

NO SWIVEL CHAIR FOR FORD'S SON

STAYED AT HOME DURING WAR TO HELP IN PLANT—REFUSED TO TAKE UNIFORM.

FATHER WAS RESPONSIBLE

Declares He Told Edsel That War Work in Factory Needed Him—Would Not Accept Safety First Commission.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Henry Ford, during the last hour of his seven days on the witness stand, took occasion to claim full responsibility for his son, Edsel Ford's, claim for exemption from the selective draft. "He wanted to enlist," said Mr. Ford, "but I told him that he could do more good where he was. He was offered several commissions which would have permitted him to wear a uniform and stay right in the factory, but he wouldn't accept them."

Having made their decision, it was shown, both Mr. Ford and his son refused to camouflage it behind a swivel chair commission carrying boots and spurs.

This subject, the introduction of which has been awaited ever since the trial opened, did not develop along the lines which had been generally expected. Mr. Ford's inclination to shoulder full responsibility, his statement that his son was absolutely essential to the war work being done in the factory and his revelation of the fact that Edsel Ford turned down several offers of a commission, disarmed criticism. The charges, spread during a political campaign, and recently repeated on the floor of the United States senate, to the effect that the young president of the Ford Motor company had shirked his duty were so fully refuted that Tribune counsel did not pursue the point.

It was the first time that a full explanation of the facts in connection with Edsel Ford's war work has been made public and it was easily the feature of the eleventh week of the trial.

Henry Ford spent seven days on the witness stand and of this time he gave less than two hours to his own lawyers. As long as counsel for The Tribune was hammering him Mr. Ford sat quietly in the witness chair answering the constant fire of questions with great patience. But the instant his own lawyers took him in hand his attitude changed. He became self-conscious and diffident. He would not accept the efforts of his counsel to provide him with an opportunity to reveal the full extent of his patriotic work during the war, his humanitarian views, or his advanced ideas of the relations which should exist between capital and labor.

"It is all in the records," said Mr. Ford. "I have told it all here once." He avoided, with care, anything that verged on boasting. He would not even describe the extent of the war work which his factories did and when record breaking performances in the production of munitions was mentioned he declared, "we did all we could, let it go at that. I want to forget all about it. I feel just as the soldiers feel. I don't want to talk about my war work."

The witness did, however, after being pressed, explain that his son had bought out the minority stockholders of the Ford Motor company because these interests had insisted on Mr. Ford squeezing the last dollar out of the public, the government, the workers and the product. He wanted to cut loose from his associates, he said, so that he could carry out his idea of the distribution of profits to employees through increased wages and to the public through lower prices. It was either buy or sell and Mr. Ford had considered selling and organizing a new company. His son, however, took up the task of buying out the minority stockholders and succeeded, despite the general belief in the financial world that this stock could not be purchased.

One of the most interesting developments of Mr. Ford's testimony came out when it was testified that the only legislation he has ever sought was that for the protection of birds. Other men of millions, it was shown, keep lobbyists in the national and state capitol to urge and work for special privileges, but the one favor that Mr. Ford has ever asked from the lawmakers had nothing to do with his own interests. It was a curious bit of testimony and left a deep impression on the audience in the court chamber.

The subject was a result of questions concerning Mr. Ford's list of friends. He named Thomas Edison and John Burroughs, the naturalist, as his best friends outside of his immediate associates.

Litigation in which Mr. Ford has been interested was another subject of interest. It was shown that when the automobile business was in the first years of its growth all manufacturers of motor cars were compelled to pay tribute to what was known as the Selden patent on internal combustion engines. Mr. Ford fought this patent for seven years and won and by his victory freed the entire industry from its shackles and made possible the wonderful growth which has marked the last few years.

Dead Man Upright at Machine Gun.

Stories of the scenes of the battle fields are told in a letter received by Mrs. H. E. Wilson of Middle avenue, Wilmerding, Pa., from her son, Private Gordon Wilson of the One Hundred and Ninth Ambulance corps.

Walking over the battlefield in search of wounded men, he wrote, he found himself staring into the muzzle of a German machine gun, with a German soldier at the breech. Dropping into a shell hole, Private Wilson remained there for half an hour, not daring to move. Finally, as darkness approached, he decided to crawl away. He lost his way, he says, and did not know where he was until he was again looking at the German machine gun and the lone soldier behind it. This time he was in a position to see better and recognized at once that the soldier was dead. A bullet fired by an American rifleman had penetrated his forehead, probably just at the time he was preparing to pour a volley into the advancing columns.

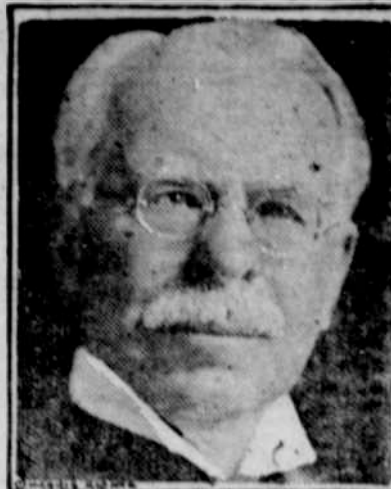
Fish Trapped in Tomato Can.

Early in November Allen Wiffla of Blairsville, N. Y., filled a tomato can nearly full of worms and went to the lake to fish for pike. He anchored his rowboat near Lone Bar and proceeded to fish.

Late in the afternoon Wiffla placed his catch in a bag, picked up the can, which has half-full of angleworms, and threw it into the water. He says that when the can struck the water a large fish jumped out, hit the can with its tail, and the can filled with water and sank.

A few days later Wiffla again went to the lake to fish. He anchored his boat 50 rods from shore and had fished for nearly an hour when he discovered a tin can floating on the water. The peculiar motion of the can attracted his attention, he says, and he rowed the boat to it, and with a landing net scooped the can into the boat. Great was his surprise, he says, when he raised the can from the water to see a large fish with its head in the can.

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