

\$100,000 BRIBE FOR SENATOR

Inquiry Reveals Effort to Influence Legislators to Vote Against Race Track Bill.

Witness Tells of Offer to Pay Fortune for His Vote--Gardiner Implicated.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 18.—One hundred thousand dollars to vote against the anti-race track betting bills in 1908 was offered to State Senator Eugene M. Travis, of Brooklyn, so he wrote on the stand today, testifying before the legislative graft committee.

A mysterious little man, whose name he does not recall, made the offer in the lobby of the senate, he said on behalf of former senator, Frank D. Gardner, and Gardner, he added, confirmed the offer in a subsequent telephone conversation.

Gardner is now under indictment charged with having attempted similarly though with a lesser amount, to influence Otto G. Foelker, of Brooklyn, now a congressman, but then a state senator. Foelker voted for the bill, as did Travis, and it was passed notwithstanding the efforts of the race track interests and the alleged use of a fund which previous testimony has placed at \$200,000.

Travis' testimony and the committee's efforts to subpoena James R. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney, two millionaires, whose hobby is horse racing were the most interesting developments of today's hearing, resumed after an adjournment on Oct. 22.

Efforts to find Messrs. Keene and Whitney have so far been without success and M. Linn Bruce, chairman of the committee is growing impatient. Both men have been mentioned in previous testimony as having been at a conference, Delmonico's at which the alleged corruption fund was raised and the committee is anxious to examine them.

Travis' testimony today added two new names to the list of senators "approached." The amount offered him, he explained, was to be paid in two instalments, \$25,000 down and \$75,000 after his vote had been cast.

"Did you ever hear of any other senator being approached?" he was asked. "Yes, I took lunch with Senator Fuller and Senator Carpenter one day and they told me they had been approached. Senator Gates also told me he had been called on the telephone."

"Would you know the man who approached you if you saw him again?" "Yes, I think so."

"Was he a regular lobbyist?" "I think so. He was interested in other measures."

Senator Carpenter, whom Travis mentioned was a Republican from Westchester. Senator Fuller was a Brooklyn Democrat. Senator Gates came from Madison county.

ILLNESS OF TOLSTOI TAKES SERIOUS TURN

Necessary To Administer Oxygen And Patient Loses Consciousness Frequently—Reconciliation Sought With Orthodox Church.

Astapova, Russia, Nov. 18.—After having remained practically unchanged throughout the day, the condition of Count Leo Tolstoi took an unfavorable turn today. Oxygen was administered to the patient, who frequently lost consciousness. Great anxiety was expressed by those at the bedside of the stricken novelist, but hopes have not been abandoned for his ultimate recovery.

Dr. Usov, professor of internal diseases at Moscow university and Dr. Tikhonov, who treated Tolstoi for bronchitis in the Crimea in 1901, have been urgently summoned to Astapova. At 7 o'clock this evening Tolstoi's temperature was 97.88, pulse 110 and respiration 26. At that hour he was quite conscious, but sleepy and very weak. Still later in the evening after a clyster temperature had been taken which registered 98.2 degrees, the general feeling of the patient was better.

Dr. Berkenheim says the case is still hopeless though no means will avail to relieve the overtaxed heart through out the periods of unconsciousness. No details of the bed chamber escaped Tolstoi. Today he rebuked Dr. Berkenheim for entering and not greeting him. Agren, overbearing a hushed consultation regarding his ill-chosen Tolstoi said, "It is not painful." This morning he demanded that some one read to him disconnected sentences he heard in a semi-conscious state, last night.

The Holy Synod is trying by all avenues to approach the bedside of Count Tolstoi. Today it ordered an aged monk, Joseph, a friend of Tolstoi, with whom he conversed at the Optina monastery last week, to come to Astapova. Joseph's health, however, did not permit of his making the journey, and therefore the abbot of Optina, accompanied by a monk, came in his stead.

They were not permitted to enter the sick room, however. This morning Tolstoi's eldest daughter, Tatiana, was permitted to see her father for a few minutes.

Buried by Orthodox Rite. St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—Emperor Nicholas today had an audience of procurator of the Holy Synod Laskinoff, to whom he expressed the wish that Count Tolstoi might be buried according to the orthodox rite, even if a reconciliation between the venerable man and the church were not affected.

ATTEMPT TO KILL FRENCH GOVERNOR

Revolver Shots Through Carriage In Guadaloupe—Marines Landed To Prevent Trouble At Elections.

Pointe A Pitre, Guadaloupe, Nov. 18.—An attempt on the life of acting governor Wm. Fawthler, was made today but he was unharmed. A carriage occupied by the governor, was fired upon at the very spot and at the same hour of the day that an attack was made upon Governor Gautret's carriage in September. Today four bullets from a revolver passed through the upper part of the vehicle. The assailant escaped.

One hundred marines from the French cruiser Amiral Aube have been landed. They will try to preserve order at the elections Sunday.

HEREDITARY PEERS MAY GO WITH DISSOLUTION



JOHN BULL—"Why, Blawst it, Gentlemen, I was just resting up awfter the lawst."

BOURASSA REPLIES TO SIR WILFRID

Nationalist Leader Says Contest of Future Will Be Between Imperialism and Autonomy—No Civil War.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Nov. 18.—Henri Bourassa, publishes a long article in Le Devoir tonight in reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter on the naval question. The Nationalist leader takes issue with the premier's arguments.

Proceeding to speak of the future, Mr. Bourassa says that there can be no mistaking the character of the contest. Let neither Conservatives or Liberals be deceived, he says. The fight of tomorrow which has been preparatory for the past ten years, will not be fought between two armies whose battle flags cover no longer an idea or a principle. The battle will be fought out between Imperialists and Autonomists. The problem will be posed squarely and fairly and the Canadian people will choose between two principles, and whatever may be the issue, there will be no civil war, as timid people are so prone to think.

There will be of course, people like Brodeur in 1896 and Hughes of our own day but with such demagogues the bark is worse than the bite. The minority will accept the decision of the majority, reserving of course, the right which is essentially British, to use every effort to bring the majority to think as they do.

REPORT ON MEXICAN RIOTS

"Yellow" Press Helped To Incite Guadalajara Mob—Mission Board Property Not Damaged—Hope For Peace

Boston, Nov. 18.—An account of the rioting at Guadalajara, Mexico, on Nov. 11, in which American property was damaged, is contained in letters received today by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions from its representatives in that town. These letters state that while all the business houses of Americans were damaged, by stones and many private houses around the mission premises were attacked, no harm was done to the American board property, consisting of a boy's school, a girl's school, a church and a home.

According to the board's missionaries, the recent railroad troubles and other business complications have tended to produce dislike of Americans which the "yellow" press has stimulated until only the provocation of the recent lynching in Texas was needed to bring matters to a crisis. During the rioting the students of the boys' school guarded the American board property and also that of the Methodist mission and some of them mingled with the mob and diverted their attention from the mission buildings.

"In view of the intimate business and even family relations between the two races in Guadalajara," says one of the letters, "and the pacific and conciliatory attitude of the leading citizens and journals, it is believed that this wave of bitter feeling will soon pass."

Announcement of Elections Made at Yesterday's Critical Session of Parliament.

Premier Asquith Opens Campaign Today—Both Parties Promise to be Confident.

London, Nov. 18.—Today's brief sessions of the House of Parliament are likely to prove to be the turning point in the history of the House of Lords as at present constituted. The older Conservatives view the march of events with anxious concern, and are loudly lamenting the disappearance of the hereditary peers, the basis of the upper chamber.

Much criticism and complaint is heard on the Conservative side that the government has precipitated elections at an inconvenient time. Both sides, however, profess the utmost confidence in the outcome of an appeal to the nation, arising from the struggle between the two houses, elective and selective bases will enter into the constitution of the House of Lords.

Interest in the situation has now been transferred to the constituencies. The belief tonight is that the House of Lords will not attempt to pass the second reading of the veto bill on the conditions imposed by Premier Asquith. Mr. Asquith will open the Liberal campaign with a speech at the National Liberal Club tomorrow, and is expected to develop the government's policy at length. All the other leaders are booked for speeches in quick succession.

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INHUMAN SON ADMITS MURDER OF HIS FATHER

Horrible Story Told By Young Idaho Farmer—Beat Parent Into Insensibility—Threw Body In Well.

Muncie, Idaho, Nov. 18.—"I thought he was dead," I loaded the body into the buggy and started for the old well. I had the body propped up on the seat. On the way father revived a little and threw his arms around my neck. Then I beat him over the head again until he was quiet. Just as I was about to throw the body into the well, he groaned and gave a long sigh.

This, according to the police, is part of the signed confession of Benjamin Smith, 22 years old, a farmer now in the Muncie jail. It was the climax of a remarkable recital of murder. Last night, Smith, his hands smeared with blood, staggered into the home of Oscar Shaw, and told a story of having been attacked by highwaymen.

Smith's father was mysteriously missing and suspicious were aroused which led to his arrest. Under examination he finally said he would show the police where his father's body could be found. He led them away to an abandoned well and pointing said: "There he is."

From the old well the police took the body of James Smith, the father. The police learned that the father and son had quarrelled because the father wanted young Smith to pay board.

BANKS SHOW SOLID GROWTH

Increase In Assets Four Times Growth Of Liabilities—Deposits Over \$10,000,000 More Than Previous Month.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18.—The bank statement for October, issued today by the Finance Department, indicates a continuance of satisfactory business conditions throughout Canada. Demand deposits as compared with September increased from \$275,500,000 to almost \$281,000,000, while notice deposits went up to \$549,000,000 an increase of over four millions.

Total liabilities of Canadian banks stand at \$1,063,182,555, an increase of about one million, while assets stand at \$1,260,755,704, an increase of approximately four millions.

ASK QUESTIONS ON CONGRESS

PROPOSE TO HAVE UNION FOR TRAMPS

Resolution Submitted At Federation Convention Regarding Pay For Vagrants—President Gompers Does Not Mean To Exclude Negro.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—After a full session of heated debates, motions and counter motions, the electrical workers' union controversy between the Reid and the McNulty factions late today was referred to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. The case is in exactly the same position as it was at the beginning of the present convention.

A resolution asking the convention to ratify the recent action of the executive council in reference to the amalgamation and affiliation of the White Rats and Actors' Union of America, was presented. It will be acted on next week.

Just before adjournment President Gompers took occasion to say that an incorrect inference had been drawn by the newspapers from his speech last night, concerning the negro question. He denied that he wanted negroes eliminated from labor unions, and said the impression he intended to convey was that the condition of the negroes as a class, made their case a difficult one to handle.

A resolution for unionizing tramps, referred to as migratory laborers, was presented by Andrew Furuseth, of San Francisco. The resolution demanded that these laborers be paid in cash, instead of scrip, or orders on company stores.

A resolution offered by James Murray, of the Texas state federation, asks the government to exclude Mexican labor from this country.

The convention adjourned until Monday.

FIND BRANDY IN GROCERY

Police Make Successful Raid At Moncton—Four Cases In Court—Liberals Get Option On Property.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Nov. 18.—The police raided the grocery of Richard Richard on St. George street and found a few bottles of brandy. As a consequence a complaint has been laid against Richard under the Canada Temperance Act.

Two cases against Dan Madden, restaurant proprietor, were disposed of in the police court today. In one he was fined fifty dollars, in the other sentenced to a month in jail. The American Hotel was fined fifty dollars for keeping liquor for sale, and a case has been brought against Paul Legere.

Dr. Sproule and Col. Sam Hughes File Queries Concerning Conduct of Officials.

Government Must Explain Appearance of Speaker in Official Robes—Offering of Homage.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 18.—A great deal of interest, not to say excitement, is evinced by members of parliament as to what action will be taken in connection with the recent Eucharistic Congress in Montreal, at which the speaker of the Commons appeared in his official robes and the 65th Regiment of Montreal paraded under full arms. Another matter which occasioned comment was a telegram from the acting administrator of Canada, Mr. Justice Grouard, to Cardinal Vanuelli, conveying the "homage" of Canada to his eminence.

Dr. Sproule, M. P. for East Grey, who is the most prominent Orangeman in Canada today gave notice of a number of questions to the clerk of the House. The first relates to the action of the speaker.

Dr. Sproule asks if, since parliament prorogued, the speaker attended in his official robes or apparel, and if so, where and when.

He desires to know if it was not the duty of the speaker in appearing at any function dressed in his official robes to be preceded or accompanied by the sergeant at arms, carrying the mace which is the emblem of the authority of the House.

If so, is there any precedent to justify it.

The Famous Telegram. Coming to the telegram of Judge Grouard, the member for East Grey, asks: "How or by what commission or otherwise was Justice Grouard appointed the deputy of the governor general, or the administrator of the government last summer or fall?"

"If so, what authority did the commission confer upon him?" "Did the administrator of the government send a telegram or message to Cardinal Vanuelli on his arrival in the country?"

"If so, what were the contents?" "If so, by whose advice and authority was it done?" "Was he acting under the advice of his constitutional advisers?"

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PRESIDENT MELLEN TRAVELS OVER C. P. R.

Head Of N.Y., N.H. & H. Railway Passes Through St. Stephen After Inspection Trip—Mrs. Wetmore Dead.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 18.—President Mellen of the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railway, came to Calais late this afternoon on a tour of inspection of the Maine Central and Washington County roads, and accompanied by a distinguished party of railroad people this evening their special train came over the Milltown branch to the C. P. R., and went to Yansboro, thereby saving a long ride around by way of Bangor.

The body of the late Mrs. Clara Wetmore, widow of William B. Wetmore, were brought here for interment today. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore were natives of St. John, but came here many years ago, and resided in St. Stephen for many years. Mr. Wetmore died here over twenty-five years ago, and about ten years ago Mrs. Wetmore joined her children in Providence, R. I., where her death occurred on Wednesday after a protracted illness.

The body was accompanied by her two sons, Robert and William and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Clark. The funeral was held from the Washington County depot, interment being made in the rural cemetery. Mrs. Wetmore was esteemed most highly in this community and announcement of her death was heard with deep regret.

DESPONDENT WIDOW COMMITS SUICIDE

Newburyport, Mass., Nov. 18.—After writing a note to a friend saying that she was despondent, and did not care to live any longer, Mrs. Mary F. Collins, 65 years old, committed suicide today by drowning in the Plum Island River.

Searchers found a coat and hat on the river bank, and after grappling for some time brought the body to the surface. Mrs. Collins was a widow.

"BIG BILL" HAYWOOD AMONG WELSH MINERS

Labor Leader who Visited St. John Last Year Disturbs Peace of Mind of Authorities by His Presence.

London, Nov. 18.—The presence of Wm. D. Haywood, of Idaho, a member of the Western Federation of Miners in the Welsh coal fields where extra police and military have been required to check the rioting of strikers, is interesting the authorities who have to cope with the situation.

Considerable tension still prevails among the miners. A number of continental labor leaders are in the district, but the authorities are acquainted with their methods of conducting strikes, but in the case of American labor chiefs, they are lacking in knowledge.

CLYDE FITCH WEALTHY.

New York, Nov. 18.—Attorneys for Clyde Fitch, playwright, who died in France several months ago, filed a schedule of his estate today, all of which goes to his father. The value is placed at \$212,727.

RACE RIOTS AMONG AMERICAN SAILORS

Cherbourg, Nov. 18.—A dispute between white and colored bluejackets of the American squadron under Admiral Vroeland developed tonight into an ugly fight in which it is said revolvers and knives were used. The gendarmes arrested a sailor from the Kansas who is charged with having stabbed a man from the Louisiana in the abdomen. One negro was sent to a hospital in a serious condition, from several stab wounds in his back while another black man was wounded on the head. The authorities are arranging for stronger police patrols to prevent further disturbances.

93 INDIANS DIE FROM SMALLPOX

Cheyenne, Wyo., November 18.—Ninety-three Indians on the Arapah Indian reservation have died from smallpox within four days. The disease has manifested itself in its most malignant forms. Officers in charge of the reservation are fighting vainly to stay the pestilence.

CHOLERA WIDESPREAD.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—This whole of Manchuria has been officially declared to be infected with cholera.