

SHIP BOARD MAN DENIES RENT GOUGE

R. A. McConaghy Angry Over Elmwood Tenants' Charge of Sharp Practice

SAY HE AIDED REALTY FIRM

Charges of rent gouging and profiteering brought against Robert A. McConaghy, an official of the housing division of the United States Shipping Board by tenants of formerly Government-owned houses in Elmwood, were denied today by the official.

The tenants charge him with being in collusion with a real estate syndicate, of which he is a member and which has purchased nearly 1000 houses built in that section for Hog Island workers. They appeared before Assistant United States District Attorney Elick in the Federal Building yesterday.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the charges," Mr. McConaghy said today. "There have been no sharp practices in the real estate transactions in the Elmwood investigation and no public transactions made in open to public view. I have been made the target for the simple reason that the houses are under my jurisdiction and at present I know what tenants think of landlords. It is the easiest thing in the world for a committee to get together and make charges, but this is one committee that will have to stand by those charges. I want somebody of that committee to repeat them again and look me straight in the eyes when he does it."

While acting as a housing agent for the Government at a salary of \$5000 a year, members of the Tenants' Committee say, Mr. McConaghy transferred to a real estate firm, of which he is a member, and accompanied it with a boost in the rental.

According to members of the committee, a clause in the original Government lease provided that the lease should expire when the work had ceased at Hog Island. The tenants charge that instead of notifying them of the expiration of the leases, Mr. McConaghy notified them that their leases were transferred to the real estate syndicate at an increase in rental of \$11 a month.

DEEPEN RIVER AT CAMDEN

Government Engineers Lay Out Work of Extensive Dredging

Besides a bridge across the Delaware River between this city and Camden, the Camden river front is to be dredged and new piers erected, as the result, it is expected, of deeper water and thus improve the commercial conditions of the port by enlarging its facilities for vessels which often are compelled to anchor in the harbor awaiting turn to load and discharge.

The work will be done by the United States Engineering Department and the contemplated work will be the removal of 360,000 cubic yards of material, a channel of 30 feet of water from New-castle Creek to Coopers Point, and a depth of 18 feet from Kaighns Point to Coopers Point. The work will extend to the pierhead lines.

Policeman Beaten in Strike Row

Edward Fitzgerald, 3010 Chatham street, was held in \$1500 bail for court in the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station today, charged with being one of a crowd that beat Patrolman Moran while he was on strike duty.

She Won a Bike



MARY RYAN

Fourteen-year-old girl who needed only two days to win a bicycle in the Public Ledger Contest

14-YEAR-OLD GIRL WON BIKE IN JUST TWO DAYS

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Mary Ryan, fourteen years old, of 1249 Sartain street, won a Black Beauty bicycle in two days.

"It was easy," she said, "much easier than getting Daddy's permission to ride on a boy's bike. Now that I got a Black Beauty I'm going to ride through the Park every day."

Mary goes to the H. Josephine Widener Public School, at Thirteenth and Thompson streets.

CLERK CONFESSES HOTEL ROBBERY

Windermere Night Man Admits He Faked Hold-Up Story, Police Say

GAMBLERS GOT MONEY

George Lockwood, a Negro, 513 South Sixteenth street, night clerk at the Windermere Hotel, Broad and Locust streets, who told police last Sunday morning he had been held up at the desk of the hotel, confessed today he was not held up, but took \$92 from the hotel register to pay a gambling debt.

He made the confession to Detectives Foy and Coyle, of the Fifteenth and Locust streets station. Magistrate O'Brien at the Twelfth and Pine streets station, today held Lockwood in \$2500 bail for the Grand Jury, on a charge of larceny.

According to the story Lockwood first told police, two men entered the Windermere at 5:55 o'clock Sunday morning. They registered as John and Joe Kline, of New York, he said, and as he faced them after turning to see what rooms were vacant, one of the men leaped across the counter and shoved a revolver against his side.

The man ordered Lockwood to keep quiet and came in behind the desk, opened one of the little wooden drawers in the safe and took some money. Another drawer was locked and, taking something out of his pocket, he forced the drawer, the clerk said.

Lockwood said the men finished their work by taking his watch and chain. He told a graphic story, but when Detectives Foy and Coyle investigated they discovered several discrepancies.

Under close questioning, Lockwood finally broke down and admitted he had taken the money himself, and had evolved the story of the hold-up to cover up. He said he was in a crap game last Friday night, lost heavily and took the money to pay his debts.

THIEVES BUSY IN ROXBOROUGH

Sneak thieves are reported to be active in Roxborough. Six houses there were entered Monday night or early yesterday morning, the intruders ignoring silverware and other valuables, but taking whatever money they could find

on the first floors. Frank S. Denison, 482 Roxborough avenue, told the police a dining room window had been forced by thieves, who took a small sum of money. The home of Dr. H. D. Shields, 484 Roxborough avenue, also was broken into and a small sum of money taken.

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- White Organdie Sashes, 2¾ yards long, 9 inches wide—50c
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