

# Hansen's Story of the Great Bribery Plot--Part I.

Thomas G. Hansen, called as a witness in his own behalf, was examined in chief by Mr. Burrows, and testified as to his name, residence in Chicago, employment by the Burns Detective agency and assignment to work in Omaha in connection with the service to the Daily News as a client.

**Question**—About when were you assigned to what we may designate as the Omaha affair? **Answer**—I was sent from Chicago to Kansas City on February 23.

**Q**—Before leaving Chicago and going to Kansas City with whom did you talk or who directed you to go to Kansas City? **A**—Mr. R. J. Burns gave me orders to go to Kansas City and report to the manager at Kansas City.

**Q**—Who did you meet there, with reference to the agency? **A**—I met Mr. Gustafson at the Federal hotel; my instructions were to call the office and not go near the office; my instructions were to go to the Federal hotel and meet him there, which I did.

**Q**—Did you know Mr. Gustafson before that? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—What position does he hold in Kansas City? **A**—He is manager of the Kansas City office.

**Q**—And to what extent or how much of an interview I did not ask you to go into details? **A**—I had two hours consultation, and he gave me instructions what to do, and I left Kansas City that afternoon.

**Q**—What time did you leave Kansas City for Omaha? **A**—It was somewhere in the afternoon, it strikes me; somewhere between 3 and 4 o'clock, if I remember correctly.

**Q**—And when you left Chicago for Kansas City and Kansas City for Omaha, you were an operative for this agency, were you? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—And what was your purpose in coming to Omaha? **A**—I was to bid on a heating plant.

**Q**—No, no; I am asking you the purpose? You were hired to come here as a detective, were you? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—And what was your compensation, per diem? **A**—I had a weekly salary.

**Q**—And that was all you were entitled to get out of the affair, was a weekly salary? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—Before coming to Omaha, state whether or not you were provided with a list of parties to investigate? **Yes**, sir.

**Q**—Have you got that list with you? **A**—No, I have not the list. It is over at the hotel; I have not got it here.

**Q**—Well, you received a list? **A**—I re-

ceived a list of fifty-three names, and a key with it.

**Q**—And who did you receive that from? **A**—From Mr. Gustafson. He told me that the Daily News was our client, and that the editor of the News had furnished him with these names, and he handed it to me for use when I communicated with him as to what was going on.

**Q**—And you looked over that list of names, did you? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—Did you recognize among the list any that you ever knew or had heard of? **A**—I recognize them here now.

**Q**—Do you remember who headed that list of names? **A**—Mr. Tom Dennison headed the list; he is No. 1.

**Q**—And who was No. 33? **A**—Mayor Dahlman.

**Q**—Of course you did not take pains to commit all of these names to memory? **A**—I could not; there were only two names marked that I should see.

**Q**—And who were those two names? **A**—Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Grace.

**Q**—What did you say that Mr. Gustafson said about who had prepared the list? **A**—He said that the client, the editor, in Omaha, of the News, had prepared that list.

**Q**—Of the Omaha Daily News? Did you so understand? **A**—He called it the Omaha News.

**Q**—You were not familiar with that publication before? **A**—I never knew there was such a paper until I came here.

**Q**—When you came to Omaha where did you stop? **A**—At the Paxton hotel.

**Q**—And that was the only home and the only office you had while you were operating in this city, was it? **A**—I had a room there for myself; I had no office.

**Q**—Then you called on Mr. Wolfe? **A**—On the 27th of February I called at the mayor's office and the mayor was out, and one of his clerks, I believe it was a lady, told me he was out of the city, and I presented my card and told her what I wanted.

**Q**—What card did you present? **A**—The card of Armbruster & Farrell of Chicago, with my name under it; I told her that I was representing them.

**Q**—Is that the card? **A**—It is a card similar to that, without the writing on it.

**Q**—The card reads Edward A. Armbruster and Robert J. Farrell, estimates furnished; Armbruster & Farrell, engi-

neers and contractors. Now that is a bonafide firm, isn't it? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—Doing business in the city of Chicago. **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—Did you know any member of the firm? **A**—Yes, I knew both of them.

**Q**—I will ask you whether or not you had license or privilege to use this card? **A**—I had the privilege to use the card; the cards were so printed; in fact, I got them there.

**Q**—And for investigation purposes? **A**—Where it is necessary to have a card I call upon a firm. The Quincey Boiler company had asked to get a price on boilers, and they asked me if I was a contractor, and I told them I was not a contractor, but I had a chance to put in a couple of boilers and may be I could make some money out of it; a commission.

**Q**—Before proceeding with that will you tell after this work was suggested to you, what you did in the way of preparation. Did you get some books and study up on boilers? **A**—That is exactly what I did; I studied up boilers from books.

**Q**—So that you would be able to talk? **A**—Talk intelligently.

**Q**—You never had any experience in that particular line? **A**—No, not particularly about boilers, except what I received in my experience as superintendent of railroads and what I got in power houses and so on; that is the only thing I knew about it.

**Q**—You were asked by some one connected with the agency whether you thought you would be able to talk boilers and you spent some time and study on an encyclopedia or something of that sort in the study of boilers? **A**—That is right, that is the exact truth, sir.

**Q**—G on? **A**—I went to these people and told them I had a chance to put in a couple of boilers and wanted to get a commission out of it if I succeeded in making a sale; the manager asked me if I was a contractor and I told him I was not, and he said it would be impossible for me to sell the boilers unless I was a contractor, according to the agreement that the manufacturers had with the builders and plumbers, so I went back and reported to Mr. Burns, and he said that I must go and see some one and get permission to use their name and bid in their name for the contract, and

that is the reason I went to these people and that is why I had this card.

**Q**—Well, that is the card? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—And you went to the mayor's office and presented this card? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—And the mayor was out, and from there you went where? **A**—A lady told me to go and see Mr. Withnell, the building commissioner, who had charge of the matter.

**Q**—Do you know whether his name is on the list or not? **A**—Yes, his name is right above Mayor Dahlman's.

**Q**—Did you see him? **A**—I met Mr. Withnell in his office and I presented my card; he was talking to a couple of young ladies and he asked me to go into his private office and wait, which I did, and I asked him if they were in the market for boilers and he said yes; he said Mr. Wolfe is in charge of the plans and is the man in charge of it and I wish you would see him; so I went up to see Mr. Wolfe on the third floor and I was told that Mr. Wolfe would not be in most likely during the afternoon, but if I would call in the morning that a meeting would be arranged between me and Mr. Wolfe, and I left and went back to the Paxton hotel.

**Q**—When did you finally meet Mr. Wolfe? **A**—I went up the next day to the city hall and when I got in the office they told me that Mr. Wolfe went downstairs in the boiler room and was with the engineer there, and I took the elevator and went downstairs and it appears that Mr. Wolfe was coming upstairs as I went downstairs, so I went up in the office again and there got Mr. Wolfe; I presented my card to him and told him what I was there for.

**Q**—And to be specific that was what date? **A**—That was on the 27th day of February.

**Q**—And when did you next see him after that? **A**—I made arrangements with Mr. Wolfe to have lunch with me the next day at 12:30 at the Paxton hotel.

**Q**—And did you dine together? **A**—Yes, he appeared at 12:50 with a gentleman by the name of Underwood, and how do you pronounce that, Ivy, and the four of us had lunch together at the Paxton hotel.

**Q**—At lunch was there any talk about this prospective? **A**—Except in a general way, saying that they were in the

market and putting in boilers and that it would take some time for the specifications and plans to be made out; that is all.

**Q**—During this period of time that you were here in Omaha you had interviews with Mr. Wolfe quite often? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—About how long did you remain in Omaha at that time; I mean continuously? **A**—I left on the third day of March.

**Q**—From the 29th day of February to the third day of March? **A**—Third March, yes.

**Q**—And where did you go then? **A**—I went to Kansas City.

**Q**—Who did you see there? **A**—Mr. Gustafson.

**Q**—Anyone with you? **A**—Yes, my brother-in-law was with me; Mr. Wineburg.

**Q**—And where did you go from Kansas City? **A**—To Chicago.

**Q**—How did you come to return to Chicago? How did you come to return at that time? **A**—Why because there was nothing for me to do here except to wait until the plans and specifications were finished, as I already had an understanding with Mr. Wolfe up to here.

**Q**—And did you report your interviews and conversations to Mr. Gustafson? **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—Also to the Chicago office? **A**—Yes, I sent all my reports to Chicago, and I presume they sent a copy to Kansas City, but that is something I don't know; my reports went to the Chicago office, to the Burns agency.

**Q**—When you returned to Chicago, state whether or not you saw anybody in connection with what I may call the Omaha affair? **A**—I did not quite catch that.

**Q**—When you returned to Chicago, at about March 2, you went from Kansas City to Chicago, as I understand. **A**—Yes, sir.

**Q**—When you returned to Chicago, did you see any other than representatives of the agency in connection with what we may call the Omaha affair? **A**—I did, I met Mr. Bromo. There was introduced to him by Mr. Burns as one of the clients.

**Q**—Where did you see Mr. Bromo? **A**—In Mr. Burns' office.

**Q**—Who do you mean by Mr. Bromo? **A**—Why that is the only name I know him by; I do not know anything more about it; his name was Mr. Bromo and he was one of the clients.

**Q**—Had you ever seen him before? **A**—Never saw him before, sir.

**More Tomorrow.**

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Secretary Alkair, accompanied by four members of the Argentine commission, occupied space on the Northwestern-Union Pacific Overland Limited, having come direct from New York. In San Francisco they will hurry along the completion of the Argentine building and arrange for the installing of the exhibit now being assembled and which will be shipped early this fall.

Said Secretary Alkair, "This is my first trip through this section of the United States and I am glad that I am going to be able to cross Nebraska in the daytime. I have heard so much about the state, its great farms, its corn and wheat fields, and its herds of cattle and other animals."

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R. P. G. Matthews, assistant general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, in Omaha from Kansas City, asserts that all the way from Leavenworth, Kan., to Omaha there was a heavy rain Thursday night. He is of the opinion that corn through the southeastern portion of Nebraska is fully three weeks ahead of normal condition for this season of the year and is making rapid growth.

Mr. Matthews believes that this fall Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri farmers are going to be in a more prosperous condition than ever before, and that instead of being forced to sell their grain they will be able to hold for higher prices.

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## HINMAN MAY BE MOOSE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

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HARVEY D. HINMAN.

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## Flynn, Patton and Butler Disgraced With Fish Catch

City Clerk Tom Flynn, his deputy, Al Patton, and City Gas Commissioner Joe Butler had their "annual" fishing excursion at Carter Lake yesterday, and Flynn is again accused of disgracing the trio.

"Flynn was hanging on the gunwales with clenched hands," said Butler, "because we had told him the water was thirty feet deep and he's afraid of deep water. Some of the Tel Jed Sokel girls went by in a boat and we were yelling 'Nadar' at them, when Flynn rose up, started to rest his foot on the gunwale and missed it and fell into the lake.

"He thought he was drowning and swallowed several gallons of water. We hauled him into the boat and threw him out again, for the water was only three feet deep."

Flynn was afraid to go home to his wife with the catch he made, one poor little scraggly bass, so he sought out Lee Bridges and Lee gave him three large bass he had been keeping on ice. Flynn begged these home on a string, although they had been cleaned, and convinced his "frau" that he had caught them. His muddy, bedraggled appearance lent color to the stories he later told of big fish that got away.

## Unidentified Man Killed by U. P. Train

An unidentified man, about 60 years old, was killed yesterday, on the Elkhorn river bridge by westbound Union Pacific train No. 11. He was dressed in dark clothes and had a gray beard and hair. Nothing was found on his body to indicate who he was.

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## Metcalf Makes Visit on Campaign Mission

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## MAN WHO FOUGHT POLICE IS CHARGED WITH FORGERY

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