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## MR. CRATER STANDS PAT

All that I have to say further in regard to the publication concerning me in the News and Observer follows: I positively state that I did not say to Colonel Johnson or anyone else that I "knew nothing at all of any of the vouchers," as Colonel Johnson says in this morning's paper. I told Colonel Johnson that the Times did not get six thousand dollars. I went to the office of the Raleigh Banking and Trust Company several times yesterday morning in search of Colonel Johnson to inform him that I was about to issue an extra exonerating Mr. Drewry, and asked Colonel Johnson in the presence of Mr. Briggs if I had said that Mr. Drewry got any of the money, also repeating to these gentlemen what I had said at the capitol to Colonel Johnson to the effect that the Times had gotten an amount, but not as much as six thousand dollars. I did not say before Colonel Johnson or Mr. Briggs that "no vouchers had ever passed to the Times."

I called up Colonel Johnson at his home last night, telling him that I had learned that he was coming out in the News and Observer with an affidavit to the effect that I had said that no vouchers had passed to the Times and that I had intimated that Mr. Drewry had gotten the money without my knowledge. The Colonel assured me that no such statement would be made, but that he had given the morning paper some information. I insisted that Colonel Johnson, Governor Glenn, and Governor Aycock meet me and talk over the matter for the purpose of setting me straight. The Colonel said that he did not know whether Governor Glenn would talk over the matter or not, but that, upon my insisting on meeting him, he would come to his office at the "Round Steps Bank," provided I would name or let him name some one that would be present with us. Mr. H. H. Carr, of the Raleigh Electric Company was present. The Colonel stated he had written out a statement for the News and Observer, as he had "got in it." When the Colonel started reading the statement, and when he had proceeded at some length I interrupted him by saying that I did not see why he should make such a statement to the paper; that even if every word I had said to him at the capitol had been false I did not see why he should divulge a confidence almost the moment it was told him. He agreed that he had made a mistake in saying anything to Governor Glenn and Governor Aycock about the matter. At the same time and place I insisted on Colonel Johnson inserting or adding the clause which follows, and which appeared at the end of the Colonel's statement in the morning paper.

"In justice to Mr. Crater it is proper for me to say that in our conversations Mr. Drewry's name was not mentioned and Mr. Crater made no intimation that Mr. Drewry got any of the money in question."

I called up Governor Glenn, asking him if Colonel Johnson had stated that I had intimated that Mr. Drewry got any of the money, and a further talk followed, in which the governor disapproved my article of yesterday afternoon. While I have all respect for the governor and his advice, I could hardly have done otherwise than make as emphatic as I knew how my denunciation of a paper and set of men that would defame an innocent man through another. I have nothing to "take back" in a single sentence of that article of yesterday.

GEORGE B. CRATER.

## FISHY STORY ABOUT ANOTHER JAP- RUSS WAR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—James Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, who has been in Russia on a secret mission for the department of the interior, trying to sound the czar's government concerning concessions for a railway from Alaska across Behring Strait, got back to New York today and declared that Russia was preparing for another war with Japan.

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## FRESH TROUBLE FOR OIL TRUST

Standard Man. Charged with Serious Crime

### OFFERED JUROR BRIBE

As a Result Byron W. Williamson is in Jail Today—He Runs a Gambling Joint and is Said to Have Offered Juror Thompson Trying Case Against Oil Company \$1,000 to Vote For Acquittal.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Findlay, O., Sept. 26.—Byron W. Williamson is today in the county jail charged with having offered, on behalf of the oil trust, a bribe to Chase Thompson, a juror in the Standard Oil trial last June. Statements were made today by Williamson in an attempt to involve ex-Senator Thomas H. McConica, a prominent republican politician and the leader of the Foraker forces in this section in the scandals. McConica vigorously denies any knowledge of the attempt to bribe.

## SHORTS MAY SHIFT HIS JOB

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—Theodore P. Shorts may have a new job within a short time. Two things will be responsible. One is the receivership for the city surface lines by which August Belmont has obtained victory over Thomas F. Ryan, Mr. Shorts' sponsor in his selection as president of the Interborough-Metropolitan Company.

The other is the sale of the Chicago & Alton by the Rock Island Company to the Clover Leaf. Mr. Shorts is now president of the last named road, which has been a comparatively small system up to this time, but with the Chicago & Alton linked up with it the Clover Leaf becomes one of the great railway systems of the country.

## WHAT WAS EACH MAN'S PRICE?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 26.—At the trial of Tully L. Ford, chief counsel for the United Railways, on a charge of bribery, James F. Gallagher, ex-chairman of the board of supervisors, related how he had received \$5,000 from Abraham Ruef after the latter had urged him to ascertain how the eighteen members of the board stood with regard to the application for a franchise for the United Railways and directed him to learn the price for which each member would vote favorably.

## RICHER THAN EVER, SAYS FISH

Railroad Financier Amused Over Reports

### HARRAHAN IS A PARROT

So Says Mr. Fish, and Harriman is His Mentor and Instructor General—The Money World Greatly Interested in the Outcome of the Quarrel Between the Big Western Railroad Men.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—"I have more money today than at any time during the past fifteen years," said Stuyvesant Fish, who seemed amused to think that the open letter of J. T. Harriman, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, might give anyone the impression that he had said so.

## GOT NEGRO WHO ASSAULTED GIRL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26.—Inspectors Revere and Lieutenant O'Brien, trailing Richard Walton, a negro wanted on the charge of murdering Mrs. Nellie White Grant, a school teacher, telephoned to headquarters from Summit, Ill., that they have Walton cornered there. They asked reinforcements with Winchester. Twenty-five men will be sent at once.

## MR. DREWRY WILL MAKE STATEMENT

At the proper time Senator John C. Drewry, president of the Press-Visitor Publishing Company, which publishes The Raleigh Evening Times, will make to the public a full and frank statement of his entire connection with matters pertaining to the Southern Railway vouchers about which considerable has been printed lately.

## HE TRIED THE SUICIDE ROUTE

Man Giving Name as Mergan Took Laudanum

### HAD A CLOSE CALL

is Evidently Giving An Assumed Name, for Note in His Pocket Had Initials "E. P. S.," and it Said His Mother's Name Was Stillings—At the Rex Hospital.

E. J. Mergan, a young man who appears to be between twenty and twenty-five years of age, attempted to commit suicide at an early hour this morning by drinking laudanum. He was found lying upon the sidewalk near the Park Hotel and in his hand was an empty two ounce laudanum bottle.

## MUST AGREE ON TIME NEEDED

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Sept. 26.—Yesterday was the day set by consent for the report, to the court, of Judge Montgomery's master in chancery appointed by Judge Pritchard to take evidence in the railway rate controversy relative to the 2 1/2-cent passenger fare law. The master or referee, however, was not able owing to the failure of the state's attorneys to conclude the taking of evidence, to file his report. Judge Pritchard had written Judge Montgomery in reply to Judge Montgomery's letter asking for an extension, suggesting that counsel for both sides agree upon the length of time necessary to complete the taking of testimony. Judge Pritchard, however, has stated that he would grant a reasonable extension, but desires that the attorneys representing both sides agree on the matter. In the event that counsel cannot agree Judge Pritchard will then sign a formal order extending the time to such a date as he deems proper.

## EVELYN THAW IS QUITE SICK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—For the first time since her husband's trial and during all of the time she has been in the city, Mrs. Evelyn Thaw has ceased her visits to the Tombs where Harry Thaw is confined. She has not been to see him for the last four days. A severe cold, which may develop into pneumonia, has kept her at home.

## WHY THE OIL TRUST LAUGHS AT THE LAW

RICH AND DID NOT KNOW IT

### BROOKLYN WIDOW GIVEN THE TIP BY A TRAMP

Masterpiece of Art Now Appraised at \$20,000 Hung Unknown For Twenty Years in the House of a Poor Woman in Brooklyn—A Tramp Hired to do Cleaning Knew a Good Thing When He Saw It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—After living for thirty years with a masterpiece of art in her home, Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, of Brooklyn, became aware of that fact but two weeks ago through a tramp whom she had hired to work around the house. Since she has refused an offer of \$700, and another of \$1,200 for the picture.

## SHE GOES BUT WILL COME BACK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—Paula Klippenberg, the Vienna actress, who came here to see Horace E. Miller for \$25,000, charging that he trifled with her affections, packed up her trunks, which contained a wealth of jewels and rare gowns and announced at the Astor House that she would sail today on the Deutschland.

## PRESIDENT'S BEAR HUNT DOWN IN LOUISIANA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Late Providence, La., Sept. 26.—It has been learned from very good authority that the proposed bear hunt of President Roosevelt will be made in East Carroll Parish, opposite Abita Station, on the Iron Mountain Railroad. The camp will be located about eighteen miles from Lake Providence, on the Texas River. It is also understood that the party will consist of the president, his hosts, John M. Parker, John A. McIlhenny, Ben V. Lilly, the most famous trapper and hunter in the south; Holt Collier, the Mississippi bear hunter; and Alex Ennolds, a bear hunter of this parish.

Startling Admissions of the Means Employed to Evade the Law

### COMPLIES WITH LETTER BUT EVADES IT ACTUALLY

The Pipe Line's Operation is so Juggled That it is Used as an Instrument to Throttle Independent Companies—How the Trick is Worked—Evidence to Show That Oil Trust Defied Laws of Texas After Being Put Out of That State. The Oil Business Generally Ventilated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Sept. 26.—How the Standard Oil Company laughs at the law was brought out in the hearing in the suit of the government to dissolve the great octopus.

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