

MR. LOEB MAKES AN EXPLANATION

Writes Letter to Mr. Sims Telling of His Holdings in Washington Railway Co.

SUGGESTS HE BE CAREFUL.

Has Absolutely Refused to Discuss With Members of Congress Matters Affecting Public Service.

Washington, April 21.—The references to Mr. Loeb, secretary to the president, in the house yesterday by Mr. Sims, in connection with his ownership of 4,700 shares of stock in the Washington Railway & Electric company, called forth today a letter from Mr. Loeb to that gentleman, explaining how the stock came into his possession and suggesting that Mr. Sims should be more scrupulous in dealing with men of character and reputation. Mr. Sims read the letter.

LOEB'S EXPLANATION.

Explaining his possession of the stock, Mr. Loeb says: "Forty-seven hundred shares of the capital stock of the Washington Railway & Electric company stand in my name on the books of the company. One hundred of these shares, enough to enable me to qualify as a director, are mine. 4,600 are holdings of friends of mine for whom I simply acted as representative at the last annual meeting of the stockholders of the company, at which I was elected a director with the view to my possible election as president of the company. I have not taken up that line of work after leaving office. This record has been and still is open to you or any other honest man at any time, and it clearly demonstrates that any insinuation that I am a mysterious or unworthy man in any way whatever I have accumulated such a considerable fortune as your speech implies, is as unfair to me as it is worthy of you."

Speaking of what he calls Mr. Sims' "intimation that I have improperly interfered with traction legislation," Mr. Loeb says:

"Immediately after my election as a director of the company, the chairman of the house district committee, Mr. Smith, called on me and started to give me advice as to how I should affect the traction company. I at once informed him that while I occupied the position of secretary to the president I could not do so. I have been and still am a member of Congress any matter of legislation affecting the local public service corporations."

"I have seen Chairman Smith, who will verify this statement, and in this instance to show how scrupulously careful I have been to observe the proprieties in the case."

After reading the letter Mr. Sims said that he was the last person to take advantage of any congressional privilege to say anything derogatory to any man and therefore he felt that the letter should be read as public as possible. He had made his statement, Mr. Sims declared, however, that he had based his statement on an official communication to the speaker wherein it was stated that the company had 4,700 shares of the stock in his name.

MR. NEWLANDS EXPLAINS.

Later Mr. Sims, without mentioning the name of the senator to whom he yesterday referred, but who, it was learned through the senator himself, was Senator Newlands of Nevada, as owning stock, read a statement from the senator saying that the stock came into his possession as trustee of the Sharon estate long before his entry into public life, and that since he controlled it he had not participated in any legislation on street railway matters. Senator Newlands himself gave out a statement in which he said that when the legislation regarding the street railways in connection with the union station came before the district committee he informed the members of the committee of his interest in the stock and that he had not participated in any of the district committee or of the senate on this subject.

JOHN LEE'S ESTATE.

His Housekeeper Sets Up Claim She Was His Wife.

Reno, Nev., April 21.—Claiming to be the widow of the late John Lee of Nevada, a wealthy ranchman and merchant who died last January, leaving property in Nevada and California valued at \$250,000, Anna Blundell Lee, who had been his housekeeper for many years, filed a claim of heirship to the estate, contesting the right of James Boyd, Lee's nephew in Scotland, and who has heretofore been regarded as the next of kin and heir. The claimant asks for the removal of the administrators of the estate, one of whom, H. Blundell, is her brother, and her substitution as sole administratrix. Before Lee's death it was generally expected that his housekeeper, but he died without making a will.

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UNITED STATES NAVY
Sir William Henry White, British Naval Expert, Declares Criticisms of It Are Unfounded.

Boston, April 21.—In an interview published here today Sir William Henry White, who was for nearly 20 years the responsible designer of all British warships, comments on recent criticisms of the American navy. After declaring that the criticisms are unfounded in fact and supplanting the declaration by a long and technical explanation, Sir William says: "There is one thing more that I would like to say, and I think it is vital. I have known the American navy from the start. It is not generally known that the modern American navy started with the purchase of two of my designs from Armstrongs. That was in 1875. From these designs the Charleston and the Baltimore were built. "The first thing I want to say in this connection is that you have naval architects as capable as any, in my judgment, in the world. "The second thing I want to say is that your shipbuilding yards are quite equal to any we have in their equipment and management and all that. "And the result is that, in my opinion, you have a fleet that, ship for ship, comparing the ships designed at a given date—and that is the only fair comparison—is equal to anything the world contains. And next to the British navy I think your navy is the best in the world."

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS SMOOT BILL.

Washington, April 21.—The house committee on public lands today reported favorably the Smoot homestead bill authorizing the entry of 320 instead of 160 acres of land under the homestead laws of most of the arid states.

GUILTY OF USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

New York, April 21.—Thomas O'Connor and his wife, Frances O'Connor, also known as Frances McLean, were found guilty today by a jury in the United States circuit court on two counts of an indictment charging them with using the mails to defraud.

Judge Holt sentenced O'Connor to 15 months in Clinton prison and suspended sentence for his wife. The O'Connors were charged with sending circulars throughout the country by mail, saying that they had information on the stock market and could so advise clients that they would not fail to reap big profits in speculation. Mrs. O'Connor, under the name of Frances McLean, posed as the possessor of "inside information."

In her circulars she suggested certain so-called brokerage firms as reliable and best able to handle the business of clients.

The "brokerage firms" were shown during the trial to be conducted by the O'Connors under various names. They invariably either closed out the deals of victims at a loss to the latter or else advised them to buy stock at a price which would result in a loss to the victims. The O'Connors were charged with demands for the payment of profits became too insistent.

ST. LOUIS DELEGATES.

Convicted of Bribery and Sentenced to Fine and Imprisonment.

St. Louis, April 21.—Ford Warner, member of the senate from St. Louis, was tonight convicted of bribery by a jury and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary, the minimum sentence.

Warner was convicted of having accepted a bribe of \$50 for influencing the passage of an ordinance permitting the erection of a garage. Delegate Fred Friesmeyer, indicted jointly with Warner, will next be placed on trial.

Testimony brought into the trial the fact that Warner had been furnished by the St. Louis police with a list of names of persons who had been marked by Circuit Atty. Sager before it was passed to Ascher to trap the delegates.

FORTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED FROM WRECK

Melbourne, Australia, April 21.—Forty-two bodies have been taken out of the wreck caused by the collision April 19 of the steamship *Titicaca* and the *Benagui*, respectively at Braybrook Junction, about eight miles from Melbourne. It is believed that the bodies were buried under the debris. The number of persons injured is placed at 88.

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DANISH STUDENTS TO STUDENTS OF AMERICA

New York, April 22.—Chancellor Henry M. McCracken of New York university, who has recently been lecturing before the students of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, brought a message from the Danish students to the university students of America. He has delivered it to the New York university students. "I have a formal message for students here," he said. "A month ago I received a letter from the student body of the University of Copenhagen inviting me to spend an evening with them. I brought away special message sent by the student body, which is to assure university students in America of their fraternal regard and cordial desire that American and Scandinavian students may become better acquainted and mutually helpful. "University students in Scandinavia are not in bondage like students in Germany, to the code of duelling or the code of the beerstein, nor like students in English Oxford and Cambridge, to caste or extravagance, nor like American students, to undue devotion to athletics."

NO PRIZE FOR POEM ON POE CENTENARY

New York, April 22.—A story which originated several months ago to the effect that the Poe as National centenary society had second-ed and had offered the prize of \$100,000 for the best poem memorializing the poet, is said by those whose name of it is connected with it, to have been a hoax. The story was first reported by William Hemstreet of Brooklyn, who was named as secretary has received scores of poems as a result, which have been returned to the writers. Mr. Hemstreet says he knows nothing of such a society, and that those whose names were connected with it have never given their assent to such an undertaking.

REWARD FOR LOST BIBLE.

Helena, Mont., April 22.—Mrs. Anna Pearson, whose home at Hauser Lake was washed away by the breaking of the dam last week, today offers a reward for a Bible printed in 1898, which was given to her ancestors in Sweden by a European king 205 years ago. The Bible has been handed down from generation to generation for over two centuries.

CHARGES AGAINST INDIAN AGENT

San Francisco, April 22.—Serious charges have been preferred against Charles D. Rakestraw, superintendent of the Indian reservation in Modoc county by the Indians who claim that he has been guilty of various crimes and exceeded his authority. Complaint was made to the federal authorities and the matter will be heard in the superior court of Modoc county. The charges against Rakestraw were made on April 21. Rakestraw was yesterday, and when it was learned that the Indian agent had been charged to prosecute their charges. Devlin stated that an assistant from his office would defend the Indian agent.

REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Washington, April 21.—At a meeting of the Republican steering committee in the senate today the legislative program was discussed, but no decision was reached to add any important measures to those destined for enactment at the present session of Congress. In regard to currency legislation it was stated that the house passed a bill providing for a commission to investigate financial matters the senate would introduce a bill. The measure would have the effect of putting the whole subject into conference. From a political point of view the Foraker bill, which provides for reinstatement of the former soldiers' pension, was a statement of innocence of complicity in the sinking of the *Maine*. At the same time the Democrats of the senate would like to see the bill of either bill. The Warner bill leaves to the discretion of the president which of the former soldiers' pension bill to be enacted. The measure would have the effect of putting the whole subject into conference. 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