

UNIFORM MYSTERY BAFFLES OFFICERS

Government and State Find Picking Poor in Taking Up Guards' Garments.

TAILORS INVADE THE FORT

Government and state officers are meeting with but little success in their attempt in taking up the uniforms and clothing of the soldiers of the recently returned Fourth Nebraska regiment at Fort Crook. Just what has become of the clothing is proving a great mystery to the officers. In very few instances have they been able to obtain many of the uniforms, and those taken up are so worn out that they are usually inspected and condemned. Few officers, however, or men seem to be worrying over the sudden disappearance of their clothing.

In the machine gun company, claimed to be one of the best outfitted organizations in the regiment, officers were able to take up but five shirts, three blouses and six pairs of leggings. Hearing that the soldiers would have to go home in barrels, a large number of tailors and clothing salesmen invaded the post with a view of selling the men proper wearing apparel. They met with but scant success, as the soldiers are flat broke. They will not be paid until they are mustered out on January 15, at which time they will receive their pay for December and the fifteen days of January.

Some on Ragged Edge.

That the mustering out of the men will be the last of a number of companies of the Fourth regiment is the belief of many officers. This is due to the fact that many of the companies are composed of men from all parts of the state and it will be impossible to get them together again for drill purposes.

Discipline has been somewhat relaxed the last three days owing to the fact that most of the "paper work" of the companies has been completed. A new order issued allows each company commander to give one-tenth of his men leave of absence during the day. Formerly no men were allowed to leave the post from reveille to retreat.

PEACE NOTE LEAK WORTH A MILLION TO THE OFFICIALS

brokerage firm with which he operated was H. Content & Co., 111 Broadway, New York.

Chipperfield then asked a series of questions to show that Lawson began a selling campaign in December and asked if his transactions in steel did not aggregate as much as \$300,000. Lawson said he had no idea what they aggregated. He would not give a direct answer when asked if he had operated a selling campaign.

Lawson Refuses to Tell.

A third motion to report Lawson for contempt was entered by the committee, on demand of Representative Chipperfield, when Lawson continued to refuse to tell who gave him the names of three men alleged to be involved in the leak. Lawson, insisting that his informant, a congressman, had said the names should not be made public because it might be disastrous to the nation and the administration.

In answer to a question by Representative Cantrell, if in case an investigation of the leak were ordered by the house he would agree to give the new committee the name of the member of congress he had in mind and of the cabinet official whom he said had been beneficiary of the leak, Lawson said emphatically:

"I will."

Efforts by Mr. Chipperfield to induce Lawson to state the amount of his profits on the stock market during December were futile. Lawson maintained he did not know whether he made \$1,000,000 or \$500,000.

Answering Mr. Chipperfield, Lawson again asserted he had no direct knowledge through a leak of the coming of the president's peace note.

Hundreds of Others.

"Weren't there others throughout the country who might have foreseen a break in the market as you did?" "Hundreds of them."

By a process of elimination, Chipperfield then established by questions that Lawson had no knowledge which would be accepted in court of any broker, including Bernard Baruch, who was operating on a leak of any officer of the government who had any knowledge of a leak or of any member of either house who operated on the exchange during December either on a leak or otherwise.

Representative Chipperfield then urged Lawson to give the name of the leaker he was reported to have given to Chairman Henry in confidence ten days ago.

Again Lawson refused to answer on the ground that to make public the name would result in more serious consequences to the country than his being punished for refusing to answer.

"Did you give any name to Chairman Henry?" persisted Chipperfield. "Whatever I said to him was said in confidence."

"I'll release the witness from any confidence," interrupted Henry. "Did you mention any name to Mr. Henry as that of the leaker?" repeated Chipperfield.

"I did not."

After persistent demands were made that he give the name now, Lawson said:

"I would rather take the consequences than to mention the names now. There is another name that might be mentioned that would precipitate even more serious consequences, but this is not the time nor the place."

Representative Cantrell then asked Lawson, if he would furnish all the names to a special investigating committee should the rules committee recommend and the house order an

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"I will," replied Lawson emphatically.

Will Furnish Names.

"If there is a drastic investigation, I'm willing under those circumstances to say that it would be more serious for me not to give the information I have than to give it. But I do believe it is too serious a matter to give before this committee has determined what it will do."

"You really have no interest in any investigation about the leak in any way, have you?" asked Representative Garrett.

"All on earth you want is an investigation of the Stock exchange that will lead to federal regulation, is it not?"

"Yes, that's true," said Lawson, arousing the surprise of some members of the committee.

"The only motive behind your agitation of this matter is to force a drastic inquiry into the Stock exchange for legislative purposes?" Garrett continued.

"Absolutely," said Lawson. "And you are a common stock gambler, are you not?" interjected Representative Harrison.

"The same as you are," retorted Lawson.

"What do you mean by that?" demanded Harrison.

"Only that I deal in stocks just as you or any other citizen seeking investment might do."

Leak Not Through Papers.

"I cannot name the cabinet officer to whom I have referred," Lawson replied to renewed questioning by Representative Harrison, "without mentioning another official of a higher position and that would be more serious than if I cast a cloud over the entire congress and was sent to jail myself for life."

In response to questions by Representative Patten, Lawson said he did not think the leak got into Wall street through any newspaper man, or from any printed document. He reiterated he would disclose his information to a committee that had power to summon books and papers and conduct a thorough investigation of the stock exchange.

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ATTORNEYS CLOSE FOR AND AGAINST

In Supreme Court Railroads At- tack Constitutionality of the Adamson Law.

RIGHT OF CONGRESS DENIED

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In presenting the railroads' case Walker D. Hines, chief counsel, laid stress on the argument that the law is not a constitutional regulation by congress of interstate commerce, but merely a wage fixing statute. He denied that congress had the right to fix wages and asserted that there is no analogy between rate and wage fixing.

Chief Justice White and other justices frequently interrupted him. Justice White's questions were apparently designed to draw out argument regarding the comparative authority of congress to prescribe wages as well as rates.

"Can congress authorize the Interstate Commerce commission to fix railroad wages?" asked Justice Day.

Right to Fix Wage Doubtful.
Mr. Hines replied it was doubtful, unless wages were abnormally low and should interfere with transportation. Asking if the brotherhood wage contracts were fixed prior to 1913, Justice Brandeis said:

"Shouldn't this court take judicial notice of the fact that there has been a great increase in the cost of living since these wages were fixed?"

Mr. Hines answered that the fact would not justify the court in holding that evil existed which would justify congress in exercising a power even if it had that power.

"If there is no power there can be no justification for its attempted exercise," the chief justice observed.

"Congress has no power to prescribe wages because they have no substantial relation to safety and efficiency in this case," replied Mr. Hines.

"The direct object was for the benefit of particular cases," he continued.

"Any effect on public interest is incidental."

"Then you argue that this is a regulation of wages and of private relations between employers and employees remote from service?" asked Justice Pitney.

"It is a most remote regulation of commerce," Mr. Hines answered. He added that the law would undoubtedly cause increased rates.

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State's Attorney Secures Book Showing Places Not to Be Molested by Chicago Coops.

OFFICERS UNDER ARREST

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