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DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED	REFUSAL OF ROCKEFELLER
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He Declines to Go Before th

CITES PUBLISHED DENIAL

Rev. Gates Also Decides He Will  
Not Accept Invitation—Gives  
Reasons in Plain  
English

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—John D. Rockefeller and the Rev. Frederick T. Gates formally declined today the invitation of Chairman Stanley of the congressional investigating committee to appear before

statements concerning the testimony recently given by Leonidas Merritt and his brother, Alfred Merritt. Mr. Rockefeller's letter, dated at Pocantico Hills, Dec. 9, and addressed to Chairman Stanley, reads:

your committee was in substance the repetition of statements made by them in a controversy closed fifteen years ago. The statements are false. They were so declared by me at the time in sworn testimony and upon cross-examination. Before the receipt

I, therefore, deem it unnecessary to avail myself of the opportunity now offered to appear before your committee. Yours truly,  
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

"Sixteen years ago the Merritts swore to these charges just as positively as they did before your committee. The charges alleged in substantiation of the charges

"By those who believe in me no deal before your committee is needed. . . . Those who believe in the Merritts no testimony from me is needed to substantiate the Merritts' own acknowledgement.

"To be sure, the Merritts now swear that the retraction was not true. But

"When Leonidas Merritt, while testifying before your committee, was unexpectedly confronted with that fatal traction, it is interesting to observe his confusion. The official record lies before me. He first blurted right out that it was agreed between the attorney

"Am interested to note that few moments later the chairman interrupted the

"The gentlemen objected vehemently to coming before this committee; did not want to talk with me and begged me not to bring them here. No wonder."

"The story of the Merritts was contradicted by Mr. Rockefeller and myself in the United States circuit court."

The record of that case is duly filed with that court, and includes the Merritt retraction of every charge. My sworn testimony was true then; it has never been retracted. It is true today. It is available for the purposes of your committee.

published the Merritt retraction, and as soon as I came home I followed directly with a detailed statement of the Merritt loans, showing that Mr. Rockefeller had never called any loan made to them. Your committee is simply means of reaching the public. It decides, and could decide nothing in

**CAL MIRACLE GIVEN  
THE EXTREME PENALT**

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Dec. 9.—C  
Miracle was found guilty by a jury  
sentenced to death for the murder  
Mathew Jones and Mrs. William Gibson  
in the Bell county circuit court today.  
Jones and Mrs. Gibson were killed.

**WAS FIRST FEDERAL SPY  
OF THE CIVIL WA**

**World Building Is Identified.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The man who somersaulted 375 feet down from the dome of the World building to death on the sidewalk last Wednesday, was identified today as Price Lewis, said to be a

Many times, it was said, Lewis was the bodyguard of President Lincoln. He was a prisoner in a southern jail for nineteen months.



