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WASHINGTON NEWS

Reporting the campaign fund investigating committee for October 7, the Associated Press says: Half a dozen witnesses were heard today by the senate campaign expenditures committee. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, denied the statements of E. H. Hooker that he had given \$70,000 each to Senator La Follette and Governor Wilson, and swore that his gifts to the La Follette campaign totaled \$26,684.40 and those to Governor Wilson's pre-convention campaign reached \$10,000.

John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil company, has been recalled by the committee and will testify Thursday. Tomorrow the committee will hear Ormsby McHarg, primary manager for Colonel Roosevelt; Representative William B. McKinley, manager of President Taft's pre-convention campaign; former Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who is said to have given \$50,000 to the Harriman fund in 1904; former Senator Nathan B. Scott, connected with the republican national committee that year, and Matthew Hale, Roosevelt leader in Massachusetts last spring.

The controversy surrounding an alleged demand of J. P. Morgan for an additional campaign fund in 1904 was partially cleared up today by Charles Edward Russell, socialist candidate for governor of New York, and Judson C. Welliver, a Washington newspaper man.

Mr. Russell had been quoted as saying Wayne MacVeagh, attorney general under President Cleveland, was in Mr. Morgan's office when the latter was called to the telephone and asked for the contribution. Mr. Russell told the committee, under pressure, that Mr. Welliver, then a magazine writer, had been his informant. Mr. Welliver, sitting at the newspaper table in the committee room, asked permission to take the witness stand after Mr. Russell concluded.

He said Mr. MacVeagh told him in 1910 that Mr. Morgan had been called to the telephone in 1904, as stated, but that it was E. H. Harriman who asked for the contribution. Mr. Welliver testified that Mr. MacVeagh told him Mr. Morgan said Mr. Harriman was asking for more campaign money, as the result of his visit to President Roosevelt in October, 1904.

Ogden L. Mills, of New York, treasurer of the republican committee of New York county, denied wholesale charges of fraud that had been made by Roosevelt leaders in New York. He presented to the committee records from different election districts, which he said he thought indicated fraud on the part of many of the workers for the Roosevelt delegates.

An account of the receipts and expenditures of Senator La Follette's campaign for the republican national presidential nomination was filed with the committee today, showing the senator spent about \$67,824 in his campaign for the republican nomination.

John D. Archbold was a witness before the campaign fund investigating committee and he testified to the correctness of the recently published letters passing between Archbold and Senator Penrose and other public men.

President Taft motored 130 miles through Vermont, speaking in several small towns, but avoiding politics.

The sum of \$265,000 was collected

and spent by the Washington headquarters for the renomination of President Taft, according to the testimony of William McKinley, pre-convention chairman of the Taft forces.

Before the campaign fund investigating committee, Wayne MacVeagh of Philadelphia, formerly attorney general, testified concerning a telephone conversation H. McK. Twombly had with the late E. H. Harriman in 1904. Mr. MacVeagh said that while in Mr. Twombly's office in 1904 the latter had a telephone talk, and told him that it was with Mr. Harriman; that Mr. Harriman had said he had been to the White House; that President Roosevelt had expressed anxiety that a \$240,000 fund be raised, and that Mr. Harriman had agreed to it. Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, Mr. MacVeagh said, was in Mr. Harriman's office when Mr. Harriman was talking with Twombly.

This was Mr. MacVeagh's version of a story told by Charles Edward Russell, socialist candidate for governor of New York, and Judson C. Welliver, a newspaper man, to the effect that J. P. Morgan had received a similar telephone call from the White House. Mr. MacVeagh admitted having told Welliver about the Harriman-Twombly conversation, but knew of none in which Mr. Morgan was concerned. Mr. MacVeagh testified that he had been given to understand that in making contributions in 1904 Mr. Twombly represented the Vanderbilt railroad interests, Henry C. Frick the coal and steel interests and John D. Archbold and the late H. H. Rogers Standard Oil interests.

Charles Edward Russell, socialist candidate for governor of New York, and J. C. Welliver, a writer, told their versions of the story. It substantially was that Mr. MacVeagh had been present in Mr. Morgan's office when such a conversation took place.

"I never saw Mr. Morgan use the telephone or knew of his being called to the telephone," he said. Mr. Morgan had never conversed with him on the subject of campaign contributions.

Mr. MacVeagh said he did not wish to say he had not given Mr. Welliver some basis for his story.

"I may have called on Mr. Morgan on the day I have in mind," said Mr. MacVeagh, "but I remember calling on Mr. McK. Twombly at his office in the latter part of October, 1904. While we were conversing he was called to the telephone by his clerk. His office is in the same building as Mr. Morgan's, but in the upper story.

"When Mr. Twombly returned he told me he had been talking to E. H. Harriman; that Mr. Harriman had been called to Washington by Colonel Roosevelt and had found the president anxious for the raising of an additional fund for the campaign; that it had resulted in Mr. Harriman agreeing to raise and give to Mr. Bliss \$240,000.

"Mr. Twombly said that Mr. Harriman had called him up and said he expected him to give \$50,000. Mr. Twombly told me 'Ned' Harriman was going to give \$50,000; that he had been asked to give \$50,000; that he said something that led me to infer that Mr. Morgan would give \$50,000.

"He said, of course, Mr. Harriman had been acting in the common interest, and that the contributions

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