

Washington News

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, speaking in the senate June 24, charged that an attempt had been made to bribe him. The senate had included in the general deficiency bill an item relating to contracts between the Indians and their conference for services rendered in land battles. It is claimed that this item would result in giving J. F. McMurray of Oklahoma fees aggregating \$3,000,000. Senator Gore charged that the

McMurray claims had been conceived and brought forth in corruption. He said he had been approached by a man who had been a friend and told that there would be from \$25,000 to \$50,000 if this appropriation could be promoted. An Associated Press report said: "Mr. Gore also charged that 'an ex-senator from Nebraska and one from Kansas are interested in these contracts,' and declared that a large lobby was

maintained in Washington in that interest. He said he felt in honor bound to continue these efforts 'to prevent this steal from those Indians in Oklahoma.' He declared if the contracts were ever carried into effect it must be done with the full knowledge that whether or not there had actually been corruption, it had been attempted. Learning that the house would not yet act upon the conference report, Mr. Gore hastened to the other chamber, where he told friends of the efforts that have been made to corrupt members. When the conference report was brought up in the house, Representative Murphy of Missouri called attention to

the situation. He declared that an attorney had been 'lobbying' in the capitol for a long time in the interest of legislation which would be valuable to his contracts with Indians. 'Name the attorney,' demanded several members. 'J. F. McMurray,' replied Mr. Murphy. The attorney was said to be seated in the gallery at the time. The house almost unanimously rejected the conference agreement. When the action of the house was reported to the senate Mr. Hale moved that the senate further insist upon its amendments to the bill and ask for a further conference. Mr. Gore re-entered the chamber at this juncture

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