

UNCOVER GRAFT IN SHIP BOARD

Evidence Connects One Minor Official With Alleged Contract Conspiracy

OBSTRUCTION OF DRAFT

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 3. Evidence connecting at least one minor official of the shipping board with an alleged conspiracy to obtain contracts from the shipping board at extra high prices has been gathered by Government secret agents, it became known today.

This was disclosed as a result of the arrest in Washington of Edward L. Travis, former law partner of Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, majority leader in the House and manager of Senator Overman's campaign for election several years ago, and Slim B. Joseph and Leon M. Green, formerly of the staff of Governor Cole, of Bleasie, of South Carolina.

The technical charge against the men is that of conspiring to obstruct the draft by getting a job for Green which would place him in deferred classification.

More generally, however, it is charged that they, acting in connection with the Government, promised to get orders for between eighteen and twenty-four ships at a price of \$155 a ton, which is considerably higher than most contracts provide for.

The ship contracts, which never were actually negotiated, were to have been given to the Perth Amboy Drydock Company, of Perth Amboy, N. J., to build the vessels on the west side of the Delaware river, the men after they were said to have made proposals which seemed improper to the company officials.

The Proposed Scheme. Joseph, it is charged, approached the drydock company with the offer to build a ship for the Government at the price of \$155 a ton, which is considerably higher than most contracts provide for.

Green received the Perth Amboy company's supposed representative to Travis in Washington, who was said to have posed as having great influence with the shipping board.

Commission Plan Unsuccessful. Several months ago, it was said, the three men under arrest were involved in another effort to get ship contracts on a commission fee basis, but was unsuccessful.

For his latest efforts Travis was to be received a fee of \$100,000, it is charged.

Information leading to the arrest of the men was obtained originally by the Navy Intelligence division, which later was passed to the Department of Justice agents.

Other shipbuilding contracts are being investigated.

The men were to be arraigned today before a United States commissioner.

JERSEY GOVERNORSHIP SEEN AS GRAY'S AIM

Announcement for United States Senator Believed to Be Screen

Trenton, Aug. 3. That Representative Edward A. Gray, of the Essex-Hudson district, who Jared State leaders by launching his boom for the Republican nomination for United States Senator this week with a stinging rebuff upon Governor Edge, in reality is grooming himself for the Republican gubernatorial race a year hence was the opinion expressed after a meeting of the Essex-Hudson district yesterday.

This fact and his senatorial declaration this week are regarded as particularly significant because of the compact entered into between Governor Edge and the Raymond-Flavel organization in Essex last spring, wherein the State legislature, through the Governor, agreed that the gubernatorial nomination next year should go to Essex County. It is assumed in the Edge camp that Representative Gray figures that even though he should be beaten by the Governor in the senatorial contest this fall his gubernatorial candidacy would be strengthened by his contact with the voters.

It is possible also that the Connecticut followers as he might be able to rally to his cause.

BOYS' CHAPEL DEDICATED

Ceremonies at Unique Structure in Woods, Montgomery Co.

A chapel, deep in the heart of a cool island along the Unami Creek in Montgomery County, was dedicated today by Bishop Suffern of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The chapel is a unique structure, built of living trees and the chapel's columns are artfully arranged branches from the roof and the sides are two huge logs. On one rock is carved the Indian name for the "Great Spirit."

More than one hundred Boy Scouts were present at the dedication, which was held at the chapel at 10 o'clock.

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ON TODAY'S HONOR ROLL. Lieutenant Stuart Ellison McKee, of Philadelphia (top), missing in action, and Private Samuel Walker, of Philadelphia, were killed in action.

LOSES FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

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WILSON FAVORS HIGH PROFITS TAX

Considers Plan That Will Virtually Conscript All War Earnings

EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 3. President Wilson has let it be known to members of the House Ways and Means Committee, which is framing the new eight-billion-dollar revenue bill, that he is interested in a heavy tax on war profits.

The President has given careful study to the present tax system and also to the English system, which imposes a flat tax of 80 per cent on such profits.

In his address to Congress in May the President said there was indisputable evidence of war profiteering and that it must be reached by the new revenue bill.

"Profiteering that cannot be got at by restraints of conscience," said the President, "can be got at by taxation."

The House Ways and Means Committee has been considering a war profits tax to be levied on the excess profits tax provided for in the present revenue measure, but no decision has been reached.

The English system has been considered, but some members have contended that a better plan can be devised and one that will yield a greater return.

One complaint against the war profits tax is that it does not always reach the war profiteers. The President is known to be considering a plan designed to reach all profiteers and to tax away their profits.

County's Youngest Soldier Killed. Seranton, Pa., Aug. 3.—Everett Bushweller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bushweller, of Dunmore, Pa., reported killed in action in France, is the youngest soldier from Lackawanna County to die for his country since the war broke out.

He was but sixteen years old when he suffered fatal wounds. Bushweller was a member of Company A, 103d Engineers, He makes the third Seranton soldier attached to that regiment to be reported killed in the recent Allied offensive.

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year old. He has been in the service since he was twelve years old. He was the first of his first experience in bombing.

"At last we have started work," he wrote, "and are bombing railroad junctions, shops, locomotive road houses, etc., along the lines. The first American bombing squadron to cross the lines did its 'dirty work' on June 12. Five machines went across and yours tried to shoot us down. We were greeted by intense machine gun fire and escorted to and from our objective, the railroad siding of northwest of Metz, by three German planes in the chase. As the official report stated, all our machines returned safely."

Private Samuel Wallace was nineteen years old. He enlisted in New York City, after running away from home when his mother, Mrs. Harry Wallace, objected to his enlisting because of his age. He was in Company D, Eighth Machine Gun Battalion, and went overseas in May.

The casualty list today gave his address as 1428 South Vordos street, but the family is now residing at 2763 Springfield avenue, having moved since he enlisted.

After keeping his parents in ignorance of his whereabouts until the day before he sailed for France, Private Wallace wrote his mother a letter, requesting that she visit him at an embarkation camp on the night of the 27th. The transport had put to sea.

Until yesterday his parents had heard nothing more from him since he sailed. Yesterday morning a letter, dated June 27, was received. It praised young Wallace and told how Wallace was gaining in weight. In the afternoon mail another letter came, dated June 27. It was a repetition of the first. At 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon a telegram was received from the War Department, stating the youthful soldier had been killed in action July 15, the day the Germans started the offensive which has proved disastrous for them.

Reape's Widow Is Notified. William J. Reape, 1328 East Haines street, Germantown, who was sent to Camp Meade early last September, was notified in action on July 18, according to a message received today by his widow from the War Department.

Reape, a native of Ireland, came to this city in 1904, and for several years worked as a fireman in the Bradford mills, Germantown. Six years ago he married Miss Catharine Conway. Besides his wife, he leaves two brothers and seven sisters. Last February he was transferred from Camp Meade to Camp Stewart, and on March 13 sailed for France, where he joined the Company of the Fourth U. S. Infantry.

MUNICIPAL APPOINTEES. Four Places Filled by Civil Service Commission.

Four appointments were announced today by the Civil Service Commission. Thomas Fitzgerald, 801 North Marlock street, was appointed a caretaker in the Board of Recreation at \$900 a year.

Other appointments are: John Trice, 1246 West Fifth street, hostler, Bureau of Police, \$500 a year; Winfield S. Smith, 2251 Howe street, fireman, Bureau of Health, \$1,000; Elmer Shidling, 8440 Frankford avenue, oiler, Bureau of Water, \$1,000.

Police Lift Saloon Ban. The ban has been lifted on the closed saloons in the downtown riot zone by Assistant Superintendent of Police Mills. Today they will continue to remain open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Clubs in the district must remain shut until further notice, he said.

Shields Wins in Tennessee. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 3.—Indications early today were that John K. Shields will be re-nominated to the United States Senate over Governor Tom C. Rife, by a majority of 68,000 votes in Thursday's Democratic primary.

HAWORTH'S Kodak Enlarging. Many a real gem is contained in the negatives you bring out. Let your Kodak enlarger bring out their real worth.

Haworth's CHESTNUT. 1020 Keston Road, Co. Atlantic City Store 1627 Boardwalk.

ACME LIPPINCOTT MOTOR CO. MOTOR TRUCKS. 2120 MARKET ST.

GUARANTY INTERNATIONAL GEAR-DRIVE UNIT. LIPPINCOTT MOTOR CO.

THE HOUSE OF TAYLOR. HOTEL MARTINIQUE. Broadway, 32d & 33d St., New York.

Galvanized Boat Pumps. I. D. Beezer & Co., 59 N. 2d St., Main Office, Market 121.

"BLIND AL" ENDRESS ROBBED OF WALLET ON TROLLEY CAR

Sightless Newsdealer, "Landmark" of Independence Hall District, Believes Woman Who Pretended to Assist Him Stole Pocketbook Containing \$11

"BLIND AL" ENDRESS, who conducts a news and fruit stand outside the old City Hall, at Fifth and Chestnut streets, had his pocket picked today of a wallet containing \$11.

"Al" is sixty-six years and feeble. He was robbed, he says, by some person who in pretended kindness helped him from a trolley car at Third and South streets. He believes it was a woman.

The blind man was going from his home, at 1322 South Twelfth street, to a wholesaler to purchase stock for the day, and the wallet contained all of his available cash. But for the kindness of the commission merchant, who trusted him with supplies, the loss would have seriously hampered his business for the day.

The money was taken, he is sure, by the woman who helped him alight. The pocketbook was in place when he rose from his seat by the door to get off the car and was gone when he reached the street, he says. The pocket was turned inside out.

While philosophical about his loss, Al is bitter at the person who took the money. "Any one who would rob a blind man would betray his country," he said. "I hope their conscience bothers them so much that they will either return it to me or do some good with it."

Al has had his stand near Independence Hall so long that he is almost a landmark there. It is said that he is almost a landmark there. It is said that he is almost a landmark there.

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Another Youngster Perhaps Fatally Injured Near Bradford. Bradford, Pa., Aug. 3.—Andrew Sapko, eight years old, was killed; Edward Green, also eight years old, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured, and Adalbert Green, father of one of the boys, was slightly injured last night when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad train.

The crash came at a grade crossing at Howard Junction, six miles south of this city. The driver of the car, it is said, was unable to see the approaching train owing to obstructions. The body of the dead boy was brought here together with the two injured, the latter being cared for at the Bradford Hospital.

Towanda, Pa., Aug. 3.—William T. Corbin, seventy-two years old, of New Albany, was instantly killed and seven others were injured seriously when a small railroad motor truck came in collision with a Lehigh Valley freight yesterday.

Boy Killed, Fred Heverly and Elmer Foster, all of New Albany, were seriously injured, but will recover. The others suffered only slight injuries.

The men were members of a Lehigh Valley section gang, and were on duty when a small railroad motor truck came in collision with a Lehigh Valley freight yesterday.

Form Bucket Brigade and Save National Park, N. J., Tabernacle. Women formed a bucket brigade today when a fire was discovered in the camp-meeting tabernacle at National Park, N. J., and kept the flames in check until the firemen arrived.

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BREWERS APPEAL LICENSE TRANSFERS

Petition Superior Court in Cases of Lapses Owing to Nonpayment of Fees

The Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association has filed appeals with the Superior Court from the decision of Judges Shoemaker and Wessel in the license court, affecting the transfer of licenses that lapsed through the nonpayment of the license fee.

Judges Shoemaker and Wessel decided that the petition for the transfer was presented that a precedent had been established years ago and had since been followed by other license courts, allowing such transfers to be made, and that the court therefore would follow the precedent.

The brewers' association objected through Attorney Franz Ehrlich, Jr., that there was no precedent in law authorizing the court to transfer such petitions.

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WILSON MAY SPEAK IN NEXT LOAN DRIVE. Possibility of President's Visit to Pacific Coast Strengthens Into Probability. By the Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 3. Possibilities of President Wilson visiting the Pacific coast during the fourth Liberty Loan drive, which begins September 28 and ends October 19, have strengthened into probabilities.

It became known some time ago that plans were being made for the President's participation in the next drive, which will be a greater affair than any of its predecessors, and probably will include speeches throughout the country by members of the cabinet and members of Congress.

Many States have written the White House inviting the President to visit their States.

The plans are still too indefinite to be discussed, and it is desirable anyway not to discuss too far in advance any of the President's plans for speaking throughout the country.

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BROWN EXPLAINS RULING

Says Law Plainly Bars Building Associations From Liberty Bonds

Attorney General Brown explained today his decision that building and loan associations cannot invest their surplus funds in Liberty Loan Bonds.

"In arriving at my opinion," said the attorney general, "I had only one course to pursue—to adhere to the State statute which prohibits individuals, but not cooperative organizations, from making such an investment. There can be no surplus funds fostered by a building and loan association because all of its funds belong to shareholders on a pro-rata basis."

The act of July 8, 1917, gives the privilege of investing in Liberty Bonds with surplus funds to corporations, officials of building and loan associations have apparently interpreted the act as applying to their organizations. This is patently a misapprehension on their part, for they are restricted by law from making any such investment with money that belongs to their shareholders.

"I would have liked nothing better than to let down the bars in such a case as this, but I was forced to proceed according to law."

Meanwhile local building and loan associations are going ahead with their preparations to fight the decision in the courts. The ground it is not only unpatriotic but illegal.

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