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BEN SELLING ALWAYS THE LEADING CLOTHIER

PHILLIPS PUT IN AN UGLY POSITION

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of his idea. It was my intention to turn over my patent to the city and let all the foundries here bid on that kind of hydrant.

"Did you not sell something to which you had no right which you made that contract?" asked Mayor Lane. "As I understand it, you admit that you were not sure you really had any patentable rights to the improvement."

"Yes, I got \$200 for a patent that was not mine, if you want to put it that way," replied Phillips, "and something that did not belong to me, but it was my idea, even if it was patented by Howe."

Sold Seven Outside.

"You say you were to get a royalty only on hydrants sold outside of the city. I believe the number sold was seven, one to Spokane and six to the O. R. & N. company. Did you get \$200 for these?" asked the mayor.

"I don't know how many were sold outside parties," answered Phillips, "but the contract as I intended it was not to get any revenue from hydrants brought for the fire department."

"It was a devilish unfortunate contract for you, then, my boy," shot back the mayor with suppressed energy, "you ought to be careful about written agreements you make."

"Do you expect us to believe your oral testimony, now, as to the agreement into which you entered with the Oregon Foundry when you have your written contract witnessed by a lawyer for the contract which you actually did make?" asked Isaac Sweet.

Phillips repeated his statement that it was never his intention to charge for hydrants sold to the city, and that was all the reply he would make to the question. He said that he had witnesses present to disprove charges of graft made against him by agents of Hoge & Swift, who had the contract for the hydrants, over which all the trouble was stirred up.

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Got Inside Facts.

Before this conversation took place information had been obtained from one of the Oregon Foundry company, who had been subpoenaed as a witness for Phillips, showing that that company had from 1902 until last year enjoyed a monopoly on the business of supplying the fire department with hydrants, owing to the manner in which specifications were drawn up by Fire Chief Campbell and Phillips, his assistant.

The unwilling witnesses from whom this testimony was dragged by indirect questioning were Fred Hossey, manager of the foundry company, and H. Hill, its former manager, who occupied the position of superintendent at the time the present hydrant contract was let. These men admitted that the written contract submitted as evidence was correct, but declared that an oral understanding had always existed between the foundry owners and Phillips that no royalty was to be paid the latter for hydrants sold elsewhere than to the fire department.

When asked by Mr. Sweet how many hydrants had been sold that the city had not bought, Mr. Hill replied that some had been sold to Spokane and some to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company.

"How many did you sell in Spokane?" queried the mayor.

"I sold one," was the answer.

"How many did you sell to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company?" "Six," replied the foundry man.

His Will Down.

Well, as a matter of fact, Mr. Hossey, asked Mayor Lane, "don't you think your company never sold any hydrants other than those purchased by the city?" This question was asked before Hill took the stand.

"Well, I don't know that the com-

pany ever did sell any hydrants elsewhere, even if it did. But I have not been with the company very long and could not state this as a positive fact," replied Hossey.

Outside of the seven hydrants mentioned by ex-manager Hill the committee was unable to get the foundry men to say that it had ever sold any except to the city who had come over to the Hill and Hossey were made to admit on cross-examination by John Montag, F. E. Sullivan, and Isaac Sweet, the members of the fire committee, that the Oregon Foundry company could not bid on hydrants without the permission of Phillips, because the specifications for the hydrants which were prepared by the chief and Phillips called for one certain patented type of hydrant and Phillips' contract with the foundry, by which he controlled the improvement, made it impossible for the foundry to get the contract unless Phillips could be induced to give his consent. Phillips admitted that he did give the Oregon Foundry company his consent to the use of the improvement claimed by him.

Montag Is Convinced.

John Montag, who has been disposed to take the side of the fire department in the investigation, virtually obtained from Hill admissions that Hill's company had had a monopoly on the hydrant business. Mr. Montag became involved in a heated colloquy with Isaac Sweet, who had interrupted the questioning to say that Hoge & Swift have all along contended that the monopoly existed, and that other bidders than the Oregon Foundry company were shut out of competition by the specifications of the fire department.

"If there has been a hydrant trust," hotly declared Mr. Montag, "it is new to me. Do you mean to tell me that our specifications are drawn up so that only one company can bid?"

"Yes," pursued the mayor, any one of our specifications are drawn up so that only one company can bid."

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Will Meet Again.

The committee adjourned then to meet together for a continuation of the investigation when called by the mayor which will be at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yesterday's session was long and tedious for the most part and lasted from 1 o'clock until after 5 p. m. Until the sensational contract made between Phillips and the foundry company was introduced into the evidence at a hearing of Chief Campbell, President S. M. Mears of the Columbia Steel & Iron works and A. M. Mears, his son, who acts as manager of the works. This company repaired the defective hydrants and sent men who helped in the tests made by the fire department.

Chief Campbell's testimony tended to show that the hydrants delivered by Hoge & Swift were all so poor that the work of repairing them to make them withstand the pressure tests caused the delay in their acceptance.

The evidence of President Mears and his son was that from March 14 to June 20 employees of the steel works were kept almost continuously at work in the water department's station at Fourth and Market streets, repairing hydrants. The total number of days which were occupied in this work was 37 and of these 24 were spent by the workman at the station. The rest of the time was spent in making repairs at the steel company's shops.

NO ROOSEVELT MAN

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not believed, therefore, that in advance of this consultation with the next secretary of state, the president-elect would even privately hint to the correspond-

ent, even of his brother's newspaper, that he had in mind.

Secretary Loeb said tonight that he had not heard anything about his appointment to any cabinet position. He did not know, except through the newspapers, that he was being considered in that direction. It is known that Loeb is thinking seriously of a business career.

If George Knight of California is made secretary of the department of commerce and labor it is not believed Bullinger of Seattle will get the interior department or vice versa. The coast will hardly get two cabinet plums.

Washington does not put much faith in the Times-Star cabinet. As a matter of fact, the regular Times-Star correspondent is not with Taft. Another man is doing his work temporarily.

WARY SENATE

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ingly replied that he could not be expected to "scoop himself."

The intimation of the White House that the reply will be "red hot" clearly indicates that there will be more chapters in an already sensational incident.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It is believed that the president's message answering the house's demand for evidence in connection with the secret service quarrel will contain specific references to prominent men convicted in the Oregon land fraud cases. The understanding here has been that the president would give data of the work accomplished by secret service men in years past, which may involve mention, perhaps directly, of names. The message will be sent when congress reconvenes after the holidays.

AUGUSTA REPORTS ASSUME TO SPEAK WITH ASSURANCE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—The four points of the compass will be represented in the cabinet of the new chief executive which has been the sole subject of consideration since President-elect Taft arrived here for a visit at the home of Lander Thomas.

During the successive conferences with eminent counselors the suggestion for the various portfolios of the new official family have been thoroughly considered from the standpoint of fitness and political strategy. So far have the observations progressed that announcement is made that the entire personnel of the cabinet will be known before the president-elect sails for his inspection of the Panama canal January 20.

It is known that Luke E. Wright will continue as secretary of war, and that Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania has been chosen successor to Secretary of the treasury, Postmaster General Meyer and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon are other names that are under consideration for the same position. The president, however, has been strongly advised against the selection of Bacon for such a post, for the reason that prior to his entering the state department he was a partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, and to name him secretary of the treasury would be to make too close a connection with Wall street.

It is the general understanding that the cabinet will give recognition to the Pacific coast in some substantial form.

SCRAMBLE ON TO CATCH TOGA OFF KNOX'S SHOULDERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—Now that it has been officially confirmed that Senator Knox is to become secretary of state in the Taft cabinet, it is expected that there will be a wild scramble for the seat in the senate which he is to vacate. Pennsylvania politicians are already canvassing the situation with much energy and there are a number of candidates in the field.

James F. Burke, congressman from Pittsburg, is a candidate. He managed the Knox presidential boom in the recent campaign and it is said that in recognition of his services all Knox's

influence will be thrown in his direction.

Congressman Dalsell announced his candidacy today. It is suggested, however, that as a Yale dinner last summer when efforts were being made to infuse the Knox boom, he came out for Taft.

George T. Oliver, a newspaper proprietor with millions, is likely to prove a formidable competitor.

Henry C. Frick, steel magnate, who has been mentioned, will not, it is said, be a candidate.

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LUMBERMEN TO ACT AS HOSTS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association in this city, yesterday afternoon, it was decided to appoint a committee to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the large delegation of lumber manufacturers who will pass through the state en route from the east to Seattle where they will hold a convention in the early part of June. The committee will be named later by acting President Lloyd J. Wentworth.

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