

# SENATOR J. RALPH BURTON ONCE MORE IN TRIAL.

### His Hearing Begun in Court in St. Louis.

### Receipt of Money Admitted by Defense

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—For the second time within two years, United States Senator J. Ralph Burton of Kansas to-day was called to the bar by the United States Circuit Court against an indictment which charges that he was offered and accepted compensation from the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, now defunct, for using his influence while a member of the United States Senate in behalf of that concern in certain matters pending before the Postoffice Department at Washington.

Senator Burton was tried and convicted on the first indictment in March, 1904. He appealed to the United States Supreme Court and the case was reversed. A new indictment was returned last spring, and about a month ago demurrers filed by the defense were sustained by United States Circuit Judge Vandevanter, who immediately ordered that a new grand jury be summoned to consider the evidence in the possession of the United States District Attorney.

On November 10, eight days before the statute of limitations became effective, the third and present indictment against Senator Burton was returned. Demurrers to this and a plea in bar filed by Senator Burton's attorneys were overruled by Judge Vandevanter and the case went to trial.

The salient point of difference between the first and third indictments is that in the former Senator Burton was charged with receiving the alleged compensation in Washington, D. C., and one of the points on which the Supreme Court reversed the conviction was that the St. Louis court did not have jurisdiction, while the present indictment alleges that Burton agreed to accept and did accept compensation for his influence in St. Louis.

### SENATOR BURTON IN COURT.

When court convened at 10 o'clock this morning Senator Burton was present, accompanied by his attorney, Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis. The Government is represented by Colonel D. P. Dyer, United States District Attorney, assisted by Charles H. Robb, assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the States, and Horace Dyer, assistant to the District Attorney.

The jury was sworn before noon, and Colonel Dyer, the District Attorney, delivered the opening statement of the Government's case. Attorney Lehmann followed and outlined to the jury the position that will be taken by the defense. He admitted that Senator Burton had been employed by the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, but laid stress upon the fact that the president of the company, Major Hugh C. Dennis, now dead, was at that time under indictment by the Federal grand jury, and contended that the principal reason for Senator Burton's employment was that he was expected to assist at Dennis' trial. That he did not do so, Lehmann said, was due to the fact that Major Dennis was advised that he had already such an amount of money as to make the presence of Senator Burton and the members of a St. Louis firm of attorneys whom he was about to engage would overweigh his case with counsel.

### ARGUMENT OF DEFENSE.

Lehmann contended that the visits Senator Burton paid to the Postoffice Department officials were not for the purpose of influencing action in regard to the matters in which the Rialto company itself was interested, but for the purpose of investigating the case against Major Dennis.

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## FINDS MINERAL WITHOUT NAME

### Important Discovery Made by Several Miners and an Assayer Near Salt Creek

Special Dispatch to the Call.  
REDDING, Nov. 20.—Several miners in the Salt Creek district near Redding and one assayer in Redding believe they have discovered a new metal. Chemists have long claimed that fourteen varieties are lacking to complete the circuit in the mineral kingdom. About five years ago when radium was unearthed the missing sorts were reduced to thirteen. The new species found near Salt Creek is composed of grains about the size of flaxseed. It glittered like polished silver, is considerably heavier than gold, and where it is found the yield of the yellow metal invariably ends. The metal is malleable also, and is a puzzle to all who have seen it. A. H. Sprague, who has mining interests north of Shasta, says he has often come in contact with this unknown metal. In the washing process he says the gold always horns upon it.

Mr. Sprague proposes to gather together enough of the curious species to make a respectable sample for a chemical analysis will be made of it.

### FIVE FRANCHISES BID FOR IN SAN DIEGO

City Fathers Dispose of Rights to Trio of Capitalists.

Special Dispatch to the Call.  
SAN DIEGO, Nov. 20.—There were many surprises at the meeting of the City Council to-night when the bids were opened for the five street railway franchises asked for by E. Bartlett Webster and others. The two franchises asked for by Webster were bid in by him for \$600 each. They extend north and south on Thirtieth street to property owned by him. The franchise on Adams street was tendered east of the City Park to the city limits at City Heights, asked for by Beebe S. Hook, was eagerly sought. Hook bid \$250 for it. Webster bid \$200. It was sold to Walter Akerman of San Francisco, who offered \$900.

### PUBLICITY IN POLITICS.

Movement to Compel Candidates to Reveal Source of Backing.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A meeting was held here to-night for the purpose of enlisting those interested in having aspirants for public office make public, not only the expense of their campaigns but the sources whence they come. The meeting was entirely non-partisan. Republicans, Democrats and Independents being present. John Fox, president of the Democratic Club, called the meeting to order and moved the election of Perry Belmont as permanent chairman. Belmont, on assuming his duties, said:

The policy of the proposed law is to treat campaign money as public money. Judge Gray of Delaware has written to me on this subject and has this to say:

"Corrupt practices have been largely unavailing. Compelled publicity as to contributions and expenses will be more efficient than all of them put together toward suppressing the evil of electoral corruption. It will work automatically and require no legal machinery of pains and penalties to enforce it."

It was decided that the chair should increase the number of the committee which last year presented a publicity bill to the Legislature, the selection of the increase being left to this discretion, and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

# THE ADVOSES OF LAWYERS

### Secretary Pleads for Free Trade Between the United States and the Philippines

### LAWS NOT IN ACCORD Duties, He Says, Should Be Abolished to Harmonize With New Shipping Act

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 20.—Secretary of War William H. Taft, who was guest of honor here to-night at the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, in responding to the toast, "The Philippines," said:

The Philippines Islands are ours, and must be ours for a generation. It is quite probable that those called upon to act as legislators will not live to see the day when separation consistent with the welfare of the Philippines can be made.

The occasion of the banquet was the anniversary of the signing of the Joint Jay commercial treaty. Thousands of persons greeted Secretary Taft during the day, and everywhere he was given the most enthusiastic reception. After the dinner he left for Chicago on a special train over the Chicago and Alton. Secretary Taft was given an ovation when he arose to speak. He said in part:

In all the legislation for which Congress is responsible affecting the Philippines Islands are but two acts which are criticized as having a selfish motive. One is that which is to require that after July 1, 1906, all freight from the Philippines Islands to the United States and the reverse shall be carried in American bottoms. And the other is the law by which there is imposed on products of the Philippines coming into the United States 75 per cent of the Dingley rate. If the coastwise act is permitted to come into effect and the tax upon Philippine products is not removed, we have Congress assuming the utterly indefensible position that for the purpose of the sale of the Philippine products by the Filipinos the Philippines shall be regarded and treated as a foreign country, while for the purpose of furnishing business to the American merchant marine they shall be treated as a domestic country and shall be made to pay the higher rates of freight which such a coastwise provision necessarily entails and implies.

The legislation proposed for the relief of the Philippines is an act postponing the application of the coastwise law to the products of the Philippines Islands and the United States until 1909, the reduction of the tariff on sugar and other products to 50 per cent of the Dingley rates and on other products of the Philippines free trade until 1903, when there shall be complete free trade in the products of either.

Secretary Taft said the two interests in this country arrayed in opposition to free trade with the Philippines Islands are the sugar interest and the tobacco interest.

### WILL FIGHT FOR CONE OF DEAD WOMAN

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waiting for the Neal side to file the will of October 30, and the Neal interests are waiting for Mrs. Buckman to file the revocation which Mrs. Buckman signed with a cross while on her death bed. It is understood that the will leaves practically all the fortune to Neal, while, if the revocation is held to be valid, Mrs. Neal, the mother, at least in part, will secure the entire estate. Mrs. Runyon herself is reputed to be worth over half a million.

Neal will maintain that the revocation was not obtained by ex-City Trustee Charles Payne in a room next to that in which Mrs. Buckman lay unconscious; that when it was handed to her to affix her mark one of the nurses protested that she was too ill to do so; but that the wife finally was her death, she was of two nurses and Payne appearing as witnesses. He will assert that the will of October 30 was signed by Mrs. Buckman while she was of clear mind. Mrs. Runyon's attorneys will contend that she signed the will under undue influence by Neal and that she invoked it before death.

### DR. PARKHURST ASSERTS HE BELIEVES IN DAMNATION

Speaks to His Congregation of the  
Laws of God and of  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, in the Madison-avenue Presbyterian Church last night, told his congregation he believed in damnation. Said he:

The apparent cruelties attributed to God are not a circumstance to the cruelties in nature. Natural laws are not more arbitrary than a dog. Saints as well as sinners were burned in the Windsor fire and in the Slocum disaster.

If God burns up a body he will burn up a soul that gets in the way of his laws. There are 50,000 persons in the Lisbon earthquake. He does not amend physical laws to save sinners. There are 50,000 persons in the Lisbon earthquake. He does not amend physical laws to save sinners. There are 50,000 persons in the Lisbon earthquake. He does not amend physical laws to save sinners.

He said that God would damn him, and I should further say that God ought to damn him.

Dies After Eleven Operations.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Charles L. Lease, a custom-house inspector, son of Mary Ellen Lease, the well-known Populist advocate, died at his mother's home here to-night, the result of eleven operations, which commenced with an operation for appendicitis eleven months ago.

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# MEN MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM TAKING THEIR SEATS

### INQUIRY STARTS AS TO OFFICIALS-ELECT

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In other words, he is one year and four months short of meeting the requirements of the city charter.

### PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER.

The charter section which applies to the office of Coroner reads:

There shall be a Coroner of the city and county, who shall be an elector of the city and county at the time of his election, and who must have been such for at least five years next preceding such election.

Walsh was registered from the Fourth Precinct of the Twenty-ninth District. It is current in official circles that steps will be taken at once in the courts in an effort to prevent Dr. Walsh from taking his seat as Coroner on the ground that he is palpably disqualified, and that there is no technicality that might be raised on his behalf. The age of Dr. Walsh being an insurmountable barrier to his legal rights to the office.

### SUPERVISORS UNDER INQUIRY.

With relation to the Supervisorial candidates whose eligibility has been brought into question, the provision of the city charter which applies to their cases is the same as that which relates to the Coroner's office. It reads:

The Board of Supervisors shall consist of eighteen members, all of whom shall hold office for two years and be elected from the city and county at large. Each one must be at the time of his election an elector of the city and county and must have been such for at least five years next preceding his election.

### SUPREME COURT'S DECISION.

The case of Andrew M. Wilson, Supervisor-elect, is also under inquiry, on the score that he was not on the register this year from the residence, 211 Spruce street, that appears in the petition of the Union Labor party candidates to be given a place on the official ballot. Wilson's address in the city directory is given as San Mateo, 3028 Buchanan street, having moved from 2859 Octavia street, in the Eleventh Precinct of the Forty-first Assembly District. His age is given as 30 years. The record from Alameda County shows that not more than three years ago Phillips was a resident of and a voter in Alameda County. It is concluded from these records that he has not met the requirements of the city charter, in that he has not been a qualified elector of this city and county for the five years next preceding his election.

### MORE SHIPS DISPATCHED TO DOMINICAN COAST

Reinforcements Sent to Admiral Bradford to Help Protect American Interests.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The Navy Department is advised of the departure from Hampton Roads for Monte Cristi on Saturday of the cruiser Chattanooga, and it is assumed at the department that the cruiser Tromba has left Hampton Roads for the same point, as she was under orders for Santo Domingo and went to Lambert Point on Saturday to coal. These two vessels, it is stated, will strengthen Rear Admiral Bradford's command and better enable him to protect American interests in Santo Domingo. He now has the cruisers Olympia, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines and Yankee and the gunboats Newport, Nashville, Scorpion and Eagle.

The gunboats Padouac and DuBuque, it is stated, will be assigned to Rear Admiral Bradford's squadron and later will be sent to Santo Domingo.

tested by Edward Sheehan, declared in favor of Sheehan on various grounds, among which the constitutionality of the five years' charter provision was upheld and was strictly construed.

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 20.—The City Hall, police station, market house and several small frame buildings were burned to-day. Walter Woods, an aged cripple, was incriminated and three firemen were injured. Loss \$100,000.

# PRESIDENT MAY ACT AS ARBITER

### SAYS HE WILL ASSIST STATE COMMISSIONERS TO BRING ABOUT INSURANCE REFORMS

ST. PAUL, Nov. 20.—According to State Insurance Commissioner O'Brien's report to Governor Johnson made to-day on O'Brien's return from New York and Washington, President Roosevelt may be chief arbiter in a co-operative effort of all the States of the Union to compel the large life insurance companies to put their business on a safer and more economical basis.

O'Brien went East under orders from Governor Johnson to look into the insurance situation and carried a letter of introduction to President Roosevelt. On Saturday O'Brien had a twenty-minute conference with President Roosevelt. The result of this conference was reported to Governor Johnson to-day.

O'Brien reported that he outlined to the President his plan of action, which is to evolve, if necessary, a demand for reorganization of all the important life insurance companies, but more particularly the placing of the affairs of those companies on a safer basis. Any action taken by this meeting will be co-operative and each delegate will go back to his State prepared to carry out his part of the programme. When O'Brien had stated his plans he said:

"Now, Mr. President, there will be a committee to carry out our plans and we need a head. Will you help us?" The "I most emphatically will," was the answer of the President, according to O'Brien. "I will be glad to help you in any way I can."

Governor Johnson directed O'Brien to make a detailed statement of the interview with President Roosevelt and the plan O'Brien submitted to him and gave it to the newspapers, saying he believed it was news that all policyholders would be glad to hear.

### ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 20.—The National Grange Patrons of Husbandry went on record to-day in favor of temperance and the curtailing of saloons, declaring "that they should be abridged until they are abolished."

# SHAW DELAYS RESIGNATION

### Secretary of Treasury Will Remain in Cabinet Until End of the Coming Session

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Secretary Shaw will remain as Secretary of the Treasury in President Roosevelt's Cabinet until the conclusion of the approaching session of Congress, and perhaps for several months longer. It has been understood, in a tentative way, that Secretary Shaw expected to retire from the Cabinet about the first of February next, or sooner, with a view to greater freedom in promoting his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1908, although the Secretary himself never has announced his intention to be a candidate.

President Roosevelt's attention was attracted to some recent publications that Secretary Shaw had presented to him his resignation, to take effect next February or earlier, and to-day he had a conference with the Secretary about the matter. After their interview, it was stated that, at the urgent request of the President, Secretary Shaw had consented to continue as Secretary of the Treasury until the close of the approaching session of Congress and perhaps some time afterward.

At least two other changes in the Cabinet have been in contemplation, but it can be said authoritatively that they will not occur soon. Attorney General Moody, having formed a law partnership in Boston, expressed a desire to retire from the Cabinet last July. The President persuaded him to remain for another year and hopes to induce him to remain in the Cabinet until a year from the 4th of next March. He has not yet received a definite answer from Mr. Moody on that point.

### Y. M. C. A. WILL EXTEND INTO ARCTIC REGIONS

Agent to Be Sent Up the Yukon to the Army Post in Alaska.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The Young Men's Christian Association, it was announced to-day, is to enter the Arctic circle upon the opening of navigation in the spring.

An army secretary is to be sent up the Yukon with a launch to visit the six posts. He will supply soldiers with reading matter and stationery, give entertainments, conduct religious services and organize army associations.

William A. Reid, who was for two years an army secretary in Alaska, where he did a similar service, traveling on dog sledges, on snow shoes and canoes from post to post, is the man chosen for this service. He will extend his services to the Canadian mounted police.

### NEW COAST POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The following Postmasters have been appointed: California—Fruto, Glenn County, Harry S. Gibbs; Oregon—Arango, Coos County, William L. Crov.

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