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GRABBERS STOLE INDIANS BLIND

Sensational Testimony on White Man's Way of Getting Red Man's Land.

YOUNG HEIRS OF DECEASED INDIANS EASY VICTIMS

Statement Is Flatly Made That Courts Know and Connive at Fraud.

SULPHUR, Okla., Aug. 15.—Details of a scheme by which "land grabbers" organized systematically to enrich themselves at the expense of minor Indians were related at the congressional investigation into Indian land affairs today.

In one instance it was asserted that the cost of disposing of the property of one 15-year-old Indian was \$2075 more than the property brought and the condition which permitted this and similar deals was declared to be "a disgrace to Oklahoma."

Hearing that the scheme prevailed generally, Representative Phillip E. Campbell, a member of the investigating committee, had put on the stand James Yarborough, a Chickasaw Indian by intermarriage.

"Do you call this sort of thing grafting or just plain stealing?" asked Mr. Campbell, after the witness had related the circumstances.

Indians Aroused.

"Well the people down our way think it is a scandal that the laws permit such a thing and we think it is time that congress takes notice of it. The probate court at Durant allowed the guardian to sell for \$2800 a tract of 140 acres of which is known as a jotted land owned by an 11-year-old child.

"The guardian then put in a claim on the proceeds. The claim included \$800 for acting as guardian, \$1650 for improving the land, \$500 for a farm, \$80 for pigs, \$250 for fences, \$68 for witness fees and more money for other purposes. It was found when the deed was closed, that the child owned his former guardian \$2075 and now the guardian is threatening to have property of the child sold in order to get the \$2075.

"I know of another case in which 325 acres were sold for an Indian child when all the claims were paid the child got \$250. In another instance \$1500 was obtained for 200 acres, but the child got only \$120. In other words the children of deceased Indians in this state where they are one-third of the Indians in the United States are systematically being robbed of the estates allotted them by the government. The property is sold at prices dictated by the land robbers. The children are robbed at the hands of the courts and by their guardians and at the other by the purchasers."

Declares Courts Connive.

"Do you mean to say that such things are countenanced by the probate courts?"

"Yes, they go on with the full knowledge of the judges. Thousands of acres of property thus are taken from the Indians and thrown into the hands of white people. The Indians are getting poorer and the land grabbers richer."

Most of today's testimony was given by the witnesses for the defense. J. E. McKinney, whose 10,000 contracts allowing him a 10 per cent attorney's fee for the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of Indian land caused the present investigation sought to show that a large percentage of the signs were still in favor of his terms. A dozen Chickasaw Indians testified they were willing to increase the fee if it would result in the prompt sale of allotted lands held in trust by the government.

Thomas B. Crews, an attorney of St. Louis, testified that he had contracts with 700 freedmen or negroes who claim Indian blood or claim to be descendants of former slaves of Indians. These freedmen assert they were wrongfully kept off the citizenship rolls. On the basis of his contract Mr. Crews said he would be allowed a 35 per cent attorney's fee. A citizenship right is estimated to be worth \$5000. The 700 freedmen, if successful in litigation, it was said, would acquire a claim on the government of about \$3,500,000. The attorney's fee involved would \$1,225,000, it was estimated.

More Fat Contracts.

Mr. Crews said he had also had contracts with about 100 negroes who desire to take advantage of a right to purchase twenty acres of land at an appraised valuation in addition to the twenty acres given them as freedmen. Under contract, Crews is to furnish the cash to purchase and is to receive in return one-half of the land. He said, in another set of contracts, he said, about 1200 Choctaw Indians in Mississippi want to get enrollment here on a 25 per cent basis.

PORTO RICO PARADISE FOR LAZY FISHERMAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Oysters grow in trees in Porto Rico, fish that never rot had the honor of mention on expensive restaurant menus swim unsuspectingly in the waters of Porto Rico; fish of unknown make and quality are sold out of the angler's hand in Porto Rico. Fish of every kind and description are waiting to be caught in the waters of Porto Rico.

All the foregoing is described in a report to the bureau of insular affairs at San Juan.

As for oysters, Captain John H. Kerr of Baltimore, who is in Porto Rico looking over the fishing field, is authority for the statement that they grow in trees, and the report to the bureau of insular affairs says:

Oysters of good flavor are quite plentiful on the south side of the island; they are usually attached to the roots and younger branches of the mangrove trees at the shore.

In spite of all these changes the report states that Porto Rico imported \$54,000 worth of dried fish last year and exported none.

TREATH TO KILL JURISTS MADE

Four New York Judges and Four Attorneys Doomed, According to Letter.

ANONYMOUS WRITER SAYS HE IS AN EX-CONVICT

Finds Life Not Worth Living, So Decides to Take His Revenge.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—A letter, in which the writer threatens death to several judges in this city and Brooklyn and several assistant district attorneys, was received at the district attorney's office today and turned over to the police for investigation.

The letter was addressed to District Attorney Whitman, and read as follows:

"I am now a free man, after a three years' sentence in Sing Sing, along with three others whom I have made friends. We have decided to deal out a death sentence to Judge O'Sullivan, Judge Malone, Judge Fawcett, Judge Rosalsky, District Attorneys Ely, Hart and two others, for our lives are not worth living. I cannot locate my wife and child. I was charged with grand larceny, and as sure as God is in heaven I was innocent, and I am also sure that many a man in state's prison is innocent."

"The day is not far distant when some of the above mentioned names will be a thing of the past. This may be taken as a joke, but wait for results. It is a disgrace to the world to see a married man taken from his family just because certain people go to the district attorney and swear they were swindled."

DISCHARGED CHAUFFEURS ALSO MAKE THREATS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 15.—A letter, threatening him with "what Gaylor got," and signed by the "chauffeurs' black hand gang," was received today by Secretary of State Samuel S. Koenig. The letter, which was evidently written by a chauffeur who had failed to pass the examination required under the new Callan automobile law, was mailed from New York city on Saturday. It declares that the chauffeurs who were working at the time the Callan law became effective should have been exempted from examination, the same as owners of cars, but that as it was not, many married men have been thrown out of employment by failing to pass.

"The best thing you can do," concludes the letter, "is to break the law and let the old chauffeurs go through with the examination. If not, you will get what Gaylor got. If this new law is not changed in one week's time you can prepare for your grave."

Appended to the signature is the drawing of a large field gun. Two similar letters were received by Secretary Koenig from New York city about a week ago. In one of them the lives of Governor Hughes, Secretary Koenig and assemblyman Callan, author of the automobile law, were threatened. The letters were referred to the proper authorities.

GERMAN WANTS MONEY FOR MORE BATTLESHIPS

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—The government naval bill to be laid before the Reichstag this autumn will ask for an appropriation of 1,000,000,000 marks for one battle ship, cruiser, according to a cable published today by Count Reventlow, the German naval expert and naval editor of the *Deutsche Tageszeitung*. Included with these four super-dreadnoughts will be appropriations to replace the two old battleships, *Wiesbaden* and *Kurfuerst Friedrich Wilhelm*, just sold to Turkey, which, under the regular naval program, would not be asked for before the autumn of 1911.

Germany will thereby gain a lap in the race with England for supremacy in the world's oceans. The latest developed types of modern battleships laid down and consequently constructed one year sooner than the original published program contemplated. The German naval budget for this year also will authorize the construction of two small cruisers to replace the *Adler* and *Geffen* and six torpedo boats and will contain an appropriation of \$7,750,000 for submarine boats.

NINE PERSONS HURT IN TROLLEY COLLISION

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 15.—In a head-on collision between two trolley cars in the gorge this evening, nine persons were injured, one seriously. The collision occurred at Swift drift, at the point in the gorge where the river breaks into the swift rapids above the whirlpools.

PARKER OF WIRELESS NOTORIETY BOUND OVER

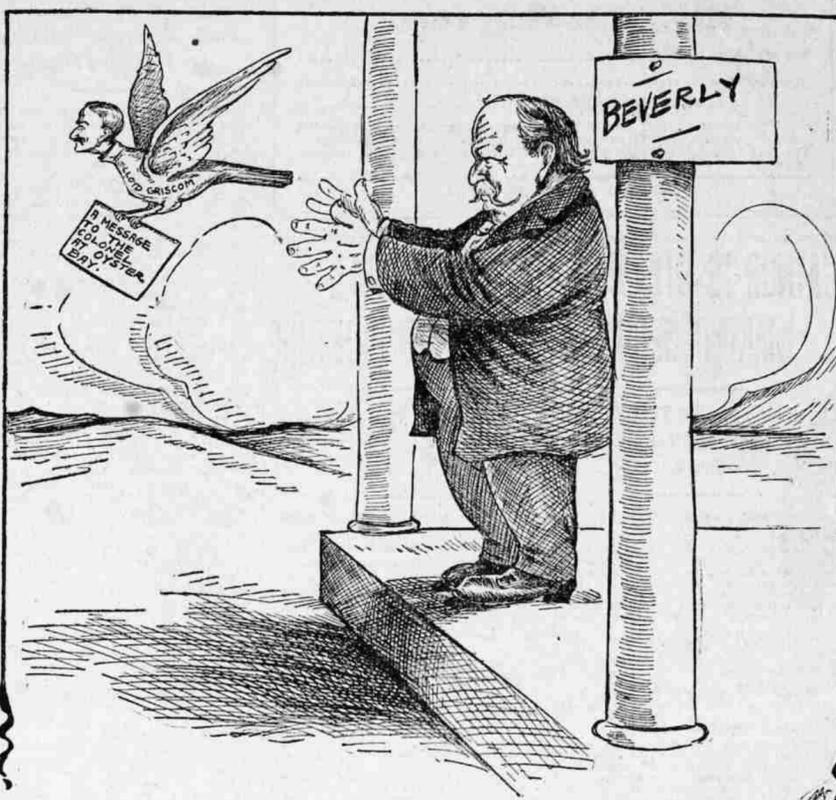
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 15.—George H. Parker, local agent for the United Wireless Telegraph company for the territory west of the Mississippi, appeared before United States Commissioner W. D. Tolson today for a hearing on two indictments charging him with conspiracy to use the mails to defraud and for using the mails to defraud. He was bound over to the September term of the United States district court for the southern district of New York and was released under \$1000 bonds.

Ex-Bandit Killed.

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 15.—Gerónimo Gonzalez, a noted frontier character, known some years ago as a bandit, but later serving as a deputy sheriff of Webb county, Tex., was shot and instantly killed on the outskirts of Nuevo Laredo yesterday. Gonzalez had disarmed one policeman and stabbed another, when a third opened fire with fatal results.

Walsh Case Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A letter was received at the department of justice today from an attorney for John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago "formal banker" announcing that in view of Attorney General Wickesham's absence the petition for the pardon of Mr. Walsh would not be filed until September 1.



THE PRESIDENT'S "DOVE OF PEACE."

MURDER CASE QUICKLY SOLVED

Otto Schulz, Accused of Slaying His Sister-in-Law, Makes Confession.

HIT VICTIM WITH SHOVEL, AND THEN USED AN AX

Assigns Alleged Insult to Him as Motive of Awful Crime.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 15.—Otto Schulz, the young German accused of having murdered Mrs. Frieda Schulz Castine, whose body was unearthed by her pet dog yesterday at her ranch near Lancaster, was arrested tonight by city detectives. He was hiding in a logging house.

When taken to the police station Schulz was questioned through an interpreter and according to the police, confessed the crime of which he was charged in the verdict of the coroner's jury.

"She called me a dirty bum and I hit her with a shovel and finished the job with an ax," Schulz said.

"This is the substance of the confession, given with stolid Teuton calm, which Schulz is alleged to have made.

In fit of anger. "After calling me a dirty bum she scratched my nose and that made me mad," Schulz is said to have added.

He had only \$15 with him when arrested, and a search of the effects in his room revealed no additional sum.

Schulz said he had come to America a few months ago on the invitation of his sister-in-law to take charge of her ranch, but said their relations became unpleasant a short time after his arrival.

"She insulted me many times," he said. "Then once more, and it was too much."

CROWD DISAPPOINTED AT ELMORE INQUEST

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The spectators who filled the little coroner's court at Lillington this afternoon, where the investigation of the Crippen murder mystery was continued, were disappointed. They expected to hear of sensational discoveries in connection with the remains, supposed to be those of Bertha Elmore, found in a cellar of the Crippen residence in Hilldrop Crescent.

The physicians in charge of the case were responsible for the disappointment, having decided to withhold the scientific evidence regarding the nature and identity of the remains until Dr. Crippen and Miss Leaver return and have an opportunity to attend the court.

After the formal proceedings the inquiry was adjourned until September 12.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLS MAD DOG BY CHOKING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—With her bare hands, Miss Maude Barbour, a young woman of this city, today strangled a large dog, apparently mad, which attacked her. Miss Barbour received a slight wound on the arm from the dog's teeth.

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ALL IS SILENCE AT OYSTER BAY

Nothing Given Out After Long Conference Between Roosevelt and Griscom.

POLITICIANS GUESSING AS TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE

Belief Expressed President and Former Executive Are Not in Harmony.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 15.—No tidings went forth from Sagamore Hill today at the conclusion of the conference between Theodore Roosevelt and Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York Republican county committee.

The county chairman is known to have been the bearer of a message from President Taft and it was generally supposed that the message was sent in the hope of obtaining Colonel Roosevelt's outspoken support in a move to obtain harmony within the Republican party. But when Mr. Griscom went away after a talk which lasted most of the day, the only thing he was willing to speak about was the New York state situation. He said Taft and Roosevelt were in full accord in that regard.

EVIDENCE SPELLS A DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Bodies of Young Physician and Married Woman Found in Latter's Home.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 15.—The bodies of Dr. Russell Campbell and Mrs. Ira Morrison were found at the home of the Morrison in New Germantown, Perry county, today. Examination showed that the woman had died from internal hemorrhages, resulting from an operation. The police believe Dr. Campbell, who was 24 years of age, performed the operation some time during the night and, on discovering the fatal result, killed himself. His death was due to cyanide of potassium. The physician roomed at the Morrison home. Ira Morrison, husband of the dead woman, was not at home when the tragedy occurred.

MITCHELL KEEPS QUIET IN MINERS' CONVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 15.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, who appeared in the convention of the organization today, did not stampede the delegates for an endorsement of the Illinois strike, as was predicted by many. Mitchell, after his few words this morning, when he refused to take a seat on the platform, took no part in the convention proceedings.

The refusal by districts to obtain expressions on the amount of an assessment to be levied for the strikers was completed this afternoon and President Lewis announced that he would take the floor in the morning and show that some of the delegates, especially President Walker, had made mistakes in expressing their sentiments.

Wyoming delegates said they were facing a strike, when their contract expired at the end of this month but were willing to stand by the International authorities.

Estrada Seeks Peace.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 15.—That General Juan Estrada and Emiliano Chamorro had left for the neighborhood of Managua to carry on peace negotiations with President Madriz, was the news received in dispatches early tonight from Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Those dispatches largely borne out by the Bluefields American, the newspaper's organ, copies of which were received tonight. According to the American, peace will soon reign.

HAS NORTHWEST BEEN SLIGHTED?

Governor of Montana Talks Plainly About St. Paul Conservation Congress.

LITTLE CHANCE TO PRESENT THE "NORTHWESTERN IDEA"

Regards Conference to Be Held in Salt Lake of Great Importance.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 15.—Governor Edwin L. Norris today stated that owing to the fact that the board of army engineers appointed to inspect the reclamation projects would be in Montana at the time of the Salt Lake City conference of the western executives, he would be unable to attend the conference, but the governor made plain his views on conservation and on the programme which has been arranged for the conservation congress. The governor said:

"The states of the northwest have by far the greater portion of the country's natural resources that are to be conserved, and this section of the United States is, therefore, vitally interested in every plan that tends to the conservation of these resources.

Stands for Northwest.

"It has been expected that the executives of the northwest would have an opportunity at the St. Paul conservation congress to present what has come to be known as the 'northwestern idea'—which epitomizes the views of all of the northwestern governors, as expressed in the conference of governors heretofore held at Washington, D. C., and which, in brief, that the natural resources in very large measure belong to the states, rather than to the federal government, and that the administration should be in the hands of the states themselves.

"However, it seems that the programme for the conservation congress has been made up, and there has been practically no provision made for the presentation of the 'northwestern idea.' In fact, it looks almost as if there has been a studied effort to prevent the presentation of the attitude of the northwest on this important question. Under the circumstances it may well be doubted whether the conservation congress to be held at St. Paul will result in any great good to the states in the northwest group.

"At any rate, the holding of the Salt Lake City conference in advance of the conservation congress makes the former an exceedingly important gathering, and I should be very glad to attend under the circumstances. It now appears to me that more direct good for the state may be accomplished by accompanying the army engineers over the irrigation projects to be examined this week."

RELIGIOUS STRIFE IN SPAIN GROWS QUIETER

ROME, Aug. 15.—There were few developments today in the conservation of the vatican and the Spanish government. On account of religious festivities all work at the vatican and in the papal curia gave up audiences.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, remained throughout the day at his summer residence on Monte Mario, but he was in communication with the pope for a brief period by telephone. He is believed here that he did not expect to come to Rome until Friday morning, when he will receive the diplomatic representatives.

The pope again expressed confidence in the ultimate success of the church in the fight.

The vatican issued today an official denial of the report that Monsignor Benigni, under-secretary of state, had left for Spain to meet a representative of the government for confidential communications about a settlement of the controversy.

The statement was first printed on Saturday by the *Gloria d'Italia*, mentioning, without names, the departure of the vatican secretary to the department of the papal secretary. The clerical organ, *Corriere d'Italia*, today published a note denying the story, whereupon the *Gloria d'Italia* reiterated the statement giving the name of Monsignor Benigni as the official concerned.

MANY MOBS SEARCHING FOR NEGRO RAVISHER

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 15.—Mobs are gathering in every mining town within a radius of twenty-five miles of Quinnont, W. Va., tonight, intent on lynching a negro who assaulted and murdered Mrs. John Arliss, the wife of a minor of Quinnont.

Arliss and his bride of three weeks were walking along a railroad track last night when a negro attacked them, and after beating Arliss until he was left for dead, assaulted and murdered the woman.

Seven months later he is said to have crawled to the railroad shops and a search soon revealed the dead body of his wife. Two suspects were arrested by posse.

MATRIMONIAL RECORD LIKE SOME IN UTAH

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 15.—Charged with having married four times without having obtained divorces from any one of his wives, and also charged with having stolen a diamond ring, a gold watch and other jewelry from the wife of one of his wives, C. L. Frazier was arrested here tonight.

According to Chief of Police McChord, of Winchester, last October Frazier married Miss Louise Frank, of Chicago. Seven months later he is said to have married Miss Pauline Orr, of Rockport, Ind., and previously is said to have married two Kentucky women.

Two Priests Drowned.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Aug. 15.—Two Roman Catholic priests, Father August Welsh and Joseph Nicholas, attached to Lesser Silver Lake mission, were drowned today in the Sinky river.

Salt Laker in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—King Edward, George A. Eaton.

UTAH PIONEER CROSSES DIVIDE

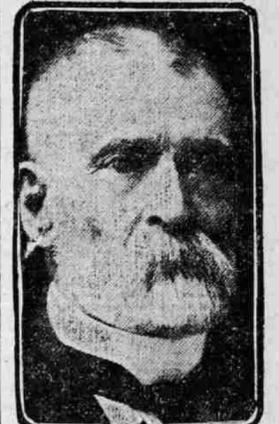
Martin Harkness, Well-Known Salt Laker, Answers the Final Summons.

END CAME PEACEFULLY AT HIS HOME IN ZION

Funeral Will Occur From the Masonic Temple on Thursday Afternoon.

Martin Harkness has joined the majority. The end came suddenly and it was painless. A pioneer of Utah, of the Pacific coast, has been called. The world is better because he lived, because he played a part in the great drama of life, and for the best. He will be missed by many.

At his home in Salt Lake City on Monday morning at 9 o'clock Martin Harkness passed away from heart failure.



MARTIN HARKNESS.

He had been ill for the past few months. Stricken down early last winter with an attack of bronchitis, and from this he only partially recovered, and for several months he had been confined to his home, able to walk around, however, but not strong enough to go far from home.

Monday morning he was up at his usual time and sat in his accustomed place on the porch of his home and read the papers. A few minutes before 9 o'clock he walked to his room and lay down on his bed, his wife fixing him comfortable, and then passed from the room out into the yard. A moment later Mr. Mahan, who lives with the family, heard a faint moan in Mr. Harkness's room, and going in found Mr. Harkness lying. He called to Mrs. Harkness, but before she could get to the room he was dead.

Pioneer of Salt Lake.

Martin Harkness was a pioneer of the Salt Lake valley. He came to Utah sixty-one years ago when he was a boy 15 years of age. With an older brother he made the long journey across the plains. Born in Felham, Mass. November 19, 1831. Educated at Amherst, he left his home town in October, 1848, at the age of 17 years, and went to Chicago. The inland metropolis then contained a population of 18,500.

A year later, in 1849, stories of the find of yellow metal on the Rio Sacramento and its tributaries in California reached the east. Mr. Harkness and his elder brother caught the gold fever. The Mississippi river was the dividing line between civilization and the wild west. From the river to the westward was a trackless waste, and then—gold.

Martin Harkness and his brother decided to brave the trip across the waste rather than the long voyage by sea around the horn. Sixty days after the departure from St. Joseph, Mo., then the outfitting point, Salt Lake City was reached. The trail was followed via Fort Kearney, thence up the North Platte river to its junction with the South Platte, near which is now North Platte, Neb.; thence up the North Platte river to the Swainers to near its mouth at the head of South Pass, then to Fort Bridger and then to Salt Lake.

Was a Forty-Niner.

After a rest of a few days the journey to California was resumed. This took Mr. Harkness over the old Fort Hall trail and down the Humboldt river to Goose Lake, thence to Lassen ranch on the Sacramento river and the old Lassen trail. Sixty-one days after leaving Zion the pioneer of Salt Lake was one of the pioneer miners in Little Cottonwood and was the original locator of the Frederick and Crown Prince mines. He disposed of his interests to Zion-thru-movers, the golden harvest directed the driving for them of a 3000-foot tunnel. He loved the mining game and up until the last few years he followed the lure of the game.

Won Badge of Argonaut.

He was the only man living in Utah who was entitled to wear the distinctive badge of the Argonauts, the golden bear, which denoted a member of the pioneers of California, and his death marks another vacancy in the handful.

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