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## DR. MINOR MORRIS HAS DEMANDED A PUBLIC APOLOGY OF PRESIDENT

### Loeb Answers that Arrest of Mrs. Morris and Force Use Was Justified

## WAS CONFINED TO HER BED SIX WEEKS

Had the Original Orders from the White House Been Carried Out as to Her Longer Incarceration Her Life Would Have Been Sacrificed. Dr. Minor Says he Was Forced to Express Deception from President Which Would Naturally Be Expected.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Dr. Minor Morris, whose wife some weeks ago was ejected from the white house, where she had gone to present alleged grievances to the president, today gave out for publication the correspondence which recently passed between himself and the president regarding the case. Dr. Morris demanded a public apology of the president "for this outrage on womanhood and common decency." Secretary Loeb replied to the letter, stating that an investigation by the chief of police showed that the arrest was justified, and that the kindest act to Mrs. Morris and her kinfolk was to refrain from giving the case additional publicity. The letter follows: "To the president of the United States: "Sir: Having waited patiently a number of weeks that you might have ample time to ascertain all the circumstances connected with the insult recently offered my wife at the white house, and that you might make some expression of deprecation which would naturally be expected, it is now incumbent upon me as husband and citizen to demand a public apology for this outrage on womanhood and common decency. "It is unthinkable that such brutal acts would be tolerated anywhere in this country, but above all in the white house. "That my wife has been confined to her bed six weeks from the shock and injuries of this damnable treatment is bad enough, but I can say to you in all confidence that had the original orders from the white house been carried out as to her longer incarceration her life would have been sacrificed. "It is therefore incumbent upon me to repeat my urgent request that you take action at once suitable to the circumstances which have shocked the entire nation. "Respectfully, "MINOR MORRIS. "February 16, 1906."

The white house, Washington, February 21, 1906. "Sir: In reply to your letter of the 10th instant the president directs me to state to you that he had the superintendent of police of the District of Columbia, Major Sylvester, make a careful investigation of the circumstances connected with the arrest of Mrs. Morris for disorderly conduct at the executive office, and the superintendent submitted to the president all the affidavits of the persons whom he had examined. The president carefully went over Major Sylvester's report and the affidavits, and also personally saw Major Sylvester and some of the persons making the affidavits. He came to the conclusion that the arrest was justified and that the force used in making the arrest was caused by the resistance offered by Mrs. Morris to the officers in the discharge of their duty, and was no greater than was necessary to make the arrest effective. "Under these circumstances the president does not consider that the officers are properly subject to blame. He was also satisfied that the kindest thing that could be done to Mrs. Morris and her kinfolk was to refrain from giving any additional publicity to the circumstances surrounding the case. "Yours truly, "WILLIAM LOEB, JR., "Secretary to the president. "Dr. Minor Morris, Washington, D. C."

National Municipal League. (By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—The business committee of the National Municipal League has decided to hold the next annual meeting of the league in Atlantic City, April 24 to 27. The annual address of the president, Charles J. Bonaparte, will be delivered Thursday evening, April 26.

## ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL Carries a Total of \$69,678,592

Chairman Hull of Military Committee Says Situation in China Makes It Necessary to Keep Army and Navy in Efficient Condition.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The army appropriation bill was taken up when the house met today and agreement reached to continue general debate for eight hours.

Before taking up the order a senate resolution was agreed to re-appointing Richard Olney of Massachusetts on the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Chairman Hull of the military committee took the floor to explain the army bill. The bill carries a total appropriation of \$69,678,592, which is less by \$1,821,158 than the amount asked for by the department.

Discussing the army appropriation bill Chairman Hull said that the situation in China made it necessary to keep the army and navy in efficient condition to meet emergencies. It was necessary, he said, for us to be ready to fight for our rights. Mr. Hull characterized as unjustified the charges of Minister Rockhill that the United States intended to return 20,000,000 pounds sterling, its share of the boxer indemnity. The minister, he said, did not have a proper conception of the character of the Chinese people when he offered them a bribe of 20,000,000 pounds sterling to be guaranteed. They would take such an offer as an indication of our being afraid of them. Mr. Rockhill should have let whatever information was necessary come from the government of the United States direct. Mr. Hull read a letter rebutting the idea that Japan was the author of the troubles. He said the boxer indemnity should be used to build battleships rather than returned to China. He said it was in the interest of Japan to return order in China. Every government that has business relations with China must be ready to protect themselves or pull down their flag and leave the Pacific ocean and destroy their trade.

## A WOMAN IS ROBBED Choked in Chicago Half Block from Home

Made to Give Up Two Diamond Rings Worth \$350 and Her Purse—Well Known Resident of Buena Park—Member of Various Women's Club.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 21.—Half a block from her house, at twilight last night, Mrs. Josephine T. Loomis, well known Buena Park, and a member of various women's club was robbed by a hold-up man. She was choked until nearly unconscious and then was compelled to draw from her fingers her two diamond ring valued at \$350. Her purse also was taken. So frequent have become the attacks on women that the residents of Buena Park have organized a private police service. The city police in that region are so few in number as to be powerless.

## MAY LEAVE IT TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL

(By the Associated Press.) Madrid, Feb. 21.—An important Spanish statesman is authority for the statement that the question is now mooted of charging the Hagus arbitration tribunal with the settlement of the Moroccan controversy owing to the apparent inability of the delegates to Algeiras to secure an accord. The newspapers say that while it is not likely the Franco-German controversy keeps Europe in a state of constant uneasiness.

## NIGHT SELL A. & N. C. ROAD

What Would Annulment of Lease Cost

## STOCKS ARE PLEDGED

Holders of A. & N. C. Bonds, Guaranteed by State's Stock, Might Intervene—State Would Have to Pay \$100,000 Cash, or Lose the Road If Lease Is Broken.

The suit of Mr. Hill at New Bern to set aside the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, from Morehead City to Goldsboro, has awakened no little interest here. Some larger stockholders and citizens who have examined the facts are now publicly expressing the opinion that the annulment of this lease would necessitate either a sale of the road or the imposition of such a heavy mortgage that the road would have to be sold in a few years. The lease of the old "bullet road" as it was commonly called, to the Howland Improvement Company was perfected at Morehead City, September 1, 1905. When the lease was made the new owners paid off the floating debt of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 paid cash for the wood and other supplies on hand amounting to nearly \$27,000, and have since, as sworn reports show, expended about \$210,000 in permanent improvements, consisting of new engines, cars, bridges and stations. This expenditure does not include a penny of the money being spent in the construction of the great bridge between Mecklenburg and Beaufort. Should the lease be broken up it is admitted that this money must immediately be paid back to the Howland Improvement Company. The aggregate will be over \$300,000, and the payment of this sum would be accomplished only by the sale of the road or increasing the mortgage, in the opinion of many.

Besides this, lawyers have expressed the opinion that the state would have to pay interest on this money and besides probably stand a law suit. It is well known that under the lease the state now receives \$36,000 annually as dividend on its stock and this 3 per cent will be gradually increased. The total the company is now paying the private stockholders and the state in dividends is \$54,000.

The Power to Lease. The state in making the lease guaranteed the title to the property, and this of course makes it strongly probable, so lawyers think, that in case the lease is annulled the Howland Company can secure redress at law. This power to lease is thus stated in the lease (which, by the way, runs so as to expire at the same time the case of the North Carolina Railroad terminates): "And the lessor, for itself, its successors and assigns doth covenant and agree to and with the lessee, its successors and assigns, that at the time of the enacting and delivery of these presents, it is seized and possessed and entitled to the premises, property, rights, franchises and privileges above conveyed in the state and for the term demised, except as is hereinafter stated, and has good right, full power, and lawful authority to lease, farm out, convey and deliver the same in the form and manner aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all liens and encumbrances of whatever kind or nature soever, save and except the ten and encumbrances of a certain deed of trust or mortgage to secure certain coupon bonds of the said lessor heretofore issued and now outstanding, and amounting to about \$325,000; that the said lessee, its successors and assigns, shall during the entire term aforesaid have and enjoy quiet, peaceful and uninterrupted possession of all the property, rights, privileges, franchises and estate hereinbefore leased and farmed out; and that the said lessor and its stockholders and directors will not do anything or take any action as such stockholders and directors that may or can interfere in any way whatsoever with the free use and operation and conveyance of said railroad and other properties so hired, set, farmed out, and delivered to the said lessee, according to the terms and intent of these presents."

The power to lease is delegated in section 18 of the charter, which reads: "That the said company may, when they see proper, farm out the right of transportation over said railroad, (Continued on Page Two.)

## TWO TRUE BILLS INDICT BLACKBURN

Practicing Before Treasury Department and Receiving Fees for It

## NO ACTION TOWARD ARREST YET TAKEN

Grand Jury of Special Term of United States District Court in Asheville Takes Action This Morning—Accused of Receiving \$500 From Ace Dinkins and \$100 From A. P. Davis.—Each Bill Contains Two Counts.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Asheville, N. C., Feb. 21.—The grand jury of the special term of the United States district court this morning returned two true bills against Congressman Spencer Blackburn.

The bills of indictment charge the eighth district representative with practicing before the treasury department and receiving fees for such service in violation of the law.

He is accused of receiving \$500 from Ace Dinkins and \$100 from A. P. Davis. Each bill contains two counts.

No action looking toward arrest of Blackburn has been taken. The bills of indictment contain several pages of typewritten sheets.

## RAN INTO LANDSLIDE THE DEWEY WAS ADRIFT

Southbound Oregon Express Wrecked, One Killed

Its Two Engines Reduced to Scrap Iron—Two Mail Cars Rolled Down Embankment—Engineer Killed by Second Slide While Working at Wreck.

(By the Associated Press.) Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—The southbound Oregon express No. 15 on the Southern Pacific Railroad, due to arrive here at 11 o'clock this morning, ran into a landslide near the town of Delta last night.

The two engines attached to the train were reduced to scrap iron. Two mail cars were derailed and rolled down the embankment into the ditch alongside the track, and a baggage car stopped on the edge of the embankment.

After the cars had piled up and the train crew was working among the wreckage, a second landslide came sweeping down the side of the hill, partly burying a portion of the debris. Engineer Dennis Fred of Dunsmuir was in the track of the slide, and was hurled by it into the midst of the wreckage. When taken out he was dead.

## SMOOT GETS ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Smoot received another endorsement in the senate today. It came from Mr. Warren, who upon the convening for the day's session presented a voluminous petition from women in Wyoming, praying for the expulsion of Mr. Smoot from the senate. He said that he had been requested to accompany the presentation of the petition with some remarks of his own. He added: "The object of the petition is before the proper committee, and I hope to be ruled by the report of the new committee when made. If I should express my opinion before the report is made I should be inclined to endorse what was said on the subject a few days since by the senator from California, (Mr. Perkins). Upon the conclusion of the routine business at 12:20 p. m., the senate went into executive session on re-emption of Mr. Morgan.

When at 12:30 p. m., the doors were opened the pure food bill was taken up. A vote will be had on the bill before adjournment today.

## AS FAR AS I KNOW NOW THERE'LL BE A STRIKE SAID MITCHELL TODAY.

### SEE IF THEY OWN MINES AND OIL

### Amendment Makes Clearer Tillman Resolution

### RAILWAY OWNERSHIP

House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce At Tillman's Suggestion Amended So As To Extend Investigation Definitely to Alleged Ownership by Railroads.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—At the suggestion of Senator Tillman the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce made an amendment today in the resolution which it has agreed to recommend for favorable action for the investigation of alleged railway monopoly of coal and oil.

As the resolution was originally framed it provided for an investigation by the interstate commerce commission as to whether railways own the coal and oil they haul, but it was the purpose of the committee to extend the investigation definitely to the alleged railway ownership of the mines and oil properties. To make the resolution clearer an amendment was accepted which specifically provides for the investigation of the ownership of coal and oil companies.

The following report has been prepared by Representative Townsend at the request of the committee to accompany the resolution:

"This resolution amends senate resolution 32 by including all kinds of coal and oil and the investigation of the railroad interest ownership and control in coal and other lands and properties and by excluding all other products." It is recommended by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce that charges from what seem to be reliable sources have been made against various railroad companies engaged in interstate commerce to the effect that such companies have an interest directly or indirectly in the coal and oil which they carry to the disadvantage of competing owners; that they or their officers have an interest or ownership directly or otherwise in coal and oil properties served by their roads, and through the distributions of cars and the furnishings of facilities of transportation and shipment discriminate against the so-called independent owners; that by inter-corporate ownership of the stock of other carriers of coal and oil, together with ownership of such stock by certain of the officers of said companies, control of such other carriers is obtained and the combinations in restraint of trade and commerce are formed which work an injustice to the independent shippers of coal and oil and great wrong to the consumers of those products.

## SOON TO VOTE ON LIQUOR PROBLEM.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilson, N. C., Feb. 21.—The campaign has opened over the question as to whether the dispensary will be continued in Wilson after July first. The election to determine whether Wilson will have open bars, dispensary or prohibition will be held the first week of April. The present dispensary, which has paid profits of \$25,000 per year for the past two years, has gained supporters so its friends state, while the saloon advocates claim it has been a moral failure and are sanguine of defeating it at the coming election. The prohibition forces are gaining strength, and a lively fight is on.

## WOMAN DEAD AT AGE OF 105.

(By the Associated Press.) Southington, Conn., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Sylvia Langdon Dunham, the second oldest person in this state, died today, aged 105 years. The oldest person in the state, Mrs. Debora Silliman of Easton, who is 106 years old today, is seriously ill as the result of shock caused by the death of her son, which occurred yesterday during a fire at his home.

## PAID BANDITS \$2,000 RANSOM.

(By the Associated Press.) El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—Colonel Robert Hannigan, a ranchman of Deming, N. M., who was kidnapped by bandits near Siler City, N. M., and held for ransom, has been released. It was necessary to pay the bandits twice, and \$2,000, it is said, was secured by them.