

BROKERS ORDERED TO PRODUCE LISTS

New York Exchange Officials Sharply Called to Time by Leak Investigators.

HARDSHIP IS ASSERTED

Governors Say They Desire to Protect 'Innocent Purchasers' and Preserve Confidence Due to Their Clients.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Confronted with a threat by the House rules committee in charge of the "leak" inquiry to force the production of brokers' records, if not produced voluntarily, the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange tonight requested every member of the exchange to make available for the committee the desired data.

The action of the board followed notice given by the rules committee at its session here today that action on the committee's request for the production of the brokers' accounts, including the "real names" of customers who dealt in the market during the period mentioned and the extent of their operations on either side of the account, had been postponed.

Prompt Compliance Demanded. Surprised and indignant over the action of the board, the committee advised H. G. S. Noble, president of the exchange, who, accompanied by counsel, brought news of the postponement, that it would not modify its request in any manner. If the board had any suggestions of modification, Noble was told, the committee would receive them, but if it failed to obtain the production of the desired accounts, the committee would exercise its power and force each broker individually to produce them.

Names to Be Protected. Both Chairman Henry, of the committee, and Sherman L. Whipple, its counsel, hastened to explain that it was not the committee's intention to publish the names of anyone whose transactions would not tend to throw light on the "leak" rumors and that the board was in doubt as to its power to compel the members of the exchange to produce their records.

The offer to receive the names in sealed envelopes apparently applied to the board of governors, a set of resolutions adopted at their hurriedly-called second meeting Mr. Whipple's words virtually were inconsequential. The resolutions asked specifically that the members furnish the chairman of the clearing-house committee with statements showing when the stock customers were long and short at the end of each day from December 10 and December 23 to the present.

Telegraphic Tip Inquired Into. Members further are requested in another resolution to advise the secretary of the exchange if they receive any cable or wireless communications from abroad with reference to the President's peace note before it was made public here.

Notwithstanding the action of the board, doubt still exists in some quarters as to whether the information will furnish the desired information. Whether the board would have power to punish members who failed to comply is a moot question. When this point was raised this afternoon by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Whipple expressed the view that the constitution of the exchange did provide for forcing the production of books at such an inquiry as the present one.

Public Seldom 'Sells Short'. Both witnesses were required to describe in detail the operations of the stock exchange machinery, with special attention to methods used to sell the market "short." Mr. Whipple brought out with particular emphasis that the so-called "public" seldom sold "short," the large majority of such transactions being conducted by professional operators.

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BOSTON LAWYER CHOSEN TO DIRECT LEAK INVESTIGATION FOR CONGRESS.



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The examination of Mr. Noble revolved largely around the question as to whether there was actual manipulation by combination of speculators on the "short" side of the market. Mr. Noble testified he had read in the newspapers such operations were conducted, but he added none ever had been investigated by the board of governors.

Turning to Mr. Noble's personal views of the ethics of the market, Mr. Whipple inquired if he considered "short" sale operations designed to accentuate unfavorable news in order to depress prices and take profits were "immoral." The witness finally conceded he saw no impropriety in these operations, but he resented the stand at his own request later in the day amended his answer. He said he had misunderstood the tenor of Mr. Whipple's question and explained that he did not approve of a concerted action or conspiracy to depress the market artificially.

MINNESOTA TO BE PUT IN MUNITIONS CARRYING TRADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—After lying inactive in the harbor of San Francisco since December 14, 1915, the mammoth Hill liner Minnesota has been sold and soon will go to the Atlantic Coast, according to reliable information received here. The big carrier is said to have been taken over by the International Mercantile Marine at a price reported unofficially to be close to \$4,000,000.

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