

POKER DEBTS PAID WITH EXPRESS ON SOUTHERN TRAINS

Losers Would Make Raid on Shippers When Their Stacks Ran Low.

ALL TRICKS REVEALED

Witness in His Confession Implicates Fifty Other Employees.

HIS LIFE IS THREATENED

Conspirators Would Put In Orders With Each Other for Things Needed.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

MAON, Ga., March 17.—W. A. Hughes, former express messenger, one of the principal witnesses through whom the Government expects to prove a conspiracy to steal millions from the United States in express shipments of the American Railway Express Company, declared on the witness stand to-day that part of the money derived from the thefts went to pay poker debts accumulated on trains.

Up and down the road the men would play poker, he said, and then when one was broke the express car would be looted for something the winners would buy, and the game would continue.

That Hughes' life has been threatened if he gave damaging testimony at the trial was indicated to-day when it was ascertained that a special guard has been placed over him during the trial.

Hughes was on the stand most of the day. He said he had "done business" with all but two of the fifty-three defendants, the number having been reduced by one this morning when a case against W. P. Hovey of Atlanta was nolle prossed.

The Assistant District Attorney, Elen Powers, took up the list of defendants in alphabetical order. He had called only five names before adjournment, Hughes telling every detail in connection with the transactions with each man. It will take him about four days to complete the list.

On one occasion Hughes said that C. R. Baker, a conductor, had negotiated for a bicycle and it was being hauled up and down the road by C. R. Brinson, a messenger on an opposite run, failing to meet Baker to make the delivery.

"One day," said Hughes, "Baker's train met mine and he stuck his head in my door and furiously yelled: 'Where's my bicycle?' Next day I met Baker and told him he had played hell, that there was a route agent in my car when he asked about the bicycle. 'I don't care,' Baker said, 'I want that bicycle.'"

"We had a big laugh over the incident, and when he finally got the bicycle Baker was so furious over the delay that he wouldn't pay more than \$25 for it."

Hughes named Joshua Stewart and C. M. Croson as the only defendants of the fifty-three with whom he had not had transactions.

The witness said that out on the road the car doors between baggage and express cars were thrown open.

"That gave us two cars of shipments to look over to see if there was anything that we wanted," he explained.

He said he often played poker with J. L. Johnson, C. F. McMillan and C. W. Pearce, defendants.

"We didn't talk much about stealing while we were playing," he said, "but when one of us went broke we had to get something out of the shipments to sell to the winning players, so that we could get more money with which to continue the game. One of the players would buy something from the one that went broke if we could find anything that was wanted."

It was after 1917 that the practice of receiving orders for goods became general, Hughes testified.

"The railroad men would give orders for suits of clothes, automobile tires, specifying sizes; women's underwear and other things. Later on they became bolder and not only called for things that they needed, but for things that they could sell to other people."

He said he pitched one coop of chickens bearing a C. O. D. tag for \$16 out of a floor near the home of C. R. Baker and received \$2 later from Baker for it.

Another shipment of thoroughbred chickens, he said, was delivered to Baker through a third party at Albany.

SEE AND MURPHY DENY HERRICK CONSPIRACY

Only Faded Hawking and Peddling, Says Knight.

Frank J. Fee and his partner in the plumbing business, Charles A. Murphy, completed their defence yesterday in their trial for violation of the State anti-trust law. Another of the accused, John L. Knight, president of the Master Plumbers' Association, was testifying in his own behalf when Justice McAvoy adjourned the proceedings to this morning.

Knight is an engineering graduate of Columbia University and is the envy of the profession in respect of his "class trade." He produced a list of customers, which included the names of John D. Rockefeller and Paul D. Cravath. He is a member of the firm of J. N. Knight & Son, founded by his grandfather in 1823.

As a witness he outlined what he called the evils of the old, indiscriminate competitive system of bidding for contracts. He called it "peddling and hawking bids." He called on John T. Hettrick, author of the "code of practice," to see what Hettrick could do to end these evils. He said he and Hettrick never agreed that the latter was to have the sole say as to prices. Knight made his own estimate, according to which Hettrick distributed among the plumbers money from the insurance fund which they supplied was shown the witness. He said he had never seen it before the trial.

Charles A. Murphy denied there had been any conspiracy to allot work or alter bids. Deputy Attorney-General E. M. Spence cited several instances of changing of bids by Hettrick. Murphy said he had no part in this.

WAR HERO'S BODY HOME. The body of Carlton Roberts, who was gassed at Cantigny, France, May 2, 1918, in the first engagement of American troops, was taken yesterday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warner J. Roberts, 2614 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn.

BLONDE STORM FROM WEST BURSTS ON JUDGE MORRIS

Jurist's Preference for Brunettes on Juries Gives Chicago Women a Chance to Extol the Fair Haired, Blue Eyed Sisterhood.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Any ventriloquist, palmist, astrologer or soothsayer, even the most inept—if appealed to by Municipal Judge Morris of New York city might tell him that there are a few blondes after him—netted blondes, indignant blondes, blondes that are quite formidable, in fact.

Chicago blondes, it might be added, Justice Morris has been rash enough while bringing in the first jury of women in the State to warn his bailiffs that none but brunettes is desired.

"There will be no blondes on this jury," he decreed. "Blondes are fickle." Loud noise of blonde storm bursting in Chicago with earnest support from a brunette or two. And here is what the thunder tells:

Mrs. Samuel Inman—Foolish. I know nothing about such things.

Mrs. Kelllogg Fairbank—Silly. Too absolutely silly to talk about.

Mrs. Samuel T. Chase—Nonsense. Why look at some of the wonderful women of the world who were blondes—Jane Austen, marvelous novelist; Susan B. Anthony, mother of suffrage for women; Alice Palmer, former president of Wellesley, a splendid woman; Maria Mitchell, astronomer, and scores of others. Justice Morris doesn't know what he is talking about.

Miss Jessie Blinford of the Juvenile Protective Association—There's something wrong with that man's head. I wonder what he thinks of blond juries. I wonder if he thinks at all. I wonder whether he's worth thinking about. Perhaps the Judge is sincere, but misguided.

Miss Edith Rockwood, secretary of the Woman's City Club of Chicago—An idea that is too nonsensical for comment.

Mrs. Frederick D. Countess—Judge Morris had better put another nickel in the slot and see what he can get out. Why, some of the strongest characters I've ever known have been blonde. I wish the Judge knew Mrs. Roger Bullard of New York city. I wish he knew more than he does. Not that it worries me at all, however—a man like that being zero in things to wonder about.

Mrs. Robert McCall, prominent club woman—Well, it is true, from my observation that brunettes are more positive, less wiggy-woggy than blondes, more decided stronger characters, but to discriminate against blondes for that reason on a jury, is nonsense. By all means let us have blonde women as well as blond men on juries. If the Judge has his ideas, let there be less blondes so that the brunettes can win them over.

YOUNG SON OF MRS. LEEDS IS STILLMAN'S, WIFE SAYS

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in his yacht for Southern waters about the same time.

Since the beginning of the action, it is said, evidence has been obtained by lawyers representing Mrs. Stillman and her son Guy which tends to weaken the allegations made by the banker in his complaint. The strangest part of this evidence is quoted as being the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman did not separate until the spring of 1920. Guy Stillman was born the November previous.

Serving of the summons and complaint on Mr. Stillman and her son as they were about to sail for Southampton aboard the White Star liner Olympic on July 8 last came as a complete surprise to the banker's wife. It has been reported that when the marital difficulties reached the breaking point in the Stillman family something in the nature of an agreement was entered into whereby Mrs. Stillman was to have been the one to begin the action.

An investigation at White Plains yesterday showed that Mr. Stillman and his attorneys, in their efforts to keep the fact of the divorce suit a secret, made difficult legal moves in three counties in the Ninth Judicial District. The original action was started in Putnam county, an order appointing John E. Mack as referee in Dutchess county, while the order directing Mr. Stillman to show cause why he should not be examined as to his income was filed in Westchester county.

Justice Morschauer said yesterday that the order directing the banker to show cause remains open and can be brought up for argument at any time. It was reported that attorneys for Mr. Stillman obtained some time ago a court order directing several telegraph companies to examine their files to see what telegrams had been sent to Mrs. Stillman in the Stillman camp at Three Rivers, Quebec.

ATTORNEY IS EJECTED BY JUDGE MULQUEEN

Uncle of Justice McAvoy Out of Order, He Says.

Francis S. McAvoy, an uncle of Supreme Court Justice John V. McAvoy, was ejected yesterday from the Court of General Sessions, over which, years ago, he presided as Recorder.

Mr. McAvoy, now a practicing attorney, went into Part 4 of the court with a girl stenographer. The case of Frank S. Taylor, formerly a broker of 55 Broad street, under indictment on a charge of grand larceny, was called. Mr. McAvoy arose to press for the removal from the prosecution of Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooley. Judge Mulqueen told him he had no standing in the court, as the prosecution was in the hands of the District Attorney.

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BONDHOLDERS PROTEST SALE OF DREAMLAND

Fear Favored Bidder Will Get Property at Low Price.

A petition filed by Gustavus A. Rogers, counsel for a committee of bondholders of the Dreamland Company, asking postponement for sixty days of the proposed sale in bulk next Tuesday of the Dreamland property at Coney Island by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, trustee, will be heard to-day before Justice Van Sicken in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. The petition asks also for an order to compel the referee and the trustee to offer the property in several parcels as well as in bulk to obtain the highest bid, and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the property pending the sale and foreclosure.

The claim of the bondholders' protective committee, whom Mr. Rogers represents, is that an attempt to sell at this time the property in bulk is in the interest of an individual or favored bidder rather than to give the public a fair opportunity to bid on the property in separate parcels, which would realize a larger price.



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BEAUVAIS, GUIDE, OF 'NOBLE LINEAGE'

Romantic Legend Traces Stillman Correspondent Back to a Count and Countess.

CURE TELLS THE TALE

Young Son of Titled Pair Kidnapped by Indians Back in 1720.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MONTREAL, March 17.—A romantic legend of the noble lineage of Ferd K. Beauvais, the former guide who has been named as correspondent by James A. Stillman of New York in a divorce suit, was recalled to-day by the Catholic cure of Caughnawaga, a little town across the St. Lawrence from this city, where the Beauvais family has lived for generations.

The cure, who has been investigating the history of the population of the village for a great many years, said that among the old traditions was one telling of a young count and countess named De Beauvais lived in the Montreal colony probably about 1720. A young son of the couple was kidnapped by the Indians, and though a search was made for the child for many months he never was found and his parents finally mourned him as dead. The baby was supposed to have grown up with the Indian tribe and to have been absorbed by it.

"This is only a tradition," said the cure, "but here is a singular thing. Up to a few years ago the Indians here took names that handed down no surnames. All of them had fanciful names, but the name of De Beauvais was not like this. It goes back many, many years. It is in the parish baptismal register, and all evidence points toward the fact that all those who bore the name were proud of it because of its traditional origin."

Ferd Beauvais is now employed in this city by an insurance company, and his business cards read "Ferd K. de Beauvais." How long he has been using the prefix "de" is not known. Such a name usually indicates an origin in the French nobility.

When questioned regarding the Stillman case Beauvais said that "the people involved can work out their own problems," and steadfastly refused to amplify that statement.

"Everything that has been printed about me and my connection with this affair," he said, "has been distorted and is untrue. I have been made to say things that I have not said. Everything that I have said has been before witnesses."

A married sister of Beauvais and a brother Arthur live in the village of Caughnawaga. The Beauvais children, according to the cure, have spent most of their lives there. Arthur Beauvais is older than Ferd, thicker ofirth and shows more plainly the effects of his Indian heritage. Arthur said he helped locate Isabel Armstrong, a former nurse of the Stillmans, for Mrs. Stillman some time during January. He appeared elated that he got back across the border before Mr. Stillman found him.

EUGENICS BILL DEFEATED. LANSING, March 17.—By a vote of 16 to 14 the Michigan Senate to-day defeated an eugenics bill after an amendment excluding women from provisions of the bill had been adopted. The measure would have required applicants for marriage licenses to file physicians' certificates stating their mental and physical qualifications.

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