

GORE OFFERED BIG BRIBE

Statement in Senate by Member from Oklahoma Causes Sensation.

RELATES TO MCMURRAY CONTRACT

Fifty Thousand Dollars Price for Not Opposing Their Approval—Names Are Not Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Senator Gore of Oklahoma disclosed in the senate yesterday what he interpreted as an effort to bribe him in connection with legislation affecting the fortune in attorney's fees claimed by J. F. McMurray of Oklahoma, for services rendered to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in land and townsite cases.

The charge created sensation in the senate, which later extended to the house. The latter body in consequence sent back to conference the general deficiency bill, which carried an item relating to contracts between the Indians and their attorneys.

As the result of the denunciation of Senator Gore finally involved a member of the senate committee on Indian affairs, a member of the house committee on Indian affairs, two former senators—one from Nebraska and the other from Kansas, whose names were not made public in debate.

In response to a suggestion by Senator Bailey that he should name the senate member of the Indian affairs committee, Mr. Gore demurred, but declared that he would welcome an investigation of the charges so that the whole matter might be brought out before a body which would be authorized to make its allegations.

Senate Slow to Comprehend. Mr. Gore was compelled to address the senate three times before that body was fully aroused to the seriousness of the charges he made. His first effort was in connection to the conference report on the deficiency bill, which had been presented by Senator Hale. As passed by the senate, that measure contained an amendment which would nullify contracts made by the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and by individual members of these tribes with their attorneys unless the contracts were approved by congress.

This provision was in accordance with a resolution introduced by Mr. Gore on May 4, last. It was designed to prevent Mr. McMurray from obtaining fees which, it is said, would aggregate \$300,000, and which Mr. Gore complained had not been earned by the attorney.

The conference report had been adopted by the senate when Mr. Gore entered the chamber. He announced that he had been informed that the senate had receded from the amendment requiring the approval by congress of tribal agreements, but Mr. Hale explained that the matter had been properly safeguarded.

Mr. Gore accepted the explanation, but said if the contracts were to be recognized, Mr. McMurray would receive \$300,000. It was in this connection that he first declared that improper influence had been exerted by a representative of Mr. McMurray in an effort to defeat the provision requiring congressional action on the contracts.

"Conceived in Corruption." Characterizing the McMurray claims as having been "conceived in corruption," Mr. Gore said he had been approached by an outsider who desired to interest him in the McMurray claims.

Later Mr. Gore examined the provision as agreed upon in conference. He lost no time in returning to the senate chamber, where he moved to reconsider the vote by which the conference report had been adopted. The presiding officer informed him that the report had passed out of the possession of the senate. Mr. Gore then moved to recall the report, but Mr. Gallinger moved to lay this motion upon the table, which was done.

Addressing the senate on a question of personal privilege, the Oklahoma senator amplified his charges that corrupt methods had been attempted to defeat the senate provision concerning the Indian contracts. Mr. Gore explained that on May 4 last he had offered a resolution similar in terms to the amendment he had placed in the deficiency bill in the senate, and that it had been referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

On the following day Senator Hughes had been directed to make a favorable report on the resolution, he said. Improper Offer Made. "On May 6th," exclaimed Mr. Gore, "a man came to me with an improper suggestion. He was a representative of Mr. McMurray, a resident of my home town, and had been my friend in a time of need. He assured me it would be to my financial interest if I could call on the senator from Colorado and advise him not to report the resolution. There was a suggestion that \$5,000 or \$50,000 could be available if the contracts were not prohibited, and I am informed that a similar proposition was made yesterday to a member of the house of representatives."

PROGRAM FOR CONSERVATION

Committee in Charge of Big Meeting at Pierre Outlines Work.

MANY NOTABLE SPEAKERS

New Capitol Will Be Dedicated on Afternoon of Second Day of Session—Long List of Subjects to Be Discussed.

PIERRE, S. D., June 25.—(Special.)—The committee in charge of the preparations for the conservation meeting here the last of the month has up to the present received acceptances of more than 500 delegates, many of them saying they will not only come but will bring their wives with them. This list does not include the whole state, as acceptances are yet coming. Enough have responded to assure representation from every county in the state, and some of the counties in the central portion will carry home with them the silver cup which the Board of Trade of this city has secured to be donated to the county bringing the best representation to the meeting.

The program which has been arranged is practically complete, but subject to any necessary changes. The principal address of the first day will be by Hon. Don M. Farnsworth, secretary of the Association of Commerce, Chicago, who will speak on "The Importance of Agricultural Development to the Commercial Center," and who is followed by Hon. George Welch, commissioner of immigration of Minnesota, on "Interests Mutual to Minnesota and the Dakotas. Other speakers at this meeting will be Prof. Larsen of the state agricultural college and State Engineer Samuel H. Lea.

Good Roads and Dry Farming. The second session of the day will be devoted to talks on good roads by Hon. J. W. Parmley, "Dry Farming" by A. J. McCain, "Relations of the Home to the School" by Mrs. Josephine Anderson and "Conservation of South Dakota's Best Product" by Dr. A. A. Brigham of the state school of agriculture.

Address of the morning of the second day will be by Governor A. O. Eberhart of Minnesota; Prof. Perisho of the university on "Artesian Waters," Mrs. Anna Simmons on "The Home," Prof. Fulton of the School of Mines on "Ore Deposits" and Prof. Cook of the Spearfish normal on "Horticulture."

At the afternoon session the capitol will be dedicated with an address by Governor Vessey and by Rev. A. D. Storms of Iowa Agricultural college. Following the dedication will be Miss Helen Peabody of Sioux Falls, on "Science in the Home," Dr. Stoner on "Conservation of Soil Moisture," and Prof. N. E. Hansen on "Northern Plants for Northern Prairies." The evening session will be taken by "Agriculture in the Public Schools," by William F. Howe of the Department of Washington; "Horticultural Development," by Hon. H. C. Warner; "Eradication of the White Plague," by Dr. H. F. Ratte, and "Rural Fraternal and Social Organization," by

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Mr. Gore contended that the conference provision is "ten thousand times worse" than existing laws, which require the approval of tribal contracts by the president and the secretary of the interior, but gives them no authority over individual contracts.

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About a year ago the Choctaw council, presided over by Green McCurtain, chief of the Choctaw nation, adopted a resolution offering to sell the tribal property, which consisted in part of the coal lands, to the government for \$50,000,000.

Melvin Cornish, former partner of McMurray, is in Montrose, Colo., and George March, another member of the old firm, is in Rogers, Ark.

Wabash Train Runs Into Ditch, Twenty-Five Hurt. Passenger Cars Leave Track Near Percy, Ia., and Later Are Crushed by Fast Freight.

DES MOINES, June 25.—Twenty-five people were injured, two perhaps fatally, in a passenger derailment and rear end collision on the Wabash railroad near Percy at 8:20 tonight. The wreck was caused by water which had undermined the track. The engine and three cars ran into the ditch, but the rear car was left on the track. The passengers in the rear car had not had time to recover from their fright when a fast freight struck it, knocking it from the track.

The seriously injured: C. J. Riley, Moberly, fireman on passenger; hurt internally, may die. E. L. McAtee, Moberly, mail clerk; jaw broken. R. Carter, conductor; left ankle crushed. Julia Lenon, Little Rock, Ark.; ankle and arm dislocated. W. G. Brown, Ottawa, Ill.; left leg cut off at ankle. L. W. Matthews, ankle and knee broken. Mrs. L. E. Warner, knee dislocated. Gertrude Wilson, Centerville, Ia., knee broken. Wallace Fletcher, Moberly, Mo., injured internally. Mrs. L. Butler, Peoria, Ill., badly bruised.

The wreck came without a moment's warning. The train was going at a forty mile clip, when the engine suddenly toppled into the ditch, followed by the three cars. Notice was at once sent to Des Moines and passenger No. 14, bound for St. Louis, hurried to the wreck. The injured were transferred to the relief train, which reached Des Moines at 1:15 o'clock. Ambulances took the injured to Mercy hospital. It is believed that W. G. Brown of Ottawa, Ill., and C. J. Riley of Moberly will die.

Men at Dubuque Out. DUBUQUE, Ia., June 25.—(Special.)—The freight handlers, checking clerks in the Milwaukee, Illinois Central, Burlington and Chicago Great Western freight houses in Dubuque are out as the result of the refusal of the companies to accede to a higher scale of wages. The men claim they are being paid an average of \$1.65 per day, while similar employees in Chicago and the twin cities are being paid an average of \$2.25 per day and up. They ask an average of \$2.00 a day.

IOWA GIRL WHO WAS QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES

HELEN STRUBLE

Miss Helen Struble of LeMars, Ia., as queen of the fairies in the annual summer play at the University of Iowa, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," created the sensation of the performance. Her beauty and acting adjudged her the star of the play. Miss Struble is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority at Iowa and graduates this year with honors, having been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Student Drowns at Mitchell. MITCHELL, S. D., June 25.—(Special.)—Charles A. Desgrove, a university student, was drowned in the Milwaukee pond, a half mile east of the city Wednesday night. In company with two friends he went in bathing and was alone in the water before the others and the supposition is that he stepped into a hole and not being able to swim drowned. The body was recovered by the companions within five minutes afterward, but life was extinct. The young man returned during the day from a trip out to Cascade, Colo., where he attended a conference of the Young Men's Christian association, and this morning he intended to leave for his home at Fairbury, Ill. The body was taken Thursday evening back to his home and was accompanied by Prof. C. V. Gilliland.

Heat Victim Hangs Himself. MANSON CITY, Ia., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Due to intense heat, Theodore Koerber was picked up today, seemingly dead. An hour later he hanged himself in jail. His home was in Mankato.

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OMAHA ON FIREMAN'S BOARD. C. V. McLaughlin Re-elected Director of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

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HOUSE CONFEREES

Win Struggle for Reclamation Act

Provision Authorizes Issuance of \$20,000,000 Worth of Certificates for Completion of Work.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The house conferees won their fight for the house provision in the bill authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness for the completion of existing reclamation projects, on which it is proposed to spend the money as raised. They made the concessions, however, that the provision should be modified so that the power of approving projects should rest upon the president alone. The house provision would have required the approval also of the army engineers.

The senate opposed turning over to army engineers the question of examining and approving projects, on the ground that many of the projects had been developed to a point where they must be continued according to the original plans or an of the money already invested would be lost. An effort to reconcile the differences was made at the White House today, when the president had the conferees to luncheon. He proposed that the question of having the projects examined by the army engineers be left to the discretion of the executive, and the senate conferees were willing to accept this suggestion.

The matter was not settled, however, until after another conference at the capitol, and the agreement resulted only after still further concessions by the senate conferees. After considerable debate the senate accepted the conference report.

Auto Victim Dead. WATERLOO, Ia., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—George W. Horton of Nashua, victim of an automobile accident Wednesday, died last night. He leaves a widow and five children. He was a prominent citizen and 60 years of age.

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GIRL WHO WILL NOW PRACTICE AT THE BAR

IMOGENE BENSON

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