

# Pickard's Story of the Great Bribery Plot--Part IV.

Q—Now, Mr. Pickard, do you remember a conversation with Mr. Lynch of the 21st of February, as he has outlined it here on the stand? A—He do not.

Q—Can you tell about any conversation you had with him with reference to the reducing of the price of the—? A—Yes, I had a long talk about the 21st; I would not say whether it was the 21st; I think it was Saturday that I finally got all the commissioners together; I had talked with them all in person around the office there for days and days, and Mr. McDonald had, in the first place, favored the buying of the burner, and then he had taken it up with Mr. Lynch and they suggested that we make a test in the Detective home with one burner; I had asked Mr. Webber, from Fort Scott, to come up here, the engineer of the company, and go over the general hospital plant and make an estimate, which was the basis of a written proposition which is now in the hands of the commissioners, containing specifications for the installation of a burner, when they suggested I put it in the Detective home as a test, and we went with Commissioner Best one morning to the Detective home and found that the burner could not be installed in the boiler because of the fire shield, a small fire box; I renewed my efforts to put them into the general hospital, and there have been many conversations with the commissioners, one or two or three of them, and when they were all together, about that time Mr. Lynch objected on account of the price, and he began to obtain data of the cost of the various parts of the device; for instance, he quoted the cast iron price at so much a pound, and I asked him if that was what he got as a plumber when he installed a heating plant; whether he got cast iron pipes or plumbing pipes; and we went over the whole proposition in that way, and he said the price was too high, and he never would go before the taxpayers and say the county has bought it at that price; my argument being it did not cost them anything and that it would pay for itself, because we took out monthly out of the savings as established by the test to be made at our expense, he at that time said that the price ought to be somewhere between \$900 and \$1,000, as I remember.

Q—For three boilers? A—The three boilers in the general hospital, and I said to him and I said to the other commissioners that if I could put it into the general hospital it would be worth ten pages of newspaper advertising, but I would not cut the price; I would not cut the price in two because it would destroy my list price, and we had to pay so much to the holders of the patents and we had to make our overhead charges and my expenses of the selling outfit and the rest was profit and we would not let anybody dictate that profit, and I said to the commissioners as they were all together, that if it were my proposition I would cut the price in two in order to put it in and give Douglas county the benefit of it. Now, if I ever said to Mr. Lynch, at any time, that I would cut the price in two it was said in this way, if I could, I would cut the price in two for the purpose of advertising; but that statement does not imply any intention and I had no intention of offering to cut the price and give him any money; if any one was to derive an advantage, if I had control of it, I would have sold the burner for half price to Douglas county, but the Palmer forced draught people would not cut their price because they said it would destroy the possibility of their getting the same price outside; that is the only conversation that I know of that approximates anything that Mr. Lynch has stated.

Q—Now, in any conversation that you ever had with him at any time did you ever have any intention of offering him a bribe? A—I told them that I would not do anything of that kind until I was assured that immunity was provided.

Q—Now, was any suggestion made at any time with reference to—after you had failed to get an offer from Lynch. In the first place I will ask you, did you ever feel Lynch out as to whether or not he would be open to a bribe? A—I never did successfully.

Q—Did you talk to him with that idea in view? A—No; not with any idea of that, because I gave it up practically.

Q—Your employees, were they satisfied or dissatisfied with the state of the operations? A—Well, they wanted to get action, I suppose; I do not suppose they were satisfied; I had not accomplished anything; nobody had approached me.

Q—Was there any proposition made to you by anyone in regard to your trapping Lynch in any other way? A—Only by John A. Gustafson, my direct employer.

Q—What was that? A—Well, he told me they had a meeting in Chicago and had decided I was to feel out Mr. Lynch and I returned here and reported to Mr. Polcar; I told him I was not going to do anything unless absolute immunity was provided, because I told him the original plan involved, in case Mr. Lynch solicited a bribe, having him come to my office and passing him marked money.

Q—Now, who proposed that about passing him marked money? A—Mr. Gustafson; that was the plan planned in case he solicited a bribe, passing marked money, and passing him through the side door into 507, where the sheriff and other prominent men would be to receive him and arrest him with the money on him.

Q—Who proposed that particular plan or purpose of having prominent men present? A—That was the plan proposed by Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Polcar.

Q—Both of them? A—And they brought Mr. Bernard here, because he had experience, to instruct me how to do it, in case I was approached for a bribe.

Q—So he had an additional duty, as well as taking care of women? A—He was to instruct me to take charge of that in case I was approached; while he was here.

Q—Now was any suggestion made to you further by Gustafson or anyone else, in regard to putting money on Lynch's person, whether he was willing to receive it or not? A—Never was by Mr. Polcar; Mr. Gustafson told me that we wanted to get action, and to get Mr. Lynch; if I could get him into my office to go to any length to get the goods on him, and I refused to do it unless I was provided with immunity.

Q—What was the plan in case you did get the goods on him? A—Turn him through the side room into the hands of officers.

Q—And how long after that did you continue operations here? A—Until about the 7th of May.

Q—Why did you discontinue? A—Well, I was taken out of here in April on another matter of investigation, and I came back, and soon after that there were rumors around town that there was knowledge of our presence here; that is, of my presence and of others, and I was

Stenographic report of the questions and answers in Justice Britt's court in the preliminary hearing of the case resulting from the sensational charges made by Mayor Dahlman a few weeks ago uncovering the operations of a bunch of Burns' sleuths in Omaha.

Instructed to leave town and leave the office in charge of Mr. Crow.

Q—When was that with reference to the time this expose came out with reference to Hansen? A—Oh, it was about that time.

Q—Were you here at the time that this affair occurred wherein Hansen was alleged to have offered money? A—I don't know; I don't know when it occurred; I never saw Hansen; I was in Kansas City when The Bee came out with Mayor Polcar's announcement across the front page.

Q—Were you here after that? A—I came up here at Mr. Gustafson's request to see if the Daily News would go on Hansen's bond.

Q—In this matter of getting marked money on Mr. Lynch's person, did Mr. Gustafson give you any instructions as to where you were to get Lynch? A—I got him in my office.

Q—And get the goods on him? A—Mr. Polcar never gave me those instructions. If my reports were here they would show at least twenty requests as to whether immunity and protection had not been arranged; I kept asking if that had been arranged. I would not proceed until it was.

Q—Did you refuse to put money on Mr. Lynch's person? A—I refused to. Well, I was not asked to do that, exactly. I was asked to go any length to get the goods on him in my office.

Q—This room that you were supposed to discharge him into, is that where the dictaphone was? A—Yes, sir.

Q—Where is this man Crow now? A—Kansas City.

Q—Is he in the service of the agency? A—He was the last I heard of him.

Q—Is Mr. Gustafson still in charge of the agency? A—Still manager.

Q—Did you see Mr. Burns at any time, William J. Burns, at any time during these operations, after you left him in Kansas City at that time? A—When I left him in Kansas City—I only had a

few moments before I came up here the first time—I told him that if I came to Omaha I wanted to be arrested, and he said I would be protected in every way, and after Mr. Bernard went away, and we had heard that he had been known to some people here as a Burns' detective, I was called to Kansas City and met Mr. W. J. Burns again.

Q—About what time of the winter was that? A—Oh that was about in March some time. I received instructions from him to come back here and wait; that there would be a meeting in Chicago the next week at which time they had the meeting and Gustafson then instructed me to feel out Mr. Lynch.

Q—Cross-examination by Mr. Maxney: Q—Were the names of any other officials given you to feel out? Or to give them an opportunity to offer to accept a bribe? A—I was given a complete list of all officials, but Mr. Lynch was selected as the object of the operation.

Q—By whom was he selected? A—Mr. Polcar and Mr. Colver.

Q—Who is Mr. Colver? A—I don't know him, sir, except as I met him in the room with Mr. Polcar.

Q—Do you know where he lives? A—I was told he lives in St. Paul.

Q—Were you told what his business was? A—I was told he was connected in some way with the newspapers.

Q—No other official's name was given you as one you should attempt to trap? A—The names of all the city officials and county officials were given me; all police officials and police heads; my instructions were that if any of these gentlemen indicated a susceptibility to graft, to report the same, and they would be accommodated, but my efforts were confined, under instructions from Mr. Gustafson, to the county commissioners.

Q—I understood you to say in response to a question put to you in your examination in chief, that the Burns agency had deserted you and denied that you were their representative? A—On the day that

I was arrested they published in the Kansas City Star that I was not known in their office, and on the following day the Daily News published the fact that they did not know me or know any Burns detective; I don't know why.

Q—Did they ever make any explanation to you to why that was published? A—Never, until the News published an editorial after my hearing and the Burns agency had surrendered me to my bondsmen here, refused to pay my expenses, because I would not accept Mr. Woodrough as my attorney. I went to Mr. Woodrough. He met me at Council Bluffs when I was arrested. May I continue this statement in my own way?

Q—You may as far as I am concerned.

A—When I was arrested and brought here by Officer Murphy, Mr. Madden and Mr. Schuler came with me as my personal attorneys; I was met at Council Bluffs by an attorney who said his name was Woodrough, and said he would take care of me. I did not resist extradition. The Burns people had done that over my protest. And as soon as the requisition was honored I gave myself up and came in to the officer, with the understanding that I was to be provided with bond immediately. Mr. Woodrough met me at Council Bluffs and advised me that I would be taken care of; I was taken to the station here; measured and mugged, and locked up. I was arraigned before Justice Britt, and no bond was forthcoming. Late that afternoon a surety company, authorized by the Burns agency, made my bond. On the following morning a man by the name of Neff, a Burns operator from Chicago, came to my room and demanded that I dismiss my personal attorneys and put myself under his surveillance and occupy the room with him, and put myself in the hands of eminent counsel, Mr. Woodrough. I did not want to refuse to do it, because he said if I did not do it immediately they would withdraw from my bond, and I wanted my liberty long enough to ar-

range for my own defense. On Sunday morning, Mr. Madden and Mr. Schuler, my attorneys, and myself, called upon Mr. Woodrough at his office. I said then, Mr. Woodrough, if you are to conduct my defense, I suppose it will be along the lines that Mr. Gustafson said

it would be; the absolute truth, in spite of the fact of the newspaper denial. He said it does not matter to you what your defense will be; that is all up to me; I will take care of it, he says. I expect to make a newspaper campaign for public sentiment. Well, I did not say anything to him; but to myself I said I was not going to be made a newspaper campaign subject. I asked him then for my reports and he refused to give them to me. I came back to my room and phoned Mr. Gustafson that I would not accept Mr.

Woodrough as my attorney for the reason that the Burns people were not paying him; they were trying to take the credit of my defense and the Daily News was paying the lawyer; that I would have my own counsel. Mr. Woodrough then came over to my room and very gracefully withdrew from the case, and also withdrew from my bond, and surrendered me here in open court.

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