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Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway. (Southbound.)  
Galveston & Chicago Exp. 3:40 a. m.  
Cibola & K. C. Exp. 4:25 p. m.  
(Northbound.)  
Galveston & Chicago Exp. 12:35 a. m.  
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Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railway. Arrive at Ardmore..... 1:35 p. m.  
Leave Ardmore..... 3:00 p. m.  
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Leave Ardmore..... 1:30 p. m.

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## 4 O'CLOCK EDITION

Ardmore, Monday, August 21, 1903

Oklahoma is always Ok., and Indian Territory is always It.

Indications are very favorable now for another railroad entering Ardmore.

In St. Louis little ones hold up citizens on dark street corners and big ones operate in the city council and get garbage contracts.

Material business and push is apparent on all lines of railroads at Ardmore at present, local improvements continue, and all seem to want more room.

An American society woman has killed a tiger in India. This announcement will probably make other American society women sigh for a tiger hunt in India.

Unless President Roosevelt proceeds to at once negotiate for the Nicaraguan canal route congress may take away the power placed in his hands to settle the canal question.

The duty on type-writers has been abolished by the Peruvian government. This was done to enable its generals to fight their battles with more precision and less noise.

Some people are sent to the poor house because they don't wear many clothes for the reason that they can't; others go into swell society wearing fewer clothes for the reason that they can.

Russia proposes to make a grand display at the World's Fair. Russian friendship for the United States has not been destroyed by the hasty action of an erratic president. Russia knows that American presidents are elected every four years.

Taylor of Indiana, formerly of Kentucky, makes another denial. He knows nothing of the killing of Goebel and is not acquainted with the slayer of Goebel. Why doesn't he go back to Kentucky and show them? Only the river divides the protestants and the courts.

Suppose a newspaper man, every time he hears a man criticize him or his paper in public, should retaliate by holding up to public gaze the faults and short comings of the fault-finder, what would be the result? The editor may not know much, but he knows a whole lot more than he cares to print, all the same. Selah?

President Roosevelt has declared for "open shops" in the row which was precipitated by the book-binders in the government printing offices. In other words, "there must be no discrimination against non-union mechanics and laborers." It is up to the business agent of the Washington allied trades now. Uncle Sam has made up his mind to look horns with the walking delegates.

## PRESS COMMENTS ON SCANDAL.

The indignation of the press throughout the country continues to manifest itself in vigorous comments and an investigation of affairs in Indian Territory is generally demanded. It seems that President Roosevelt has been contemplating an examination into the affairs of the Territory for some time past. Extracts from editorials from some eastern papers follow. The Republican of Springfield, Mass., asks:

"And what is to be done with the men whose mis-conduct in office is thus reflected upon? Are they to continue in their places—continuing also in their money interest and official management of concerns whose effect is simply one of robbery and degradation of the wards of the government? They should resign one or both of these connections, or rather they should be removed from the service of the government. The investigation of Mr. Brooks, an entirely competent lawyer, who has devoted his labors for a year to find out the truth of the matter at issue made a strong prima facie case, and the presumption of the truth of his conclusions is quite sufficient basis for a demand for immediate measures."

The New York Evening Post says: "The most serious scandal affecting the government's relations to its Indian wards which has become public for at least a decade past is now foreshadowed by the report of Samuel W. Brooks, general agent of the Indian Rights Association, in regard to the land tenure in the Indian Territory. With the old stories of the cheating and robbing of Indians by white men we are all too familiar. But that trusted agents of the government, among them officials of the Dawes commission, should be found to be profiting by other connections than those with the public service, is both discouraging and humiliating. It was hoped that the spirit which animated the Beavers and Machens of the postal department had spread into no other branches of the public service. Now it appears that most of the Federal officials of the Indian Territory were either stockholders or officers in a 'Tribal Development company' and a 'Title and Trust company' authorized to do business in the very lands which these officials, or some of them, were sworn to see properly allotted and distributed to the tribes which are rapidly being made American citizens."

The Washington Times makes these strictures: "Surface indications seem to warrant the decision reached by the president and Secretary Hitchcock to order an immediate and rigid investigation of the affairs of the Indian bureau. In the statements contained in the report made by Mr. Brooks of the Indian Rights Association are true, no time should be lost in instituting a searching inquiry into the conduct of officials charged with the administration of Indian affairs. When such conditions as Mr. Brooks describes can be unearthed by a private individual, it is impossible to say what might be discovered when an official probe delves into these matters. Such slow progress has been made by the Dawes commission in the allotment of Indian lands that the fact alone is justification for making an inquiry into its methods, and now that its present chairman is found to be associated with several of the land speculating companies, it is reasonable to suppose that the delay in winding up the work of the commission has not been altogether due to the laborious task it has been called upon to perform."

The New York Times gives interesting information: "The scope of the investigation which it has been decided to make into alleged frauds committed by United States officials in connection with allotments in the Indian Territory is now under consideration by Secretary Hitchcock. At the Indian bureau nothing is known as to how the inquiry will be conducted. It is positively stated, however, that there will be an investigation. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hitchcock's secretary, made the surprising statement that from time to time, as the disclosures were made known to the secretary, the facts in each case were turned over to the department of justice and the criminal prosecution of the accused persons recommended. Thus far no suits have been brought, and the facts in the particular cases have been kept from the public. This seems to be accounted for by the fact that certain officials of the department of justice are implicated in the charges, and, indeed, are at one and the same time the persons to prosecute and to be prosecuted. Secretary Smith stated that the interior department was making all reasonable progress with the matter. It has been asserted by some that Secretary Hitchcock has only awakened to the necessity of doing something by the fact that the truth as to the frauds in the Indian Territory has been taken directly to

the president by outsiders, and the president has called the secretary's attention to the force of the charges and the imperative duty of sifting them to the end. A year ago the president employed Dr. George Bird Grinnell to make investigation in Indian matters independently and report directly to him. Dr. Grinnell spent several months in the Indian Territory investigating the frauds which have just come to light and others as laid, but he seems not to have been able to get at the real state of affairs there. There is a good deal of apprehension in the Indian office and in the interior department that the stir that has been caused over the Indian Territory land frauds will lead to general investigation, in which case much that has been hinted at from time to time for years would have to be brought to the light of day."

A London dispatch of yesterday brings tidings in effect that Turkish troops under the pretense of pursuing revolutionary bands have destroyed eight villages, killing all the women and children. The story can be credited, for the blood-thirsty Turks, like the vicious assaulter in our own country, will never desist until subdued by overwhelming justice. The Turks should be rushed into the sea.

## WHO:

A couple of young people whose homes are in Ardmore failing to secure the consent of the parents of the young lady to their marriage are missing from Ardmore and the county clerks of this city and Sherman have been notified that the young lady is not yet eighteen years of age and requested not to issue license. The young lady has relatives in Sherman and they, too, are on the lookout.—Gainesville Hesperian.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress just ended at Seattle, Washington, has gone on record as favoring single statehood for Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Its only salvation and sooner or later all will see it.

It was Mark Twain who told the story of the unhappy prisoner who, after ten long years of imprisonment, was struck by a happy thought—he just opened the door and walked out. The swift concurrence of so many governors with the president's sentiments on lynchings is something on the same order, and there is a unanimous agreement of opinion that the way to stop lynchings is to enforce the law swiftly, impartially and completely. None of the concurring governors seem to have been aware of the fact that swift, impartial and complete enforcement of the laws always was the open door through which communities might pass from disorder to order, and from mob law to the law administered by the constituted tribunals.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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