

certain legal expenses and that if I did not give him a check for the Continent's assessment, it would have to come out of his own pocket.
Dawson's Charge Denied.
Buckley was put off the stand, then, and he couldn't get his denial of Dawson's accusation on the record too quickly.

he was in a position to wield a strange and powerful influence.
"I arranged this" or "arrangements to this effect have been made" were frequent quotations from almost every one of his letters to Sheldon.
On February 25, 1903, read:
Acting under the retainer given me yesterday, I have arranged that the "unearned liability bill" remain in the committee in which it was referred. The completion of my work in this matter will expire, however, only when the Legislature adjourns sine die. In the mean time you and the committee can rest assured that the bill is being kept in the hands of the Senate and Assembly met this afternoon and adjourned for a week without reprinting any bill affecting your interests.

board, he felt sure he could look after those bills much better than expensive counsel.
"I feel sure if they will employ me I can give satisfactory results," wrote Buckley.
The board, however, failed to appreciate what a useful man they had the opportunity to get, and Buckley dropped the subject of a regular retainer from that body until his letter of March 9, 1903.
On April 9 one of Buckley's letters called the attention of the president of the Phenix to what he called a "stinging rebuke" given to Senator Brackett, who tried to have the Insurance Committee discharged from his resolution calling upon the Attorney General to investigate the question of rates. The vote was against Senator Brackett, 26 to 7, and Buckley wrote that he felt satisfied they would have no more trouble with Brackett that session.

Offer to Tie Up Grout Bill.
In February of that year Buckley advised Sheldon as to the progress of the Grout bill, fathered by Edward M. Grout, then Controller of this city, which aimed to put a tax upon the unearned premium reserve of the fire companies. It would, in effect, have repealed the provisions of the last bill Kennedy put through the Legislature in 1901. Buckley wrote that he had arranged to tie up Mr. Grout's bill for a week at that time, but he advised his employer that the matter was serious and ought to receive his attention.
Mr. Hotchkiss wanted to know how Buckley had "tied up the bill," but the witness refused to answer, and as to the bill itself Buckley swore he could remember nothing.

When insurance bills got out of the committees and before the House, Buckley wrote Sheldon, it was like "feeding a flame," but this terse expression he testified he had forgotten entirely, and could throw no light upon it.
A letter to Sheldon on June 4, 1903, in which he wrote that as Senator Plunkitt was interested in the reinstatement of one John G. Walls on the fire patrol it would be well to attend to it, Buckley went on to say:
"Senator Plunkitt is one of our very good friends in the Senate, a man we can go to any time, and will do anything for us that is in his power."
"WHAT did that mean?" asked Hotchkiss.
"Means that he was my very dear friend," replied Buckley.
Sheldon replied that he would do what was possible, and Buckley in a letter of thanks put in, "if anything can be done I feel it will do a lot of good in some quarters."

As late as February 25, 1909, another letter from Buckley to Sheldon disclosed that he still held his influence. He wrote then that Sheldon would do well to see to it that a Miss Dorothy A. Murray should have no trouble in getting a broker's license, because Senator Grady had asked him (Buckley) to take the matter up.
Matter of the Loans.
Regarding his loans from the Phenix, Mr. Hotchkiss showed Buckley a check dated December 29, 1902, from the Phenix to the order of William H. Buckley. It was for \$35,000 and was indorsed, "Wm. H. Buckley," and "Pay to order of Edward E. McCall."
The witness admitted that the handwriting of both indorsements was McCall's, and on December 19, 1900, the day before the loan account of the Phenix had an entry, to William H. Buckley, \$35,000, on collateral furnished.
He contended, however, that it was some matter of a transfer; he wasn't sure as to the details, but emphatically insisted that it was his loan always and never McCall's.

Sheldon wrote him on December 13, 1900: "I do not as a general thing carry any demand loans in our statement, and if it can be arranged, it may be I shall take your loan out the first of the year, when we close our books, and we can take it back again after the books are again opened, but this is a matter of detail."
"Can you explain it, Mr. Buckley?" asked Mr. Hotchkiss.
But Buckley insisted that the whole matter was out of his recollection.
As to the impropriety of an employe of the Department of Insurance making loans from an insurance company, Buckley declared that it was a common thing and spurned the Superintendent's suggestion of any impropriety.
Elijah R. Kennedy appeared for a few moments at the opening of the morning session and was excused until Monday. Buckley's examination also was adjourned to Monday. There will be no hearing in the inquiry to-day.

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Wielded Strange Influence.
Letter after letter from Buckley to Sheldon and the copies of Sheldon's replies to the same showed that the Albany lawyer was not only prepared to furnish a full life of information on the activities of Sheldon and Hovey, or even of committees in either body, but that

No Recollection of Reilly.
"Do you remember Reilly?" Mr. Hotchkiss demanded.
"I don't remember him," replied Buckley.
"Will, Sheldon refers here to 'yours of yesterday'; what did you tell him about Reilly in your letter?"
"I don't remember it," Buckley insisted that it was his best recollection that Sheldon had paid him nothing for his services before 1903, and in a letter dated February 2, 1903, Buckley wrote Sheldon, asking that the latter use his influence to get employment for him as from the New York Board of Fire Underwriters.

Justice McCall Explains.
Justice McCall said yesterday in the Supreme Court, regarding the mention of his name in the fire insurance investigation, that he did not care to discuss the inquiry that was being conducted by Superintendent Hotchkiss.
He desired merely to say that he never had any relation or transaction with Sheldon or with the Phenix or with any fire insurance company except the Phenix, for which he was for three years the retained counsel.

Prairie Fires in Three States.
Chicago, March 24.—High winds and dry weather have caused prairie fires in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas which have already done damage estimated at \$300,000. Many farm buildings and other property have been destroyed.

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MRS. SAGE REPORTED ILL.
Pasadena, Cal., March 24.—A chance remark let fall by Major L. S. H. Stocum, a nephew of Mrs. Russell Sage, who is with her on her California trip, disclosed the fact to-day that Mrs. Sage's health is worrying her family. Her nervous condition precludes informing her of the accident in Washington yesterday which resulted in the death of Mrs. R. H. Stocum, a niece by marriage.

CHIEF JUDGE STIRRED.
Court of Appeals Will Probe Alleged Buckley Leak.
Albany, March 24.—Concerning the letter read to-day by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss at the fire insurance investigation in New York, in which William H. Buckley, of Albany, said he was able to learn in advance of a decision of the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Edgar C. Allen said to-night:
"I have no recollection of the case to which reference is made. I don't remember whether or not I was a member of the court at that time. I have no reason to suspect that there has been a leak among any of the subordinates of the court, but if the statement is openly made the court will examine into it and see what foundation there is to it. If there is a leak, and I have no reason to suspect there is, it will be stopped."

SALEM MAYOR ASSIGNS SALARY.
Former New Yorker Finds Himself in Peck of Trouble.
Salem, Mass., March 24.—Arthur Howard, a newspaper publisher who came here from New York fifteen months ago and was elected Mayor of Salem last fall on a reform ticket, has found that the chief executive's office is not exactly a bed of roses. Yesterday an impatient creditor compelled Mayor Howard to make an assignment of his salary. To-day City Clerk Entwistle threatened the Mayor with arrest for the latter's oversight in not returning the record of the assignment, which Entwistle says Howard took from the clerk's office.

GEN. BELL CENSURED.
Verdict of Coroner's Jury on Fatal Automobile Accident.
Washington, March 24.—That Major General Frank E. Bell, chief of staff of the army, and his chauffeur, Sergeant Ward, of the signal corps, failed to observe proper precautions before turning their automobile in front of a trolley car was the verdict of the coroner's jury which held an inquest to-day into the accident of yesterday, in which Mrs. Herbert J. Stocum, wife of Major Stocum, and her child, Cavalry, were almost instantly killed and General Bell was severely injured. The jury found that Mrs. Stocum came to her death from cerebral hemorrhage and fracture of the spine. General Bell had not sufficiently recovered from his injuries to attend the inquest.

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only adds additional interest to the remarkable articles he is contributing to Scribner's Magazine about his African Trip.
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LOEB GETS MORE INSPECTORS.
To Have Twenty-five Men—New York Politics Discussed.
Washington, March 24.—Twenty-five inspectors will be added to the customs force in New York City to meet the situation caused by the docking of the big ocean steamers after nightfall. Arrangements for this end were made to-day at a meeting between Secretary MacVeach, Assistant Secretary Curtis and Collector Loeb.

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The authorities have issued orders that no one shall be permitted to go beyond Belpasso, and soldiers have been stationed at various points to see that these orders are obeyed. The village of Borrolo is surrounded by the lava and the inhabitants have fled to Belpasso.

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