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A CORRECT STORY SAYS MR. J. S. JONES

Tax Collector Says The Times' Article Saturday Was Correct

NOW UP TO BOARD

Substantially Correct Statement, Says City Tax Collector When Asked About the Correctness of The Times Story.

The article under the head "Collector Must Get the Taxes," which appeared in the Evening Times Saturday, has created a considerable stir in the municipal officialdom, and the board of aldermen.

City Tax Collector J. S. Jones said this morning that the aforesaid article in The Times was substantially correct as he understood it.

Saturday afternoon information was received in The Times office which sent a reporter out to investigate.

As the information was from good authority and on account of the lateness of the hour, the members of the board of aldermen could not be seen before the paper was published.

This morning a Times man called on Mr. Jones, who, in response to an inquiry said that the story, as published Saturday, was substantially correct, and that it expressed the conditions as they stood.

As to taking a wagon and going after the household furniture of the delinquents, he said that he had been told to do all that was necessary to get this money, as he would be held responsible.

Mr. Joseph G. Brown said he had nothing to add to Attorney Clark's statement at this time.

Mr. Clark sends us the following: "The article in regard to the City Tax Collector, published in the Evening Times, is so misleading that I am constrained to believe that the paper has unintentionally printed the article upon misinformation, but without intending to reflect in any way upon the Evening Times, I think that in simple justice to the board of aldermen a correct statement of the matter should be given to the public."

The article itself is absolutely misleading in some of its statements and is absolutely untrue in its intimations that the board of aldermen or the finance committee had ordered Mr. Jones to go round the city with a wagon and seize the household stuff of unfortunate people to pay the city taxes.

In October Mr. John S. Jones, city tax collector, was notified by the surety company by whom his bond had been given that a premium on the bond was due for renewal of the bond.

The matter was then brought to the attention of the city attorney and he deemed it best that a new bond be issued instead of the renewal of the old bond, as Mr. Jones had been re-elected to a new term of the office.

THE STRIKE OF THE SWITCHMEN

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 6.—Officers of the switchmen's union of America, whose members on thirteen railroads in the northwest are on strike, declared today that they would seek a conference with general managers of Chicago lines and take up their demands for an increase in wages in an effort to prevent the spread of the strike to this city.

While the troubles between the railroads and the switchmen are acutely confined to the northwest, a tense feeling exists in Chicago and in the east. The situation, summarized, is as follows:

Negotiations that will be conducted during the next two weeks will decide whether the country is to be thrown into a great labor war or whether reason and peace shall rule.

In Minnesota trains are moving on schedule time. The four mills that ceased grinding one week ago have resumed. Freight, including perishable goods, is moved without damage.

Strike breakers in large number have taken the places of the switchmen who walked out. Turbulent spirits manage occasionally to incite violence, but the authorities have succeeded in suppressing general disorder.

No effects of the strike have been felt in Chicago. All railroad employees in this city are at work; trains moving regularly and shippers have suffered no embarrassment.

While the switchmen of the northwest were declaring that they had their strike won, the general managers of the roads affected authorized a statement that the trouble practically was a closed incident.

THE SHIRTWAIST STRIKE SPREAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 6.—The leaders of the shirt waist makers union of Philadelphia announced by telegraph to the striking union here today that the 16,000 girls in the industry in the quaker city were prepared to quit work in sympathy with them as soon as the word was given from New York.

This step has been taken because the leaders of the strike here discovered that many of the employees who have not yet capitulated, are fulfilling their outstanding contracts by sending the work to the Philadelphia shops.

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CONGRESS IS IN SESSION AND AT WORK

Galleries Crowded to Witness Opening of Law Making Body

READY FOR WORK

Both House and Senate Were Duly Organized and Their Committees Appointed at the Special Session.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The senate met in regular session at noon today. With a half dozen exceptions all of the senators were present when Vice-President Sherman's gavel fell and Chaplain Pierce offered prayer.

An hour before noon all of the public galleries were crowded, and many seats in the diplomatic gallery taken. On the floor and in the cloak rooms there was the customary exchange of greetings.

Immediately after the chaplain's prayer the roll was called by states aid following the announcement of the presence of a quorum.

Senator Hale, of Maine, offered the time-honored resolution that a committee be appointed to notify the president that the senate was in session and ready to receive any message he might desire to communicate.

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RACE WAR IN MINING TOWN

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Marion, Ill., Dec. 6.—The mining town of Scottsboro is on the verge of a bitter race war today as the result of the killing of Luther Williams, an American miner and the wounding of the home of Deputy Sheriff Newton with bullets by a mob of fifty Italians, who later shot at several Americans who appeared on the streets.

The homes of the foreigners were being searched early today by the indignant posse of armed Americans, seeking to avenge Williams. Wholesale arrests of Italians are imminent.

A band of blackmailers is suspected of the murder. The chaplain feelingly referred to the late representatives, Laster, of Virginia, and Dearmond, of Missouri, who died during the recess.

BAD SMASHUP ON NEW ENGLAND ROAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Clinton, Conn., Dec. 6.—Wrecked as it crashed into a freight train, the New York express on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad today took fire. There were nine Pullmans in the train and the passengers in every one were badly shaken up.

Engineer Tarrides and his fireman of the express, were hurled from the cab, both being badly bruised.

A mistake in signals was said to have been responsible for the wreck. The Clinton fire department got control of the blaze after a half hour and the train was sent on its way.

The loss on the baggage car and freight cars is heavy. Trial of H. Clay Pierce. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—The trial of H. Clay Pierce, head of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, charged with perjury, was ordered to proceed today.

The district court of Travis county overruled the contention of the defense that Pierce's deposition that his company was not a trust or affiliated with a trust was invalid because it was made before a woman notary.

CRUISER DIXIE RELIEVES PRAIRIE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—The cruiser Dixie, having taken over the 700 marines and the stores of the stranded cruiser Prairie, cleared today for the Isthmus of Panama. The marines hope to reach Nicaragua, their ultimate destination, within a short time.

The work of floating the Prairie went on as hard as ever today and it was hoped that when the cargo and men were taken off she would soon be set riding in the Delaware River.

The League Island navy yard was in a turmoil of work today as a result of the decision of the United States to prepare more warships for service in Nicaraguan waters.

A command from Washington came for the battleship Idaho to be ready to sail at a moment's notice and for the battleship Michigan to proceed to Hampton Roads.

The New York navy yard was put in readiness to sail for Central America as a transport. The fresh activity is taken as an indication that the state department is preparing thoroughly for any contingency in the Zelaya affair.

SEABORN WRIGHT SPEAKS TO LEAGUE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 4.—The anti-saloon national convention listened to a stirring address today by Hon. Seaborn Wright, of Georgia, who summed up the political and moral situation in the south regarding the liquor traffic.

Mr. Wright stated that a partnership, an unholy alliance, exists between our federal government and the liquor interest, and the government gets 60 percent of the net profits of the liquor trade.

"We are not fighting the man who drinks," said Mr. Wright. "That is none of our business, but it is our business when it comes to the system which has been evolved through the sale of the liquor which he drinks."

CASTRILLO ON ZELAYA CANAL AFFAIR

Says Story That Zelaya Is Trying to Interest Foreign Government is True

HIS SECRET PLANS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—"I am not informed as to the authority for the important and exclusive news made public by the American News Service last Saturday that President Zelaya of Nicaragua, has a secret understanding with Japan or Germany whereby, in exchange for their moral backing in his present troubles with this country, his government will give them a strip of territory along the line of a proposed Nicaraguan oceanic canal, in order to offset the Panama canal now being built by the United States."

"But today, I know the assertion made by the American News Service to be correct. It is a most important piece of news, and only goes to prove the treachery and duplicity of Zelaya. He would gladly see the United States involved in a conflict with either Germany or Japan, as a matter of revenge."

"The American News Service story is absolutely correct. There is not the slightest doubt that he would gladly make a secret arrangement with Japan or Germany to give a concession for a Nicaraguan canal. I believe he is secretly making such negotiations at this moment."

"Why in 1897, Senor Coren, Zelaya's minister in Washington, began secret negotiations with the Japanese ambassador here to grant a concession for the Nicaraguan canal to Japan. The Japanese ambassador, it is reliably said, after the negotiations had reached a certain stage, called on the American state department, and notified them that his government was considering the subject. Evidently the state department sent a quiet hint to Japan that it would not permit an Oriental nation to own or control a canal in the western hemisphere, and Japan dropped the matter, but evidently only for the time being."

"As to the negotiations with Germany, I cannot speak definitely. Zelaya has a number of representatives in Washington at this moment. I do not mean accredited diplomatic representatives, but secret agents, who are keeping him fully informed on every move of the United States. He himself, while extraordinarily intelligent, does not quite understand, I believe, the serious situation in which he is involved with this country. Sometimes, I believe, Zelaya is crazy. His ideas are too pronounced for Central America."

"The end, however, of his power is near. Yesterday I received a cablegram direct from General Estrada which said that victory is assured to our arms. Almost any day now I expect to hear from Estrada that Managua has fallen, and Zelaya is either a prisoner or dead. If he is killed it will be a great blessing to all of Central America."

"I do not for one moment believe that the United States will allow either an Oriental or a European nation to acquire the slightest foothold, let alone a canal in Central America in violation of the Monroe Doctrine."

JUDGE CALHOUN SUCCEEDS CRANE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 6.—Assistant Secretary of State Wilson this morning announced that former Judge William H. Calhoun, of Chicago, has been appointed minister to China, to succeed Chas. R. Crane, who was recently dismissed by the state department under sensational circumstances before he reached his post.

Mr. Calhoun was a member of the interstate commerce commission. He was also appointed by President McKinley a special commission to Venezuela and to Cuba. He is a prominent lawyer of Chicago.

Portnightly Review Club. The Portnightly Review Club will meet with Mrs. J. R. Young tomorrow afternoon at 8:30.

MORSE REFUSED WRIT CERTIORARI

Washington, Dec. 6.—The United States supreme court today denied the application of Charles W. Morse, New York, for a writ of certiorari to review the evidence of the case in which he was convicted of embezzlement of funds of the bank of the America of New York City in the New York courts.

MURDERER ELECTROCUTED.

Was Member of American Blackmailing Society and Killed Fellow-Countryman. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Bedros Hampartoomian, the Hunchakist leader who in 1907 killed Hovhannes S. Travshanjan, a rich New York rug dealer, because he refused to contribute blackmail to the Hunchakist society, was executed today. He was put in the electric chair at Sing Sing at 5:58 a. m., and one shock proved fatal.

It was the murder of Tavshanjan that first brought to the attention of the authorities the mysterious Armenian blackmailing society. In the investigation that followed it developed that for several years the organization had been exacting tributes, the total amount secured being estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

The ostensible purpose of the society was for the support of Armenian victims of Turkish persecution. Little of the money ever passed from the United States and it was asserted that the amounts sent abroad were to the persecuted.

The murder of Tavshanjan occurred in New York City on July 22, 1907. The rug dealer was called to the door of his shop at 35 Union Square, north, and then Hampartoomian opened fire. Pursued by a crowd the murdered was caught at a subway kiosk. Tavshanjan, who was worth \$750,000, had received several demands from the Hunchakists.

The execution today was witnessed by few persons, the only friend of the condemned man being an Armenian priest.

DECLARES WAR AGAINST ZELAYA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Sulzer of New York today introduced a joint resolution in the house, soon after it met at noon, which practically declares war against Nicaragua.

It directs the president to use the land and several naval forces of the United States to restore order in Nicaragua. It demands the arrest and punishment of Zelaya for the murder of American citizens and also demands an apology and damages from Nicaragua for the execution of Groce and Cannon.

In speaking of his resolution later, Representative Sulzer said: "The joint resolution I have just introduced regarding the abhorrent conditions in Nicaragua speaks for itself and needs from me no further comment."

"I desire to say that the United States government in the eyes of international law is practically at war with the Nicaragua, and I am in favor of empowering the president by the passage of these resolutions to take all steps necessary and in accordance with our constitution to restore peace and order in Nicaragua, and establish a responsible government, republic in form, that will protect life and property."

"Zelaya is a despot. He is the trouble-maker in Central America, and has for years been carrying things with a high hand under a virtual dictatorship. There will never be any peace in Central America until he is shorn of power. He must be deposed."

"According to Zelaya's admission in his cable to William Randolph Hearst, he is guilty of the deliberate murder of American citizens in violation of every tenet of international law. He must be punished for these crimes, hence my resolution is drawn with the view of preventing Zelaya's escape, and for his arrest and trial by an impartial tribunal in Nicaragua, and his punishment."

"Believe me, it was this that caused the Atlanta riot, and that was the match which touched off the prohibition fire which has swept the entire south."

"Oh, I tell you," and Mr. Wright's voice took on a triumphant ring, "I tell you that the race problem is fast transferring itself from the south into the northern part of the border states of the north. The bad element of the colored race is fast moving to the nearest wet territory and unless the congress and the government ever puts it up to us we will not be responsible for the result."

"While the committee was on the way to the white house, Representative Clark of Missouri, announced the death of Mr. Dearmond and Mr. Jones, of Virginia the death of Mr. Laster."