

RELATIVE OF WILSON IN SHIPPING SCANDAL

R. W. Bolling, Brother-in-Law of President, Accused.

CONTRACT PLOT CHARGED

Witness Tells of Men Who Distributed \$40,000—Jobholders are Implicated.

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ever got a cent from anybody for aiding to get a contract—that money given him was a "loan." Later, he stuck to a statement that Bolling was to get his share of the transaction—that he gave Sliser \$5,000 and that he lent Sliser for one of his companies \$5,000 on his note, which note he still has. He had never had any controversy with Bolling. He also told of a purchase by him from Bolling of a lot for \$900.

Sands Under Indictment. Sands testified he was under indictment "for allowing a company to overdraw a shipping company, in which I was interested." He testified he was the "cashier" of the Commercial National bank of Washington. He also testified he had endeavored to secure Mr. Bolling's influence to have this case settled.

"This document says," Chairman Walsh informed the witness, referring to the photostate, "that \$40,000 is to be divided in the following manner: \$25,000 to be paid in one lot and \$15,000 for each of the four of us—Sliser, Bolling, Cranor and myself."

"Mr. Cranor was to share, too?" Mr. Walsh asked. "Yes, sir."

"The representative of Mr. Downey?"

"Yes, sir." "And you say during the negotiations Mr. Downey came to Washington. He ratified the agreement whereby \$40,000 compensation was to be paid?"

"I think I did," the witness replied. Sands introduced Cranor.

Sands said he introduced Cranor to Bolling and Sliser, and that he received the notes from the representative of Downey but added there was one thing he would have to look up—"referring to the photostate document—and that was whether I paid Mr. Bolling any of the proceeds of these notes."

"Don't you know you never paid him a cent?" Mr. Walsh asked. "I don't recall that I did pay him on this deal; I don't think I did."

Sands then testified he had purchased a lot from Bolling and that he still owed Bolling \$900. He also testified to asking Bolling to intercede for him with the department of justice to get the case against him brought by the bank out of the department of justice. Mr. Bolling had refused, he testified.

"So Mr. Cranor came to Washington and had several conferences with you and Mr. Bolling and Mr. Sliser?" inquired Mr. Walsh.

"Yes, sir," replied Sands. "And you were to use your influence with these two gentlemen?"

"I simply introduced them, that's all."

"Money for Introduction. "What were you to get money for—this introduction?"

"That is what I thought." He said Mr. Downey "insisted" that the "ostensible" consideration for these notes should be for services of Sands in procuring a loan for Downey."

He said he did procure a loan for Downey amounting to \$100,000, which, he said, was "very favorable for the bank—that it was to be left on deposit."

Sands testified that, in all, he received in notes from Downey \$20,000. Asked why he did not get the balance of the \$40,000 he alleged was promised, he said "Downey raised such a kick I rebated—gave him back one note and agreed to rebate \$5,000 more."

Sands was asked "how much money Mr. Bolling did get?"

"I do not think Mr. Bolling got any," Sands said. "Why didn't he get it?"

"Because he would not take it," Sands replied. "And he never knew he was to get it?" Mr. Walsh asked.

"Well, I suppose he expected to get it." "And did you not promise him any?"

of the money if he were not going to perform any service, Sands replied: "Well, he and Mr. Sliser worked together."

"Now, here are two men in connection with the shipping board," Mr. Kelley said. "They are not, however, connected with the letting of contracts. You agreed to pay them \$10,000 apiece. Now I ask you, what were they to do?"

"Not \$10,000—\$2,500 apiece," said Sands. "Fifteen thousand dollars was to go to Mr. Cranor."

"Now, what was your understanding with Mr. Bolling as to what he was to do?" Mr. Kelley asked.

"Mr. Bolling was not to do anything further than to help with Mr. Sliser."

"Why did you seek to blacken Mr. Bolling's reputation by consenting to this statement in this account?" Mr. Kelley asked.

"Well, he got about \$1800." "You said he borrowed that from you."

"Books Show Loan. "Well, I put it as a loan on my books, because I thought it would be better as a loan when he got to repay it."

"But it really was a part of this transaction?" "Yes, sir."

"Did you not tell Mr. Walsh it was not?" "No, sir; I did not say so."

"Then," Mr. Kelley continued, "he really did loan \$1800 out of the money you obtained from the discount of these notes?"

"The first proceeds, yes, sir," Sands said. "You swear that Mr. Bolling received \$1800 out of the money you received from discounting the first note?"

Sands then said he had put it down as a loan, "because I think it looks better and not because it was any different."

Sands also testified that he had paid Cranor \$9000.

"Did you pay Mr. Sliser his?" Mr. Kelley asked.

"I think I loaned him \$5000 and I think I paid him \$5000."

"What do you mean by 'loaned him five and paid him five'?"

"I paid him five, around about five in money, and then I loaned him."

"Of the proceeds of this first note?"

"\$5000 lent on note. "I don't know about the proceeds of the first note, I think I let him have about \$5000 of the first note. Then I loaned him for his company which he has not paid me, \$5000 more. He paid me \$500 back on that."

Sands said the loan was a personal loan. He also said Sliser was then secretary of the shipping board.

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Nothing to It, Says Benson. Explanation Bolling Made to Chairman "Perfectly Satisfactory." WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Chairman Benson of the shipping board in a formal statement regarding charges of bribery made before the Walsh committee in New York against R. W. Bolling, treasurer of the board, declared that Mr. Bolling's explanation of the report was "perfectly satisfactory."

China to Send Silk Makers. WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—A commission of silk manufacturers from China will attend the international silk exposition in New York next February to demonstrate Chinese processes, according to cablegrams to the department of commerce.

Legion Selects Spokane Man. SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 20.—Appointment of Edward H. Prell, formerly director of the local office of the state veterans' welfare commission, as national director of the organization for the American Legion is announced in a telegram received today by Henry A. Wise, adjutant of the Washington department of the American Legion. He will leave next week for the east to assume his new duties, it was stated.

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