

High Financing of M. E. Smith Company Aired

Burgess and Woods Charge Each Other With Responsibility for Securities Firm.

Omaha, June 22.—Declaring that Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, had deceived him, Mark Woods, Lincoln capitalist, testifying in bankruptcy proceedings here today admitted that upwards of \$1,000,000 was taken from the M. E. Smith and company, and placed to the credit of the Burgess-Nash company and M. E. Smith Securities company.

Woods, one of three members of the Woods Brothers company of Lincoln, told how the securities company was started by the Woods, Teagle, Ward Burgess, former Omaha millionaire, and several others, in an effort to save off bankruptcy for the Smith and Burgess-Nash company.

Woods agreed to come in for \$71,000," Woods said. "I saw his check for this amount at the Omaha National bank. But later he sent a man here to investigate and then prevailed on Ward Burgess to cut this amount in half. The other directors were never notified of his."

Burgess and three other former officers of the companies have been indicted by a federal grand jury for alleged use of the mails to defraud in connection with sales of stock in the M. E. Smith Securities company.

Omaha, June 22.—The spotlight continued to play on the syndicate consisting of Ward Burgess, Omaha; Mark Woods and Frank Woods, Lincoln; Walter C. Teagle and Sam Megeath, who obtained control of M. E. Smith and company prior to its crash in 1924, in hearings before B. H. Dunham, referee in bankruptcy here today.

Two versions have been given on whether to accept Woods Brothers offer of \$125,000 to settle all claims against them. The first was given by Mark Woods, and simmered down it meant simply:

"Burgess did it all."

The other version, by Burgess, whose testimony was taken in New York on June 2, and revealed here yesterday was as follows:

"Mark Woods suggested inviting Teagle and Megeath in. Frank Woods organized the Smith securities company. It was his idea and he did it."

This seemed to be the vital point—the formation of the M. E. Smith Securities company, which took over the giant wholesale dry goods house here which crashed shortly after the formation of the securities company.

The first preferred stock holders, who are mostly vitally interested in the present hearing, claim the manipulations of this company were illegal, its formation was for no good purpose, and because of its operation M. E. Smith and company went into bankruptcy and stockholders lost all they had.

These stockholders are suing for upwards of \$3,000,000 from Woods Brothers, reputed to be worth \$29,000,000; Teagle, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, largest oil concern in the world, and Megeath, reputed several times a millionaire.

Burgess at his hearing in personal bankruptcy a year ago, admitted the M. E. Smith Securities company had no assets except what it borrowed from the M. E. Smith and company and used to gain control of M. E. Smith and company.

Being in the matter is being protested by John U. Loomis, trustee in bankruptcy, and by Woods Brothers themselves. Woods Brothers contend that the \$125,000 offer is to "buy peace," and that putting them on the grill isn't peace.

Dunham late yesterday ruled that Woods Brothers cannot now withdraw their offer, also they threatened to do so in a hot session yesterday. They insisted they are not liable for a cent to M. E. Smith and company but will pay \$125,000 to settle off litigation. Loomis announced that he wants to accept their offer, but attorneys for the first preferred stockholders contend that even if Woods Brothers don't owe the creditors a cent, they owe \$1,000,000 or more to the stockholders because of the alleged improper way in which they gained control of M. E. Smith and company from the M. E. Smith Securities company.

WOULD CANCEL LEASE
San Juan, Porto Rico.—Both the defense and the United States government were heard Saturday in the closing arguments in the government's suit to cancel the 999-year lease obtained by Lieutenant Commander Virgil Baker on San Geronimo reservation.

Mr. Frazer, of counsel for Commander Baker, declared one of the chief questions was whether Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as assistant secretary of the navy, was within the law when he executed the lease. He added 99 per cent of the government's evidence was immaterial and irrelevant.

Major J. A. Smith, the government counsel, argued that overwhelming evidence of gross fraud and misrepresentation on the part of Baker had been shown, sufficient to cancel the lease.

Supreme Court Judge Del Toro instructed both sides to file briefs within 20 days. The trial began May 10 and is the longest in local court history, with more than two thousand pages of the record and more than four hundred documentary exhibits.

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FALL OF PLANE IS FATAL

Mitchell Field, N. Y., June 22.—Major W. L. Moose, Jr., and William Point, a West Point cadet, were killed today when an army observation plane piloted by Major Moose fell 300 feet and burned on the Coldstream golf course at East Meadow, L. I.

There were no eye witnesses to the actual crash but those in the observation tower at the field here saw the big DeHaviland go into a slow spiral and disappear behind a clump of trees. A bright flash immediately followed. The bodies of the two fliers were burned beyond recognition and it was not until a check was made of all planes in use that identifications could be established.

Cadet Point was the son of Lieutenant Colonel W. T. Point of the quartermaster corps.

Hail Damages Crops Near McCool Yesterday

Good Rain Covers Southeast Corner of State and Reaches North of Platte Valley to Euhling.

York, Neb., June 21.—An estimate of the damage to crops by hail along the Blue river near McCool was placed at from ten to fifteen per cent, while a heavy hail was reported in the vicinity of Rushton. Several hail stones measured from eight to ten inches in circumference. Farmers southwest of Benedict say that wheat and oats in that vicinity were practically threshed out by the heavy rain and hail accompanied by a strong wind. Considerable damage to the corn crop is reported but owing to its small size will come out of the storm without serious loss.

A heavy rain fell between Lincoln and Greenwood. It was light from Ashland to Louisville, from had an inch to an inch and a half from Lincoln to Fremont, from half an inch to an inch, Lincoln to Bradshaw, an inch, Rubell to Rulo, an inch, Wymore to Crete, an inch at Fifth and Table Rock, two inches at Tecumseh and three inches at Smartville. A quarter of an inch fell at Nebraska City.

The rain at Lincoln was accompanied by a rather high wind at first. Rain continued to fall after the wind subsided and the ground was thoroughly soaked. For a rise in Antelope creek threatened trouble at the tourist camp but this threat was not fulfilled, the creek never getting beyond its bank.

The heaviest rain fall reported from weather bureau stations was 1.79 at Tekamah, 1.36 at Auburn and 1.28 at Lincoln. Ashland reported .23 of an inch, Columbus .61, Fairbury .58, Fairmont, .42, and Sioux City .02. The rain extended south and east into Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. Light rains fell in the western and northern Black Hills district.

Hebron, Neb., June 21.—Considerable damage to trees, houses and business places was evidenced here today, the result of a small tornado late yesterday. More than 100 local telephones were temporarily put out of order together with fifteen toll lines. No one was reported injured in the storm that uprooted trees, and broke out plate glass windows in the business district and also in the residence section of the city. Although little rain accompanied the cyclone, hail stones featured in the destruction of windows.

SIX IN BOAT DROWN
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 20.—Gyrations of the Charleston, which Arthur Tessier, 16-year-old contest winner, danced in a rowboat in St. Mary's river this afternoon, brought disaster to three boys and three girls, who drowned when the boat overturned at the foot of a turbulent rapid.

The dead: Arthur Tessier, 16; Clement Cornier, 13; John Parsons, 13; Emile Carey, 14; Peggy McIntyre, 16; Annie McIntyre, 14.

Of the party of seven, one was rescued, Isaac Jonvicour, 15. The homes of all were on the other side of the river in the Canadian Sault.

Young Tessier danced while his companions clapped and sang, witnesses said. But when he moved from the center of the boat he lost his balance, toppled over and capsized the boat. On lookers on the shore immediately set out in boats to the rescue, but six of the youths had sunk before help reached them.

COMPETITION CALLED HANDICAP OF CHURCH
New York, June 22.—Competitive denominationalism was named as one of the greatest handicaps of church and Sunday school work in a prize essay announced Sunday by the National Council of Congregational churches.

The paper, selected as the best of those entered in a national competition, was submitted by Florence Meredith Douglas of Baudette, Minn.

"Under petty denominationalism," Miss Douglas writes, "many churches are compelled to devote most of their energy in the raising of a budget with very little constructive work."

Miss Douglas won a \$50 prize, offered to contestants between the ages of 15 and 25, writing on the question, "What can the church do to care for America's religiously untrained youth?"

RAIN FRESHENS LAKES AND IS BOON TO FISHERS
O'Neill, June 23.—Rains of the last 10 days have materially freshened the lakes of southern Holt and catches of bass, pickerel and perch are being made.

Chicago Scene of Outpouring of Catholics

Opening Day of Eucharistic Congress in Setting of Splendor—Legate of Pope Installed.

Chicago, June 20.—Solemn and stately ceremonies symbolizing the faith of nineteen centuries and the unity of a worldwide church marked the formal opening today of the twenty-eighth international eucharistic congress.

One of the mightiest hosts of pilgrims ever assembled in christendom for the purpose of making public profession of faith in Jesus Christ inaugurated their five day festival by worship in more than five thousand masses which preceded magnificent services in the cathedral of the Holy Name, in which his eminence John Cardinal Bonzano was formally installed as the legate of Pope Pius XI.

Cardinal Mundelein, sponsor of the congress and host to its pilgrims, uttered thanksgiving in his address to Cardinal Bonzano for the spiritual harvest symbolized in the reception of the holy communion by more than one million souls in the Chicago archdiocese today.

Churchmen from Many Lands
Archbishops, bishops, abbots, and priests, as well as lay pilgrims from the far-flung realms of the earth bowed before the resplendent cathedral sanctuary whence eleven cardinal priests, on princely thrones, led in the adoration of the eucharist.

Among participants in the cathedral ceremonies were approximately 100 bishops, a score or more of mild abbots, more than 200 monsignori, several thousand priests and monks, six hundred seminarians and hundreds of nuns—all clad in the robes of their office or order.

The ecclesiastical procession assembled in quietest seminary, three blocks from the cathedral, passing in a great throng to the sanctuary. It began with a group of youthful acolytes in white and lace, white shawls and gloves, red girdles and capes, and carrying a large gilded crucifix surrounded by burning candles. It ended with the entry of the eleven cardinals in their scarlet robes and trains. Between were thousands of clergy in the order of their rank.

Guards of Honor
Uniformed guards of honor from the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, Knights of St. Gregory and the Knights of St. Sylvester accompanied many of the bishops.

The ceremonies began with the reading of the papal order, first in Latin and then in English, by the Very Reverend Monsignor Dennis J.

Protestants See Mutual Benefits in Catholic Meet

No Real Difference in Fundamentals of Common Faith—Educational Value Very Great

Chicago, June 21.—Protestant ministers generally are enthusiastic over the mutual benefits which the Eucharistic congress will bring to the people of Chicago and to the Catholic visitors.

The Rev. Stephen A. Boyd, pastor of the First Congregational church of Wilmette, summarized the characteristic attitude of his Protestant ministerial associates when he said: "No matter how much Catholic and Protestant branches of the Christian church may differ in expression of their beliefs, there is no real difference in the fundamentals of their common faith. Therefore, when either branch assembles to do honor to our common Lord, the heart of every true follower rejoices and the hand of every Christian is extended in welcome."

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Old Bill Tells of State Fair

Electric Lights Considered Big Advertising Card in 1881.

Wymore, June 18.—C. D. Clements of this place, is in possession of some old papers found in some old stored records in a building here. One of the papers is a poster issued in 1881, printed in Omaha by the Herald Mammoth Poster Printing House, according to the printer's mark on the bill, and it depicts the fifteenth annual session of the Nebraska state fair. The fair was held in Omaha at that time. The poster states that "competition is open to the world" that premiums to the amount of \$15,000 are offered, and describes several horse races and a balloon ascension.

The poster states that the admission price for one horse, carriage and driver, is \$1.00. It also features a big new exhibit on the grounds, which will be brightly illuminated by electric lights at night, and that many concessions on the grounds will also be lighted by electricity.

General C. H. Van Wyck, Nebraska's junior senator, was billed to deliver the agricultural address at ten o'clock the morning of September 14, 1881. The officers of the state fair for that year, listed on the poster were: J. T. Clarkson of Schuyler, president; J. C. McBride of Lincoln, secretary; and C. Hartman of Omaha, treasurer.

Another of the papers is hand written on a printed fancy letter head by the late Capt. C. M. Murdock, prominent Wymore pioneer, Indian agent, lawyer, and a representative of the Lincoln Land company of Wymore in the early days of the coming of the railroad. The letter is dated at Blue Springs, Neb., Gage county, Nov. 7, 1879, and is in a firm hand written by Capt. Murdock in his prime. He died at Wymore in 1924 at the age of 81.

The letter is addressed to an official of the railway at Beatrice, where the Burlington terminated at that time, and requests a pass to Omaha for Mr. Murdock, who also acted for the railway in a certain capacity at that time.

CARDINALS GET GROVER ALEXANDER
Chicago, June 23.—For years a mainstay of the Chicago National league Cubs' pitching staff, Grover Cleveland Alexander was Tuesday released via the waiver route to the St. Louis National league Cardinals.

The decision to release Alexander it was said at the Cubs offices here following his infringement of the teaming rules, which caused Manager Joe McCarthy to suspend him. The Cardinals secured Alexander at the waiver price of \$4,000.

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