

**BOLTS TAFT LINE FOR THIRD TERM**  
West Virginia Delegate Out for Roosevelt.  
ONE OF HER "BIG FOUR"  
Teter Disregards Instructions and Speaks His Mind.

**Declares Political and Business Conditions in the Country Demand Re-election of Present Occupant of the White House—Believes His Hand is Needed on Throttle if Confidence is to Be Restored to People.**  
By Charles Brooks Smith.  
Phillipi, W. Va., May 25.—This pretty mountain town, which holds a place in history because of the fact that the first battle of the civil war was fought here, may figure further and larger in American history should the movement started here by one of its most prominent citizens result in the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt at Chicago next month.

Hon. Charles F. Teter, who is one of West Virginia's "Big Four," all of whom are instructed to vote for Secretary Taft, has announced that he has concluded that the people of the country want Roosevelt, and no one else, and, having reached such a conclusion, he announces that he will, if opportunity presents—and he will help to make such opportunity—cast his vote for Roosevelt.

**Roosevelt Sentiment Overwhelming.**  
"The political and business situation of this country demands the renomination and election of President Roosevelt," said Mr. Teter. "Sentiment everywhere is overwhelmingly for him, and there is no sincere and genuine sentiment for the nomination of anybody else. It is so in this State. Although instructions were given for Taft, it was a Roosevelt sentiment that did it. The Taft sentiment here, as everywhere, is merely a reflection from Roosevelt. In taking the position I do I honestly believe that the Republicans of West Virginia will endorse my action. If there is a chance to nominate Roosevelt, I know that they would want their delegates to avail themselves of it. Hence, they will approve anything that is done whereby that chance or opportunity can be created."

**Would End Uncertainty.**  
"The people of this country want the Roosevelt policies to be continued, and they regard Roosevelt as the best man to do the job. If it were known now that Roosevelt would be nominated at Chicago, you would see business get better and industrial prosperity start up again. It is the uncertainty of what will be the outcome—uncertainty as to who will be the nominee, and who will win next fall—that is responsible for whatever business depression exists. With Roosevelt nominated, this would disappear. His policies are established, his election would be assured beyond question, and confidence everywhere would be firmly established."  
Mr. Teter added significantly that he had heard that several of the other members of the delegation felt as he did with reference to voting for Roosevelt. Mr. Teter is one of West Virginia's big Republican leaders, and his declaration of how he intends to vote in the Chicago convention is decidedly significant to the politics of this State and highly important to Republican national politics, as well, under the circumstances.

**HE'S FOR ROOSEVELT, TOO.**

**Pennsylvania Delegate Says He Will Work for Renomination.**  
Suspected of leanings toward Secretary Taft's candidacy for the Presidency, similar to that entertained by Lewis Emery, the "bolting" delegate from the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Congressional district to the Republican national convention at Chicago, an out-and-out third term, or "second elective" term, is discovered in the person of T. W. Phillips, of Newcastle, Pa.  
Mr. Phillips is a delegate to the national convention from the Twenty-fourth district of the Keystone State, and an ex-member of Congress. As chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, he was the author of the Phillips commission bill, out of which grew the Bureau of Corporations. Mr. Phillips is an ardent anti-trust man, and he points with pride to the activity of the bureau of which he may claim to be the father in the prosecution of the beef trust investigation, and also in the case against the Standard Oil Company, which resulted in the assessment of a \$29,000,000 fine against that corporation by Judge Landis.

**Gave President Big Stick.**  
There is no half-way business about Mr. Phillips' advocacy of the renomination and re-election of Theodore Roosevelt. He describes himself modestly as one of those "who put the big stick in the President's hands," and he is determined that the stick be wielded more, so far as the trusts are concerned. A square deal for the capitalist, and a square meal for the worker is the gist of Mr. Phillips' philosophy. He has forwarded to the Washington Herald the following interview, over his signature, which speaks for itself:  
"When I was asked to announce myself as a candidate for delegate to the  
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**BOURKE COCKRAN DEPOSED.**

**Cohalan Succeeds Member of Congress as Tammany Sachem.**  
New York, May 25.—The Tammany society to-night elected Daniel F. Cohalan to be the new grand sachem of the order, to succeed W. Bourke Cockran, whose elimination from the order was ordered three months ago by Charles E. Murphy.  
Next to J. Sergeant Cram, Mr. Cohalan is nearer to Mr. Murphy than any one else in Tammany Hall, and when the Tammany chieftain and Mr. Cockran fell out, Mr. Murphy directed that here should be a change in the office of grand sachem, and that Mr. Cohalan should be selected as the new high priest of the order.

**EPIDEMIC OF MAD DOGS.**

**North Carolina and Virginia Citizens Exposed to Rabies.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.  
Richmond, Va., May 25.—An epidemic of mad dogs infests Northern North Carolina and Southern Virginia.  
Many people have been bitten within the past week. Several patients have been brought to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. Examinations have been made of many suspected canines, the dogs being pronounced as infected with rabies in the majority of instances.

**ELOPERS CHASED BY IRATE PARENT**

**Theodore Acton Pursues His Daughter and Fiance.**

**COMES FROM FT. WASHINGTON**

**Lewis H. Griffith and Estelle Acton, Fourteen Years Old, May Have Reached This City and Boarded Norfolk Boat—Father and Sheriff in Washington with a Warrant.**  
An elopement fraught with many narrow escapes from a stern and uncompromising parent, assisted by a sheriff, was brought to notice last night when Sheriff Hurd, of Prince George County, Md., came to Washington, holding in his possession a warrant for the arrest of Lewis H. Griffith, of Fort Washington.

The warrant charges Griffith with the abduction of Estelle Acton, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Theodore Acton, a prosperous farmer, living near Fort Washington.  
The couple started from the home of the bride yesterday morning. When he learned of the elopement, the father, despite an illness that had confined him to his bed for more than a week, went in pursuit. On the way he called on Sheriff Hurd.

The father and sheriff drove madly in the direction of the wharf from where the boat for Washington departs. At intervals along the road they were told the young woman and her Lochinvar were only a short distance in front of them. They reached the wharf in time to see the boat pulling out.

**Telephone to Washington.**  
Telephone messages to Washington and several way points failed to locate the couple, and it is believed they left the boat at some small landing, and took a train for the former home of Griffith, in North Carolina. Police in cities in that State, as well as along the route, have been wired to arrest the couple and prevent a marriage.

Griffith, who is thirty-five years old, started in business as a saloon keeper near Fort Washington several years ago. He apparently prospered. In the last year he called frequently on Miss Acton, but her father had no idea his daughter was infatuated with her suitor.  
Sheriff Hurd had a notice of papers of dispossession to serve on Griffith yesterday. When he went to the store he found the premises in charge of an Italian servant. Griffith was gone. About the same time Acton discovered his daughter missing. Inquiry disclosed she had left with Griffith.

The father started to chase the couple in a buggy, but finally turned about, and driving to the home of Magistrate Thorne, near Fort Washington, obtained a warrant charging abduction. The papers were given to Sheriff Hurd, and the two set out in pursuit of Griffith and his prospective bride.

**They Came Too Late.**  
At several places on the road they were told the couple had passed a short time before. Later in the evening it was learned that a man answering the description of Griffith, and accompanied by a girl, was seen driving in the direction of Washington in a buggy.  
It is believed the couple succeeded in reaching Washington and took a steamer for Norfolk.  
The father is determined his daughter shall not marry Griffith.

**TAFT CHALLENGE ISSUED BY BRYAN**

**Invites Secretary to Advocate Publicity Bill.**

**ISSUE SQUARELY LAID**

**Majority Party in House Forced to Show Hand.**

**Message of Nebraskan Regarded as Intended to Bring Them to Front on Question of Campaign Contributions Before the Election—Republican Candidate Quoted as Favoring Publicity Legislation Now.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.  
Louisville, Ky., May 25.—A special to the Courier-Journal from Washington to-night says:  
"William Jennings Bryan, whose overwhelming lead in the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination insures on the first ballot at the Denver convention his selection as the Democratic standard bearer, to-night from his home in Lincoln, Neb., challenged William Howard Taft, the probable Republican nominee, to join with him in urging upon Congress the necessity of passing a bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions."  
"From his home in Lincoln, Neb., Mr. Bryan to-night sent to Secretary Taft the following telegram:  
"I beg to suggest that as leading candidates in our respective parties we join in asking Congress to pass a bill requiring publication of campaign contributions prior to election. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."  
W. J. BRYAN.  
Accepted by Democrats.  
"The action of the House Republicans in placing upon the McCall bill, requiring publication of campaign funds, the Crum-provision providing for an investigation of suffrage conditions in the Southern States, is accepted by Democrats to mean that the majority party is opposed to a publicity campaign, as it is a foregone conclusion that the authority for such an investigation would not be sanctioned by Senate Democrats, framed as it is with the sole motive of defeating publicity or the alternative of a reduction of the South's electoral vote."  
"Realizing that, as the situation stands, there is no possibility of the passage of the House bill, Democrats have been seeking a way to bring squarely to the front the question of campaign contributions."  
"Mr. Bryan, in his telegram to the Secretary of War, does this. Secretary Taft is quoted by former Senator Chandler as saying that he is in favor of the passage of such a bill."  
"The man who is hailed by the Republicans as the 'next President' should certainly have enough influence with a Republican Congress to secure the passage of a measure opening the books and insuring an honest election."

**Brought Squarely to Front.**

**CUBANS ELECT SEPTEMBER 1.**  
Date Set for Balloting for Officials in the Island.  
Havana, May 25.—A decree was issued today fixing September 1 as the date for the holding of the provincial and municipal elections.  
The officials to be elected are a governor in each province and provincial councilmen in each province, alcaldes, and councilmen in all the municipalities.  
These elections will mark the beginning of the end of intervention. The Presidential elections will follow on December 1, and the inauguration of the President will be held two months later. Reports indicate that the political parties will make a spirited fight everywhere.

**FARMERS SUE FOR SMOKE.**

**Montana Men Say Smelters' Outpouring Injures Crops.**  
Helena, Mont., May 25.—Federal Judge Hunt will begin hearing arguments tomorrow in the case of Fred J. Elias against the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, the so-called "smoke case," in which the complainant, representing the farmers of Deer Lodge Valley, seek to have the great Anaconda smelters closed down and to recover several million dollars damages on the ground that the smelters have destroyed the fertility of the valley and injured the live stock. The testimony in the case was taken before Master in Chancery Crane, sitting in Butte.

There are forty-three volumes of testimony, scores of exhibits, and it took fourteen months to advise all the testimony, consisting of 25,124 pages. Objections were made to the findings of Mr. Crane, and these will be argued before Judge Hunt. The arguments will last forty days, twenty on each side.

**PARIS LIKES NEGRO SONGS.**

**American Artist Pleases Big Audience with Ragtime Melodies.**  
Paris, May 25.—Miss Kitty Cheatham, the American artist, gave a highly successful matinee to-day at the Salle Femina, where she introduced genuine negro melodies to a fashionable Parisian audience.  
The house was crowded, and her hearers were charmed by her renditions. Hitherto Parisians have been more conversant with the ragtime species of entertainment as illustrative of the negro songs of the Southern United States.

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**MAY LOSE PENSION.**



**MR. SIDNEY BIEBER.**  
Who has been receiving \$90 a month for disability since 1906, and whose present condition of health is to be subject of inquiry.

**MULAI HAFID'S THREAT.**  
Said to Propose to Kill German Subjects, So as to Secure Intervention.  
Paris, May 25.—Mulai Hafid, the usurping Sultan of Morocco, is quoted by the correspondent of the Matin as saying that, if necessary, he would have several German subjects killed in order to secure the intervention of France's rival in Morocco.

**METHODISTS ELECT TWO MORE BISHOPS**

**Quayle and Smith Chosen at Baltimore Conference.**

**DR. BRISTOL FORGES AHEAD**

**Washington Pastor's Vote Increases Steadily and He Receives 150 on the Twelfth Ballot—Charges of Scandal Brought Against Several Candidates—Dr. Goodell Speaks.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.  
Baltimore, Md., May 25.—Two bishops were elected by the Methodist conference to-day, on the tenth and eleventh ballots, respectively. They are Rev. William Quayle, of Chicago, and Charles W. Smith, of Pittsburgh, editor of the Christian Advocate. This makes four bishops elected altogether since the conference began, leaving four more to be chosen.  
Rev. Dr. F. M. Bristol, of Washington, D. C., took a spurt in the balloting to-day, and it is the belief of the knowing ones that he has an excellent chance of being elected to the episcopacy. Dr. Bristol began forging to the front soon after the announcement that Rev. Dr. William A. Quayle, pastor of St. James' Church, Chicago, author and lecturer, had received 59 ballots, and that Charles W. Smith, editor of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, had received 511 votes, and were elected to the bishopric.

**Hughes, Then Bristol.**  
It is believed that E. H. Hughes will be one of the four bishops still to be chosen, and as soon as he crosses the line it is planned that the Hughes forces shall rally to the support of Dr. Bristol. In addition to the Hughes strength, Dr. Bristol has also obtained the influence of the South American delegations. The last-named forces have been rallying around H. C. Stuntz, of the Philippines, but they felt that Dr. Stuntz cannot pull through. They have gone over to Dr. Bristol, with the hope that he will make his official residence in South America. In addition to the Hughes and Stuntz forces, Dr. Bristol is obtaining the influence of the delegates who believe that too many high offices are going to book agents, secretaries, and editors, and that a pastor should get a bishopric.

On the twelve ballots, in the order named, Dr. Bristol has scored as follows: 17, 25, 35, 54, 78, 99, 101, 111, 123. A thirteenth ballot, taken to-night, resulted in no election.  
**Scandal Mongers Busy.**  
Women, tobacco, rum, and church politics have been used to knock out leading candidates for the bishopric and Bishop-elect Quayle was attacked just as he was honored with office. When it was seen that Rev. Dr. Quayle was about to be elected his candidacy was handicapped for a time by the circulation of a report that he had, during his ministerial career, jilted a young lady to whom he was said to have been attentive. This matter was inquired into and it was found that Dr. Quayle never had been false to any woman he had made, nor had he been guilty of any breach of promise to marry.  
Rev. Dr. George P. Eckman, of New York, has been put entirely out of the running. While Dr. Eckman was making a good showing in the preliminary balloting a report was circulated that at one time during his ministerial career, a number of years ago, he had upon one occasion been under the influence of liquor. The rumor did not put it in its true light, his friends say, but merely contented themselves with saying that he had been drunk since his ordination. Dr. Eckman withdrew from the race.

**Goodell Still in Race.**  
The divorce stories affecting Rev. Dr. C. L. Goodell aroused his New York congregation to protest in his behalf, but he lost 49 more votes in the conference to-day, his total having fallen from 338 to 289. Dr. Goodell, who returned from New York to-day, states: "I am not going to withdraw." He said:  
"The conference must either elect or defeat me, and thus place itself on record as to whether it would become a party to..."  
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**Commencement Bouquets and Baskets.**  
Blackstone, 14th and H sts. nw.

**Spend Anniversary Day at Antietam.**  
\$1.50 to Keedysville (for Antietam) and return, via Baltimore and Ohio, on special train leaving Union Station 7:30 a. m., May 25. Returning, leave Keedysville 8 p. m.; arrive Washington 10:45 p. m. same day.

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**BIEBER MAY LOSE HIS \$90 PENSION**

**Commissioners to Order a Physical Examination.**

**DECIDE IN THIRTY DAYS**

**Action Result of Amendment to Appropriation Bill.**

**Former Fire Marshal Gave Heroic Service in Baltimore Conflagration of 1904, as Outcome of Which He Suffered Physical Breakdown and Was Awarded a Pension—District Commissioners' Views of Case.**  
Sidney Bieber, capitalist, and owner of villa sites on the Eastern Branch, who is drawing a pension of \$90 a month from the District government for disability incurred while performing his duties of fire marshal in 1904, will, within the next thirty days, it is said, probably have his income from that source cut off.  
It is said that by June 15 Bieber will have ceased to be a government pensioner.  
This action is the result of an amendment to the District appropriation bill, which states that within thirty days after the passage of the bill and every two years thereafter, persons on the pension rolls in the District of Columbia for disabilities incurred while in the service of the police or fire departments shall undergo medical examinations, and as a result the Commissioners shall determine whether the pension being paid in each case shall continue in whole or in part.

**Will Be Re-examined.**  
When the Commissioners were asked yesterday what action they would take in the matter they said the entire list of pensioners would be re-examined, and that any pensioner found to be physically unable to perform the ordinary duties of either a fireman or policeman would have his pension stopped.  
Commissioner Macfarland said:  
"Personally, I would not think it right if I were a fireman or a policeman to draw a pension from the District of Columbia, unless I were both physically disabled and financially dependent in whole or in part upon the pension, but under the law as it now stands, a police or fire pensioner cannot be removed from the rolls because he is no longer physically disabled, but the new legislation carried in the District of Columbia appropriation bill provides for a physical re-examination of all District police and fire pensioners, and authorizes the Commissioners to determine, as a result of such examination, whether the pension shall continue to be paid in whole or in part. We shall execute that law. Nothing is said in that or any other law governing the matter about the financial condition of the pensioners. Presumably, the pensioners need their pensions, but if they do not the law seems still to entitle them to receive those pensions."

When Commissioner West was asked whether he thought a capitalist of Mr. Bieber's standing was entitled to a pension, he said:  
"The question whether Mr. Bieber ought to take his pension is one which is for him to decide. The question whether he is entitled to his pension is one for the Commissioners to decide, and this question must be answered under the law within the next thirty days. When that question comes to me for decision, together with the cases of all the pensioners on the police and fire department rolls, I shall decide, so far as I am concerned, according to my best judgment. I might add that I never voted to give Mr. Bieber a pension."  
**At the Baltimore Fire.**  
At the great Baltimore fire, in 1904, Sidney Bieber received the first severe shock to his health. With promptness that was second only to that of Chief Bell, Bieber went to the scene of the conflagration with fire apparatus from Washington, and proceeded to perform a duty that was regarded as little short of heroic. He worked without sleep and stood in water ankle-deep, and generously gave to the suffering city the best service that was in him. He contracted a cold that promised to develop into something serious.

Soon after the fire he resigned his position as fire marshal, and was pensioned, and became beneficiary under the pension system to the amount of \$90 a month. At about this time he went to the great Southwest, it is said, for his health. When he returned he was not entirely well, but he began to improve, and it was as fine a specimen of health as is seen in Washington.

**CHINA SENDS 5,000 TROOPS.**

**Japan's Claim to Rights in Korean Territory Are Disputed.**  
St. Petersburg, May 25.—The newspapers print a dispatch from Russian Manchuria to the effect that the dispute between the Chinese and Japanese over the Korean frontier has led China to send 5,000 foreign drilled troops from Peking to the Chentao with the view to maintaining her claim to possession of the latter place.  
It is said that the Japanese have been taxing the residents of Tehentao, contending that the town is in Korean territory. China disputes this. The incident is greatly incensing the Chinese.

**Officials Abet Gambling.**  
Havana, May 25.—The mayor, chief of police, city treasurer, and nineteen others at Neuva Paz have been indicted and jailed on the charge of abetting gambling. The bail asked for the prisoners aggregates \$30,000.

**\$25.50 to Chicago and Return.**  
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, account American Medical Association Convention, May 25 to June 1, good returning until June 12.

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**SHOWN HIS LETTER.**



**MR. P. J. BRENNAN.**  
Who identifies document he wrote to Mr. Sidney Bieber offering him \$1,000 for privilege of dumping earth on southeast property.

**FAIRBANKS NOT THERE.**  
Vice President Cannot Attend Masonic Ceremonies.  
Indianapolis, May 25.—The cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple, to cost \$600,000, was laid this afternoon with imposing ceremonies. Vice President Fairbanks, who was one of the expected speakers, wrote that he could not leave his official duties at Washington.

**NEED ONE JUROR FOR PHILIP TRIAL**

**Eleven Men in Box When Court Adjourned.**

**NEW PANEL IS NECESSARY**

**Alleged Slayer of Cabman Macaboy in Court with His Two Brothers, and Is Unmoved at Sight of Dead Man's Clothing—Line of Defense Indicated by Questions Asked.**

Gaston P. Philip, civil engineer, clubman, man-about-town, and scion of an aristocratic New York family, was yesterday placed on trial for his life in Criminal Court No. 2, charged with the murder on May 18, 1907, of Frank B. Macaboy, a cabman. An hour before the trial started the courtroom was filled by spectators, many of them friends of the accused and the dead man, and when Justice Barnard took his seat on the bench, not another person could have found space in the room.  
The regular panel of twenty-six talesemen was exhausted by 11:20, when court adjourned, preceding which Justice Barnard ordered an extra panel of fifty talesemen summoned, to be in court this morning.

Philip is about thirty-six years old, and yesterday his clear skin and eyes gave testimony to the simple life he has been leading since he was released from the District jail on July 9 last, after about two months of incarceration following the death of Macaboy in the Arlington Hotel, after a night of carousal and dissipation in Washington's Tenderloin. He is slightly over six feet in height, clean shaven, with large brown eyes, and a decidedly pleasant countenance. He has a large, prominent nose, slightly pointed. He was dressed in a greenish gray suit, and appeared unconcerned as any one in the courtroom.  
To the right of Philip sat his counsel, Attorneys Henry E. Davis and A. A. Hoehling, Jr., while to his left were his two brothers, Capt. J. Van Ness Philip, and Hoffman Philip, secretary of legation and consul general at Tangier, Morocco. The latter made the long trip from his distant post to be at his brother's side during his trying ordeal.

**No Women in the Courtroom.**  
Not a woman was present in the court, but one, Miss Mabel Davis, who was in the witness room. It is stated she will be called as a witness for the defense.

A grewsome exhibit, which may be introduced in the trial as evidence, was the bloody undershirt worn by Macaboy the morning he was shot. Just after adjournment Attorney Davis requested permission to examine the clothing worn by Macaboy, which has been in the possession of the police department. The bundle was unwrapped by its custodian officer from headquarters—and Mr. Davis carefully examined it, and he made a discovery which may play an important part and furnish an important link in the plea of self-defense which will be made. Macaboy was shot in the left breast, close to the heart. On the morning of the shooting, Macaboy wore a brown coat similar to khaki, and a red worsted or woolen vest. A small, irregular hole was made in the coat, the vest, the blue macaboy's outer shirt, and the undershirt. In the coat, the outer shirt, and the undershirt the hole is in a corresponding place, but, upon examination yesterday, it was noted that the hole in the red vest was several inches below, from which it is inferred that it was drawn up and displaced during a struggle between Philip and the dead cabman.

**Many Talesemen Excused.**  
As soon as Justice Barnard entered the room and took his seat, Assistant District Attorney McNamara, who, assisted by Assistant District Attorney Turner, is conducting the prosecution, announced that the government was ready to proceed with the trial. Clerk McKee then called the roll of talesemen, and their examination was begun. A large percentage were excused because they had conscientious scruples against capital punishment. The talesemen excused for this reason were: Philip N. Disher, dairyman, 630 H street northeast; Benjamin F. Shaw, Washington.

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**Through Sleeping Car to St. Louis.**  
Via Pennsylvania Railroad leaves Washington at 3:40 p. m. daily. Ask B. M. Newbold, P. A. S. E. D., 15th and G sts., Washington.

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**BRENNAN LETTER TO BIEBER READ**

**Important Development in Alleged Graft Inquiry.**

**AFTERNOON SENSATION**

**Purports to Show Contractor Offered Politician \$1,000.**

**Document, Signed by Brennan, in Which He Offers Bieber a Cash Sum for Privilege of Dumping Earth on Latter's Property, Is Made Part of Records—Maj. Morrow Makes an Apology.**

For the first time since the hearing of charges of discrimination by the Brennan Construction Company against the engineer department began, fifteen days ago, the engineers had an inning yesterday.

The most sensational event of the day came at the afternoon session, when Commissioner Morrow produced a letter written by P. J. Brennan to Sidney Bieber, in which the Brennan Company offered to pay Bieber \$1,000 for the privilege of dumping earth taken from the excavation for the House office building on property which Bieber owned in Southeast Washington.

The introduction of this letter followed closely on the heels of testimony from Brennan that he had expected to be paid by the District for placing the dirt on the plaza at the Union Station, and that he had sublet this contract to the Stuart & Wilmuth Contracting Company.  
Efforts to show that Brennan was aware of the fact that he would not be paid for dumping the dirt on the plaza site at the Union Station, and that in subletting that part of the contract to Stuart he knew they would have to hold the bag, failed, as Brennan said Fernald had told him he would get paid the same as the McDermott Company, and that he had informed Stuart to that effect. He denied he was aware of the fact that the McDermott Company was paid only for the dirt they hauled from Eckington, and contended that he expected the same price on the dirt he sent to the plaza as they had received from the Eckington work.

**The Important Witness.**  
Brennan was by far the most important witness of the day, and when he was called to the stand the spectators leaned forward in an interested manner and strained their ears so that not a word would escape them. Brennan was visibly nervous. He spoke in a hesitating manner, and there was a lack of the energetic, sharp, and decisive answers which characterized his testimony on the first day of the hearing.

As he took the stand, Brennan said: "If I am forced to use any profanity in the course of my testimony, I trust the Commissioners will understand that no offense is meant."  
Attorney Douglas, representing Brennan, opened the examination with reference to remarks of Fernald. He said:  
"It has been sworn by you, Mr. Brennan, that Mr. Fernald told you of receiving money from contractors. Is that so?"  
Brennan said: "Fernald came to me and said: 'They are all grafters down there,' and informed me that unless we put any work on it."  
"He further said," continued Brennan, "McMullen and McDermott had put up \$6,500, Wainwright \$1,000, and that Thomas got \$5,000."  
Mr. Douglas then asked Brennan to explain the offer of \$25,000 made to him by Sidney Bieber.

Brennan said Bieber had come to him and offered him \$25,000 for the bids on the resurfacing work. He said Bieber had informed him at the time that he (Bieber) had seen the Crawford people, and that they were willing to do anything Brennan said about the bids.

"I thought him too sharp for me," said Brennan, "so I referred him to Mr. Johnson."

On being questioned by Mr. Douglas, Brennan said this offer was made before the bids went in.

Attorney Douglas referred to the testimony a few days ago, to the effect that Brennan had informed Mr. Smith that Maj. Morrow, Engineer Commissioner, said Smith was an undesirable citizen, and asked Brennan to explain.

**In the Major's Room.**  
Brennan said: "We were in Maj. Morrow's room, I think, with Capt. Markham, Maj. Morrow, Johnson, Davis, and myself, and were discussing various things. As I was going out Maj. Morrow said: 'I don't blame you, and I don't blame Beall in this matter, but I do blame Smith; he is meddlesome,' or words to that effect, and desires to get the engineer department a little notoriety."

"When I next saw Smith," continued Brennan, "I said, 'Smith, you are an undesirable citizen.' I then referred to him the remarks made in Maj. Morrow's office."

Brennan said he had not meant to convey to Smith that Maj. Morrow had used the words "undesirable citizen."

Commissioner Macfarland asked Brennan under what conditions the conversations with Fernald regarding the latter's receiving money from contractors were held. The witness replied they were private, and occurred on various occasions. Brennan said his relations with Fernald had always been friendly, and that he had placed implicit confidence in him until informed by his superintendent, Mr. Johnson, that Fernald was endeavoring to learn the figures which the Brennan

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