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## LO! THE POOR INDIAN

### He Has Become the Prey of Attorneys.

#### OVER \$300,000 IN TEN YEARS

##### For Lawyers' Fees—Driven by White Man From His Happy Hunting Ground—Still Pursued.

McAlister, Okla.—That a new era of wholesome legislation by congress has dawned for the Indian as a result of the congressional investigation into the McMurray contracts in the belief among senators, congressmen and other government officials assembled here.

The committee appointed by the house of representatives, headed by Congressman Charles H. Burke, of South Dakota, to inquire into the charges of Senator Thomas P. Gore that he had been tendered a \$25,000 or \$50,000 bribe to help put the McMurray deal through Congress, arrived here from Muskogee Sunday to continue its hearings.

Senator Curtis strongly denied having any relations with Hamon. Congressman McGuire, who testified concerning meeting Hamon in Washington and in response to direct question denied that he had ever been improperly approached in regard to the McMurray contracts.

What are known as the present McMurray contracts consist of about 10,000 documents secured individually.

The story told on the stand by Green McCurtain, the venerable Indian chief of 10,000 Choctaws, made a deep impression. McCurtain related how his tribe year after year, had waited for the government to sell their lands and how at last the Indians, becoming discouraged, had become the prey of attorneys, whose promises were more glowing than those of the government.

It cost his tribe in the last ten years, McCurtain related, \$300,000 in attorneys' fees besides a share in the \$750,000 fee paid to the McMurray firm several years ago in the citizenship cases involving the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Congressman J. H. Stephens of Texas, a member of the present investigating committee, in a speech in investigating, referred to the \$750,000 fee as "a scandal" and declared the attorneys should have been made to pay back the money.

"It is evident that the whole Indian situation needs to be gone over by the government," said an official Sunday. "The Indians are the wards of the government, yet they have become the prey of attorneys. For instance, one attorney received \$12,000 a year for representing one tribe and he resides in New York.

"In instances where the government interests and those of Indians conflict only should attorneys be employed. Other cases for settlement can be arranged by treaty. This investigation should enlighten Congress on what should be done."

#### Scandal For 30 Years.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Declaring that conditions have existed in the borough of Queens for 30 years which have been an open scandal, a delegation representing the committee of 100 of Queens citizens have petitioned Gov. Hughes, "to direct the attorney general to deputize a special attorney general to take charge of the criminal investigation of the governmental affairs of Queens county and that he act as prosecuting officer for that purpose."

The petition criticizes the district attorney for alleged failure to perform his duty.

The governor promised to give the petition consideration.

#### Great Interest in Postal Banks.

Washington, Special.—The First National bank of Tarboro, N. C., applied to the Postmaster General Saturday to be made a depository of funds under the recent postal savings act. Thus far there have been applications from 923 banks throughout the country to be made depositories of these postal savings funds and requests from 390 postmasters for the establishment of savings departments.

#### Postal Bank Scheme Developing.

Washington, D. C., Special.—A central clearing house in each State is a feature of the Postal Savings Bank system adopted by the committee of officials that will make recommendations to the board of trustees. For a long time the committee faced the necessity of providing some method for the settlement of accounts of depositors in the postal banks that would avoid delay incident to the transmission of all such matters to this city. The idea of having State central clearing houses was discussed at length and has been adopted as the best solution of that problem.

## PATTERSON MEN LOSE.

### Patterson's Men Defeated by Independent Ticket—Outlook Gloomy.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The Independents elected their judicial tickets in Tennessee Thursday in one of the most exciting and hard fought political contests ever known in the State.

The Independents represent in a large measure the State-wide prohibition element of the Democratic party which has been vigorously opposing Gov. Patterson since his memorable campaign with the late Senator E. W. Carmack for the gubernatorial nomination.

It took on added strength when the State committee ordered a blanket primary for nomination of both judicial and State officers. These members of the supreme court, Chief Justice Beard and Justices Neal and Shields, and Judges Wilson and Taylor of the court of civil appeals refused to enter the primary and the independent movement was on.

Judges McAllister and Bell of the supreme court entered the primary and were on the regular ticket. Judge Barton of the court of civil appeals was also a nominee for supreme court.

Gov. Patterson entered the lists for the regular ticket and stumped the State for it. His enemies lined up solidly with the Independents.

The endorsement by the Republican committee of the Independents was followed by a break in Republican ranks and the negro vote, it was alleged, was solidly for the regular ticket. Negroes were registered more freely than ever before and they paid their poll taxes. The revolt in the Republican ranks was led by Jesse Littleton and many of the blacks followed him, but it seems not in the numbers that have been predicted.

Enemies of Gov. Patterson claim that the result Thursday will have disastrous effect on his political future. He is a candidate for reelection but as yet the opposition has not shown its hand as to what steps will be taken in putting out a ticket against him.

In Democratic congressional primaries in four districts incumbents were re-nominated.

#### Savannah Sunday Almost Blotted Out

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Rev. W. L. Pickard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has written Adjutant General Scott protesting against the use of Rose Dhué rifle range, the new military range near Savannah, on Sundays. "He says Savannah has pandered to 'foreigners' so much that she has almost blotted out the Sabbath. The adjutant general has sent the minister's letter to the Savannah military officers asking that they be governed as they think best about it."

#### New Orleans Firms Complain.

Washington, Special.—Several New Orleans trading companies have complained to the State Department that because of the apparently indefinite policy of this government in Nicaraguan affairs, steamship companies were adding 2 per cent to all charters as a war risk. The trading companies complained that the extra charge interfered seriously with their commerce with eastern Nicaragua.

The State Department has replied to the companies that it can do nothing for them and reiterates its previous assurance that the United States will protect American ships and American cargoes against depredations in Nicaraguan waters.

#### Uncle Sam Will Pay "Tips."

Washington, Special.—Government officials and employees who pay tips to waiters on shipboard as well as gratuities to other servants on boats may charge the expense up to the government under a ruling of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

#### "All Boys Thieves at Certain Age."

Amherst, Mass., Special.—That morality in country places is higher than ever before is the decision reached by the National Conference of County Clergymen, which was in session here.

A report of an epidemic of thieving among boys in Cape Cod, given by one of the clergymen, led Dr. Wilson to declare that "all boys are thieves at a certain age."

#### Necessaries of Life Decreasing.

Washington, Special.—Considerable shrinkage in the commercial supply of some of the prime necessaries of life is indicated by the movements of live stock and meat products in the United States during the first half of the present year. This decline was shown both in domestic and in foreign commerce.

The shortage in the commercial supply of live stock is best shown by a comparison of the half yearly figures, which totalled 16,463,756 head for the first six months of 1910, as compared with more than 20,000,000 in the same period last year.

## AUTOMOBILE WRECK

### Fast Southern Passenger Train Smashes Machine.

#### TWO KILLED—OTHERS INJURED.

##### Auto Passenger Car With Eleven Persons Aboard Caught in a Deep Cut by a Southern Passenger Flyer.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Two were killed outright, three fatally injured and two others may die as the result of an accident, in which a Southern Railway passenger train near Westlake crashed into a large automobile below Bessemer Sunday afternoon.

The automobile maintains a regular passenger schedule between Bessemer and Westlake and it was carrying eleven passengers Sunday to the lake Sunday afternoon. The machine was struck by the fast passenger train shortly after 4 o'clock and was almost completely demolished.

There is a steep grade leading down to the Southern tracks just before Westlake is reached and as the highway is in a cut it was impossible for the chauffeur to see the train or for the engineer to see the automobile. Those of the automobile passengers who escaped with injuries state that the locomotive whistle was not blown for the crossing.

The front wheels of the large automobile had just run on to the railroad tracks when the engine struck it. The passenger train was running at a high rate of speed and ploughed its way through the forward end of the machine.

As it was but one and one-half miles from Bessemer ambulances and physicians were quickly summoned from that city. The injured were all taken to the Robinson hospital in Bessemer.

#### Esperanto at Baseball.

Washington, Special.—"Tri Frapumo" is the cry that will ring out from a baseball umpire's lips for the first time in the history of the American national game on the afternoon of Thursday, August 18, when the Washington and Cleveland American League teams meet here.

The words are Esperanto for "three strikes." They will be used to indicate "batter out" on the afternoon in question because the 1,000 or more delegates to the International Esperanto Congress in session here that week will be present.

#### Post Office Inspectors Alert.

Washington, Special.—If the inspector's division of the Postoffice Department keeps up the good work it has done this year in smothering the operations and bringing to justice of the crooks who use the mails as a convenient medium to fleece the guileless, 1910 will be a banner year for it. From small beginnings of several years ago, this arm of the postal service has grown to be one of the most important in the government. Heretofore its operations have been confined for the most part to the suppression of the small swindler, but in recent months it has turned its energies to bigger game.

Last spring it unearthed the big frauds in the United Wireless Telegraph Company, through which hundreds were being swindled, and brought the offenders into camp. Last week it opened its batteries on the firm of Steele, Miller & Co., a concern conducting a gigantic fraud in the cotton business with headquarters at Corinth, Miss., and branch offices in various parts of the South and Europe, and is rapidly gathering in the crooks responsible. Just how much these gentlemen have realized from their operations it is at present impossible to say, but their loot will run into the millions.

#### Meeting American Bar Association.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The 33d annual meeting of the American Bar Association will be held here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31, and September 1, 1910.

#### To Pay \$5,000 For Lynching.

Springfield, Ky., Special.—George Bohon, of Harrodsburg, has qualified here as administrator of Carl Eberington, the young man hanged by a mob at Newark, Ohio, on July 8. He executed bond for \$5,000. This is the first legal step toward the recovery of the \$5,000 indemnity for which counties in Ohio are liable for every person lynched in their counties. The administrator will at once proceed to collect the claim.

#### Congressmen "Small Potatoes."

Ironton, O., Special.—Declaring his disgust because it was necessary "to bow and scrape to all the powers, up to the President," to obtain the slightest concession at Washington, Congressman A. R. Johnson has reiterated his intention to quit Congress. Johnson has served one term and was recently nominated for a second.

#### Boy's Marble Swapped for Diamond.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—What is said to be the cheapest price on record for a diamond ring was turned up here by Detective Cowan of the local police force. The price was one small marble, dingy white and with nicks all over it. The purchaser was a small negro boy and the seller another urchin of the same race for whom the police are now searching. There is no clue to the original owner of the gem nor as to how it came into possession of the small party of the first part in the swapping transaction. The value of the stone is under \$100.

#### Life-Term Convict Wins Freedom.

St. Paul, Special.—Charles Price, serving a life sentence in the Minnesota penitentiary for murder, has been released on account of his horticultural achievements.

In the gardens of the penitentiary he succeeded in producing a lemon weighing forty ounces. Now he has a dozen others that are ready for picking and which will weigh about three pounds each. He has been paroled under condition that he remain in the State seven years.

Price had served twenty years for killing a fellow-tramp.

## EXPRESS RATES QUERY.

### Commercial Organizations Want Revenues and Charges Investigated.

Chicago, Special.—Filing of a petition with the interstate commerce commission at Washington Saturday asking that body to investigate the charges and net revenues of express companies, disclosed a well planned fight to be waged by commercial organizations throughout the country. The petition is signed by 124 associations of commerce and commercial clubs, who want a considerable reduction in express rates.

Indirectly the attack on the express charges hits at railroad revenues as a portion of the complaint is based upon the contracts entered into between the railroads and the express companies doing business over their lines.

This movement against the express companies was started by the Chicago Association of Commerce and the New York Merchants' association.

#### "Down With the Pope."

San Sebastian, By Cable.—The government's rigorous measures and the formal renunciation by the clerical junta of the threatened demonstration in this city insured comparative tranquility Sunday and a largely attended bull fight was the chief incident of the day. From daybreak the streets were patrolled by cavalry, infantry and gendarmes, while heavy bodies of troops were held in readiness in the barracks at Miramar palace, where the queen mother and the royal children are in residence.

The gravest incident occurred last evening when groups of clericals assembled shouting "Death to Spain! Long live the Pope!" Thousands of indignant people rushed towards the manifestants and only the personal intervention of the Governor at the head of a platoon of police prevented an attack. Nearly one hundred and fifty arrests were made.

Many amusing scenes were witnessed. Priests leading trudging bands of peasants took to their heels when they found the city in the possession of the military. The peasants, all their courage gone, were disarmed and easily persuaded to return to their homes. In some cases the soldiers were compelled to supply with food the poor people who had come into the city to rail at the government.

The local authorities are convinced that the clerical demonstration masked a Carlist plot. Clericals are extremely indignant at the government's repressive measures.

#### Mother of Twins at Ten.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Tishie Delaney, a negro girl, ten and a half years of age and an inmate of an orphanage, gave birth Friday night to twin girls, according to a birth certificate filed with the board of health here Saturday. Both of the children will live, it is said.

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## "CHINA FOR THE CHINESE"

### Boycott Proclaimed Against American Goods by Chinamen.

Canton, China, By Cable.—A boycott of American goods and merchants, on similar lines to the one which several years ago caused millions of dollars' damage to American trade in China, has been proclaimed here in response to complaints of the treatment of Chinese in America.

The specific cause of complaint this time is the objection of the Chinese of San Francisco to the detention sheds on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. They have been endeavoring for some time to have them removed to San Francisco proper in order to secure better treatment for arriving Chinese.

The boycott is proclaimed by the Chinese self-government society of Canton, an organization conducting a propaganda of "China for the Chinese," and for governmental reform to which Chinese in San Francisco appealed by letter.

An appeal has been issued to Chinese abroad asking them to cooperate in the boycott.

#### Virginia Mayor Killed Himself.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—A special from Ridgeway, Va., says Detective Joseph Funk of the Baldwin Detective Agency of Roanoke, who has been investigating the dynamite explosion which caused the death of Mayor A. H. Bousman of Ridgeway on the night of Sunday, July 24, is satisfied that he has solved the mystery. His inquiries have convinced him that the case was a peculiarly horrible one of self-destruction. He has so reported to the town council of Ridgeway and the report has been accepted officially and is universally believed to be correct even by Bousman's closest friends.

Mr. Bousman was deeply in debt

#### SLUMP IN THE AUTO BUSINESS.

Bottom Seems to Have Dropped Out Notwithstanding Boosting Efforts of Manufacturers.

New York, Special.—Indications point to the bottom having fallen out of the automobile business. The manufacturers, it is reported in trade circles, are making strenuous efforts to keep up a show of continued prosperity, but it is also said that they are not selling their product, but are storing machines throughout the country at their various agencies to prevent the public realizing the true conditions of the market.

Several large concerns are laying off men and giving all sorts of reasons for so doing except the statement that they are overstocked. Two or three of the largest factories recently closed entirely, ostensibly for the purpose of taking inventory, but the workmen were not given any definite time at which to again report for work, and it is not expected that these factories will again be in operation this year.

A well-known automobile agent of this city said Friday that all cars would undoubtedly be selling at from 25 per cent to 50 per cent less than present list prices within the next two or three months. He added:

"The trouble with the automobile business is that the farmers and people of the smaller cities and towns have not taken as kindly to the idea as was anticipated. The farmers find that the cost of keeping them in repair and operation is more than the cost of keeping horses to perform the same work, and while there was, for a time, a tendency among the farmers to invest in the machines, the demand for cars from this class of buyers has practically stopped, and I venture to say we will not again sell to the farmers to any extent until prices are materially reduced."

#### Ohio Lawyer Assassinated.

Cleveland, O., Special.—A body identified as that of William L. Rice, one of the wealthiest and most conspicuous attorneys in Cleveland, was found in the street near the Rice mansion on Euclid Heights shortly after midnight Friday. There were two bullet wounds in the head and the right hand was shot off. A hasty police examination led to a belief that he had been murdered.

#### Cotton \$93 a Bale.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—News of big prices for cotton was received here Monday in dispatches to The Constitution from rural districts in Georgia. At Camilla \$50,000 was paid for 600 bales from the Bush plantation. This was all from the 1909 crop.

At Leesburg a farmer sold one bale of new crop cotton for \$93.

#### Persistent Bandits Rob and Murder.

Albuquerque, N. M., Special.—For the second time within a week the Mogollon-Silver City stage was held up and robbed Saturday, murder being added to the crime.

Jose Dominguez, the driver, watchful as a result of his experiences last week, opened fire on the bandits and brought a volley from their weapons. Several of the bullets pierced his body, killing him instantly.

The robbers hastily gathered up twelve bars of silver bullion, the property of the Ernestine Mining Company, and the Socorro Mining Company, which was being shipped

## WOMEN GAMBLERS.

### Caught in Raid at Fashionable Summer Resort.

#### TERRIBLE FEAR OF EXPOSURE.

##### Constable Raided Club Rooms Early Sunday Morning and Found Ladies High in Society at Gaming Tables.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Special.—There is consternation in the higher society circles of this fashionable summer resort because of the fear that Constable John G. Cross, who conducted the gambling raid at the Narragansett Pier Club Sunday, may make public the names of the men and women prominent in society who were on the premises at the time.

Prominent matrons, personally or through emissaries, have besought the officer all day not to give out their names. Constable Cross so far has complied, but he says not because the ladies have asked it.

Several of the women, who were in evening dress, fainted. The names of all present were taken, but are withheld by the police. Persons high in the social list of New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

There were upward of thirty society women in the crowd gathered about the roulette wheels and other games of chance that, it is asserted, were in the club house at the time of the raid, according to Mr. Cross. Many of them have tried to explain, the constable says, that they had just dropped into the club for lunch, after leaving the hop at the casino, but Mr. Cross declares he saw no signs of any lunch and that the majority were gathered about the game boards when he entered.

Rumors of possible arrests in the case were current Monday and kept the pier alive with interest. More developments are expected within a short time.

#### K. of P. Grand Officers Elected.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.—The Knights of Pythias Grand Encampment and Supreme Lodge convention have elected the following officers: Thomas J. Carlin, of Macon, Ga., was elected Supreme Vice Chancellor over B. S. Young, of Ohio and Benjamin I. Stallinger, of Iowa.

Other officers elected are: Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Fred E. Wheaton, Minneapolis.

Supreme Prelate—Rev. Jos. H. Spearing, Shreveport, La.

Supreme Master of Eschequer—Thomas D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.

Supreme Master at Arms—Edward Horton, St. Thomas, Ont.

Supreme Inner Guard—Harry A. Drachman, Arizona.

Supreme Outer Guard—H. M. Wadsworth, Philadelphia.

#### How Character is Besmirched.

Maskogee, Okla., Special.—Senator Gore has issued the following statement relative to Vice President Sherman:

"I have never, either in the Senate or before the investigating committee, made any charge whatever against Mr. Sherman. I never said he was interested in the McMurray contracts directly or indirectly. The Vice President's name was mentioned to me by Hamon as the man higher up who was interested in the contracts. When I testified before the committee I was under obligation to relate all that Hamon had said, and when it came to mentioning what Hamon had said to me about Mr. Sherman, I named the Vice President with extreme reluctance. I had no alternative but to tell the truth."

"I think I owe it to Mr. Sherman and to the country to hope that the fact that Hamon mentioned Mr. Sherman will be relegated to perpetual oblivion."

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