

Lewis Dodges Trap Set by Snyder

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 Have you advise me at your very earliest convenience the nature of the services performed by you when on the payroll of the Department of the Auditor General, also the hours per day and the number of days per week actually engaged in the performance of such services.
 "It is respectfully requested that this matter be given your immediate attention."
 "Yours very truly,
 S. S. LEWIS,
 Auditor General."

Concealed "Mysterious Mission"

In reply to this communication, the writer declined to furnish the information desired, on the ground that he would violate State secrets.
 "Plymouth, July 11, 1921.
 Hon. Samuel S. Lewis,
 Auditor General,
 Harrisburg, Penna."
 "My Dear Sir—I refer to your letter of July 11th, which would state that inasmuch as the nature of my work for Auditor General Snyder was entirely confidential in character and not such as to be disclosed to any one other than the official who engaged me, I would respectfully suggest that you proceed from Mr. Snyder and order of my duties, etc., and I will be glad to comply with the wishes expressed in your recent letter. Trusting this is satisfactory, I am,
 Very truly yours,
 JOHN HARRISON
 Insisted on Facts

And when this vigorous outspoken communication was started toward Plymouth, Pa.
 "July 22, 1921.
 Mr. John Harrison,
 114 Franklin Street,
 Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pa."
 "My Dear Sir—I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st, and to advise you most sympathetically that I do not purpose asking my predecessor for permission to allow you to furnish me with the information requested in my former letter, and which I, as Auditor General, have a right to know. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has no secret service department.
 "If you do not furnish me with the information requested, I shall be forced to exercise the power conferred upon me by statute.
 "Yours very truly,
 S. S. LEWIS,
 Auditor General."

Harrison Speaks His Piece

As a sidelight on inside politics, men and methods of the former Auditor General's office, the reply to Auditor General Lewis is illuminating.
 "Plymouth, Pa., July 28, 1921.
 Hon. Samuel S. Lewis,
 Auditor General, Harrisburg, Pa."
 "My Dear Sir—I don't like the tone of your letter. It is rather impertinent; and as for the implied threat in the closing paragraph, all I can say is that upon receipt of another letter containing any such threatening statement I will feel it a patriotic duty to turn the letter over to the appropriate authorities. I will let you know of the 22d pass in the belief that you acted hastily and that your brain slipped a little from the excess of heat.
 "You and your secret service man who was here infer that I did not earn my pay. Perhaps I don't; but Mr. Snyder, who hired me, is satisfied, and that is enough for your Uncle Dudley. How would it be if I questioned if you earned your big salary under Mr. Snyder, and what if I summon Mr. Snyder to tell you who gave the best and most loyal service, the man who kept the big key of the little one hundred-dollar man?
 "You seem to be looking for trouble. All right, I am ready for whatever comes. I want to get along peacefully with everybody, but am not the kind who will run away from any man. As I said before, my work was of a confidential character; and outside of myself and Mr. Snyder, the only other person who knew the nature of it was Mr. Harvey Smith, who had charge of the secret service men. If you are afraid to approach your old boss, Mr. Snyder, and get a note from him to me why don't you go to Mr. Smith? I will not betray the man who gave me bread and butter. That is what you are demanding, and the worse of it is

the same man gave you your bread and butter for four long years and made it possible for you to follow him. How would you like your employes to give away confidential matters on you after you left office?
 "Shame on you, Mr. Lewis, and all I can say is that you ought to take a few lessons in loyalty so that your employes will practice it. I pray to God that you are not stabbed in the back as Charlie Snyder was by the men who he gave positions to. Shame on you again, Mr. Lewis.
 "I was told that the other day you were dithering around with a lot of old Brumbaugh people in this part of the State. Better take a little cheap advice from me and return to Penrose because he will give you a few pointers in the right direction and keep you from making a lot of blunders. I have always been a Penrose man, and on that account cannot be treated by Brumbaugh's second edition Sam Lewis.
 "Yours very truly,
 JOHN HARRISON."

Lewis Wouldn't Be Put Off

Still insistent, Auditor General Lewis again replies.
 "August 3rd, 1921.
 Mr. John Harrison,
 No. 114 Franklin Street,
 Plymouth, Pennsylvania."
 "Dear Sir—Careful perusal of your interesting letter of the 28th ultimo fails to reveal the fact that you have replied to any of the interrogatories set forth in my former communications.
 "I do not see an alleged admission and express a desire to turn my letter over to the postoffice authorities. Permit me to suggest that you follow up this inquiry, not only with my last communication, but with all my correspondence, as I sincerely believe such action would facilitate the matter of obtaining the information which I am entitled to have and which I insist upon having and which I will get if necessary for me to use the power vested in me statute.
 "You refer me to former Auditor General Snyder and Mr. Harvey Smith. That General Snyder has not only already been apprised of the fact that I am making this inquiry, but I have also advised him of the nature of the contents of your last letter. This simply for the purpose of informing him as to the caliber of the men recommended to him by his friends for appointment to positions in his department. In reference to Mr. Smith this office does not deal with subordinates.
 "Yours very truly,
 S. S. LEWIS,
 Auditor General."

Threats Crop Out

And when a reply that is a razor of exposure for Auditor General Lewis for something he has seemingly done.
 "It is perfectly clear to those who can read between the lines. This is pointed in the reply.
 "Plymouth, Pa., Aug. 5, 1921.
 Hon. Samuel S. Lewis,
 Harrisburg, Pa."
 "Dear Sir—Your latest letter received. I am glad you followed my advice and consulted General Snyder as to the nature of the work I did for his Department. No doubt he told you that your tone was one of his most efficient aids, a man who knew how to do confidential work and of a caliber second to none. In refusing to betray a superior of the State of Pennsylvania, I will let you know my last letter I venture to say he laughed when he read it, if not at once then after he left town.
 "You state that you will obtain information about my work even if necessary."

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ary to use the power vested in you by statute. Maybe you can get the information in that way, but take it from me you will never get it from me in that way or in any other way unless Snyder says the word. That is final.
 "I think you are just fishing a little and hoping to make a scandal out of something or nothing; but your line is in the wrong pond this time, and after the thing is over you will feel you are a poor fisherman if not a poor fish. However, please keep it up, because I enjoy your letters, and when you are chasing a shadow up here I feel you are not annoying some poor devil elsewhere that you might have something genuine on.
 "In conclusion, let me return to the mentioning of the statutes that appears at the bottom of the second paragraph of your letters and to ask you if you know of any person who worked under the last Auditor General who took side-money emoluments from the State notwithstanding his salary was fixed by statute? As a citizen and taxpayer I am willing to proceed against any such person if you, as Auditor General, will furnish me the name of such culprit. People in glass houses should never sell 'Stop Thief' when they begin to throw stones.
 "Yours respectfully,
 JOHN HARRISON."

Tells of Snyder's Offer

Following on the heels of this very remarkable communication, viewed from any angle whatever, is General Lewis' reply:
 "November 25, 1921.
 Mr. John Harrison,
 Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania."
 "Dear Sir—Failure to reply to your communication of August eighth, 1921, is not to be construed as lack of intention on my part to continue the quest for information as to the nature of the services such persons rendered while in the payroll of this Department during the term of my predecessor.
 "I purposely deferred answering same until after the primary and general sessions, so that my motives might not be misunderstood.
 "Since the receipt of your letter, the contents whereof I called to the attention of General Snyder, he advised me of the alleged services performed by you.
 "Replying to the inquiry in last paragraph of your letter, if you know of any person who worked under the last Auditor General who took side-money emoluments from the State notwithstanding his salary was fixed at stat-

ute—permit me to say that I know quite a number of such cases, some of which received money legally and others illegally. Among those who received pay in the manner indicated by you is the writer. The money I received was unsolicited by me and was accepted because it was for services honestly performed and the payment of same was entirely legal.
 "I might also add for your information that the writer declined to accept extra compensation from the Auditor General immediately preceding his retirement from this office. This money was refused because I had not rendered extra services to merit such compensation, as in previous cases above referred to. Payments of money were also proper in this manner, and likewise refused, to my two present deputies, an assistant deputy, now deceased, and by my private secretary. You can corroborate this statement by making inquiry of General Snyder.
 "Your intimation is simply a repetition of the same big-a-boo which prominent officials and others who do not approve of my course have used in an effort to intimidate me. This same information was also furnished to the city newspapers for publication, but after investigating and ascertaining the facts, much to my regret, they declined to use it.
 "I am very desirous of having this information published and would consider it a personal favor if you will cause the services of some of your very influential newspaper friends to have these facts published broadcast throughout the State. I would then be afforded the coveted opportunity of explaining to the public just what these character assassins have resorted to that I might be thwarted in my efforts to honestly perform the duties of the office of Auditor General and protect the interests of the Commonwealth against treasury raiders.
 "Yours very truly,
 S. S. LEWIS,
 Auditor General."

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