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## "ABOVE REPROACH UNTIL ELECTED TO THE U. S. SENATE"

### Unusual and Significant Remark by Witness in Stephenson Investigation

### ATTORNEY GENERAL BANCROFT TESTIFIES

### Says That Never Was a Cent Spent Corruptly in the Senatorial Campaign

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 11.—Political evil in Wisconsin began with the advent of the primaries as a means of nominating public officials, according to Levi H. Bancroft, attorney general of the state who testified today before the senatorial committee which is investigating the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson.

Bancroft was called to explain what he did with $250 which was paid him out of the $107,794 Stephenson campaign fund. He declared that the money paid him while he was a candidate for assemblyman was not used to further his own interest but was expended entirely in Senator Stephenson's behalf while the latter was seeking nomination for the senatorship at the primaries in 1908. Referring to the fact that Senator Stephenson failed to make a detailed account of his expenditures other than that certain sums were paid to individuals, Bancroft said it was his opinion that the corrupt practices act did not require a detailed account of what each man spent.

**Decries Primary**

"We never had talk of corruption in this state before," said Bancroft. "It all came about since we got the primaries and now there's nothing but political evil."

As for the money he had received Bancroft said he spent it as fast as possible for he was glad to get rid of it.

"You never heard of any money being used corruptly in the election of Mr. Stephenson?" asked Chairman Heyburn.

"Never a cent. Senator Stephenson always was considered above investigation in this state until he got into the United States senate."

Chellis C. Weyland of Milwaukee testified that out of $1,199 he had received, $5.35 went for chewing gum. Asked what he did with the chewing gum, Weyland said:

"Why, I gave it to young women. It was a good argument to win them over."

The committee sent a request to the state attorney at Madison asking for all papers used in the previous investigations by the legislature of the Stephenson charge. W. L. Essman, custodian of the papers, said that the papers had been put in two boxes, one coming to Milwaukee today. He reported that one of the boxes was missing.

## DRAINAGE COMPANY WINS SUIT BEFORE HIGHER TRIBUNAL

### Affirmation of Lower Court in Refusing Petition For Restraining Order

### ADDITIONAL BONDS WILL NOW BE ISSUED

### Southern Land and Reclamation Co. Incorporated Last January by Local Men

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 11.—Among the decisions of special interest handed down today by the state Supreme court is that of H. C. Carter et al., vs Mattamuskeet Lake Drainage commissioners in which the drainage commissioners win through an affirmation of the finding of the court below in refusing a petition for injunction to restrain the commissioners from issuing $100,000 additional bonds to meet interest and other expenses over and above the original $500,000 bonds provided to carry through this great drainage scheme to prepare for cultivation fifty thousand acres of lake bed and adjacent swamp lands. This decision means that the work of installing the machinery for this work will be resumed at once to be pushed as speedily as possible. The suit involved the validity of a special act of the last legislature authorizing an additional $100,000 bonds, for expenses that Carter and other land owners insisted they could not be burdened with. The court holds that they must pay their part of this assessment; that they can at the same time protest and bring suit for recovery of any part of it that may not be needed.

**Wells vs. Wells Case**

In Wells vs. Wells from Duplin county the court makes a ruling as to inheritances that is of special interest to the profession and laity as well. W. D. Wells died leaving an estate valued at $50,000 and left a widow, a mother, two brothers and two sisters living. All agreed that the widow receive one-half of the estate as her portion. Then the contention arose over whether the mother alone should inherit the remainder of the estate as next of kin or whether the mother and the brothers and sisters all should share equally, the trial judge ruled in favor of the latter contention, but the Supreme court reverses this and rules that the mother alone inherits. However, if there had been no widow the mother and brothers and sisters would have inherited equally.

Another notable case is that of Leah Hinton, alias Mrs. Rochelle, of Goldsboro, who was sentenced to serve eight months on the roads or leave the county for selling whiskey. She left the county, went to Wilson

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## GOVERNMENT MAY GET ARMOR PLATE AT LOWER PRICES

### Important Decision Handed Down by U. S. Court of Appeals Against Krupps

### SUITS DISMISSED. LACK OF EVIDENCE

### Krupp Company of Germany Had Contended Infringement of Their Patents

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 11.—A decision of world-wide importance was handed down by the United States Circuit court of appeals here today when it dismissed four suits brought by the Krupp companies of Germany against the Midvale Steel company of Philadelphia, to restrain the Pennsylvania corporation from infringing on patents for a process of manufacturing armor plate. The decision was given by Judge Joseph Buffington and sustains the opinion of the Circuit court which had decided that the evidence presented before the lower court was "not sufficiently satisfactory either in quality or amount" to establish infringement. The appellate court goes a step further and declares that two certain claims in two of the Krupp patents are invalid and that, therefore, there could not be an infringement.

**Of World-Wide Interest.**

The opinion of the appellate court is not only important to the maritime nations of the world that use armor plate in their navies, but is of the greatest moment to the manufacturers of armor plate in the United States. When the latest processes of armor plate manufactured by the Krupp company became known the United States government became interested and it resulted in the Carnegie Steel company, now a part of the United States Steel corporation, and the Bethlehem Steel company in obtaining licenses to manufacture the Krupp article in the United States. American ships were equipped with these plates and in time statements were made on the floor of congress that there was a combination in the United States to keep up the price of the armor plate. The Midvale Steel company became a successful lower bidder for government contracts and little has since been heard of alleged combinations in this respect. It is said that had the Midvale company lost its suits it might have been shut out from successfully bidding against the concerns holding licenses to manufacture armor pats on the Krupp process.

The four suits involved alleged infringement on a process of manufacturing armor plates, on a process of improving the quality of steel armor plates, on a process of hardening and

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*"Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before."*

## SIX THOUSAND PERSONS ENTERED FAIR GATES ON THE OPENING DAY

### *Even Most Optimistic Surprised and Gratified at Unqualified Success of First Annual Western North Carolina Fair--Lacrosse Games of Cherokee Indians Attract Much Attention—Numerous Awards Made.*

Six thousand people entered the gates of the Western North Carolina Fair at Riverside yesterday and the first day was even a greater success than the most optimistic had hoped for. Everything was carried out according to the program, including the game of lacrosse, the balloon ascension in which a daring rescue was effected, the fireworks and the flame of fire glide.

**The Parade.**

Thousands of people gathered from various sections of western North Carolina and crowded the business thoroughfares yesterday morning and witnessed the parade incidental to the formal opening of the first Western North Carolina fair.

At 11 o'clock those participating in the parade formed a line on College street and proceeded towards the fair grounds across the square, down Patton avenue, Haywood street and Montford avenue to the fair grounds at Riverside park, where the formal opening was made at 12 o'clock.

While the parade was not a very long one, it befittingly signaled the opening of the fair grounds, to which the attention of thousands of people of this part of the state was directed for the remainder of this week. The parade was headed by Chief Marshal L. E. Perry and his assistants, who were on horseback and who handled the crowds exceedingly well. They were followed by the carriage containing Judge Hezekiah A. Gudger, the speaker of the day; Dr. Charles W. Byrd, who offered the invocation at the opening exercises; W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina, who will judge the agricultural exhibits, and George S. Powell, president of the Western North Carolina Fair association. Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., Judge Henry P. Lane, Hon. Locke Craig and Solicitor R. R. Reynolds occupied the second carriage, which was followed by carriages and tallyhoes occupied by city and county officials and a number of ladies. Mounted policemen followed.

The First Regiment band preceded preceded its inspiring music renting the air. The band was followed by the military companies and the fire department.

**Opening Address.**

Immediately upon reaching the fair grounds, the formal opening of the fair took place. Hundreds of people were already there to hear the opening address of Chief Justice H. A. Gudger, of the Panama Canal zone. Judge Gudger's subject was "The Panama Canal and its Benefits."

Among the most pertinent statements Justice Gudger made was that the canal would change the map of the world. Before launching into his subject he paid a glowing tribute to this section, expressing the deep feelings and emotions he had on this a home coming after a long absence. He paid a high compliment to the people behind the fair for their achievement in bringing before the people here the advantages and products which compare favorably with any other place. After his address everything was thrown open and the fair was in full swing.

Blue ribbons were awarded in many departments yesterday and the remainder will be awarded today.

**Cattle Exhibit.**

A great deal of interest is shown in the exhibits of cattle, which are under the direction of M. F. Hoffman. The judge is professor H. S. Curtis, of the faculty of A. & M. College.

In the shorthorns class, the first premium for a bull over one year old was awarded to W. D. McCracken, of Crabtree, and the second to Dr. W. F. Robinson, of Mars Hill; for the McCracken took the blue ribbon as he did for the heifer under one year of age. He also won the blue ribbon for his cow over one year old. In the Aberdeen Angus class, Charles A. Webb, of this city, won the first premium on his bull over one year of age and the second prize went to J. B. Freeman, of Bat Cave. The heifer under one year of age beonging to W. D. McCracken took a blue ribbon and his heifer over one year old took one. The exhibit of Charles A. Webb won the second premium in this class. In the Devons class, for the best bull over one year old, the Asheville School's offering took the blue ribbon. The bull over one year of age in the Holstein class belonging to W. M. Johnson, of this city, won the blue ribbon. In the miscellaneous class, the bull under one year old, belonging to J. B. Freeman, of Bat Cave, took a blue ribbon, and the blue ribbon for the heifer over one year of age was won by the exhibition of Wiley B. Brown, of this city. The first premium for the cow over one year old was awarded to A. E. Eve and the second was won by the cow to J. B. Freeman. In the Sweepstakes, the bull over one year old, belonging to the Asheville school took the blue ribbon, and the heifer under one year old, belonging to W. D. McCracken, won a blue ribbon as did his offerings for the heifer over one year old, the cow over one year old and the best exhibitors herd.

In the sheep yards many persons expressed admiration of the exhibits. In the Shropshiredown class, the first prize for the ram, two years old or over was awarded to E. W. Patton, of this city, who also won the blue ribbons on his ewe two years old or over and the ewe one year old or under two. In the Hampshiredown class, the blue ribbon for the ram two years old or over was won by the offering of A. C. Walker, of Clyde, and the second premium by Dick Sevier, of this city, whose ram one year old and under two won a blue ribbon. The ewe two years old or over, belonging to A. C. Walker, took the first prize and the second was won by the ewe of W. D. McCracken. The ewe one year old and under two, belonging to A. C. Walker, took the blue ribbon and the one which was entered by W. D. McCracken took the second prize. In the Rambouillet class, three blue ribbons were won by the exhibits of W. D. McCracken, they being the ones offered for the ram two years old and over, the ewe last two years old and

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## ONE BET AT ONE TO TEN THAT GIANTS WIN FOUR IN ROW

### As Time Draws Near, Interest in World's Series Works up to High Pitch

### McGRAW GIVES MEN GENERAL WORKOUT

### Clerks Still Busy Cleaning up Work of Allotting Reservations For Seats

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The surface of the big arena at the Polo grounds where the initial battle of the world's championship series will be staged on Saturday was soaked by a persistent autumnal rain today, and the double-header scheduled between the Giants and Brooklyn to be postponed. Despite this loss of a chance to drill his forces, however, Manager McGraw managed to make the afternoon a profitable one in training certain of his brightest stars for the approaching fray. Those who managed to get a peep behind the imposing steel framework which forms the new grand stand encircling the playing space saw an interesting exposition of McGraw's methods of schooling ball players.

**General Workout**

The ground dried off during the afternoon sufficiently to admit of practice and McGraw trotted out his principal batteries and put them through their paces. In turn Mathewson and Marquard were sent into the box while McGraw stood at the plate. "Chief" Myers, at the receiving end, gave his arm a workout in repeated throws to second. McGraw made the test realistic by stationing a runner on first and having him go down with the pitch. In a few trials the big Indian showed that he "had the range" after his long rest. He appeared to be in fine fettle. The base running was done by some of the Giant's fleetest footed players, with all the conditions of a real game simulated. Neither Marquard, the big left hander, nor "Matty," overexerted himself in the rather raw air, but each appeared to be in the pink of condition and able to "go the route," when called upon. The last league games of the year scheduled for tomorrow and weather permitting the locals will end their season in a double-header with Brooklyn at the Polo grounds.

They will have to win both games to get over the hundred mark and tie the Athletics in the number of victories for the season. It is expected that McGraw will put his full line of regulars into action and try them out thoroughly in these last contests.

**Fans Get Tickets**

Happy enthusiasts were scattered all over New York tonight when mail carriers began delivering the tickets which will admit them to games in this city. Clerks were still busy tonight cleaning up their work of allotting reservation and preparing for the open sale of remaining seats which begins tomorrow.

Few big wagers on the world's series were reported here up to tonight. Hundreds of small bets between friends, however, have been made for the most part at even money. A party of old ball players has put up $500 against $5,000 that the Giants would win four straight games from the Athletics. The big end of the bet was taken by E. E. Smathers, acting for a syndicate.

**MACK ALSO BUSY**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11.—The American league champions and their sparring partners, the All Stars, are expected to return to this city tomor-

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF SEC. WILSON M'CABE AND DUNLAP PASS

### Action Taken by Food Committee of National Consumers' League

### WILEY COMMENDED

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Resolutions commending the work of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, praising President Taft for his exoneration of Dr. Wiley "from the foolish and unfounded charges made against him," and urging the removal from office of secretary of agriculture Wilson, Solicitor McCabe and Associate Chemist Dunlap of the department were adopted today by the Food Committee of the National Consumers' league at its meeting here. The resolutions endorse Dr. Wiley for his efforts to have the food and drugs act enforced for the benefit of the consumer as well as the manufacturer, "and urge congress to amend the food and drugs act so that hereafter Dr. Wiley may be given a free hand in its enforcement."

Among the reasons advanced in a statement issued by the league committee for urging the removal of Secretary Wilson are the allegations that "he used his official position to force the Denver convention of the association of Standard National Food and Dairy department to vote in favor of the use of the drug sodium benzoate in foods," that he "has used his official position to favor the manufacturers of foods, drugs, liquors, and medicines," that he allowed the pure food law to be "set aside" for the production of glucose, labeled as "corn syrup;" that he was instrumental in giving the solicitor of the department the right to decide whether suits shall be brought for violation of the food law, after samples "have been found to violate the law," and that the law dealing with the labeling of beers "has not been enforced."

## EX-PRESIDENT TRANSFER COMPANY IN WASHINGTON FOUND DEAD IN A BARN

### Young Farm Hand Being Held on Charge of Murdering Fred Springman

### FOLLOWS QUARREL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Fred Springman, formerly president and owner of one of the largest express transfer companies in Washington, was found murdered in a bar near his home in Prince George county, Maryland today. Harry W. Silbrook, a 21-year-old farm hand, formerly of [illegible], was arrested charged with the murder. Springman once had contracts for delivering and collecting mail in every section of the United States.

Springman, who was 68 years old, lived on a farm near Chesapeake Junction, several miles east of this [illegible] the first mail contractor who used screen wagons, now common in the [illegible] service in cities. He fought with the First Virginia cavalry during the civil war, following which he helped to organize Troop A., the President's Guard, which later became part of the District of Columbia militia. The family is well known here. Ernest Springman, a son, lives at Big Spring, Tex., another son is a circus owner, and two other sons are in the government departments.

Springman and Silbrook quarreled this morning. Later Silbrook returned from the barn to the house according to the family and suggested they carry the aged man in from the barn. Silbrook, whose arrest followed, said that whatever he may have done during the quarrel was in self defense.

**EXPERIMENTS IN COTTON.**

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The international committee of the cotton spinners and weavers' society today debated at length the question of cotton growing in non-American countries.

## TWO NEGROES DRAGGED OUT OF MISSOURI JAIL RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

### Body of One Was Found Yesterday Floating in Mississippi River

### FEELING IS HIGH

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., Oct. 11. Two negroes, A. B. Richardson and Ben Woods, taken from the city jail here last night by a mob which battered down the doors, were lynched. The body of Richardson, riddled with bullets, was found at noon today floating in the Mississippi river. That Woods met alike fate is the accepted belief.

For some time feeling against the negroes has been at a high pitch which presaged trouble. Negroes known as police characters were warned to leave the city and many complied. Richardson, regarded as a desperate man, was locked up while the police were investigating several robberies. Woods was arrested last night for an attack upon two young white women as they were returning home from a store in which they are employed. News of the arrest brought 75 masked men to the jail. They broke into the cells and dragged the negroes out and disappeared.

**DIDN'T GO ON RECORD**

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 11.—The National guard association which closed its 13th annual convention here today, did not go on record in regard to war time conscription, as provided in a bill drawn by the war department and submitted to congress last year. The measure passed the house and will be re-introduced at the next session of congress. The subject was referred today to the executive committee with instructons to confer with the war department on the subject. Next year's convention will be held at Norfolk, Va.

## DUE HOMAGE IS PAID TO WOMAN OF REVOLUTION

### Marble Marker Unveiled at Salisbury With Appropriate Ceremonies

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 11.—With appropriate and impressive ceremonies a marble marker was unveiled in Salisbury this afternoon in honor of Elizabeth Maxwell Steele, of revolutionary war fame and who resided in Salisbury in 1776.

The exercises were held by the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Among those taking a prominent part in the ceremonies were Mrs. W. W. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, state regent; Mrs. J. P. Moore, of Salisbury, and Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz, speaker of the occasion.

The attendance was large.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Forecast North Carolina: fair Thursday and Friday; light to moderate east winds on the coast.

## RE-ORGANIZATION PLANS TO BE FILED TOMORROW

### Cigar Companies Have Retained Counsel to Safeguard Their Interests

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Re-organization plans of the American Tobacco company will not be filed before Friday next, according to a statement this afternoon by counsel for the company following a conference with Judge Noyes, of the United States Circuit court.

The Cigar Manufacturers' association of America have joined the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco association in retaining Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, lawyer, and Felix H. Levy, of this city, to safeguard their interests in the reorganization of the American Tobacco company. It became known today that the directors had adopted a resolution appointing a committee of three to co-operate with other associations by naming delegates to the conference here on October 19 of all organizations in the tobacco and allied trades.

**"AID THE FARMERS."**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 11.—"Aid the farmer" was the keynote of the sessions held today by the Bankers' association of Illinois, which is holding its annual session here. Each speaker touched upon that theme in his address this afternoon and made plans for closer union of the two interests—banking and farming. Federal aid, not only for the farmer, but for the banker, was hinted at. The principal address was made by Jas. J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railway. Criticising the Aldrich plan for currency reform as uneconomic and influenced by politics, Mr. Hill declared himself against the plan.

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