

THOROUGH INQUIRY IS DEMANDED BY WILMER BOLLING

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New York, Nov. 30.—Back in April, 1917, R. W. Bolling, brother of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, spent three months trying to land some sort of a job in the government presided over by his brother-in-law, the president. He finally was employed as a bank examiner at the annual emolument of \$2300.

As he discovered then the path of a White House relative seeking office is laden with difficulties. Since his employment as bank examiner the job of getting by has been fraught with much trouble. Today, for instance, he commands the measurable salary of \$5000 per annum as treasurer of the United States shipping board, an institution which has reached proportions about twice as great as the United States Steel corporation.

But while the job getting was easier the dual role of presidential brother-in-law and government office holder became increasingly difficult and delicate. Such was revealed in his testimony Tuesday before the Walsh congressional committee probing the shipping board. There was much about the delicateness of his position, due primarily to the fact that Bolling is now answering allegations that he participated in a four way "split" on a bribe, alleged to have been

given for a contract awarded by the shipping board during the war.

The specific charge was made by Tucker K. Sands, former cashier and vice president of the Commercial National bank of Washington, one time Bolling's admitted "guardian angel" but more recently high nemesis. Bolling generally, specifically and emphatically denied before the committee any guilt in the matter, direct or indirect.

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER

Apart from the seriousness of the allegations he was called upon to meet, his story was interesting largely as a disclosure of the pitfalls before a relative of the official family who was unfortunate, and, perhaps, indiscreet enough to seek and procure appointment to a responsible position in the government.

He was always "a Bolling, the brother of the president's wife," which was sufficient to make him the objective of prying individuals, some of them friends, the others friends of friends, still others acquaintances of friends of friends. He no sooner had entered the government than his presence at conferences with senators was sought by his friends.

"Doubtless because of the influence your presence might have upon that senator?" suggested Representative Kelly at one stage.

"I suppose it was," Bolling replied.

HE STOOD IN LINE

He was besought for aid in matters covering many desires from men threatened with indictment for alleged violation of the banking laws, by individuals seeking airplanes for exhibit and firms seeking payment on work done for the shipping board.

"Even at luncheon today," Bolling testified, "I was approached by a man who wanted me to help him get a job."

Of medium height, with dark hair, dark eyes, set rather closely together, dark, bushy eyebrows and a complexion tending to sallow, Bolling sat for hours under the examination Tuesday.

"You tried three months before you got something?" Kelly asked.

"Yes."

"Saw Tumulty, McAdoo and others in

the government who were in a position to help?"

"No, McAdoo."

"And you finally landed a job that paid \$2300 a year?"

"Yes, I believe it was that at the start but it was raised to \$2600 just before I quit."

"You were appointed a bank examiner, ever work in a bank?"

"No—but I had always been in business in which finance played a part."

This led to specific details which introduced Sands into the testimony. Sands had arranged a loan by which a brokerage house in Washington that Bolling entered was to procure a seat on the New York stock exchange. Later Bolling withdrew from the firm. In reply to questions, he stated that he didn't know and never had arranged to find out whether he was jointly liable with his partners in the firm for the loan engineered by Sands.

Sands was a personal and intimate friend, Bolling testified. He was "guardian angel, financial adviser—everything." But today, Bolling said, he learns that Sands was a "guardian angel for all the troubles I ever had." He had many business dealings with him.

SANDS HAS DIFFICULTIES

Bolling went into the shipping board, obtaining an appointment as assistant treasurer from Raymond Stevens, then a member of the board, salary \$4000 a year—later raised to \$5000. Then two events occurred bearing on his present embarrassing situation. Sands has testified that he approached Bolling seeking a contract in behalf of the Downey shipbuilding company, and offering to split four ways on a \$40,000 commission. Bolling denies emphatically that he ever participated in such a transaction. In all events the Downey company secured the contract.

Later Sands got into trouble with his bank and sought Bolling's help, the latter testified. And sometime thereafter, anonymous letters reached Secretary Tumulty and others suggesting that Bolling was involved in an alleged four way split on a shipping contract, rec-

ords of which were on the books of Sands' bank.

URGENT INVESTIGATION

"On receipt of this letter or at any time thereafter, did you mention the anonymous communication or the \$40,000 commission to Sands?" asked Kelly.

"No," replied Bolling. "I thought he or Mrs. Sands was behind it but gave him the benefit of the doubt."

Persistent questioning as to why a matter of \$40,000 bribe had not commanded his personal activity, both in the interest of himself and the shipping board, of which he is treasurer, failed to shake his statement that he turned the matter over to the department of justice, told his superiors of the charges that were whispered about, urged an investigation all around, and to this day doesn't know anything about the alleged \$40,000.

The rumors of Bolling's alleged transaction first appeared in October, 1918. Shortly after that the war ended and Bolling being "crazy, of course, to go to Europe" besought Chairman Hurley of the shipping board and was taken along as an assistant to Hurley when the latter went to Paris on peace work.

BELIEVE IN HONESTY

When he returned to this country he was appointed treasurer of the shipping board sometime later and still holds that office. Gossip about the two-year-old alleged transaction came out into the open recently when Sands made his direct charges before the Walsh committee.

"I want it investigated to the very bottom," Bolling said Tuesday. He said it as if he meant it and the committee members said they meant to do it.

As a witness in behalf of his own honesty and integrity Bolling created a very favorable impression.

He made a poor witness in support of contentions that the relative of the official family should hold government office the same as any one else. As a witness who might seek to impress an impartial jury that he was a good business man and amply fit to hold down the position of treasurer in a great institution like the United States shipping board he made a distinctly bad impression.

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