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## RUSSIANS AND CHINESE HAVE FIRST CLASHES

Tension Increases In Moscow As Official Reports Tell About Casualties Incurred

MOSCOW, SOVIET Russia, Aug. 14—(INS)—The first official reports of actual fighting between Chinese and Soviet troops on the Manchurian frontier increased the tension over the Russo-Chinese situation today. The Red Troops sustained some casualties.

While the Soviet government was doing everything possible to avert a conflict, many persons express the belief that war is unavoidable.

A communiqué, couched in guarded language, states that the Red army "repulsed invasion by White guards (anti-communist Russians) and Chinese troops and Blagoveshchensk and three other points." The official statement continues: "Several Red soldiers, including Red Guards, were killed and wounded."

This communiqué reported recent clashes on the Manchurian frontier which followed a decision taken by the Soviet revolutionary military council 24 hours ago to strengthen the military position in Siberia and especially in the region of the Manchurian border.

All armed Red forces are being unified in the zone under command of Gen. Blagoev, an experienced military officer who commanded the Reds in the Far East during the long period of civil war. It is understood that he was at one time military advisor to the Chinese Soviets, with whom the Soviets are now at loggerheads.

The Chinese military authorities in Manchuria are reported to be establishing fortifications on the frontier where the Chinese Eastern Railway crosses the Siberian; reinforcing their frontier posts and increasing the number of military planes all along the border line.

## More Complaints Are Lodged Against Theatre Magnate

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 14—(INS)—"We have received many complaints that Alexander Pantages attacked or attempted to attack other girls who went to his office seeking employment," District Attorney Burton Fitts declared as he resumed his investigation into the millionaire theatrical man's alleged mistreatment of Lorraine Pringle, 17-year-old dancer.

"We have had no time yet to check the truth of these other complaints which have come from mothers and girls. We are concentrating our efforts on the Pringle girl's charges at present. I don't know just what I will do about the other accusations, but I may lay the whole matter before the grand jury."

Informed of the other complaints, Pantages at liberty on \$25,000 bond declared: "It's all right. I never attacked any girl in my office or elsewhere. I said I have hardly been alone in my office and I am constantly surrounded with secretaries and others. The whole thing is a frame up to ruin me."

District Attorney Fitts sought to have him from Pantages' employes just what use the vaudeville magnate made of a "mystery room" in his offices in the downtown Pantages theater building here.

PRESIDENT'S DOG IS ill.

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## Plant Board Lifts Further Embargoes

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 14—(INS)—Strawberries, beans and cucumbers were free from embargo today in the State following the monthly meeting of the State Plant Board here at which time there berries and vegetables were declared non-tariffable to the Manchurian market.

Under the board's long-standing shipping of these vegetables from restricted and protective zones can now go forward. There is a federal embargo on lima beans and until this is lifted the shipment of this bean can only be made in the State. All other varieties of beans however will be accepted for interstate commerce. The board also ruled that non-tariffable can pack strawberries in aluminum cans provided the cans has been properly handled to insure it from infestation.

## GRAF WILL TAKE NORTHERN ROUTE ON TRIP TO TOKIO

Airship Will Depart Tonight Upon Most Dangerous Journey

FRIEDRICHSDAHL, Germany, Aug. 14—(INS)—With the most dangerous portion of his round-the-world flight ahead of him, the Graf Zeppelin is expected to take to the air and head for Tokio between midnight tonight (P. M. E. T.) and 6:30 A. M. tomorrow (midnight tonight).

The second leg of the Graf's journey around the world will take her over a vast expanse of more than 6,000 miles, much of the journey will be over wide areas of the uninhabited forest and of Siberia. For two days it is expected the 20 passengers and 40 members of the crew of the huge craft will be entirely out of communication with civilization.

During that time everything will depend upon the skill of Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the airship, and his aides. The airship will be out of range of radio stations capable of giving weather reports. Eckener will have to depend upon the few existing navigation air charts of the regions he traversed and his own keen sense of direction and weather. His chart available are regarded as woefully inadequate.

The airship will follow a northern course over Siberia which will bring her within the Arctic circle and thus far north from the North Pole. A tentative decision to take this route was made following a conference attended by Dr. Eckener and a number of meteorological experts.

By going far to the north, the airship will avoid the dangerous polar storms and typhoons which are numerous in Central and Southern Asia at this time of the year.

The first part of the journey (top) Friederichsdahl will be given entirely by European weather conditions. If the latter are favorable the Graf may head directly for Berlin thence northward to come out over the Baltic sea near Berlin, Germany.

If conditions allow, Dr. Eckener may then head directly south to go over Southern Sweden. Yesterday King Gustav of Sweden landed with the famous German commander after visiting the hospital and admiring the airship and expressed a desire to have the air liner fly over his country if possible.

MILLS MAY RE-OPEN

MANCHESTER, Eng., Aug. 14—(INS)—The Lancashire cotton mills, which have been closed down for more than two weeks because of a strike of mill employees following a cut in their wages, may be reopened if conditions of this week, it was indicated to day.

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## HAGUE PARLEY SEEKS NEARER FINAL ACCORD

Milder Type Of Diplomacy Is Adopted In Effort To Gain Amicable Settlement

THE HAGUE, Aug. 14—(INS)—Sidelining from an aggressive to a milder form of plenipotentiary, the delegates in the Hague conference of the British labor government appeared today to be in sight of a satisfactory compromise agreement upon both reparations and evacuation in the Rhinebank.

The financial committee met and terminated its consideration of differences in kind after a brief general discussion. The committee adjourned until Saturday "in order to give the delegations an opportunity for holding informal conversations upon the questions raised."

It is understood a compromise agreement will be worked out regarding reparations under which withdrawal of troops from the Rhinebank will be under way before Christmas.

On the crucial side of the dispute efforts are still under way to bridge the gape caused by the demands of Phil Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the British government.

However, the speaker of this morning's session indicated that the delegates are practically agreed upon the creation of a subcommittee of the financial committee to deal with the intricate issues now pending. Final action upon the British demands is expected on Saturday.

The demands of Great Britain, as now modified above, state that the labor government in London is going to do all in its power to aid British industry and ultimately the British working man before this conference is over.

Great Britain wants the Young plan amended so that the British will get approximately \$11,000,000 annually more than the amount contained in that document. Exclusive of the demand for a larger share of international payments the British want certain adjustments in kind, other than in treaty respects.

Further efforts were being made to save the date along the bank of the British fleet at San Matel. The large ships held for it, however, when reported additional funds from the Pacific and Suez canals reached the main stream.

The Rio Grande was running fast full from its source in the Rocky mountains, due to the El Paso water system.

Yesterday the British were ready to agree to purchase a fixed amount of British coal annually.

This would save the price of tonnage and which might be delivered as a part of Germany's payment in kind.

The British and the delegates from other Allied powers are making concessions in varying points. A notable example was voluntary attitude taken by Premier Briand of France toward the German and British demand for speedy evacuation of the Rhinebank.

When the Duran plan terminates the Allied countries will have to stand the expense of their armies of occupation upon German soil and the British are unable to save this outlay.

Snowden gave way upon certain issues concerning the Young plan. He stated the other delegations that Great Britain is now willing that the reparations committee shall appoint a committee to advise the German government as to what laws the Reichstag should enact to make the Young plan effective. Previously the British had objected to this procedure.

3 Men Indicted For Murder In Effort To Gain Insurance

MRS. J. F. TURNER SR. Dies In Palm Beach

OCELLA, Ga., Aug. 14—(INS)—Three men today stood indicted by the Town county grand jury for the murder of Harry Loving, 22-year-old bartender, in New York, in an alleged shotgun accident.

The men indicted were Harry R. Shug, an Iowian contractor; Avery Carlile, 24-year-old bartender, killed in Daytona Beach, Fla., and the Rev. James, who is a member of the authority in Oceola.

The state charges Loving and the other two others shot the night of Shug's home near here in September, 1927, and Loving was killed and his body burned in Shug's home in a plot to cover up his own wife.

Loving died in the fire, and the two others were arrested. They will be tried for murder in circuit court which begins here next week.

SOLDIERS ARE SOUGHT

TOKIO, Aug. 14—(INS)—Seven men, including high Japanese army officers attached to the aviation branch, were killed today in connection with the robbery of the Colloton Bank, Tokio, Japan. Aug. 9. Authorities today were seeking two other soldiers ordered arrested.

He asserted that with all the military readiness demonstrated by

the preparations for war made by the other four powers he feared a conflict imminently.

He pointed out that if the fleet of Great Britain and the United States could be made equal in size and tonnage for ten years, he would remain still the superior industrial power and the unequal geographical position of the United States to make things unequal.

With this great industrial power, Count Eliel said, the United States could, in case of war, bring into being a fleet of cruisers which could sweep the British cargo ships from the seas and in a short time starve her population.

Removing issues that lead to war, he said, was the only action which would make disarmament attainable.

## Labor Organizer Attacks Communists' Organization For Aiding Textile Strike

RALPH, N. C., Aug. 14—(INS)—Work of the National Textile Workers Union, a communist organization in sponsoring the Gastonia textile strike was officially accused before the state Federation of Labor convention today by Alfred Hoffman, an organizer for the United Textile Workers of America of the American Federation of Labor.

The state federation, which has maintained a hands-off policy in the Gastonia case, yesterday refused to permit Sophie Melvin, one of the defendants in the Alderman murder trial, to address them.

Hoffman, who was one of the labor organizers kidnapped in the slaying of Police Chief D. Alderman of Gastonia in a raid on strike headquarters June 16, sixteen "untryeds," N. T. W. U. organizer and striker will face trial this month for his murder.

"It will take 20 years for the Federation of Labor to undo the work which the communists have done at Gastonia," declared Hoffman.

"The communists unions are

worse than private detective agencies, and are trying to break in and build on the work started by the American Federation of Labor.

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## Poor Pitching Continues To Menace Big Lead Held By Philadelphia Outfit

DAVIS J. WALSH, International News Service Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—After things were over, there probably was nothing for Connie Mack to do but sit around but to wait right down plumbly—no puns. We doubt if he disliked losing all his control in this unusually poor game but the desperation was great. He had given Eddie Walberg pitch after five-inning shutout against the Detroit Tigers the day before and, if this wasn't made from the mailman, then Mr. Mack is willing to wait until another delivery is made. It was the first ball game Walberg ever had gone so far as to finish in his last four starts and, in the light of later developments, the circumstance might very well furnish the great conundrum of the 1920 pennant race.

Pennant race? About the only people who realize that a race still is on are the Athletics and Yankees but, if you think both of them aren't avishly aware of the fact, that is your error.

Indeed, the way the Philadelphia pitchers—Wren's, pitching some had begun to suspect that among those scheduled to stagger home, would be father on Saturday night, and the Athletic ball club, Grove has turned in one winning start in more than two weeks and the only way he can finish nine innings is under a shower. He was knocked out in Detroit again last Saturday but Simmons blew two homers off the scoreboard and the game was won. Yes, the club still is winning now for two weeks or more it has been doing, but, not because of its pitchers, but, a spite of them.

The game Earnshaw five runs the other day before he pitched a ball and he couldn't win. He has turned in one winning effort since late July—his defeat of the Yanks in Philadelphia. Quite never recovered from his 14-inning game with the Yanks back in June and Rommel no longer gets the nod when relief is indicated. A young man by the name of Shores now fills the role with no great distinction. As for Shanks, he was left behind in Philadelphia after the jouncing he took from the Yankees last week.

In brief, the boy seem to be about full of horse hair and there isn't any accounting for it, either. Still recently, they formed quite a picture staff, composed of three stars—Gehr, Walberg and Earnshaw—and the rest of them for day-to-day emergency. Now it is a staff that has no stars and all emergency. And the fact that it collapse came at a time when Bishop and Dykes were out of the infield, and you have a trial balance of the burden the rest of the outfit has been carrying.

"I couldn't have carried it indefinitely. It doesn't look now as though it will have to. Walberg's performance yesterday took some of the weight off the Athletics and put it on the other clubs, for it was the old McTay in every respect. A pitcher can have an ordinary day and shut out a few clubs I know. But only the great keep the Tigers off the plate. Those lads don't hit the ball; they walk right out and conquer. If Walberg, therefore, may be as unused to be right again and one pitcher is liable to bring the others back again."

TJ LAHASSEE.—Several streets paved recently.

## INDIANA DEFEAT YANKS AGAIN BY MARGIN OF 11 TO 7

### Cleveland Outfit Has Taken Eleven Of 16 Contests Of Series

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 18. (INS)—In listing your reasons why the Yankees are some 11 and 1/2 games in arrears of the Athletics please put Cleveland somewhere near the top. For the record, the Indians have taken 11 of the 16 contests played between the two clubs this season and judging from latest reports seem in no humor to stop.

The latest of the Indian triumphs came yesterday when, in a somewhat farcical game they trimmed the Yanks 11 to 7. Four New York errors made the way a little easier for Peckinpah's outfit. Babe Ruth, ambitious to a fault, started off on a hunt for 1000 home runs by polling out the 60th of his career and the 31st of the year.

Thanks to a splendid performance by Rube Walberg, who announced his return to form by shutting out the heavy-hitting Tigers, the Athletics picked up another game on their rivals' home ground and the game was won.

Yes, the club still is winning now for two weeks or more it has been doing, but, not because of its pitchers, but, a spite of them.

The White Sox suffered from too much Danny MacFayden and they lost the third of the series to the Red Sox, 3 to 2. MacFayden allowed but three hits in a fast 1 hour and 25 minutes.

Good pitching being the order of the day in the American, Garland Braxton held the Browns to five hits and the Senators made three in a row, this time by 3 to 2.

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## AMERICA'S FIRST FRONT DRIVE CAR, THE CORD, IN PRODUCTION



In a short time a new type automobile will be on the streets here. It will be the Cord Front-Drive, a car that "goes" in place of "pushing". The car is a product of Auburn. The top photo shows the Cord cars coming off the production line at the Auburn plant while the lower one shows a stock of Cord cars ready for shipment.

## FOOTBALL EYES WILL SOON TURN TOWARD GATORS

### Candidates For Places On '29 Eleven Will Assemble On Sept. 6

GAINESVILLE, Aug. 18. Soon the eyes of the football nation will turn toward Florida, where the "Fighting Gators" of the University of Florida, ran rampant over all opposition last season to register 336 points and lead the entire United States in scoring.

The members of that famous point gathering machine, who return to the fold this fall, should be of interest to the multitude of football fans about the country.

Rainey Cawthon, captain-elect, and star fullback, passed up 11 hours work in the University summer session and is now touring the state in the interests of the official 1929 souvenir football program.

Dale VanBickle, end extra-ordinary, Florida's first All-American, also was a star summer school student. He is directing junior high school activities in Gainesville this month.

"Cannonball" Clyde Grabke and Royce Goodbread, two very potent ball carriers, are Life guards at Rye, N. Y.

Alex Reeves and Jimmy Steele, the two big guard sensations of 1928, are both in Tampa working ten hours a day, six days a week.

Dashwood Hicks, tackle, and Lloyd Wilson, end, are also laboring between the two clubs this season and judging from latest reports seem in no humor to stop.

Al Simmons kept pace with the home run hitters by connecting for his 27th.

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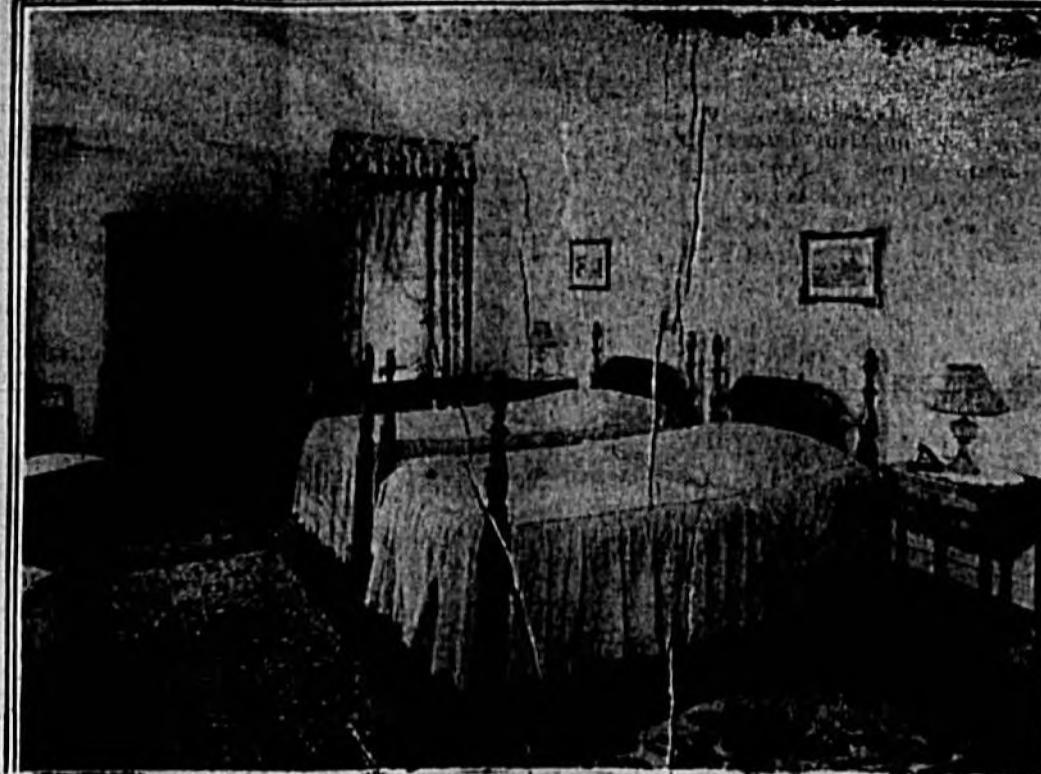
**Menjou's Wife Goes  
To Hospital In Paris**

PARIS, Aug. 18. (INS)—Katherine Carver, screen star wife of Adolphe Menjou, has been admitted to the American Hospital here "for a brief rest." It was learned today. Menjou told International News Service his wife was in a tired and nervous state, and entered the hospital in order to have a few days of complete relaxation.

"She will probably be out of the hospital tomorrow," he said. Mr. and Mrs. Menjou arrived here recently from Hollywood.

## Homes for Every Income

BY AMY SOMERS PHILLIPS



UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ROSE VOILE SPREADS, COLORFUL OLD HOOK RUGS AND CHINTZ CURTAINS THESE DIGNIFIED OLD MAPLE PIECES "UNBEND" WITHOUT LOSING A WHIT OF THEIR STURDY CHARACTER

### Softening the Severity of Early American Furniture

Even those who are most devoted to colonial and Early American furnishings acknowledge that when it comes to the Early American bedroom in a quaint, friendly pattern, the overcurtained, hard-headed chair.

And so this period has been used most frequently in rooms planned for boys and men—the women of the household considering it unfriendly to the gracious touches that are so essential to their conception of the ideal bedroom.

To the decorator who has given much thought to the subject this tendency brings sincere regret. For there are several ways in which one can suggest daintiness without destroying either the reverse of the draperies, using the ruching or for the body and the drapery color for the ruching to trim the slip cover.

The ruching would be old hook rugs if possible. Or if it were necessary to be shared by the man and woman, the decorative scheme should always be a compromise between feminine daintiness and masculine severity, for both would be far from austere.

And there is this point to be remembered. When the bedroom is to be shared by the man and woman, the decorative scheme should always be a compromise between feminine daintiness and masculine severity, for both would be far from austere.

The double four-poster bed would have a canopy of thin fine white material edged with an old tassel fringe with perhaps an old

patchwork quilt for its spread.

I should use a swivel front chest of drawers in mahogany for the dresser, with an old mahogany mirror above it, mahogany side chairs and mahogany highboy—or perhaps I would mix maple and mahogany as we did in the Early American room.

A colonial scheme of this character would, of course, be much more dignified than the Early American room itself, but still, with the aid of the canopy, the patterned paper, hook rug and colorful quilt, it would be far from austere.

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## Chase Rescinds Resignation As Official Of City

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Calvin, to take effect at once, was read and approved, and, following a short discussion, a number of the duties of the former manager were apportioned to different members of the present City forces.

The president of the Bellavera-in-Sanford club, Frank M. Marler, appeared before the Commission, and after explaining the progress made in an effort to publicize a successful Labor Day celebration, asked the City to authorize a donation not to exceed \$2000. This request was granted and the clerk was also instructed to assist Mr. Marler in securing a number of the City's employees to help in the erection of tables and benches for the fish fry.

In an effort to reduce the operating expenses of the City, the Commission approved the suggestion of Commissioner Speer that street lights in the white way system on certain streets be turned off. Beginning today every other light on the following streets will be turned off: Magnolia, Park and Oak avenues from Second street south; from Sanford Avenue east on First street, and the lake front from Park Avenue to Sanford Avenue.

The meeting was attended by Mayor Nelson Gay, Commissioner Speer, and Mr. P. H. Anderson, City Clerk. Lamson, and Chief of Police Williams; Commissioners Chase and Newman were out of town.

**WILLIAMS RE-APPOINTED**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (INS)—President Hoover has re-appointed A. C. Williams of Texas as a member of the federal farm loan board. It was announced at the White House today.

**TARPON SPRINGS**—Ground broken for new \$20,000 grapefruit canning plant of Tugwell & Wilson, Inc. at corner of Dixie Avenue and Seaboard Airline tracks.

**State Highway Department** to complete construction of State Highway No. 4 from Delray Beach south to Boca Raton in near future.

**STARKE**—\$8,000 bond issue will be sold to provide funds for paving West Cali, Bay and Orange streets.

suggestions given modify the plainness of two favorite periods and make them very acceptable for the double bedroom.

## LAKE MARY

Mrs. D. Tamm and daughter, Agnes, of Savannah, Ga., who have been with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tamm for the past two weeks, left last Saturday for their home. Mrs. Alice Henry, of Jacksonville, has been visiting in Lake Mary for the past month with Mrs. T. H. Johnson and Mrs. Donaldson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wing have moved into their new home on Lake Mary.

Mrs. M. B. McDermott and Mrs. T. H. Hagen of Eustis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and daughter are spending some time in Tampa where Mr. Ferguson is employed for the present time.

Mrs. Mable Keeley and daughter returned recently from Tampa.

Mrs. T. H. Jorda, of Eustis, Thursday where they spent the day.

Stanley Peckham has returned to Lake Mary and will be on duty in Sanford where he is connected with the Florida National Guards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell and Mrs. Roy Howell and Mrs. J. A. Peckham motored to Eustis Friday for the day.

Clarence Peckham left Monday for Green Cove Springs where he will serve on the Florida National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell and children spent last weekend at Eustis as the guest of Mrs. Howell's mother.

Pensacola—Sherrill Oil Company erecting storage tank at oil terminal here.

**ARCADIA**—Arcadia General Hospital building may be enlarged soon.



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## Stenographic Report Of Libel Action Against Sanford Herald

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October.

Q—That's when you asked him to get out?

A—That's when we asked that he be removed.

Q—Now, who had lost confidence in him at the beginning of that campaign that you are talking about?

A—The people of Sanford.

Q—Well, who?

A—All of them.

Q—All of them?

A—Practically, yes.

Q—Well, who, can you name some of them?

A—Sure, Mr. Meach.

Q—Who else?

A—Mr. Daniels, Mr. Thrash, or Mr. Woodruff.

Q—Who else?

A—Mr. Spear and Mr. New-

man.

Q—Who else?

A—I don't recall the names right now.

Q—Is that all the people of Sanford?

A—No, sir.

Q—These are the same fellows you mentioned the other day—is that all of the people in Sanford?

A—They were members of the Taxpayers League and the Taxpayers League had lost confidence in him, and I think the Taxpayers League represented a majority of the people of Sanford.

Q—And you joined the Taxpayers League.

A—Well, I considered myself a member, I never had signed any papers or paid any dues or anything.

Q—You helped it along wherever you could?

A—Yes.

Q—Well now let's get back on this particular or legal advisor to Forrest Lake, how do you know he was?

A—When?

Q—Then when you published and told them to kick him out of the city government?

A—Because that was what everybody said.

Q—Who is everybody?

A—Mr. Ashcraft for one, and furthermore I was certainly very strongly under the impression that he was a long time before the bank had failed, I used to go into the bank very often and find Mr. DeCotes in there discussing things with Mr. Lake it looked to me like.

Q—Lake was Mayor, wasn't he?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—That was his office over there, that's where you would find him?

A—Yes.

Q—And Mr. DeCotes was city attorney?

A—Yes.

Q—And you would find DeCotes in there talking with him?

A—Yes.

Q—Well what did DeCotes ever do as the legal advisor of Forrest Lake now that was such a condition or such advice given as that he should be removed from the city government?

A—To my knowledge he never gave any?

A—No, sir.

Q—You say he had been financially associated with him in the incorporation of L. K. D. Inc., what do you know about that?

A—Only what has been in the paper?

Q—Your paper?

A—Yes.

Q—Well what did you put in your paper about it?

A—I published several articles given me by Mr. DeCotes explaining the L. K. D. Inc.

Q—What was it, who were the members?

A—So far as I know Mr. Lake, Mr. Key and Mr. DeCotes.

Q—All right what did they own?

A—I think real estate.

Q—One piece of property wasn't it?

A—I don't know.

Q—And they incorporated and called it L. K. D. Inc., what was wrong about that? Where and whereby he should be kicked out of the city government?

A—I didn't say no, ought to be kicked out—I said that was one reason the people had lost confidence in him.

Q—Well you may here, they had lost confidence because he and Lake had owned one piece of property together under L. K. D. Inc.

A—I don't know that they own just one piece of property.

Q—Do you know that they own any more than one piece?

A—That was a holding company for certain real estate.

Q—Do you know that they held more than one piece under it?

A—No, sir, I don't know anything about it.

Q—Yet you publish this as your personal opinion, don't you?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—We hold no ill feeling for the commissioners that they failed to heed our advice... you were undertaking to give the city commission advice, were you?

A—I certainly was.

Q—You think that's a function of your newspaper?

A—I certainly do.

Q—In other words the city commission of the various cities should follow the newspapers?

A—Not at all, I think that every newspaper has certainly got a right to express its opinion on any subject that comes up.

Q—You may think so, sir, that's your opinion.

A—I certainly do.

Q—Yes, that's your opinion isn't it?

Manager of Miami Beach.

Q—Well all right we will take your word for it. I don't care where it is. Do you know what the city attorney of Miami was getting, that they paid for bond issues?

A—No, I think that was in the telegram.

Q—Well here is what this says:

"CITY ATTORNEY SALARY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES NO FEES AT ALL."

Now do you know whether or not that includes all their bond issues?

A—As far as the city attorney concerned I believe it does, that's what it says.

Q—If they get city bond issues prepared for the New York attorneys to approve them as some cities do, do you know what they paid the other attorneys?

A—I think it says there.

Q—Not in that telegram—it does in the one headed Miami which you say is Miami beach, which says that they pay their New York bond attorneys one and one half to two tenths of one percent for examination and approval of bonds?

A—Let me see the telegram—reading! The city of Miami pays its attorney a salary of six thousand dollars a year plus seven hundred and fifty dollars for incidental expenses. No fees at all.

Q—Now do you know whether that includes the preparation of bond issues?

A—That's what it says, it says that... I will read it again.

Q—I know what that says, but don't you know as a matter of fact that practically all cities of the size of Miami have bond attorney who handle bonds entirely separate from the City Attorney proper?

A—I believe that the City of Miami gets the opinion of New York Bond attorneys on bonds and probably pays something of a fee for that opinion but the City attorney has nothing to do with that.

Q—No, but don't you know that city the size of Miami, Jacksonville and Tampa they have a city attorney of a regular—always and then they have other attorneys who handle the bonds of the city in addition to that.

A—Well we do too as far as that goes.

Q—Don't you know that the information which appeared in the paper and on the opinion of other people, that is in in Jacksonville?

Q—Facts—mean there were facts appearing in the paper?

A—I mean that every newspaper story published in the Herald came nearly near being facts, as near as it was humanly possible to make them facts, yes.

Q—You think this is facts, this is when you publish to the world that DeCotes received \$20,000 a year, when it isn't so when you could have mentioned right there in the City Hall, that he was not?

A—I certainly think it was a fact that he got \$20,000 a year.

Q—But you said for services in your paper?

A—This \$20,000 a year that DeCotes gets I don't believe includes that.

Q—And you now know that was untrue and you could have found it out at that time?

A—I knew it within three or four days and I published it in the paper on the front page and in the same space that the other article appeared.

A—I mean to say George DeCotes gets \$20,000 a year.

Q—For his services?

A—No, sir.

Q—We don't question the legal capacity of Mr. DeCotes. I thought you said a while ago you had question it?

A—As a private attorney.

Q—But not representing the city?

A—Not as city attorney, no, sir.

Q—Whom Mr. Lake was accustomed to refer to so frequently as "the best bond attorney in the State of Florida." I just want to ask you right now if there was ever a single issue of bonds that Mr. DeCotes prepared that was not finally approved in every sense of the word?

A—Not that I know of.

Q—Not a single one?

A—Not a single one.

Q—Not a single certificate of indebtedness he ever issued that was not approved was it?

A—Well there were some certificates of indebtedness that are subject to litigation.

Q—Certainly and that's because they go into the hands of other people and they aren't negotiable paper, but do you know of course that has ever held any paper that the City of Miami has ever put out in the financing of this city in the 16 or 20 years he was City Attorney that the courts have decided?

A—No, sir.

Q—And yet you say his advice was sound to the world?

A—But we do seriously doubt his business acumen makes him worth the City of Sanford more than the combined City Attorneys of Miami and Coral Gables are worth to those municipalities.

Do you know what the City Attorney of Miami gets?

A—As well as I can remember it was about \$5750.00.

Q—How many bond issues were put out by the City of Miami during the last five year period?

A—I don't remember.

Q—What did they pay for that?

A—I think it says in the telegram.

Q—Well it says they charge from 1 to 1-1/2 to 2 tenths percent?

A—Not the Miami City Attorney.

Q—The telegram is headed Miami.

A—It tells you in the telegram?

A—Yes, it's written there in pencil but the telegraph office put it Miami?

A—Well Crenshaw is the City

Q—Do you know what his duties were?

A—No, sir, except that he was city attorney.

Q—Do you know now as a matter of fact that that fellow that got the \$3,000.00 was a young fellow, that had an office over there in the Coral Gables City Building who was merely a clerk, he was designated City Attorney but, practically all of his big business and bond issues and certificates of indebtedness were handled by Miami attorneys proper and paid pro-rata what it was worth?

A—No, sir, I don't know that and I don't believe that.

Q—Well it's the truth, sir.

A—That's not my understanding.

Q—Did you make any investigation to find out that that wasn't true?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you find out that was not true?

A—Yes.

Q—The City of Coral Gables, a community approximately the size of Sanford, pays its City Attorney \$1000 a year, and that figure includes everything, retaining fee, bond issues, and retainers?

Q—What do you mean by rack-offs?

A—Everything else.

Q—That's what you say when you say "rack-offs"—everything else?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—You mean that's honest fees do you, when you say "rack off"?

A—Yes.

Q—You think that's what the public thinks you mean?

A—I think they did, yes sir.

Q—The City of Miami thirteen times as large as Sanford, and with a bonded indebtedness of eighteen million, pays its attorney \$6000 annually, plus \$750 for expenses?" Now did you make a specific inquiry to find out if that covered litigation?

A—Only in so far as the telegram which I sent to them.

Q—You relied on that just the way you put it there?

A—Yes.

Q—If Mr. DeCotes' advice was always sound and looking to the final solution of Sanford's financial difficulty it might be worthwhile to pay him the exorbitant fees which he receives? What do you mean by exorbitant fees?

A—I mean high, excessive.

Q—High and excessive.

Q—Is that all that means?

A—Yes, sir, certainly is.

Q—You think that is all that means to the public when they read that?

A—If they know what the word means that's what it means.

Q—You say Webster's pretty good dictionary?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Exorbitant: Not within the orbit or scope of the law; illegal. That what that word "exorbitant" means?

A—Not to my knowledge.

Q—Going beyond established limits of right or propriety; inadequate. Is that what it means?

A—That's what the word means.

Q—Well then see if he says it's illegal.

A—He didn't say it was illegal.

Q—Well what do you mean when you say for the sake of their own good name?

A—He didn't say that.

Q—Well what do you mean by that?

A—I mean it's for the sake of the city commission.

Q—You mean it's for the sake of the city commission?

A—Yes.

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