

QUIGG IS THE MAN

Lessler Says He Attempted Bribery Through Agent.

TO DO HIS FRIEND A FAVOR

Representative Tells Committee How Influence Was Used in Favor of Holland Torpedo Boat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The House committee on naval affairs began the investigation authorized by the House in consequence of the charges against Representative Quigg, of New York, during a recent session of the committee on naval affairs, that he had been approached with an offer of money for his vote in committee in favor of the construction of submarine torpedo-boats. A brief secret session was held prior to the opening of the inquiry at which the method of procedure was considered. Among those present, aside from the committee and press representatives, were: Ex-Governor J. M. Thurston, who appeared as counsel for the Holland Torpedo Boat Company; Lemuel E. Quigg, formerly a member of the House from New York; ex-Senator Hutton, and DeLany Nichol, an attorney from New York. Representative Quigg was the first witness and his examination occupied a great part of the session. Only two other witnesses were heard, F. B. Jones, Mr. Lessler's secretary, and ex-Senator Hutton. At 1 P. M. the committee, after a brief secret session, took an adjournment until tomorrow.

Lessler Names Quigg.
Taylor, of the committee, questioned Mr. Lessler, who stated that he was opposed to the building of more submarine torpedo-boats.

Mr. Lessler identified Philip Dohlin and told of a conversation he said he had with him.

Mr. Lessler said Mr. Dohlin came to him one morning and asked if the Holland submarine torpedo-boat proposition would again come before the House. "I said I supposed so," he said. "I was still opposed to it, and I said I was." Mr. Lessler testified that Mr. Dohlin said he had been sent for by Mr. Quigg, and Mr. Quigg had told him there was \$500 in it if he (Lessler) could be brought to the other side.

Mr. Lessler said he said there must be no further talk on that proposition. Mr. Lessler then said that Dohlin suggested that Mr. Quigg was a man of power and influence, and that if I wanted to come back here I would be adding myself by doing him this favor.

Mr. Lessler then told of a conversation he said he had with Mr. Quigg at Lessler's office, 21 Nassau street, New York. He then said that before the opening of Congress or during the holiday recess Mr. Quigg telephoned that he wanted to see him. "I told him to come over, and he came to my office at 10 o'clock."

Mr. Lessler said he then told Mr. Quigg that there should be no question of money. In answer to questions he said Mr. Quigg had not mentioned torpedo-boats, but added: "I had no other business with Mr. Quigg and inferred that he was on this account that he came to see me."

Mr. Lessler told of a conversation he had with John McCullagh, superintendent of elections in New York, at his hotel in Washington, Mr. McCullagh, he said, told him that there were men in New York who could re-elect him or defeat him and that they wanted him to support the measure. Mr. Lessler said he told Mr. McCullagh that he would not do it.

Mr. Lessler said that at the time of the conversation with Dohlin the latter was a deputy in Mr. McCullagh's office. He said that Dohlin got some mail in his (Lessler's) office and had the freedom of his office. He said also that Dohlin was an ardent and faithful political friend, and he (Lessler) felt under obligations to him. He did not know except through the newspapers that Dohlin had been ordered off the floor of the Board of Aldermen of New York City.

Asked what were the political relations between Mr. Quigg and Mr. McCullagh, Mr. Lessler explained the political positions held by the two men. He knew of no relations except that Mr. Quigg was probably one of those who advised McCullagh's appointment.

Interested as a Friend.
At the request of Quigg, Delancy Nichol, an attorney, questioned Mr. Lessler. His questions aimed to develop the relation existing between Mr. Lessler and Mr. Dohlin. Mr. Lessler said that Mr. Quigg had told him that he (Quigg) had no interest in the Holland boat, but that a friend, a Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, as he remembered the name, was interested in them and he wanted to do him a favor.

"To whom, if anybody, did you tell the story of the proposal?" Mr. Taylor asked. "To Mr. Fox and Mr. Dohlin," the committee, shortly after Congress opened," he replied. Mr. Lessler added that he had also told Representative Wheeler about it.

John M. Thurston announced to the committee that he represented the Holland Torpedo Boat Company and said that, inasmuch as nothing had been said to connect the company with the charges, he did not desire to ask any questions, but asked to reserve the right to interrogate witnesses if necessary.

Ex-Senator Hutton, of Virginia, the next witness, said he was counsel for the Holland company.

"Have you any acquaintance with Mr. Quigg?"

"Yes, my acquaintance began with him at 11 o'clock today in the committee room."

He said he had never authorized anyone to make a proposal and he never heard of Mr. Quigg being connected with the company.

Mr. Lessler's secretary testified to a conversation he took place, he said, between Mr. Lessler and Mr. McCullagh at Mr. Lessler's hotel in Washington, when, he said, Mr. McCullagh told Mr. Lessler that he represented men who could either defeat his nomination or nominate him, and wanted him to vote for the torpedo-boat. Mr. Lessler, he said, refused.

Ex-Representative Lemuel E. Quigg told the committee that, as his name had been brought into this matter, he would like to be heard at the earliest moment. The committee then went into executive session.

QUIGG DENIES THE STORY.

Says Money Was Never Mentioned in His Talk With Lessler.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Lemuel E. Quigg made the following statement today in reference to the testimony before the House naval affairs committee by Representative Lessler.

"I regret that the committee declined to receive my testimony today, inasmuch as I think it should have gone out with Mr. Lessler's. I have no interest whatever, and have never had any interest in the Holland torpedo-boat, or in any of the companies organized to promote it. Nor am I, nor was I ever, in any way interested in obtaining pending or other legislation in their behalf. At the solicitation of a friend, whose name I will give to the committee, and who said he was interested, I consented to speak with Mr. Lessler in advocacy of the boat. As the result of efforts to reach Mr. Lessler by telephone, I was visited by Philip Dohlin,

when I knew to be Mr. Lessler's personal friend.

"I made no other request of Dohlin than that he should let me know when Mr. Lessler was in town, and in his office, in order that I might see him. Subsequently Dohlin called at my office again and told me that Lessler was in his office, and I called there accordingly. Mr. Lessler at his office did not open the conversation by saying that of course there could be no talk about money. He did not say this then or at any other time during the conversation, nor was there any talk about money, except in his own declarations against the methods to which he said the company was resorting. It is very true, however, that he did not mention to me any prior conversation between him and Dohlin. He received me politely and in a friendly way, and it was I who introduced the subject of the Holland torpedo-boat."

"Mr. Lessler promptly announced his opposition to the pending appropriation and stated with great detail why, in his opinion, the Holland bill should not pass. I did not feel myself sufficiently well informed about the merits of the case to discuss them with him, and when he had done I told him I guessed he knew more about the subject than I did; that I had sufficiently performed my errand, and that I had no request whatever to make of him."

"I did not mention to Mr. Lessler the name of the gentleman who requested me to talk with him or say more on that subject except that he was a friend, whom I should like to oblige. As a matter of fact, he was not General Eppa Hunton or any Mr. Hunter or any person of a similar name. I never said anything of that sort to Mr. Lessler. Subsequent to this conversation, I was visited by Philip Dohlin."

MONTAGUE LESSLER



Member of Congress, Seventh District of New York.

versation between Mr. Lessler and me Dohlin called twice at my office, urging me to visit Lessler again, but I did not do so."

Mr. Quigg also specifically denied the statements made concerning Dohlin, so far as they associated him (Quigg) with offers of money.

DUEL IN NEW YORK.

Participants Are Bad Shots, but By-standers Suffer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Two unknown men fought a duel in sight of Oak Street police station in this city last night, but both being bad shots, escaped unhurt. There were two victims of their bullets, however, a boy and a girl. The boy, Willie McLaughlin, was shot in the body and, perhaps, fatally wounded. The girl, 14 years of age, received a wound in the leg. After emptying their revolvers the men escaped.

Looks Like Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—The body of John McAndrews, aged 23 years, who had been missing since Christmas, has been recovered from the Delaware River. Four men and one woman are under arrest, pending the coroner's inquest. Christmas day McAndrews and the others were guests at a house party, at which a quarrel is said to have occurred. McAndrews left the house, and when they reached the second story, instead of waiting for the ladders to be raised, pushed the women off to the ground, about 15 feet, and leaped themselves. In this way many women were injured.

Man Robbed of \$11,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Louis Dreyer, a wealthy Jersey City produce merchant, who disappeared mysteriously from his home Monday morning, has returned in a dazed condition. A physician stated that Dreyer was suffering from the effects of a knock-out drop, and refused to permit his family to interrogate him until he had entirely recovered. When Dreyer disappeared he had in his possession \$900 in bills and bonds valued at \$300. He did not have either the money or the bonds when he returned.

Find Yeatman a Defaulter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The experts from the Treasury department have made a report to the Secretary of the Treasury as to the result of an investigation of the accounts of the late William S. Yeatman, as disbursing clerk of the War Department. It is reported that Mr. Yeatman, at the time of his death, 15 months ago, was a defaulter to the amount of \$4,611.

DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Superintendent of Cincinnati Police.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 23.—Colonel Philip Delaney, superintendent of police, died today. He was born in Bavaria, October 27, 1840. When young he came to the United States and entered the regular army, serving in Washington Territory.

He re-enlisted when the Civil War broke out in 1861 and served in the Army of the Potomac, and at the close of the war entered the police force of Cincinnati, with which he was almost continuously connected throughout the remainder of his life.

Ex-President of La Fayette College.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.—The Rev. Dr. James H. Mason, ex-president of La Fayette College, Easton, Pa., is dead in this city. Dr. Knox was born in New York. From 1846 to 1851 he served as pastor of the church at German Valley, N. H., and from 1851 to 1853 as pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Easton, Pa.

From 1853 to 1859 he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Pa. He accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Bristol, Pa., in 1859, which position he held until 1883, when he was elected president of La Fayette College, as successor of Dr. Cattell, and served until 1888.

Leading Omaha Capitalists.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 23.—J. L. Brandies, head of the firm of J. L. Brandies & Sons, and one of the largest retail merchants of Omaha, died at his home here early today of Bright's disease. He had been a leading merchant and capitalist for 20 years.

Noted India Educator.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Zobias Igniaz, a noted educator of India, died here today of typhoid fever, after an illness of three days. He was sent to this country by the English government for the purpose of studying the school system.

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FRAUD BY WHOLESALE.

Alleged in Naturalization Business in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—Deputy United States Marshal today arrested Jacob Kaplan, a policeman, and Nathan Levin, a saloonkeeper, on charges of aiding and abetting in naturalization frauds. D. P. Dyer, United States District Attorney, announced that the Federal grand jury had indicted a number of persons for procuring citizenship registration papers fraudulently. Wholesale naturalization frauds have been unearthed. Mr. Dyer says the grand jury will probe the matter to the bottom.