000 ounces would have supplied every medical need.

The Hague conference is called to place the traffic in these drugs under the control of international law. The conference will seek to have the delegates recommend to their own governments measures for the suppression for the growth and use of opium, morphine and cocaine except upon physicians prescription; the control of their sale and use, the closing of opium resorts and the extending

CANNOT COMPEL CITY TO BUY WATERWORKS AFTER BREACH OF CONTRACT

Supreme Court Reverses Decision of The Court Below

COLUMBUS WINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After defeat in the Federal circuit court, the city of Columbus, Ga., today won a victory in the Supreme court of the United States in its fight against being compelled to buy the plant of the Columbus Water Works company. The decree of the lower court was reversed.

In 1902 the Metropolitan Trust and Deposit company of Baltimore, trustee for certain bondholders of the Columbus Water Works company, brought suit to enjoin Columbus, Ga., from selling bonds to build its own waterworks. The city brought suit to have the contract between it and the water works company annulled on the ground of failure of the company to carry out its contract.

The final decree of the Federal circuit court in Georgia, where the suits were brought, was that the company had the exclusive privilege of furnishing water to the city and that the city should be required, if it sought to end the contract relations to take the water works plant of a fair valuation to be ascertained by arbitration. Until the valuation was fixed the city was enjoined from selling bonds to build a water works system. From this decree an appeal was taken to the Supreme court which held that it was a vital part of the contract that the company should furnish an adequate and continuous supply of water for the city. Since the Georgia court had found that the company had failed in so doing, hence it had erred in decreeing that the city should not build its own water works.

WIDOW SEEN NEAR PLACE OF TRAGEDY ABOUT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING

Other Witnesses in LeBlanc Murder Case Testify For Accused Girl

EVIDENCE ALL IN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 12.—The evidence upon which a jury will convict or acquit Hattie LeBlanc of the murder of Clarence F. Glover was completed shortly after the beginning of the afternoon session of the trial today and the remaining two hours were occupied by Melvin M. Johnson, the leading counsel for little Cape Breton girl, in his plea for her life. He said that the little girl was brought from the province solely for the "white slave" traffic, and the turning to Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, who induced her to leave her home. Mr. Johnson denounced the widow as a vampire. He will finish his argument tomorrow.

District Attorney John G. Higgins today made one last effort to introduce Glover's alleged dying statement that Hattie LeBlanc shot him, but when he said that Mr. Johnson himself said that Hattie admitted the shooting, there was a burst of passionate protest by the defense. Judge Boyd ruled the evidence out of the case. When Mrs. Glover was on the stand the district attorney became involved in a heated argument with Judge Boyd upon the admissibility of some of her evidence and the colloquy became so bitter that the district attorney was threatened with expulsion.

Two more witnesses were introduced who said they saw Mrs. Glover close to the laundry on the evening of the shooting, whereas the widow denied that she was out of her house on that night. Then the principal defender of Hattie LeBlanc began his final effort to obtain her freedom. It is expected tonight that Mr. Johnson would close before noon tomorrow and that the remainder of the day would be taken up by the district attorney.

PASSENGERS RESCUED FROM STRANDED SHIP

Wireless Call for Help Brings Succor in Time of Great Peril

VALDEZ, Alaska, Dec. 12.—All the passengers of the Alaska Steamship company's steaming Olympia which went on the rocks at Bilh Island, Prince William Sound, Sunday night were taken off the ship at four o'clock yesterday afternoon together with the mail and baggage and were conveyed to Valdez and Edmar. Most of the passengers are here. Those at Edmar are well cared for in the little village.

The Olympia left Cordova Saturday evening after unloading a large quantity of coal in her after hold and soon ran into a berg after the empty stern had too high out of the water and in the attempt the ship became unmanageable and was spun about by the wind. About midnight she went head and fast on Bilh Island reef.

Wireless operator Hayes sent out the distress call which was picked up at Cordova and Valdez. The government launch, Donaldson, from Fort Liscomb and the steamer June left at once for Bilh Island and took off the passengers without mishap to any of them. The crew also was saved.

It is feared that the vessel will be a total loss. There is a rock through her No. 1 hold.

NEGRO BURGLAR CAUGHT AND INDICTED QUICKLY

Discovered in Home of Lieut. Gilmer Where He Had Stolen Jewelry

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 12.—About midnight Sunday, Will Smith, a negro entered the residence of Lieut. J. D. Gilmer, U. S. A., and before being discovered, secured jewelry valued at \$300. The intruder was discovered and recognized by Lieut. Gilmer, though at the time he made his escape. Early this morning he was captured by the police and identified and at 9.30 was arraigned in city police court. A warrant charging a capital offense was sent across to the Superior court, and the grand jury being in session, at 4.45 a true bill was returned. At 4.50 the negro was placed on trial for his life, the prisoner entering a plea of not guilty. There has been an epidemic of thieving here and there is a strong public demand that the extreme penalty of the law be imposed in case of conviction.

POSTAL REORGANIZES ITS SOUTHERN FORCE

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12.—In conformity with a plan of reorganization of the Postal Telegraph company in the South, Atlanta on January 1st, will be made general headquarters for all the territory from the Virginia to Louisiana, according to announcements made here today. Three additional division superintendents will be located here in connection with the office of George H. Usher, general superintendent of the Southern division.

Among the changes as announced are: Jesse Hargrave to be general superintendent, Chas. H. Barn, of Norfolk to be superintendent of the First district, embracing Virginia, North and South Carolina.

MERCHANT KILLED FROM AMBUSH BY ASSASSIN

Was Third Dastardly Attack Made Upon Him by Unknowns

FORT MILL, S. C., Dec. 12.—F. Nevin, a prominent merchant, operating a general merchandise establishment two miles from this place, was shot from ambush about six o'clock this afternoon, dying almost instantly. No clue as to the perpetrator is obtainable tonight as the dead man made no ante-mortem statement. About a year ago Nevin was attacked in a similar manner while entering his store. On that occasion he was quite seriously injured. A negro was arrested soon afterward charged with the crime, but was acquitted by the jury.

GOVERNMENT SUES FOR PENSION MONEY

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 12.—In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today, there was argued a case from the lower court at Greensboro, N. C., involving the alleged right of the government to recover money given on forged pension checks.

The treasury department seeks to recover \$744, the amount of payments made to Mary Marley. She is alleged to have defrauded the pension department by representing herself to be Mary W. Webster and thus having the assumed names placed on the rolls.

FURTHER DELAY IN RATE CASES SEEMS INEVITABLE NOW

Breaking up Commerce Commission Will Interfere With Hearing

NEW COMMISSIONERS HEARD NO EVIDENCE

Would Have to Have Time to Study Question Before Giving Decision

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A perplexing, if not serious, situation is regarded as having arisen out of the change in the personnel of the interstate commerce commission made by President Taft's appointments today. The two new commissioners proposed—C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, and B. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin—named in succession to Commissioner Cockrell and Chairman Knapp, respectively, have heard none of the testimony in the important rate case as recently heard by the commission.

The cases have been set down for argument on January 5, 1911. By that time the Court of Commerce will be in process of organization and Chairman Knapp, if confirmed by the senate, will have retired from the commission. Commissioner Cockrell's term presumably will expire on the 31st instant, although his commission appears to extend the term until January 12.

May Mean Delay. In any event two of the commissioners who have studied the rate cases and have heard the testimony at the hearings will have retired from the commission before the arguments are completed. It is the opinion among officers of the commission that it probably will be necessary further to postpone the effective date of the commission's order in the rate cases so as to afford the incoming commissioners opportunity to examine the testimony and prepare themselves for the oral arguments in the light of the evidence.

The proposed advances in rates were suspended until February 1, 1911. For several weeks it has been regarded as likely that it would be necessary to make a further suspension, as it appeared improbable that the commission would be able to reach a decision of the cases in time for announcement by February 1. The changes in the personnel of the commission make it almost certain that no determination of the important proceeding can be had by that time. The probability is that in the event of the confirmation of Chairman Knapp as presiding judge of the Court of Commerce, Commissioners Judson C. Clements, democrat, of Georgia, will be chosen as chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

POLLING RESULTS SHOW PARTIES AT STAND-OFF

Government Allies Win One Seat More Than Liberals in Elections

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The polling results show monotonous regularity and the returns today leave the government one seat to the good, the unionists having gained 31 seats from the government, and the government coalition 22 seats in the election of 518 members out of 676. This position of the parties tonight follows:

Government coalition: Liberals, 197; laborites, 25; nationalists, 56; independent nationalists, 7. Total 285. Opposition: Unionists 329. Lancashire by increased unionist and decreased liberal majorities in displaying a consistent tendency in favor of unionism, while the country districts contiguous to London are following the lead of the capital in favor of the liberals. Thus the Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt retains his seat for Rosendale with a greatly reduced majority, while Tottenham and Walthamstow in Middlesex respectively give big liberal votes.

Tomorrow's 43 pollings will include a number of Scotch and Welsh constituencies and will indicate whether Scotland and Wales will remain loyal to the government.

WANT TO PUT ROBIN COOPER ON TRIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12.—An effort will be made while the Criminal court tomorrow, it is said, to have a verdict of acquittal in the case of Robin Cooper, charged with killing ex-Senator E. W. Carmack, set aside. The petition is based upon affidavits made by S. C. Carmack, brother of the deceased. Attorneys for Carmack, however, refuse to divulge the nature of the affidavits. The proceedings will be unusual in Tennessee.

