

GAGE DEFENSE IN "SUGAR" CASE

Ex-Secretary of Treasury Says "He Might Have Said It."

DOESN'T KNOW HAVEMEYER

Ex-Official Declares He "Might Have" Directed Subordinate to Turn Proofs Over to Head of Big Sugar Trust.

DENVER, Nov. 30.—"Even though Mr. Howell's testimony might be construed to prove me a rascal, which it won't, I would still bear witness to his truth and honesty. If he says I sent Wakeman to Havemeyer—a man whom, by the way, I have never seen—then I undoubtedly gave such a direction to Wakeman."

Wakeman Makes Charge.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, ex-appraiser of the Customs Department, has alleged that he laid evidence of crookedness before Mr. Gage and that Mr. Gage directed him to submit all his proofs to H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Wakeman's statements have been corroborated by Howell's positive denial.

Mr. Gage insists that there was nothing significant in his having given such an order at the time to Wakeman.

"What Mr. Howell may say is the truth, or his careful recollection of the truth," said Mr. Gage today.

"My recollection of Wakeman is that he was a little inclined to be rattled, but for I put two detectives on the case he furnished me with all the facts I believe anything conclusive was found."

Gage Denies He's Theosophist.

Incidentally, in his visit here today the ex-Secretary denies a positive denial to the report that he is a theosophist.

"I am not a member of the Theosophical Society," he said. "Never have been, have no association with them, and never had. It has been extremely annoying to me to see my name connected with the organization at Point Loma."

Mr. Gage also gave in his opinion that the labors of the National Monetary Commission would come to naught.

"I don't believe they will ever evolve a bill that will satisfy me," he said.

"They have spent a lot of time visiting in Europe and collecting data, and what they have collected is not from any first-class library. I believe we should have a central bank, with safeguards to protect the interests of the people."

SUGAR TRUST HEAD IN COURT

Manager of Refinery on Trial for "Beating Scales."

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The trial of James F. Bendinagel, manager of the American Sugar Refining Company's Williamsburg plant, and the five other employees of the company, accused with him of sugar underweighing frauds, was resumed today.

"We expect to prove beyond a doubt," declared Attorney Wilfred E. Denison, in his opening statement, "that since the very date of the imposition of duty on sugar the Havemeyer and Elder refineries, the latter owned by the American Sugar Refining Company, have defrauded the United States Government of a portion of the duty charged."

Mr. Denison told the jury the now familiar story of the trick scales and a hole and a wire in each, by means of which the weights are alleged to have manipulated the scale beam to make the sugar weigh less.

"The special office of Bendinagel was to provide the evidence of shortages from which the Government expected to prove that Oliver Spitzer, Bendinagel's right-hand man, the dock superintendent, and Bendinagel, himself, saw to it that any Government weighers who were astute enough to discover anything wrong, were removed."

"Taking of evidence was begun with the examination of Thomas B. McLaughlin, chief entry clerk of the Custom House, who produced the entry papers from the steamship Eva, which, in 1907, brought the cargo of sugar about which the testimony of the Government is expected to be developed in the attempt to fasten specific frauds upon the defendants."

MORE CUSTOMS MEN SHORT

Investigation Results in General Shakeup in Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—As a result of an investigation of shortages from wine casks and other packages at the Baltimore Customs House, a shakeup in that end of the service was announced today.

Several employees were reduced in rank.

BALLINGER IS THE WINNER

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Lyman Abbott, of New York, in response to a series of questions asked by the late on the national conservation policy. Referring to the development of water-power and coal fields, the Chief Forester declares that in most cases actual development of the former need not be done by private interests acting under public control, but that it is neither good sense nor good morals to let these privileges pass from the public ownership for nothing and forever.

In answer to Dr. Abbott's question, "What is the danger to the conservation policy if the former need not be done by private interests acting under public control, but that it is neither good sense nor good morals to let these privileges pass from the public ownership for nothing and forever?" Mr. Pinchot declares that it is the privilege of the few who may continue to obstruct the rights of the many, especially in the matter of water-power and coal.

"Congress must decide at this session," Mr. Pinchot says, "whether the great coal fields still in public ownership shall remain so, that their use may be controlled with due regard to the interests of the consumer, or whether they shall pass into private ownership and be controlled in the monopolistic interests of a few. Congress must decide also whether in-

mensely valuable water-power rights shall be given away to special interests in perpetuity and without compensation, instead of being held and controlled by the public.

"Why is it important to protect the water-powers?" asked Dr. Abbott, and in reply, Mr. Pinchot points out that it is of the first importance to prevent them from passing into private ownership, as they have been doing, because the greatest source of power we know is falling waste.

"Under our form of civilization," he says, "if a few men ever succeeded in controlling the sources of power they will eventually control all industry as well. If they succeed in controlling all the industry, they will necessarily control the country."

Mr. Pinchot adds that he can see no reason why we should deliberately keep on helping to fasten the handcuffs of corporate control upon ourselves for all time merely because the few men who would profit by it most have heretofore had the power to compel it.

As one of the essential things that must be done to protect the water-powers for the people, the granting of water-powers forever, either on non-navigable or navigable streams, absolutely must stop, according to Mr. Pinchot. After stating that it cannot be right to grant perpetual rights to the one great permanent source of the first importance to prevent them from passing into private ownership, he says that it is just as wrong as it is foolish.

MAY BE APPOINTED BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES.



Sir Maurice de Bunsen. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Sir Maurice de Bunsen is slated as Ambassador from Great Britain to the United States to succeed James Bryce, or so reports have it. He is at present Ambassador to Spain. Before that he was Minister to Portugal, and before that Secretary of the Legation in Paris. He has been a diplomatist for 32 years.

and just as needless as it is wrong, to mortgage the welfare of our children to the interests of a few men who should be developed mainly by private capital, and they must be developed under conditions which make investment in them profitable and safe.

He adds, however, that neither profit nor safety requires perpetual rights. Mr. Pinchot declares further that there is no reason whatever why special interests should be allowed to use them for profit without making some direct payment to the people for the valuable rights derived from the people.

"It is just as essential for the public welfare that the people should retain and exercise control of water-power monopoly on navigable and non-navigable streams," Mr. Pinchot states in reply to the question, "Does the same principle apply to navigable streams as to non-navigable parts, and it may be harder, but in no way less necessary, to prevent the people."

Explaining what conservation means, Mr. Pinchot declares that it stands for the conservation of the natural resources that cannot be renewed, such as coal and iron; it stands for the perpetuation of the resources that can be renewed, and meet of all, it stands for an equal opportunity for every American citizen to get his fair share of benefit from these resources, both now and forever.

In discussing "what has conservation to do with the welfare of the average man today?" it is pointed out that "it proposes to secure a continuous and abundant supply of the necessities of life which means a reasonable cost of living and business stability. It advocates fairness in the distribution of the benefits which flow from the natural resources."

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SEALED MAN'S SALOON BURGLAR

Wealth Explained by Story of Remittances From English Home.

LAPSES PUZZLE POLICE

Hotel Manager Befriends Him and Hurries to Puget Sound for Aid. Drafts for Large Sums Are in His Possession.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The police are convinced that a burglar, who cranked this city today as he was about to crack the safe of a downtown saloon is John Bennett Rogers, formerly a wealthy saloonkeeper of Seattle.

According to a story told by Rogers to Captain of Detectives Anderson, he is a member of a prominent English family. Drafts and letters among the effects of the burglar indicate that he has traveled extensively in Europe and that in his wanderings he has devoted himself to gambling and betting on the races.

Hotelman Identifies Him.

Rogers was identified today by J. J. Crawford, of the Ven Dorn Hotel, at which place he spent two years, leaving there last year with the close of the local racing season. While at the Ven Dorn Rogers dressed fashionably and spent money lavishly. According to Manager Crawford, the man changed his clothes four times a day.

To Crawford he explained that he was a "remittance man" and that he received large sums of money from wealthy relatives in England. Many letters among his effects were from a Dora Rogers, most of them postmarked Berlin. There was also in his possession a life insurance policy drawn in favor of Dora M. Rogers, wife of John Bennett Rogers.

The arrested man does not deny that he is J. B. Rogers. In defense of his action he asserted that he committed burglary to obtain funds to join his wife, who has just returned to the United States from Europe and Egypt.

In spite of the fine kit of burglar tools found in his possession, Rogers declares that it was his first attempt at burglary. The police declare his kit is the most complete that has ever fallen into their hands. Rogers said he had been rooming with a burglar, who disappeared after planning to assist him to crack a safe. Rogers' friends in Seattle assert that he is mentally unbalanced.

Friends Solicit Aid.

J. J. Crawford, the hotel manager who knew him here, had interested himself in his behalf and will leave for Seattle tomorrow to endeavor to procure assistance for him. A feature of the case that puzzles the police is that Rogers in his conversation frequently lapses from the use of good English to the jargon of the professional crook.

The Seattle drafts in the possession of Rogers were for sums ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 and were drawn on the Puget Sound National Bank, of Seattle. One of the drafts was made payable to the J. B. Rogers Wholesale Wine & Spirit Company, of 1123 First avenue, Seattle. In addition to the local and Seattle cards and drafts there were drafts on Liverpool and London banks and correspondence with various transatlantic steamship companies.

Amusements. What the Even Agents Say.

Afternoon and Night at Bungalow. There will be two performances of the Bungalow Theatre, Twelfth and Morrison streets, at a special matinee at 2:15 o'clock and the last night tonight at 8:15. The attraction will be John Cort's sensational production of "Fifty and Forty," a merry comedy-opera success, "King Dodo."

Mr. Cort has given this tuneful and popular musical play an excellent and amusing superb setting.

Matinee at Portland Theater Today. A much larger audience greeted "Mr. Pinchot" at the Portland Theatre last night than did on the occasion of the opening of this, the funniest comedy of many seasons. Dallas Welford has received the popular note in comedy with Portland theatergoers who have witnessed his and his very laughable satire on the "fish nobility."

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BEATING IS HIS CHOICE SHOE CLERK UNDAUNTED BY POLICEMAN'S THREAT. Told to Plead Guilty to Insulting Woman or Be Thrashed, He Takes Whipping. EUGENE, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Night Policeman Charles W. Evans and Hardy Howard engaged in a fight about 7 o'clock last night on Willamette street. Howard was arrested. The altercation grew out of the allegation of Policeman Evans that Hardy had insulted his wife while she was buying a pair of shoes in the store where Hardy was employed as a clerk. She told her husband of the alleged incident, whereupon Evans and Policeman Purdy brought Howard to the Police Court on a charge of assault. Evans gave Hardy his choice between pleading guilty and being thrashed the first time they met on the street. Howard refused to plead guilty and Evans made good his threat. Howard denied that he insulted the policeman's wife. After the fight Evans pleaded guilty to assault and battery and paid a fine of \$10. AMERICANS AGAIN DEFEATED California Boys Lose Singles Championship in Tennis. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Nov. 30.—The Australasian contenders in the Davis challenge cup, defeated the Americans in the final matches today of the international tennis tournament. The boys of Evans made good his threat. Howard denied that he insulted the policeman's wife. After the fight Evans pleaded guilty to assault and battery and paid a fine of \$10. INTERNATIONAL SINGLES—A. F. Wilding (New Zealand) beat Edwin McLaughlin (United States), 2-4, 5-6, 6-2, 6-2. NORMAN F. BROOKS (Victoria) beat Melli Hill (Long (United States)), 6-4, 7-5, 8-6.

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